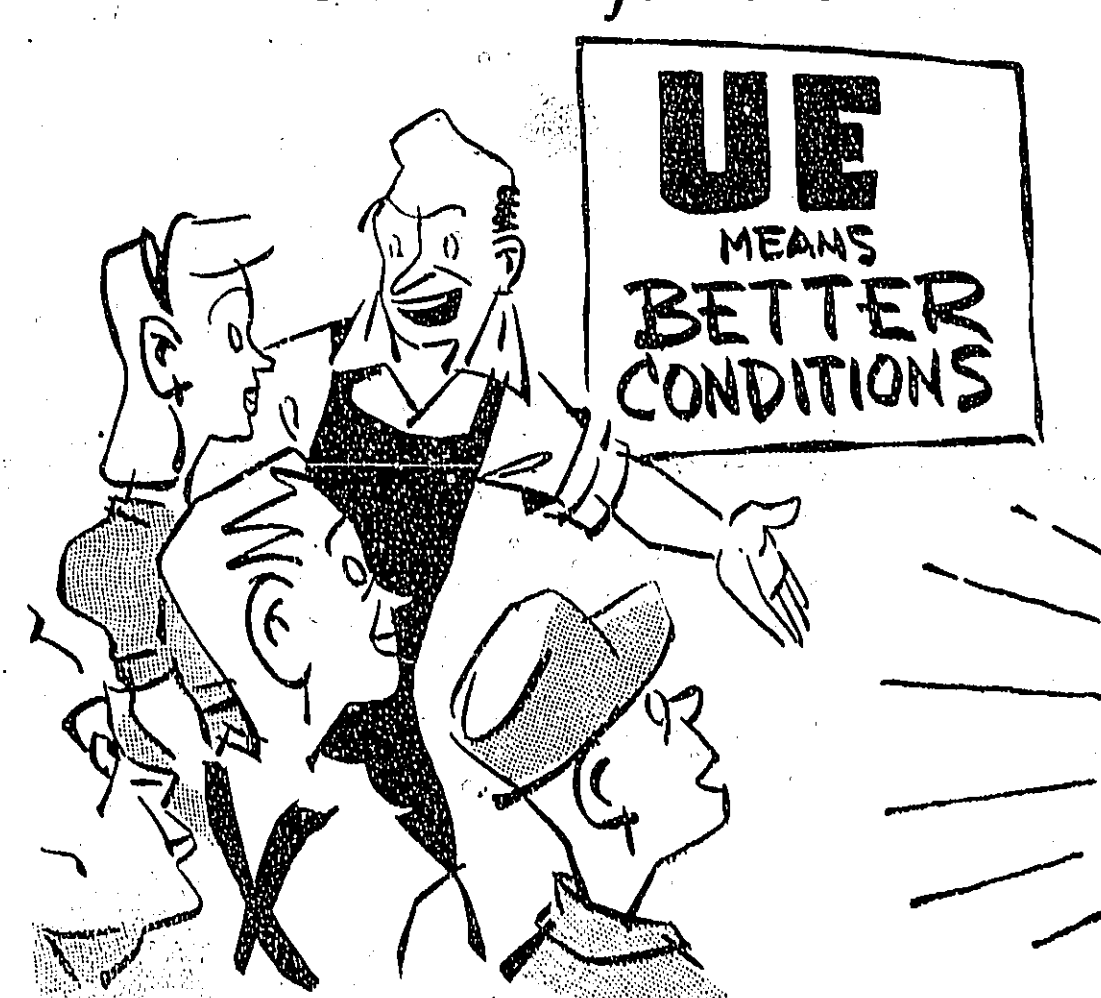


In contrast with the glib talk of Mr. Boulware's publicity men, here is the RECORD:
10 YEARS OF UE 301 AT THE SCHENECTADY GE

