

Don't Rush to Retire; You May Save Money By Waiting a While

"Don't leave now" is the advice of the Local 301 business office to GE workers who haven't yet reached the age of 65 and are thinking of retiring.

The GE stockholders will vote next Tuesday on a new pension system.

If the new system is approved, workers between 63 and 65 will save money by waiting until after Sept. 1 to retire.

Here's the reason. If they retire before Sept. 1 they will be under the old system. By waiting, they will receive the new rate, a flat pension plus \$369 a year until they reach the age of 65. The \$369 is to make up for Social Security payments which don't start until 65.

Under the old system, when Social Security starts the GE simply stops paying that much on a pension. It has always been GE pension minus Social Security. Now it's pension plus Social Security,—if the plan passes.

Meet Fyvie Family



Field Day snapshot of Thomas F. Fyvie, Local 2054, USA, with Mrs. Fyvie and their son, Richard. Fyvie is in the race for state senator from Schenectady. Members of his union are circulating his nominating petitions.

PAC Club Helps Get Signatures

The Second Ward PAC met recently to speed up the job of organizing the ward for political action. Plans were made for collecting signatures for primary petitions of labor-endorsed candidates through a ward canvass. Anthony Navaretta, member of Local 301, presides as temporary chairman of the PAC group.

Speakers were Albert Male, Democratic supervisor of the ward; Joseph Dominelli, candidate for sheriff and member of Local 301; William Mastriani, Schenectady County American Labor Party chairman; Milo Lathrop, Local 301 PAC director, and Ernest Herman, PAC chairman, Local 2054, United Steelworkers of America.

Speaks on Taxes

Joe Dominelli, candidate for nomination for sheriff, spoke on Schenectady real estate taxes at a meeting of the Seventh and Thirteenth Wards PAC Clubs Monday night.

It's a Field Day for Getting Signatures on Primary Petitions Too



The Local 301 Field Day was chuck-full of political activity in behalf of three CIO members who will run in the primaries: Joe Dominelli, Local 301, who has entered the race for sheriff; Thomas F. Fyvie, Local 2054, USA, candidate for state senator; and Lewis A. Benedict, Local 159, Trans-

port Workers Union, candidate for City Council. Left to right at the booth where petitions were signed: Fyvie, Thomas Riggi, Dewey Brashear, Horace Perryman, Mrs. Dominelli, Dominelli and daughter, Carol Lee Dominelli; Andrew Santora and Rudy Ellis.

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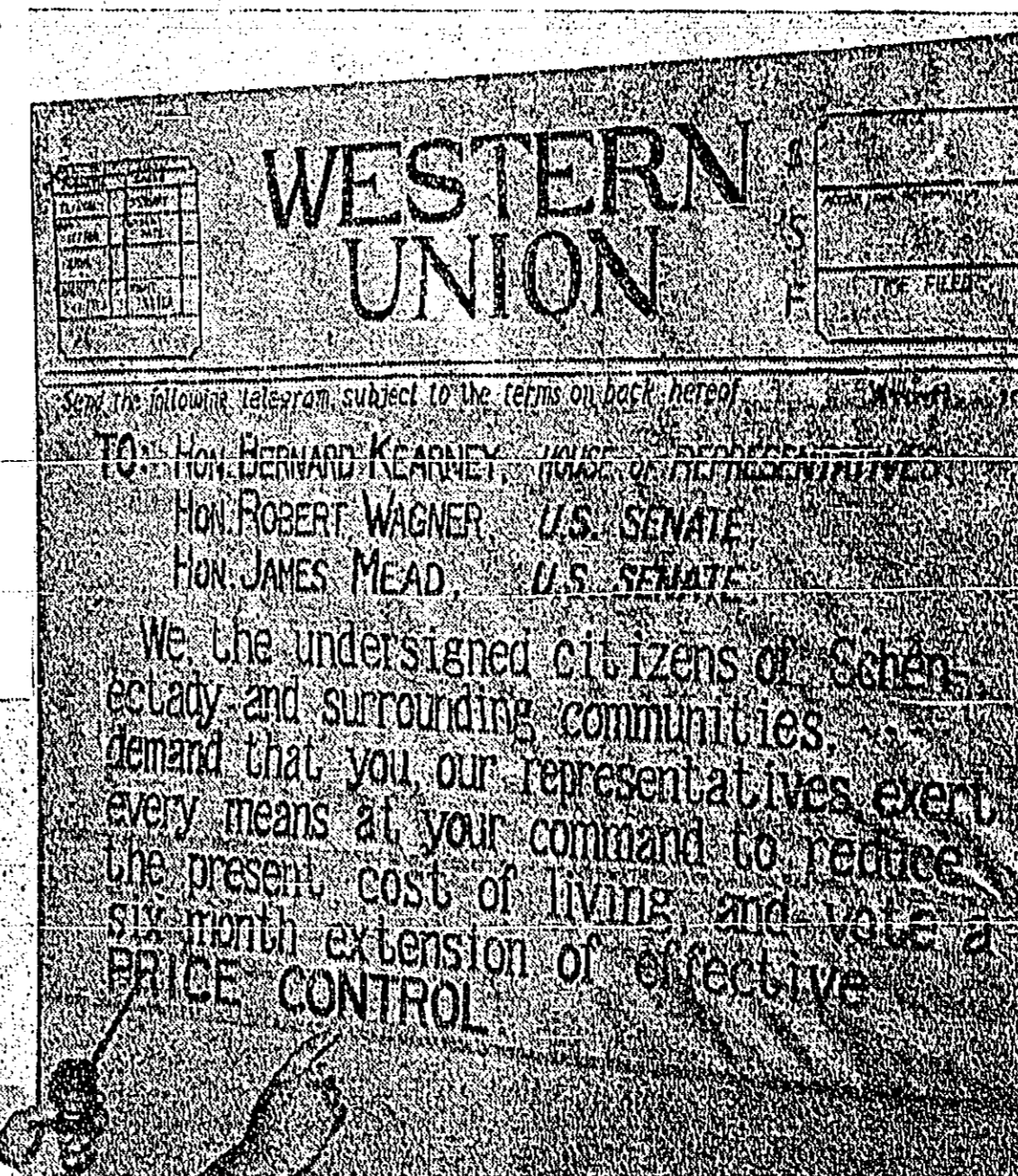
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Mowers Prepares Telegram on Price Control All Committeemen To Attend Sessions Ordered by Board

