

## Honor Roll

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Building 66  
R. Morris  
J. Grefkowitz  
C. Gaige  
R. Sollohub  
R. Schneider  
P. Starsiak  
E. Zahn  
J. McKenna

Building 52  
A. Musto  
J. Bogart  
F. Petersen  
M. Pacelli  
E. Crevier  
R. Iacobucci  
W. Redznak  
L. Taylor  
E. Butera  
L. Crannell  
A. Swanson  
N. Pfaffenbach  
A. Ponda  
A. Stevenson  
R. Pipe  
A. Desltocher  
J. Senese  
D. Knowlton  
J. Cafarelli  
F. Venturci  
E. Sutter  
F. Krug  
A. Smith  
S. Orzel  
J. Morika  
T. McGrath  
U. VonRogov  
G. Dupont  
S. Maetta  
F. Miles  
B. Massaro  
I. Karpik  
H. Bayliss  
M. Sator  
J. Printsky  
Joe Saccocio  
R. Burgoyne  
S. Fazzone

Building 273  
D. DeCesare  
H. Slude  
V. Ferri  
S. DiMascio  
E. J. Miller  
C. Roll  
R. Bardin  
R. Popowitz  
G. Fagel  
P. Stanton  
E. Miller

## Boss Asks Workers for Money Back

The boss told the workers, "If you win the vacation pay in arbitration, I know you won't want to take it, so send the checks to me, and I'll turn them over to a worthy charity!"

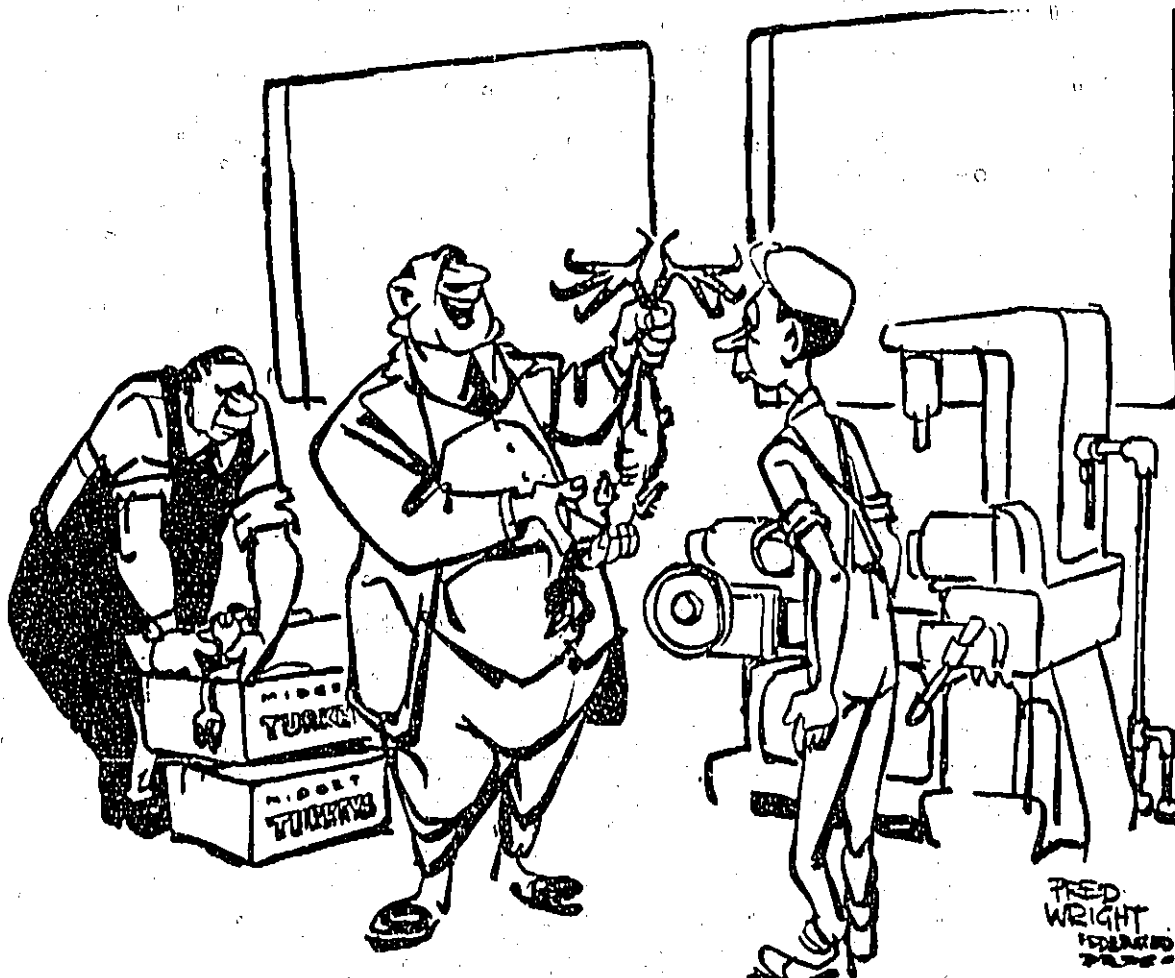
In this year when managements are making some pretty fantastic demands on working people throughout the country, this most fantastic proposal of all was made right in our own backyard — at the Beunit mills in Cohoes.

