Also on the program will be

talks by other outstanding labor leaders including Frieda Sch-

wenkmeyer, business agent of

Workers local of Troy. Eugene

Zimmerman, Assemblyman from

Troy will be present and the

Rev. Clayton Powell, famous

Negro publisher and former New

York City Councilman may be

present if his schedule will per-

mit him to come to Schenectady.

rallies to be held in the Capital

District Area. The meeting of

by the Council to forward the

Political Action program of the

CIO for the coming 1944 election.

reads as follows:

Mr. Patrick's statement in full

"It is very gratifying for me

Mr. Patrick stated that this

# OELECTRICAL UNION

Mike Quill Here For Sunday Meet

## Trans. Cutback Serious For the Many Members

and are unfortunately without the weekly income which they will preside. need so badly in view of the

present high cost of living. It has been the contention of organized labor that through proper planning, serious condi tions could be avoided. Fuller utilization of manufacturing facilities and stabilizaton of wages throughout the industry which in turn would provide a constant labor supply would make it poscept and supply more and larger contracts with the various government procurement agencies There should not be a lack of work in an industry so vital to the successful prosicution of the

### See the Committeeman

problem at hand, the union urges all people transferred to other jobs, to contact the union committeemen in the department where they go and have the committeeman see that the various clauses in the Union contract are abided by. Proper job classification, job rate, and a fair break in rate are things which the transferee is entitled to. Your committeeman is the person who can find out if you are which you are entitled.

### Union Proposal

This cutback has already given an indication that the Union's contract proposal to the company regarding the plan to ease the war to peace transition period defense plants throughout the by contributing a pint of blood country and it is reasonable to as soon as it is possible for them expect that there will be more to do so. Many rallys are planned in future as changes in war to be held during lunch periods needs occur. The Union proposed in the shops and each building is to the Company a plan by which urged to make arrangements so the Company would pay to a that they can be accommodated worker laid off for lack of work, at the Red Cross Blood Bank in a sum amounting to the differ- groups so that a steady flow of ence between the Unemployment the precious plasma can go to which the entire plant should Insurance benefits and the work- the boys in the armed forces. principle that some sort of plan established now for the purpose depression during the transition drive is one of which we can all

## **Wage Committee Meet Scheduled** Wed., April 19th

The Wage Adjustment Committee has held several meetings and set up committees which drive. Arthur Baillargeon was elected chairman of the group. The executive committee elected ple: Jane Starko, Brothers Boyle, Craig, Pacelli, Sorenson, Bufano VaCuren and Prof. Joseph Rot-

The meeting will be attended by representatives from many union locals in the Capital District and be of great importance as it will bring about concerted However, in order to meet the and unified action on the wage and economic stabilization program throughout this area. All members of Local 301 are urged to attend and become active in this broad program which eventually will involve and benefit every person in the community.

> period back to peacetime producsolution possible.

## Famous N. Y. C. Labor Leader to Speak at the Political Action Rally For the Capital District Council-CIO

Council has announced that Michael Quill, President of the Transport Workers Union and an outstanding progressive New York-City Councilman will be the principal speaker for a Political Action Rally to be held at the CIO hall on Sunday, April 16th at 2:00 P. M.

In line with the local leader- the Amalgamated Clothing grievance machinery and make settlement of grievances, the Executive Board has appointed Mrs. Sadie Iovinella, Bldg. 46 Executive Board member-atlarge, as assistant to the busiis made up of the following peo- ness agent. Mrs. Iovinella's appointment is of a temporary nature pending action by the memand Cardinal. The publicity com- bership and was made do to the rally is to be one of a series of mittee elected is Austin Case, extremely large number of grievances coming from the shops.