	1937	1947
Common labor	55c per hour	\$1.10 per hour
Toolmakers	\$1.08 per hour	\$1.75 per hour
Piece Work Guarantees	None	No standard price change unless method changed; if so, new price must make same earnings possible.
Paid holidays	None	6
Call-in pay	None	4 hours
Reporting time	None	3 hours
Vacations	2 weeks after 5 years service	1 week after 1 year 1 week 1 day—2 years 1 week 2 days—3 years 1 week 3 days—4 years 2 weeks—5 years 3 weeks—20 years
Night Bonus	5%	10%
Seniority	None	Service
Smoking permits	On no jobs	on almost all jobs
GE plants under the Union Contract	None	92

It is the union that makes jobs at GE better. Much remains to be done to make these jobs what they should be. It will be done, it can be done, only THE UNION WAY.

It is because of this record, and its promise for the future, that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Boulware go after our union, seek to discredit our leaders. We believe our membership will continue to run their own affairs, to make their decisions on the record of gains, and not to please Mr. Wilson.



**NOW, in the difficult times we face, and more than ever before
 LET'S HOLD OUR UNION**

Local 301, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO
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Election Next Thursday and Friday

Candidates Listed For Union Offices

President Andrew Peterson and William Wilkinson will be candidates for president of Local 301 in the annual union election next week. The recording secretary had received no acceptance letter from Anthony Perrone, also nominated, by the time this week's EU News went to press, after the three-day time limit set by the constitution.

Candidates for vice-president will be William Hodges, who now holds the office, and Felix Pelchat. No acceptance was received from Edward Wallingford, the third nominee.

Leo Jandreau will run for reelection as business agent. The only other nominee, Wallingford, did not send in an acceptance for this post.

There are three candidates for recording secretary: Helen Quirini, who now has the office; Joseph Krone and Frank Fiorillo.

Running for assistant recording secretary will be Alfred J. Pelrah and Marie Sweeney. No acceptance letter was received from the third nominee, Helen Davis.

Treasurer Marshall White and Peter Sorenson will run for 301 treasurer.

Candidates for chief shop steward are William Mastriani, who now holds the position, and Leland Bellinger.

Candidates for the three trustee posts so far are Edmund Tanski, Albert Davis, William Downs, Clarence Groesbeck and Carmine DiGirolamo. By the time EU News went to press, the three-day limit had expired without any acceptance from Anthony Campriello, Vincent Iovinella and David Fisher. Three other nominees, James Kelly, Charles Campbell and William Weber, still had an opportunity

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Running for President



William Wilkinson

Andrew Peterson

Voting Details Are Announced By Committee

Members of Local 301 will vote for union officers for 1948 next Thursday and Friday, at 301 hall. Polls will be open from noon Thursday to 6 p.m. Friday.

The Election Committee decided on the time, place and other election arrangements at a meeting Monday night at the union hall. Frank Emspak of Bldg. 46 was elected committee chairman and Frank Kriss of Bldg. 105, secretary. The 25 member committee was chosen at the 301 membership meeting Nov. 18 and 19, as provided by the constitution.

"Voting in the local union election will be on voting machines, at the union hall", the committee announced.

"In this way there will be no possible question as to the accuracy of the count, and company interference will be kept away from the vicinity of the polls."

The committee is now making arrangements for obtaining voting machines.

Candidates who have accepted nomination have been asked by the committee to meet at 1 p.m. today (Friday) at 301

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301 Store Open 3 Days a Week

Starting next week, the Local 301 Food Center at 1027 State St. will be open every Thursday, as well as Friday and Saturday. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

This week the store was scheduled to be open Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving, with a full line of vegetables and fruits for the holiday dinner. The Food Price Committee and the store manager, Irving Yulman, decided against stocking turkeys, however, as dressed turkeys could not be handled at enough saving to make the attempt worthwhile. The store will be open today and tomorrow as usual.

Delivery Service

Arrangements have been made with a delivery service to deliver purchases inside the Schenectady city limits for 25 cents.

The \$9,455 in sales last Friday and Saturday represent a new high. Receipts were \$5,980 Friday and \$3,475 Saturday.