There the workers heard Israel Rogosin, president of both Beunit and the big North American Rayon Corp., who made one of his rare trips up from New York City to address the workers in a meeting called by the company.

Rogosin spent most of his time attacking the workers' union, the CIO textile workers, and their local leadership, which he described as "evil." He then launched into a long story of the "sacrifices" the company was making just to keep the Cohoes mills operating.

Beunit was completely closed down for more than six months, and when it reopened this Spring, only about 200 of its 450 workers were called back, although speedup kept production levels up to those prevailing before the shutdown.

However, Rogosin could have saved the carfare. As soon as he finished speaking, the meeting voted unanimously to adopt a resolution of confidence in the union. As for the proposal to turn back the vacation checks if and when they are won in arbitration, nobody seconded that one.



TOO BAD ABOUT THE WSB TURNING DOWN YOUR \$10 RAISE...  
HERE'S A BIRD FOR THANKSGIVING INSTEAD...

## UE Local 301 Help to Czaban Fund Hits Total Sum of \$656

UE Local 301 aid to the Danny Czaban fund totalled \$656.35 according to a report issued this week by the union office. The fund was established to aid the 18-year-old son of veteran union member Tony Czaban. Czaban was hurt in a swimming accident more than a year ago. Since then he has required constant and expensive medical care aimed at curing him at least partially from the complete paralysis which resulted from the injuries.

Recently, Danny's father has become bed-ridden because of a heart ailment. As a result, he is no longer able to bear all of the cost of medical treatment for his son. UE Local 301 cooperated with a number of community civic organizations in running a Danny Czaban benefit baseball game.

## Seek Revaluation Of Welders' Jobs

UE Local 301 is launching a determined effort to end the many inequities existing for welders throughout the Schenectady works. The decision to take this step was made by the union office because of the mounting number of job classification grievances coming from welders in the past 12 months.

There are two main objectives in taking the welders' problems up as a general grievance. The first is to get a complete job evaluation and comparison for all welding jobs. The second is to establish a correct three-step differential between day workers and incentive workers. This differential is a general practice in other jobs throughout the plant.

Right now the welding jobs are divided into only four classifications which do not begin to accurately reflect the numerous and various jobs done by welders. The effect of this "lumping together" is to keep most welding rates below their proper levels since it pegs the highest skilled jobs at the same rate as the least skilled jobs.

## Second Price Boss Quits Over Phony Control Setup

For the second time in three months, the man assigned to administering the phony price control setup has quit in disgust over the impossibility of enforcing any sort of real anti-inflation program under present laws.

## Wausau Lockout Solid Entering Ninth Month

The lockout of 750 Marathon Electric workers in Wausau, Wis. entered its ninth month this week with the men and women on the picket lines still strong in their determination not to let the company achieve its objective of breaking UE.

Organizationally, the Marathon workers have been gathering strength continuously. They now publish a weekly, printed newspaper which tells their story to the community.

Support from the labor movement in the area has helped the locked out workers tremendously. On the occasion of the beginning of the ninth month of the stoppage the president of the Wisconsin Valley CIO council sent a message of support to the UE members in which he declared, "We the locals of the CIO council are sticking solidly behind your local, and will do so until victory is in your hand."

The resignation of Woods created speculation that President Truman would abolish both price and wage controls before retiring from office on Jan. 20. That would leave it squarely up to the new administration to establish a wage and price control policy. This makes it particularly important for the labor movement to develop a united fight to abolish the wage freeze and establish effective price controls.

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HERE'S HOW. A demonstration in how to vote in the union elections this week is given by Mary Skracki, 40, while Frank D'Amico, 40, and Jayman Lewis, 52, look on. You vote for each candidate by pulling small levers above each name.

