

LOCAL ROUNDUP

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Local No. 1

Greetings from the Big Apple:

Last week during the snow storm, myself and another mechanic were the only two (2) to make it in. While we were working I had the misfortune of spinning out and plowing into a snowbank and causing the front end of my car to go out of alignment. When confronting the supervisor about who will pay for the alignment, he said "IT'S YOUR CAR." It is bad enough that we are getting underpaid for the use of our cars, but to pay for hazardous situations such as aforementioned is ridiculous. This job hazard such as driving in snow storms and having your car vandalized while on the job in bad areas should be the manufacturers responsibility between the hours of eight (8) and five (5) and on night calls. The car that we are using is basically at their total disposal. Think about it Brothers, most of us are paying approximately \$500.00 a year for insurance if we drive in New York City. This is over \$40.00 a month (\$10.00 a week) that we pay just so that the company can use our car. The 15.5 cents a mile does not cover it. As a matter of fact Stu, the Correspondent from Local No. 6 Pittsburgh said that it cost on an average of over 30 cents a mile to operate cars. We are definitely getting the wrong end of the stick. This should be corrected in the next contract.

Speaking of the contract, **WHAT DO YOU WANT?** With all the problems we have been having with checks being mailed, I think that one (1) of the stipulations in the next contract is that the service department should have the option of having their checks hand delivered. **THIS IS A MUST.** I am sure that contract talks will be coming up in the near future. so send your thoughts to the Business Agents and make sure the manufacturers hear about them.

Deleted from last months article because the pictures were not developed was Nick Stanton Jr.'s Testimonial Dinner. Nick was presented



with a plaque by Ray Bender and Ed Seibert along with Business Agents Karl Stork and John Green. Nick has embarked as a salesman with Burlington Elevators, still maintaining his card with Local No. 1, with hopes he will create more work for his Brothers. Also, included with this article is a couple of pictures from the Armor party, the first being our worthy Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Macchia



serenading the guests with his magic violin. The second picture is the three most important guys at the party, our three bartenders.



Ed Noble Card No. 143 dropped a line to convey his thanks to all the Otis East Orange and the Hoffman LaRoche men for the many visits after his recent stroke and the collection they took up. Eddie is now walking with a cane, but his left arm is coming along slowly.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: I received a post card again from Knobby Walsh down in beautiful, sunny, warm Florida. Knobby and Jack Wil-

son see each other often and send their regards to the gang in Local No. 1. P.S. Knobby came through his operation with flying colors. . . . Again the Tradesmen Fraternal Association is in the spotlight. Big John Walsh is running the Tradesmen's third annual fishing trip, Saturday, May 20, 1978. The bus will leave Gans Bar on 93rd St. between First and Second Avenue in Manhattan at midnight. The bus will make one other stop on the southwest corner of the eastbound service road on Route 110 at approximately 1:15 A.M. We will be fishing off Montauk Point from the Viking Star, a brand new large boat. The price is \$30.00 which includes bus, beer, boat and soda. The Captain of the Viking Star said that Cod and snow shoe flounders should be biting in abundance. Send check and reservations to John Walsh, 309 East 93rd Street, New York, New York 10028, no later than May 7, 1978. . . . While in the Local V.F.W. Post last week I ran into another Gold Carder, Eddie (McGoo) McLaughlin. Eddie retired after twenty-five years in the business after sustaining a knee injury and he would like to say hello to his grandchildren through the Constructor. . . . Speaking of Gold Carders, one of the most dedicated Gold Carders I have seen is Brother Bill Fleming. Bill's first union card which he is proud to display at the meetings is a second quarter dues card from the year 1921. Unlike the majority of the membership, Bill rarely misses a union meeting.

That's it for this month Brothers and remember that safety is everybody's business and safety meetings should be held on a monthly basis.

Fraternally yours,

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