### Members Will Elect April 23rd

special membership meeting will be held at CIO Hall, Sunday April 23, at 2:30 P. M. One tion. The Company is making a the treasurer and a trustee at study of this problem and the the Unity meeting held some Union intends to attempt to time ago. It is urged that all receiving all these things to negotiate the most favorable members who can possibly at-

## April Is "Blood Donor" Month With An All-Out Drive Planned

justified. There have Donor Month and it is hoped that union members will respond

The month of April has been be proud. It is now up to us to set aside as Local 301 Blood do much better to meet the greater need. Your blood may

3-1386. Our committee which is cludes President Frank Emspak and Pat-Vottis and will see that donate at the earliest date pos-

C. L. Patrick, President of the Capital District Industrial Union

### Mrs. Sadie lovinella Is Asst. to Bus. Agt.

Mrs. Iovinella has long been the 16th will be the opening drive one of the outstanding and most active women in the local labor (Continued on Page 4)

to be able to announce that Michael Quill, President of the Fransport Workers Union and an outstanding progressive New York City Councilman will address a political action rally to be held at the CIO Hall, Sunday, April 16th, at 2:00 P. M. under the auspices of the Capital District Industrial Union Council It is very appropriate that Mr. Quill be here to address the rally for he symbolizes an example of what can be done by organized labor, progressives and liberals to carry forward a program of political action. Mr. Quill ran for New York City Council from the Borough of the Bronx without the endorsement of any political party, but progressive labor in that city was determined that Quill was going into the Council Rank and file workers from all sections of the city went up to the Bronx and did such a tremendous job of ringing doorbells and talking to every citizen, that Mr. Quill was elected by one of

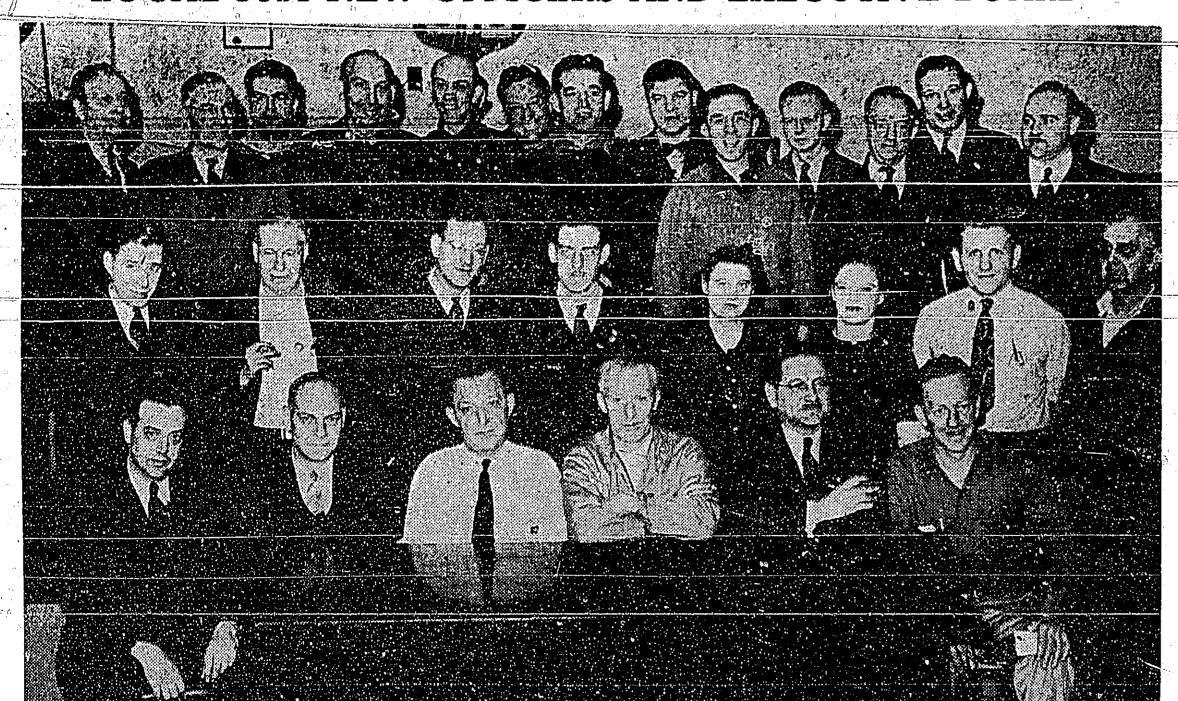
New York.