## Election to Decide Local Leadership for Next Year

UE Local 301 members will go to the polls today and tomorrow to select their leadership for 1953. The polls will open at noon today and balloting will continue without interruption until 6 p.m. tomorrow.

These 30 hours of continuous voting will give the union's membership its most important opportunity of the year to reaffirm their faith in UE's brand of union democracy. In a meeting on Monday, the present union officers made an appeal for everyone to come to the union hall and vote for the candidates of his or her choice.

Balloting will be completely secret, with eight voting machines borrowed from the city recording the vote. The supervision of the elections and the counting of the ballots will be the responsibility of the elections committee chosen by a vote of the membership at last month's local meeting.

Special facilities have been set up around the union hall to park cars of voters. All the meters on the Erie Blvd. side of the hall will be covered up to permit 10-minute

Free parking. Double parking will also be allowed providing someone stays in the car. A number of union members have announced that their cars will be available to shuttle people back and forth between the GE parking lots and the hall.

The number of machines will be sufficient so that no one will need more than a few minutes to vote.

In all there are 20 candidates for 12 key posts. Three of these candidates are running for the presidency, and heading up partial or full slates. They are John Clume, Building 273, Dewey Brashear, 80, and James Cognetta, 52, who is seeking re-election. All candidates are shown on the sample ballot below.

Don't forget to cast your ballot. You owe it to yourself! You owe it to your union!

YOUR BALLOT. Below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be on all election machines in the local voting today and tomorrow. The candidates, and the slates they are running on, are indicated. Study this ballot so that you can vote for the candidates of your choice. Above all, don't forget to vote!

## Important Facts on 301 Voting

Voting Hours: From 12 noon Thursday to 6 p.m. Friday—30 hours in all.

Location of Polls: UE Local 301 Hall, Erie Blvd. and Liberty St. Eligibility: All local members who have paid their union dues through November can vote.

Method of Voting: By secret ballot on voting machines borrowed from the Schenectady city elections authorities.

Candidates: All persons who were nominated at the November membership meeting and who accepted these nominations are candidates, with their names appearing on the printed ballots.

	1 PRESIDENT Vote For 1	2 VICE-PRESIDENT Vote For 1	3 RECORDING SECRETARY Vote For 1	4 ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY Vote For 1	5 TREASURER Vote For 1	6 CHIEF SHOP STEWARD Vote For 1	7 BUSINESS AGENT Vote For 1	8 TRUSTEES	9 TRUSTEES	10 TRUSTEES	11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Vote For 1	12 GUIDE Vote For 1
Row A					HENRY KAMINSKI							
Row B	JOHN CLUME	WILLIAM McCall, Jr.	ROBERT Popowitz		RODNEY BARDIN		ANDERS A. Christensen					
Row C	DEWEY Brashear				WILLIAM FISHER		NICK FIORITI					
Row D	JAMES J. COGNETTA	JOSEPH ALOIS	ROY V. SCHAFFER	R. RUDOLPH RISSLAND	JOSEPH Whitbeck	WILLIAM Mastriani	LEO JANDREAU	WILLIAM GARRISON	VINCENT PALAZONE	EDWARD LUBERDA	JOSEPH SACCOCIO	MARIO BAGNATO

## Honor Roll

The largest weekly total so far, 130 names, was added this week to the membership rolls of the "\$5 Club." This brings the total number of UE Local 301 members who have contributed \$5 or more to aid union members who are now, or who have been, on strike in recent week to 370. This total was calculated as of Tuesday noon, so that by now the list is even larger. The new additions to the honor roll follow:

**Race Track**  
R. Koenig  
F. Greenwood

**Building 16**  
C. Layman  
G. Scoley  
H. Schneider  
H. Nelson  
S. Thomas  
J. Rapavy  
D. George

**Building 23**  
A. DeLoreto

**Building 40**  
J. Kernaghan

**Building 46**  
A. LeBuis  
B. Makowski  
B. Darfanelo  
M. Muniz  
A. Raag  
B. Pileci  
M. Stankiewicz  
V. LaRosa, Jr.  
J. Krazyk  
A. Townsend  
F. Emspak  
E. Tyler  
M. Malloux  
W. Machiewicz  
A. Salerno  
A. Leonowicz  
C. Walsh  
W. Daly  
E. Collis  
F. Ruhl  
C. Putnam  
G. Burgess  
R. Havlicek  
S. Rojek  
A. Locke  
E. Malachowski  
R. Pearce  
Z. Baan  
J. Sefcovic  
N. Virgil  
L. Korona