There will be meat on sale today and tomorrow, but not as much as last week because presumably most families will

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301 Election

The 301 Election Committee has announced the following arrangements for the annual election of officers.

Place: Local 301 headquarters, Liberty St. and Erie Blvd. Main hall.

Time: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 and 5, beginning at noon Thursday and continuing to 6 p.m. Friday.

End Thomas Group, CIO Head Urges

Congress should quickly repudiate the House Un-American Activities Committee and end its existence, CIO President Philip Murray said in a letter sent recently to Congressional leaders.

After mentioning the Thomas-Rankin group's "probe" of the movie industry, Murray declared:

"I suggest in all sincerity that the leaders of Congress cannot permit this type of performance to be conducted without rebuke or other appropriate action."

"For many years now, the Un-American Activities Committee has constituted a shameful blot on the pages of American legislative action and a reflection upon our standards of decency and fair play."

He went on to say: "The new depths to which this committee has descended poses to the responsible leaders of Congress a sharp challenge—a challenge to maintain the name and standing of the institution they represent. It creates for leaders like yourself an obligation to the people of the country to act promptly and decisively to repudiate the committee and to terminate its existence once and for all."

Murray noted that in the past "labor has felt the whiplash of this committee and its predecessors." He said labor has seen the committee's willingness to "use the cloak of Congressional immunity for purposes of slander and character assassination—all to serve the political end of weakening and vilifying any progressive thought in our nation."

Pensioners' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the union hall.

UE on Air

The national UE broadcast by Arthur Gaeth is at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday on WSNY, WROW and WBCA (FM).

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New Shop Stewards



These three new shop stewards, who were sworn in recently by Chief Shop Steward William Mastriani, are, left to right: Edwin Blanchard, Bldg. 85; William R. Joraleman, Jr., Bldg. 85, and Louis Austin, Bldg. 109.

301 Store Open 3 Days a Week

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be cleaning up the Thanksgiving leftovers.

Meat available will include pure pork sausage at 49 cents a pound, a few boneless rolled roasts of beef at 59 cents a pound, hamburger and bacon.

Oleomargarine on Sale

For the first time the store will have oleomargarine, at 85 cents a pound. There also will be butter at 75 cents a pound. As the butter supply was exhausted before the close of business last week, a much larger amount has been ordered. Another item will be large walnuts at 39 cents a pound.

Mr. Yulman has asked union members and their families to do as much of their shopping as possible Thursday and early Friday. There still is a terrific jam late every Friday afternoon.

With the store operating on a three-day basis, there's more need than ever for volunteers. People willing to help should contact the store (telephone 2-2217), James Cagnetta, chairman, of the Food Price Committee, or the union office.

As Christmas and New Year's both fall on Thursday, the store will be open Wednesday on those holiday weeks.

Get Tickets Early For Wallace Talk

People planning to hear Henry A. Wallace speak Dec. 12 in Albany should get their tickets early as the supply is limited. There are 50 tickets on sale in the 301 office at \$1.20, including tax.

Wallace will speak at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at Odd Fellows Hall, 46 Beaver St., Albany under the auspices of the Progressive Citizens of America.

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to accept, after this paper went to press, because the letters notifying them of nomination were delivered late.

Harmon Cartwright and Martin Stanton will run for sergeant-at-arms. Cartwright now holds the office.

George Walker is unopposed for reelection as guide, as Floyd Thomas, the other nominee, declined.

Fiorillo, Stanton and Di Girolamo, although expelled from Local 301 by vote of the membership last month, were nominated for office through the aid of an injunction obtained from Supreme Court Justice John Alexander.



George Walker

Election Is Scheduled For Thursday, Friday

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hall to select their place on the ballot in accordance with the constitution.