'I want to take this opportunity to urge everyone to attend Political Action Rallies in the Capital District area through out the coming months. An nouncements and dates of the future rallies will be made a soon as they are arranged."

the largest votes every reecived

by a Councilman in the city of

### LOCAL 301's NEW OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD



tiny of our Union for the com- Member Harold Boynton ing year. They are: First row: Second row: Edw. Bazan,

**UE-CIO** Local

Aiready Pressing

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curity of all people in the town-

are being studied by a UNITED

community: Public officials,

business groups, churches, labor

unions, Red Cross, political or-

ganizations, veterans' organiza-

Committees have been estab-

lished of prominent Bloomfield

citizens in civic, labor, religious

and other types of activity to

study the city's problems and

It all began because one Local

of the United Electrical, Radio

and Machine Workers in Bloom-

field decided to take the initia-

It was recently faced with the

problem of cancellation of war

contracts in the Bloomfield

Works of the General Electric

Co. The Local's Political Action

Committee realized that here

was a problem with far-reach-

ing implications concerning, not

only the unions as such, but in

one way or another the lives of

every citizen in the community

"The problems of cutbacks,

and the nation.

tions, women's clubs, etc.

take action to solve them.

**Political Action** 

at the first meeting of the newly Chief Shop Steward Roy Lash, Bezio, Austin Case, Mrs. Sadie French. installed officers and the Execu- Acting President Frank Emspak, Recording Secretary William this group of people who will be Hodges, Financial Secretary Fay responsible for steering the des- Marvin, and Executive Board

When the labor delegates met

enthusiastically to the idea and

immediately.

A Community Problem

not problems of industrial work-

ers only. They are problems

which affect the entire com-

workers of Bloomfield are learn-

ing that the welfare of the en-

-of the entire community.

monious post-war world.

And, similarly, the industrial

Iovinelli. Michael Tedesco, Eugene Le-Moine, board members. Top row: Alex Christison, Harry Case, T. W. Crowley, Andrew Peterson, Fred Schoffler, John

The above picture was taken Business Agent Leo Jandreau, Christopher Herbeck, Ernest Boyle, John Pollack, Robert Mrs. Cora Rogers, Flanigan, John P. Brauneisen

Missing from the picture are Board Members Wm. Kelly and

#### Asst. Bus. Agent Archer Accepted set the date for this special The meeting took place with representatives from some 50

organizations and industries in the business agent of Local 301. Committees were named at has received and passed his the meeting including: The Adphysical examination and has visory Committee to the Planpeen accepted for service in the Board. Rehabilitation of United States Navy. He is on Veterans Committee, Personnel call at any time but in the mean-Survey Committee, Education time is carrying on at Union Headquarters assisting Leo Jan-Committee, World War II Memorial Committee, Committee on dreau in handling the grievances Finances and Our Town Commitwhich come in to the Union oftee, Committee on Private Infices from the shops. dustry, Committee on Cut-Backs Mr. Archer went to work in

in Employment and Federal the local General Electric plant Committee Problems and Comin 1933 and served for many mittee on Consumers and Price years as Watch Engineer at the Mercury Steam Station, Building Each committee is made up of 265. In July, 1942, he accepted a call from Business Agent Leo chairman and at least eight Jandreau and left the employ of people representing various organizations. These committees the company to assume the difare to convene and begin work ances before management. In his time spent at Union Head-The UE Locals in Bloomfield quarters, "Sandy" has won a have thus enlisted the cooperahost of friends and the admiration of the entire population of tion of those who have worked the city in the solving of their with him and he will be missed when Uncle Sam calls him to ac-

#### The people of Bloomfield have Membership Cards become conscious that problems unemployment, cut-backs, To Be Issued In April wage adjustments, housing, are

The Executive Board at its meeting last Thursday passed a ruling adopting quarterly membership cards to be given members of the local in place of the familiar membership books which have been used to hold

The cards will be issued quar-Today's problems, thus, must be solved by the united action—political action the CIO calls it give the same proof of member-ship as the books but the great ing the check off for the month

## "Fun-Za-Poppin" is Outstanding **Comedy Success**

(Continued from page 1)

did a splendid job of organizing the talent and directing them arough the weeks of rehearsal. Also Genevieve Winarski of the he lions share of detail work in arranging auditions, rehearsals. etc., is to be complimented for her fine work. Of the many acts and talented artists who took part, everyone did a splendid job as there was not a single slow spot in the show. If it were possible to point out any one act which was outstanding, it would be impossible to overlook that or ittle Freddie Jeskie, 4-year-old son of Bill, a union member at Campbell Ave. plant. Freddie, dressed in Beau Brummel fashon complete with felt hat and cane, stole the hearts of the crowd with his appearance and their admiration for his fine singing and entertaining ability.