Blanchard Mowers of Local 301 working on the giant price control telegram which thousands later signed when it was displayed in State Street. It was sent to Washington special delivery.



A committeeman from Bldg. 77 Mowers is always on hand when the union needs a sign or poster. He turned out dozens of them during the strike.

The GE contract, grievance procedure and lost time procedure will be discussed at a series of meetings next week for shop committeemen at union headquarters, 301 Liberty St.

These meetings were ordered by the Executive Board as a result of changes in the contract and the election of many new shop representatives during the past six months.

In order to give an opportunity for every shop committeeman to attend, the meetings will take place during working hours.

The schedule of meetings by departments, as worked out by Leo Jandreau, Local 301 business agent, is printed on page 4.

\$50 for Boys Town

The recent committeemen's meeting approved a recommendation of the Local 301 officers and Executive Board that \$50 be contributed to Father Flanagan's Boys Town.

PAC Groups Plan To Attend Hearing

Representatives of PAC ward groups in Schenectady will attend a public hearing on revaluation of property in the city at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Mont Pleasant High School.

The hearing was called by the City Council for discussion of the J. M. Clemenshaw Co. valuations before the 1947 tax bills are drawn up.

Union Calendar

Tuesday, July 16—Membership meeting.

A schedule of meetings for shop committeemen for July 15, 16, 17 and 18 is printed on page 4.

CIO Members Gather Names on Petitions

Members of Local 2054, USA, and of Local 301 went to Amsterdam to get voters' signatures on primary petitions for Thomas F. Fyvie, secretary-treasurer of Local 2054, who is seeking nomination for state senator. Both Montgomery and Schenectady Counties are in the 37th senate district.

Members of all local CIO unions are canvassing in Schenectady County for signatures for Fyvie and for Joseph Dominelli, Local 301, who seeks the nomination for sheriff. In the city of Schenectady the CIO members are getting signatures for Lewis A. Benedict, president of Local 159, Transport Workers, who will enter the primaries in the race to fill an unexpired term in the City Council.

GE Boosts Milk Price

After OPA ceilings expired, the General Electric Co. put pints of milk back on sale in the company cafeterias at 12 cents.

Earlier GE had stopped selling pints because of OPA refusal to permit a raise from 9 cents to 10 cents. GE claimed it would take a financial loss by continuing to sell at 9 cents.

When GE stopped selling pints it continued selling half-pints at 6 cents each. It boosted the half-pints to 7 cents at the same time it placed the pints on sale at 12 cents.