The committee issued the following statement on voting procedure:

"Members will sign the card bearing their check number, card number and name before voting. Any member whose name and number do not agree with the official card, such as a member whose check number was changed recently, will vote a paper ballot. He will place this ballot in a plain envelope and seal it, and this envelope will be placed in another envelope on which he will sign his name and check number and seal it. These envelopes will be checked against the records at the close of the polls, and ruled valid or invalid before any ballots are opened. The sealed envelopes which are ruled valid will be placed in a ballot box which will be opened and counted after all such challenged ballots have been ruled upon.

"The votes on the machines will be tallied immediately upon the closing of the polls.

"The chairman of the Election Committee shall declare the polls closed promptly at the hour stated above, but any members who may actually be in line waiting to vote at the time shall be permitted to vote."

UE Demands GE Arbitrate Cases

A demand that the General Electric Company submit a list of 25 grievances to arbitration in accordance with the contract was sent to J. W. Burnison last week by Joseph Turkowski, international representative of UE. Of the 25 grievances, 12 are from Local 301, involving disputes in Schenectady.

Turkowski's letter called for a reply by Nov. 30, and declared that "otherwise, this office will assume that the company is refusing to arbitrate."

The letter was a further attempt to pin down the company, which has been ducking arbitration for months. Turkowski pointed out in the letter that the union had been trying to get the cases arbitrated for many months. It is expected that this question will be an important issue in the coming contract negotiations.

Among the Schenectady cases listed in the arbitration demand are the union's claim that AER's on women's piece work jobs are figured incorrectly and should be raised; the company's refusal to comply with the contract provision under which many timing rates should have been raised through application of the step rate plan; the union's claim that the carboly speed-up in the Turbine Division should have made increased earnings possible; the threat of punishment made against a Turbine Division shop steward whose group discussed the carboly case while eating their lunch; and three cases involving groups who were denied regular Saturday and Sunday overtime though their jobs were not properly on continuous process.

Here's the Meat Of The Situation

Don't blame the cows and the wrong pigs.

The Big Four meat packers, Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy, reported a net profit of \$64,200,000 for 1946, more than double their combined net profit for 1945. They haven't reported on this year's swag yet, but on Aug. 4 Time magazine wrote that the packers were expecting "whopping profits."

And the New York Sun issued this tidbit:

"The market is talking such enormous profits for Cudahy that it thinks a stock split is inevitable in order to temper the impact of the income on the public mind."

That impact will also turn some empty stomachs.

Volunteers Help at 301 Food Center

Three union volunteers from Bldg. 81 help unpack boxes and stock the shelves at the 301 Food Center. Left to right, Jennie Tescione, Sandy DeCarlo and Ann Koval. You'll find them working at the store every week.



All Out of Step But GE

GE is continuously griping that it is not getting productivity from its workers. But the magazine, Factory Management and Maintenance (September issue) states that productivity of workers in the electrical industry has increased 13 1/2 per cent in the past year and a half, and that industry representatives expect productivity to increase 9.6 per cent more in the next year.

Perhaps GE would be wise to direct its griping where it belongs — at faulty management.

Stewards Vote Tuesday On Contract Proposals

The Shop Stewards' Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 301 hall.

As the Council will vote on proposals to be submitted to the GE Conference Board of UE for the 1948 GE contract, the meeting will be a combined one for stewards of all three shifts.

Objects to Action Against Local 301

Arthur J. Harvey, Albany attorney who for years has appeared for the American Civil Liberties Union in Capital District cases, has protested against the organization's injecting itself in the case of the three expelled 301 members who obtained an injunction against Local 301 this month.

"I do not like to see the Civil Liberties Union being used to break a union, especially through injection into a dispute which seems to have no civil liberties issue involved," Mr. Harvey wrote Nov. 20 in a letter to the national organization in New York city.

UE Local Wins Severance Pay

New York (UEANS)—Severance pay based upon seniority totaling \$150,000 was won by UE Local 475 for the 1,800 workers who will be out of jobs Dec. 31 when the E. W. Bliss Manufacturing Co. closes its doors after 75 years of operation here. The company is transferring operations to its four western plants.