## **Action Planned On Wage Demand**

(Continued from page 1) will be urged to take an active part in the program from which they will also benefit.

When the committee which is set up in your shop calls upon you for your cooperation in carcooperate to your utmost. Remember that an organization of 25.000 people solidly united bestrength to bring favorable ac-

GIVE TO THE RED CROSS

#### the need for stabilizing the economy of our community and postwar planning," the delegates "are not just our problems. They are the problems of all of the citizens of Bloomfield." Meet the Mayor

A delegation was selected to approach Mayor John A. Reed and propose the calling of a have set about to prepare for meeting of an enlarged Mayor's victory and a secure and har-Citizens Advisory Committee.

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## ELECTRCAL UNION NEWS

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B. MOWERS TROY SNIPES

## EDITORIAL

Often times people are heard to make remarks about the Union. Many of them are destructive in nature although innocently made. The Union is a group of people, 120,000 in our immediate case, banded together for the purpose of bargaining on an equal basis with the General Electric Co., one of the largest and most powerful corporations in the world. This is the Union. We also have brothers and sisters under our same UE banner who are likewise joined together to effectively bargain with their respective employers.

The leaders of our Union are the mechanics which make possible its operation. They are all people who work or have worked in the shops until called for Union duty. They are people who by their personal effort and sacrifice and ability have become outstanding among us and we have designated them to do a job for us.

This group of leaders have set down with the management of the General Electric Company and negotiated a contract which in reality is an article of concessions recognizing the rights of the on money invested nor should contractual parties. We have had similar contracts since 1937, but the one negotiated for 1944 is a milestone in recognition of our labor the wages that will insure rights and problems. It gives each and every one of us as individuals a decent living standard. To demore recognition than we have ever had before

The provisions in the contract give us a definite basis on which to negotiate our individual problems and grievances on an equal basis with the giant G. E. We as a Union still have to negotiate these problems as they arise each day and the success which we have depends on the strength, integrity and cooperation we display as a group.

It is the duty of the membership to assume equal responsibility with the leadership in these efforts. If you criticize the Union, you are criticizing yourself for you are an integrial part of it, so make your criticism constructive. Lets be as strong as we expect others to be. Let's look at problems realisticly and not expect anything without plenty of hard work and sacrifice. Then we, as the Union, can meet every task confidently and have nothing to fear from any

In presenting labor's case for revision of the Little Steel formula. CIO President Philip Murray has emphasized that stabilization of our wartime economy is the chief aim

"Price control and the current wage demands of CIO Unions are two parts of the same problem," he says.

Labor seeks to bring about a stable relationship between wages and prices, as called for by the Frice Control Act of October, 1942.

To bring this about, wages must be adjusted to the increased living costs since that time and prices must be more strictly controlled than in the past.

The people who are really trying to rock the boat are those who would freeze unbalanced wages and at the same time weaken present price controls.

With the present price control law about to expire on June 30, they are pushing crippling amendments to make price control ineffective after that date.

That is why the CIO has launched its present campaign to strengthen the price control law. You can help by impressing on your representatives in Congress the necessity for keeping living costs down, adjusting wages to prices, and thus stabilizing our

#### EMERGENCY RALLY TO SAVE PRICE CONTROL CALLED AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON-(FP) — An emergency conference to save the price control act has been called to meet April 19-20, by ing, all authority for wage the Congressional Committee for the Protection of Consumers.

Headed by Rep. Thomas E. with unbridled inflation." Scanlon (D. Pa.), the committee has held two meetings in sup-port of the subsidy program, both winning enthusiastic back-ing from white collar, church,

The call to the emergency conference, released, April 11,

the most important undertak-

ings in the achievement of a stable wartime economy that has yet faced this congress. On June 30, of this year, the present emergency price control law expires. Unless this law is re-enacted every price and rent ceilstabilization will become null and void and we will be faced

Scanlan said that a slogan of "price control is for the other fellow" is being raised by special interest groups swarming the capital seeing relief and "Because of this dangerous predicament of our stabilization program on the eve of the mightiest engagement of our armed forces we are calling a conference to save the price control act on

## COLLECTIVE 火 BARGAINING 头

A. W. Eastman

The cooperation of labor and management which has been responsible for the immense amounts of war materials manufactured in this country during the last three years should prove a great lesson to the American public in general. While this cooperation has not been complete, so to speak, it still shows what results might be if there were a better understanding between organized labor and Capital.