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Here's Some Advice About Polio Season

June through September is the period when infantile paralysis or poliomyelitis is apt to develop, the Schenectady County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has reminded the public.

Here are suggestions for the danger period.

Don't get overtired. Extreme fatigue makes you an easier victim.

Avoid chills. Don't stay too long in cold water.

Keep clean. Wash hands before eating. Keep flies and other insects away from food.

Help keep your community clean. Waste and exposed garbage may be sources of infection.

Don't swim in polluted waters. Avoid removal of tonsils or adenoids during the polio epidemic season.

Watch these symptoms: Headache, unexplained fever, a cold, even an upset stomach may be the first symptoms of infantile paralysis.

Call your doctor immediately if any of these symptoms appear. Expert medical care may help prevent crippling.

Two Workers Retire With \$70,000 Each

Speaking of pension plans, did you notice the United Press story from Fort Wayne, Ind. about two employes of the Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Co. getting \$70,000 each when they retired at the age of 60? It's a fact.

The company started a profit-sharing plan in 1919. The two employes each paid \$200 a year at the rate of \$3.85 a week, the highest rate under the plan. Their total salary deductions for 27 years were \$5,400 apiece. The company contributed \$15,862 for each of the two workers. The balance of the \$70,000 was \$49,960 resulting from compound interest and dividends on investments.

CIO Leaders Urge Real Price Control

Andrew Peterson, president of Local 301; George Katz, chairman of the UE Office Workers Organizing Committee, the heads of other Schenectady CIO locals and Robert Northrop, secretary-treasurer of the Capitol District Industrial Union Council, CIO, have asked Representative Bernard F. Kearney to vote for effective price control legislation to extend for at least a year.

Their open letter to Congressman Kearney stated:

"The battle for price control has reached its decisive stage. With President Truman's wise veto of the emasculated OPA bill, prices are set to skyrocket and hard-earned wage increases will mean nothing unless Congress acts at once.

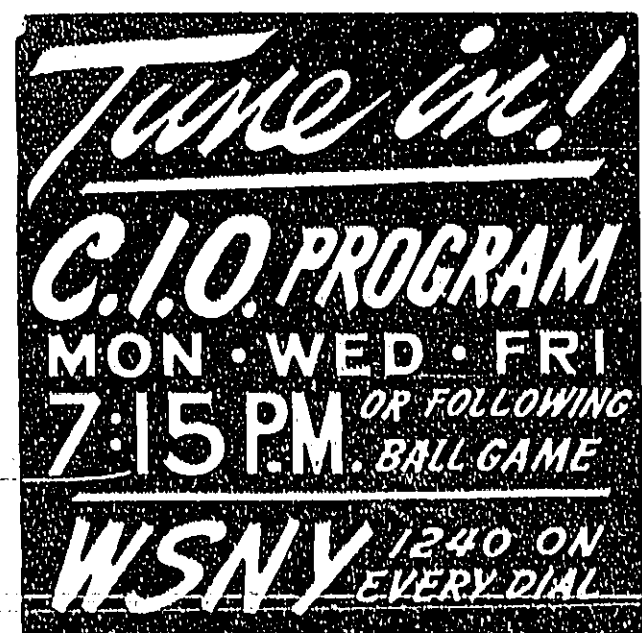
"The food, housing and clothing problems of millions of Americans are now directly in the hands of Congress and the President. If we are not to have the worst depression in the history of our country prices must be held to levels at which the people can pay.

"Therefore, we strongly urge that you demand swift enactment of effective price control legislation for at least another year."

OPA Honors 301 Member

Sid Friedlander, Local 301, has received a war service certificate from the Albany OPA Regional Office in recognition of his work on the labor advisory committee of this district.

A telegram from Senator James M. Mead, read at a dinner in Albany in honor of the labor advisory committee, said "the temporary suspension of OPA could not detract from the wartime services of the labor advisory committee."



Drive to Organize District Farmers Makes Big Strides

Encouraging progress in organizing the farmers of the 31st Congressional District was reported this week by Lou Slocum, Farmers Union organizer. The drive was made possible by contributions from Local 301.

When the organizing campaign started recently in Otsego County, the Farmers Union had 39 members in the county, all of them in the Fly Creek Milk Cooperative.

Membership has now increased to 123, a jump of over 200 per cent. More than two-thirds the total membership of the Cooperative are now in the Union.

Next on the program of the Farmers Union are the Canajoharie Cooperative and Adler's Creamery at Fort Plain, both in Montgomery County. The Union now has more than 40 members in these two plants.

