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Local No. 1

Your President, Business Manager and Executive Board would like to extend to all their brothers and their loved ones a healthy and happy New Year (we hope it's a prosperous one, too). Our special prayers and good wishes go to the sons and brothers who are serving in our Armed Forces at this time, both here and abroad. They are striving to hold together and protect our democratic ways as well as safeguard the democracy of others. (God keep them safe.) When we stop to realize what these boys have to sacrifice for our well-being, there is quite a moral lesson to be learned by us all. They have learned to ask what they can do for their country, not what can be done for them.

In a way the building trades are confronted with a similar problem. When the brothers of each individual local can think and act as our men in uniform, the fruits of their labor shall come in abundance. For a union is only as strong as its members profess themselves. Gripping and moaning is healthy but when the bread and butter issues are at hand, we should all pull together (not a tug of war).

Quite a few brothers have pitted their skill against wildlife this past hunting season and have done quite well, I might add. The Lediger brothers, Joe and Bill, brought down a spiked fawn with an elephant gun. There won't be enough hide left for a pair of gloves so I guess we'll have to forget that venison dinner, promised by Brother Joe. I won't even mention Brother Karl Stork's achievements in the wooded areas (Big White Hunter! Ha). Hold on brothers, all is not lost. Prospective Brother, Mike Clifford, bagged a four point buck, on his first attempt. Good

shooting, Mike. Stop popping the buttons off your vest, Papa Nick, Mike did all the shooting. All I can say is wait till next year, Karl.



Brother Tom Walsh, our Day Secretary and ex-pro fighter, officiated the main bout at Shea Stadium, between Emile Griffith and Nino Benvenuti. Tom's past experience in the ring (fast feet) came in handy. Tom has talents on the dance floor as well, although there half the credit goes to his better half, Bea. Here is one of the many trophies Brother Tom will have to add to his collection. (Snapshot Album). Keep that spring in your steps, Tom.

Here are the names of a few of our brothers who are on the sick list. Brother (Red) Oscar Odsen, formerly of Westinghouse construction, suffered a heart attack, and passed away on Dec. 11. George Tangel of Westinghouse construction is convalescing from a broken foot received on the job. He is at Smithtown General Hospital, Smithtown, N.Y. Brother Bob Kiernan of Westinghouse construction is recovering from a bad fall he had on the job at 140 Broad Street. He is now at Downtown Beekman Hospital. Brother Bob is coming along slowly but surely, but he should be there quite a while. Bob, I wish it were the thumb and

shackle bit I was writing about and not this. Brother Joe Demarest of Armor Elevator is hospitalized with an injured back at Elmhurst General Hospital, L.I. Brother Bill Abrams of Bloomfield, N.J. (Otis Maintenance) is at Doctors Hospital, East End Avenue at Eighty-Second Street. I'm sure the brothers would appreciate any visit or card from those who know them. If you happen to be in any of the above areas, drop in and pass a few pleasant moments with them. Candy is in order, no hardstuff though. (They have to lose weight.) We wish to express a speedy recovery to Ed. Smith's wife, Hilda, Local No. 1, former representative to Phila., now assistant to the Int'l President and Editor of our monthly magazine. Brother Ed., hurry up and get Hilda back on her feet where she belongs. Brother Jerry Regan's hip is coming along fine. He is our chief Accountant and all around office man. It won't be long before he drops the crutch and is ready to take on all comers in a foot race. Good luck. Once again, your correspondent would like to wish you all the very best for the holidays.

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