It is hoped that at least a few of the leading industrialists of this country are beginning to recognize the facts that a democracy is only as secure as the 'individual citizens who comprise it, and if there is no individual economic security, there can be no genuine prosperity for

No bona-fide labor organization will deny the rights of capital and management to certain profits and a decent return capital and management deny cide what is just and what is uniust we must have organizations of labor with the most experienced and highly trained men available as our bargaining agents to meet with organizations of industry and to do a mighty good job of old fashioned

The hope of the world lies in hope of collective bargaining crippling, damaging amenddoes not mean communism or German fascism or socialism. It fiteers. doesn't mean the red flag, soap box orators and parlor Bolshevists. The national and tribal feeling will always exist, and in employment pay and for hospitthat day men wll be as proud of alization and education of veta starry banner or a tri-color as erans. Passed by Senate, it may now, only instead of filling the have a hard time in the House air with six ton bombs and the where Rep. John Rankin (D. sea with sub-marines they will Miss) heads Committee on War get together and bargain their Veterans Legislation. Urge local disputes out. No Hitler and congressmen to vote for the Hirohito. Rather Ben Franklin Senate bill without Rankin's and Henry Clay.

LET CONGRESS KNOW With members of the House and Senate back after Easter recess, labor is letting the legislators know that it is interested in their votes on the following

Poll Tax Repeal (HR 7) Passed by the House, this bill is set for Senate action April 17, by agreement with Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley. Unionists are increasing their messages of support of this bill to their senators, asking them to stop a Poll Tax filibuster by invoking the cloture rule and accepting no amendments.

School Lunches (S 1721 and S 1820)

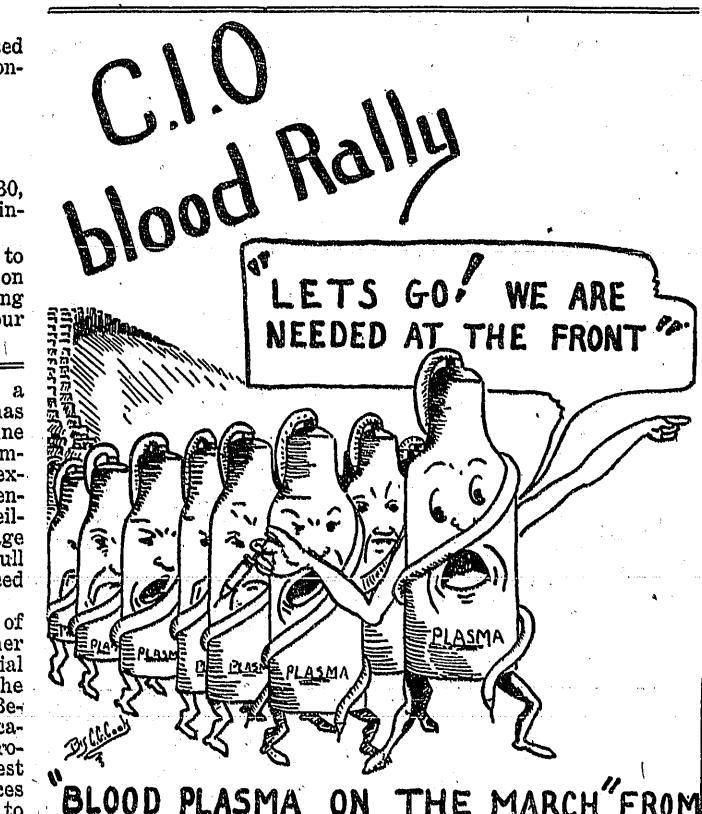
Almost identical, these bills provide U.S. funds for hot unches for school children and help the war effort by permitting mothers to remain in war plants during the day. The House has killed a similar plan. Labor is asking Senators to seek early hearings and passage, and telling House members to reverse their action when the bill comes before them again.