This work is only the opening shot of the Farmers Union in the drive to organize the farmers of the 31st Congressional District into a progressive force, according to Slocum.

The Fly Creek Cooperative which is farmer-owned has a fighting history. It was founded in 1938 by a group of farmers in the old Dairy Farmers Union, men who faced the loss of their market after the 1937 milk strike.

At present Fly Creek Cooperative pays 10¢ per hundred weight above the surrounding plants which are controlled by Sheffield and the Dairymen's League.

See Union Office On Bonus Rights

Anyone laid off by GE for lack of work who has not received his bonus should contact the Local 301 office.

Several cases have already been reported of workers not getting bonus money to which they were entitled.

No Strike to Blame For Silver Shortage

The General Electric publicity department had a new experience recently.

It released a story on a silver shortage and couldn't find a single union or strike to blame the scarcity on.

The boys have lots more fun writing about steel and copper shortages.

More Field Day Winners Listed

Radios won at the Local 301 Field Day were delivered to William H. Stapleton, Post Office; Joseph Morawski, 1122 Willett St., and William Connors, 1047 Regent St., all of Schenectady.

The Activities Committee has been unable yet to contact two other radio winners listed as William McChesney, Bldg. 14, GE, and William Steenburg, 1064 Carrie St. (There is no such street number in Schenectady). These winners should get in touch immediately with the Local 301 office.

The drawing for Field Day prizes was done by Edward Beatrice of Cleveland Ave.

Boxing bouts resulted in a draw between George Decker and Johnny Sauruth and a draw between Tony Barrone and Stanley De Graff.

In the wrestling matches Johnny Stratus outpointed Sailor Jack Adams and Rudy Rubolowski outpointed Don Gennaro. Decisions were made by the very outspoken spectators.

Children's events were won by the following: Stanley Crowningshield, both the sack race and dizzy-izzy race. Albert Madonna, hoop race; Deanna Denegris, peanut race.

Poster Campbell chairman of the Activities Committee, will make the financial report on the outing next week when the Field Day books are closed. Half the proceeds will go to Tippecanoe, YMCA camp project open to all youth groups of the city.

Transport Workers To Get Lump Sum

The Schenectady Railway Co. will make retroactive, lump sum payments on or before Aug. 15 to its employes under an arbitration award obtained by Local 159, Transport Workers Union, CIO.

The pay raises are effective as of July 1.

UE Organizes I-lion

After an organizing drive at Remington Rand Plant No. 1; at I-lion, UE has asked the National Labor Relations Board for certification as collective bargaining agent of the 1400 workers there.

Welcome - Ideas

The Editorial Board of EU News will welcome suggestions from members of Local 301 about this paper. Write us at 301 Liberty St.

Veteran Rings Doorbells for Joe Dominelli

Mrs. Ann Pratt 722 Strong St., an enrolled Republican, signs the petition to insure a place on Republican primary ballots for Joseph Dominelli of Local 301, who will run in Republican, Democratic and ALP primaries for nomination for sheriff. Thomas Riggi, Local 2054, USA, a member of the non-partisan veterans' committee backing the Dominelli campaign, handed her the petition.



What Is PAC?

Here are a few more questions and answers in connection with PAC.

How long will PAC continue?

As long as there is danger of war, as long as the reactionaries will attempt to destroy organized labor, as long as big business and its cronies continue to pressure Congress against the best interests of the people, as long as we have poverty—so long will PAC continue.

What are PAC's objectives?

It is for the establishment of peace through the United Nations. It is for (a) full employment; (b) a minimum wage which will allow our people a better standard of living; (c) good housing, medical care and education for all our people; (d) equality of opportunity, regardless of race, creed or religion; (e) equal pay for equal work to women; (f) a just and adequate social security system.... (g) all aid to the veteran in his need for jobs, education, housing and a full adjustment to peacetime living.

Local 301 Leaders Recommend Union Aid Ballston Strikers

The officers and Executive Board of Local 301 will recommend that the local membership adopt Local 410, Fur and Leather Workers, CIO, for the duration of the strike against the American Hide and Leather Co. at Ballston Spa.

The proposal will be brought before the general membership meeting next Tuesday night. The recommendation is that the local give \$100 a week.

The Fur and Leather Workers, who contributed generously in money and food to the Local 301 strike last winter, have been on the picket line for many weeks now.

UE Wins Vote

UE has won a National Labor Relations Board election at the Sylvania Electric plant at Jamestown. The company is one of the major competitors of GE in manufacturing electrical appliances. The plant is in District 3 of UE.