**Building 93**  
F. Mayer

**Building 41**  
F. Fuller  
J. DeMasco  
A. Charette

**Building 52**  
G. Buckholz  
A. Buszkowski  
M. Pitermiak  
R. Berry  
A. Maxwell  
C. Mucha  
A. Dube  
E. Piech  
P. Delorey  
E. Westort  
M. Stoliaroff  
E. Stepnowski  
J. Gingrich  
A. Buanno  
W. Guilan  
M. LaBadia  
J. Snapp  
J. Ruffo

**Building 66**  
C. Scott  
F. Donato  
H. Thuenner  
T. Moore  
J. Piechocki  
C. Smith  
T. Powell

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**XMAS ENTERTAINMENT.** Ventriloquist Harlan Matson and his dummy friend will be among the entertainment features at the UE Local 301 Christmas Parties next weekend.

## Cable Workers Return Armed With New Pact

General Cable workers in Rome, N. Y. and in two California plants returned to work this week after a six-month strike. They were armed with the UE contract which they had fought so hard and well to protect.

The return followed the signing of this contract last week by representatives of the union and the company. The new pact provided a number of economic improvements including a 5c hourly wage boost, a completely new \$110 a month pension plan and higher sickness and accident payments.

It also maintained contract provisions on seniority rights, grievance procedure and day and piece work pay. This represented a major victory over the corporation which tried every possible method of attack to force the union to

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## Third Xmas Party Scheduled To Fill All Ticket Demands

Tremendous demand for tickets has made it necessary to schedule a third Christmas Party for next weekend. Originally, parties were scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, both at 1:30 p.m. The third party will be held Saturday morning at 9 a.m. All affairs will be in the auditorium of Mont Pleasant High School.

## Need Written Request For Change of Shift

Under the terms of the new contract between UE and General Electric, workers who want to change their shifts must apply for transfers in writing.

The new shift-transfer clause is designed to make sure that seniority will be observed in changing hours of workers. This setup works as follows:

If a worker wants to change shift, he should notify his shop steward. The steward then gives the worker a grievance form on which the worker states that he wants the next available opening on the shift he desires. This is then filed with supervision by the steward.

When an opening occurs on a shift, supervision must consider all of these applications, and transfer the worker who has the greatest seniority. However, this only applies to people who have made written application for a shift transfer. For this reason, it is extremely important for anyone who wants to change his hours to get his or her application in as soon as possible.

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.

**Bldg. 68:** Group protests the reduction of standard price on job 163V394 from 13c to 11c. The union demands restoration of old standard price in accordance with the contract.

**Bldg. 273:** Paul Kipp requests a transfer from the 3rd shift to either shifts 1 or 2, because of advice of physician. He was originally a 2nd shift worker but accepted a transfer at the request of supervision when a 3rd shift was being set up. He was not in line for this move on the basis of seniority.

**Bldg. 53:** Charles Hammy is classified as an H inspector. Previously the job was performed by a C inspector who inspected all spot welding and irregular punch press work. The irregular punch press inspection was moved to another location, leaving spot welding and warehouse equipment inspection. This warrants a much higher rating than H inspector and the union demands reclassification to F.

**Bldg. 60:** Group demands merited reclassification to construction laborers. The work they perform properly belongs under this classification and the union demands that it be given to the group along with a wage increase.

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## Strike Aid Tops \$5,500 As Sections Near Quotas

The total sum raised by UE Local 301 on behalf of members of the union who have been forced out on strike topped off at \$5,510.66 this week as many sections of the plant topped or approached their quotas of \$1 per member per month.

The collections continued to move at top speed as men and women realized that the recent Harvester and Cable strikes represented solid lessons in the importance of being financially prepared for any emergency. Local 301 members appeared determined to help the people who recently came off of the picket lines to keep their heads above water financially while waiting for their paychecks to start coming in regularly.

General Cable strikers were out for 26 weeks; those at International Harvester for 12 weeks; and 750 workers at Marathon Electric in Wausau, Wis., are spending their ninth month on the streets as the result of a lockout.

In the 301 collection, the stewards under board member Howard McClean continued to make the best showings in regard to meeting their quotas. The 75 workers in McClean's section at the Campbell Ave. Racetrack have turned in \$182.75. That's 243% of their quota.

The largest single sum to be added to any board member is that attributed to Pat Donato of Welded Products. Donato's 550 members have contributed \$586.50, or 117.3% of their quota. A third board member whose membership is approaching its quota is Bill Linka. Linka represents 425 1st shift turbine workers who have turned in \$409.31, 96% of quota.