### **Price Control**

Price Control must be renewed by Congress by June 30. This means the continuation of OPA and control of the cost of living. Unionists are urging renewal of 'the Price Control act without ments that would aid price pro-

G I Bill (S 1767)

Bill for rehabilitation of veterans of this war. Provides unamendments.



CLO BLOOD RALLY.

## Fort Edward AND WE COMPLAIN

This war has to be won and there is only one way to win it. Production, quality and hard work. I would like to bring to your attention a fellow works here in Fort Edward, his name is Preston Harrington.

Every morning he arrives here at work ten to fifteen minutes early. He runs a bore-matic using plug guages and snap guages. His work is above average as far as quality goes, his production is advancing with leaps and bounds. Every one in the shop likes him. In other words this fellow is a hard, conscientious worker.

I as a board member hear all kinds of complaints running from prices, recreation, conditions of work such as poor lighting, etc. This man's only complaint is that the working day isn't long enough. This man does tion is the radio, and work he does with his hands. We people who complain continually should ton hasn't seen the light of day for 30 years. Yes folks this man matic on production.

### **Production Record** Hens Set War

per these days: "This is the seaegg industry, "War Food Administration reports. Nearly five billion dozen eggs were laid by patriotic American hens in 1943 and more than five billion dozen will be laid in 1944.

This means that more eggs may be eaten by civilians than ever before in the nation's history, WFA says. With three eggs out of every four going to the home front, there will be enough for everybody to eat 350 eggs in 1944, according to official

"The major problem confronting the egg industry at present is one of using eggs fast enough" WFA says. So here's a tip: Sunnyside up or easy over, poached, boiled or scrambled, an egg a day keeps the doctor away. If the hens can lay 'em, we can

### Workers Ideas Bring Victory Closer

In the race toward victory over fascism, workers production suggestions are way up in War workers ideas have saved the War Dept. an estimated \$6,809,343, latest tabulagram received 47,795 sugges-tions from civilian workers, of which 2, 676 were adopted. Cash naid out to reward the workers

In following issues of the Electrical Union News, a series of articles will be run explaining different features of the new contract. Look for them and become more fully acquainted with the various clauses as they may effect you and your job.

### Biddle Okays Political Action Committee

NEW YORK-(FP)—Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee hailed the clean bill of health given the committee's activities by U. S. Atty Gen. Francis Biddle and the

"The CIO Political Action Committee, conscious in the knowledge that it was acting according to law, had no misgivings concerning the outcome of Mr. Biddle's investigation," Hillman said. The probe was based on charges by labor-hating Rep. Howard W. Smith (D. Va.) that the CIO committee was violating the Smith-Connally act.

"Exoneration by Mr. Biddle and the FBI," Hillman said, "gives the lie to those reactionary and anti-labor elements who sought to impede the lawful efforts of the CIO Political Action Committee to call for registration of voters and to place the issues before the electorate so that they may participate intelliis blind, yet he runs a bore- gently in the affairs of the na-

## Saved His Life 'Ace in the Hole'

The story of a life-saving "ace in the hole" was told here recently when Boatswain's Mate James Stalker of Albany visited the Schenectady Red Cross Blood Donor Service to see the source of the plasma which saved his life on Guadalcanal.

When Stalker's ship was torpedoed off the coast of that embattled isle, he and his mates were forced to the island, but landed unfortunately on the Japanese-held side. With hand a riding license at Jamacia, grenades they held the enemy New York. off, and Stalker eventually woke up in an American hospital.

"When I woke up they were giving it to me, shot after shot, seven pints in all. I never expected to come out of it alive and asked the doctors to send my ring home. But they told me they had an 'ace in the hole'. That ace was blood plasma."

## Look Behind You, Rep. Martin Dies

PORT NECHES, Tex.-(FP)-No wonder Rep. Martin Dies (D) is preved at the CIO.

The same day the polltaxer hurled accusations at the CIO Political Action Committee, his constituents here voted overtions of the Ideas for Victory whelmingly in favor of the Oil program show. In the first five Workers Intl. Union (CIO) to months of its existence, the pro- represent them in collective bargaining with the B. F. Goodreh

> The NLRB election indicated by a 290 to 9 vote that workers in Dies' district, which includes Port Neches, Port Arthur and Beaumont, are not at all impressed by Dies' anti-CIO pro-nouncements. The CIO, incidentally, has under contract every major refinery, as well as many production and pipeline units, in Dies' district.

> > **BUY WAR BONDS**

T. Frederick

Ben Borgy is back to work after a recent illness. Our one and only, Lillian Demis, has been on the sick list

Bernie Jankowski, says he really isn't as ugly as he pretends to be, he is just trying to

act like a foreman. Steve Madej took a day off to see his son off to join Uncle Sam's Navy. We wish Frankie Madej the best of luck and a speedy return.

home in N. Y. C. We sure will Mike (cold feet) Mone lost that big smile the other day. We wonder why?

Ed. Slovack is selling fishing

correction from the last paper, Ann McKennon was the lucky one to receive a dozen of who sponsored a motion to start eggs free and not Josephine each meeting of Local 301 by Loftus. (So, so sorry).

The new girl in the Dept. is Thelma Toman. (How do you imously.

that is so strong it makes him dizzy to smoke it. Al Rater was Earl Copeland, Arthur Orzalli trying to borrow it the other day to save the price of a keg of

There's a new game going on Smith's weight within 5 lbs., and win a war bond. I wonder who started it and would like to \_make a guess too.

Bea Wall informs us she spent her whole bonus check for a home. It sure was a long winter slack suit to wear to work. for her. (Very becoming to Bea).

Harriett Nye is all smiles these days. We wonder if that piece of ice is the reason? We hear Freddie (Jockey) Baker has made application for

Building 10A—

Rose Carbone - Carol Bucholski Welcome the following girls to 10A Stockroom who are transferred from Campbell Avenue plant. Vivian Droscz, Wilson, Eleanor Jones, Dorothy Loeper. They will work in SR4. Sorry to hear that Marion Waite is in the hospital. She was

Marco-was-certainly-surprised and happy when she found her brother Corporal Stephen De-Marco would be home for a ten day furlough.

Welcome back Rudy Palmer, who has been out sick since

Carol Bucholski is certainly doing her bit at the blood donors. Carol has donated blood seven

Joseph Potak who was slightly injured is getting along fine. Jennie Feeney of SR4 is leaving us this week to make her

Shop Committeeman—Bldg. 269 Third Shift — Herman Polachek

miss her.

Congratulations to our efficient committeeman Salvatore Sammo pledging allegiance to the flag of our country. It passed unan-

We were pleased to see some Ken Goodberlett has a pipe old friends sworn in as committeemen in Bldg. 269. They were and Serafino Tiscione.

Two members of 301 working on the 3rd shift were married March 15th. The happy couple in the shop. It's to guess Herm was Frances O. Daverio and Phil Rogers. We wish them much

> Now that the roads are open again Agnes O'Brien, the Ticonteroga Flash is planning a trip

The mother of Sal Sammo passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

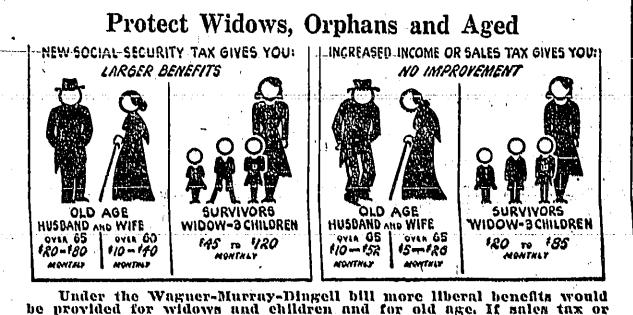
Your reporter attended the initial meeting of the Wage Adjustment Committee and urges everyone to support the pro-

Josephine Lucas has left the 3rd shift for the 1st. Her husband received a honorable discharge from the Army because of injuries.

Carmen Agosta (the champ) was recently appointed leader in Garrison, Frances Colcar, Clara the chemical room. Good luck

The husband of Filomena Civittello died on March 23rd. operated on for appendicts. Hope Our sympathy to Mrs. Civittello she gets well soon. Josie De- and her children.

Give a Pint of Blood Joday!



Under the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill more liberal benefits would be provided for widows and children and for old age. If sales tax or high income tax is enacted instead, there will be no increase in benefits under present social security laws. (Amount of benefit differs according to number of dependents and wage received by worker.)

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