However, despite the generally encouraging picture in regard to strike collections, there still remained several spots in the works where collections are lagging badly. If the local is to come close to meeting its obligations to fellow union members who have been defending our wages and conditions as well as theirs, then these areas will have to pitch in with a lot more money.

On this page, there is a complete chart showing how much money has been credited to each board member. Everyone should check that chart to find out where his or her section stands, and to make sure that next week it will be near the top of the list.

# VOTE TODAY!

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS



**TAKING OATH.** Gene L. Figler and William E. Thomas, both of Building 273, are pictured taking the oath of office as show stewards during Monday's membership meeting.

## Elect 3 Members To Audit Books

Three rank and file union members were elected by the membership meeting on Monday to serve as auditors of the Local 301 books for 1952. Those named were Wayman Lewis, Building 52, Ralph Pipe, 52, and Charles Croil, 273.

The selection was in accordance with the union constitution which provides for a careful check of the books each year. In order to make sure that this audit is completely honest and unprejudiced, the rank and file members are added to the regular trustees in doing the job. A similar system is followed by the national union.

The results of the audit will be made known to the entire local membership through the EU News as soon as the audit is completed.

## Assault Frameup Exposed; Ward Murder Case Weakens

The Harvester corporation's attempt to frame Harold Ward on a murder charge began to blow up in the faces of the framers this week as a jury freed the Negro union leader on phony assault charges.

Company strategy was to build the frameup of Ward in two stages. First the framers intended to get a conviction of Ward on an assault charge, and in this way prejudice the jury in the murder trial which was to follow.

But last week the assault trial was held, and the phony nature of the charges against Ward, as well

as the company's part in the frame-up, became obvious. The chief witness against Ward, the man who allegedly was assaulted, admitted that he filed the charges only after company officials had "visited" him.

Then a defense witness took the stand and declared that he had been present when the alleged victim of the assault had been beaten up. He said that this happened in a bar room brawl, and that Ward was in no way involved. This exploded the prosecution claim that the UE leader had attacked the man because he was scabbing during the Harvester strike.

It took the jury only 2½ hours to acquit Ward after hearing the testimony. The verdict stunned the prosecution, which then tried to gain a postponement of the murder trial. However, the judge insisted that the trial begin this week as originally scheduled.

The murder indictment was cooked up by the strike-breaking Chicago police and the company on the basis of the same kind of flimsy, phony evidence as that used in the assault case. Ward is alleged to have beaten a non-striker to death in a dark street. The police claim that they have a "mystery witness" who saw the alleged assault, but up until the opening of the trial, this witness had never been produced.

## Toolmakers Win Boost

UE Local 155 has won a major victory on behalf of tool and die makers in the Philadelphia area. The union gained a 6c inequity adjustment for 700 of its skilled workers.

The victory climaxed a three-month drive to thaw the wage freeze in regard to toolmakers by the local. This drive is a part of the UE national campaign on behalf of skilled workers.

## Strike Collection Breakdown

A total of \$5,510 has been collected by UE Local 301 for UE strikers as of Monday's membership meeting. The EU News here prints an up-to-date breakdown of that sum, with the amount turned in by stewards under each board member. The percentage figure in the right hand column is figured on \$1 a month for each member in the section. Actually, a figure of 200% would represent full quota for the two months of October and November. Check your section. If you're not approaching your quota, see what can be done in your group to improve collections.

Members in Section	Board Member	Amount Contributed	% of Quota
75	McLean	\$182.75	243.6
550	Donato	586.50	117.3
425	Linka	409.31	96.3
150	Moon	124.00	80.0
400	Brashear	294.50	73.6
825	Gebo	546.50	66.2
750	Di Lorenzo	442.00	58.9
500	Christensen	275.00	55.0
575	Martine	305.00	53.2
725	Stewart	332.50	45.7
350	Slocum	133.25	38.0
550	D'Amico	202.10	35.7
1100	Alois-Vitalo	396.00	35.0
675	Friedlander	170.00	35.7
925	Lighthall	272.00	28.8
350	Templeton	86.50	24.7
450	Villano	101.95	22.7
550	Rosu	110.75	20.1
950	Oberlies	187.25	19.7
575	Hildreth	85.00	14.9
375	Paluszke	43.50	11.6
650	De Musso	67.50	10.3
875	Simpson	70.00	8.0
450	Scott	35.50	7.8
525	Kaminski	23.00	4.4
325	Behr	10.00	3.7
400	Thomas	8.30	2.0
250	Esposito	5.00	2.0
250	La Bombard	5.00	2.0
450	Agius	.00	0.0
Total		\$5,510.66	