



LOCAL ROUNDUP

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Local No. 1

Dear Brothers,

When I returned home tonight after an extremely hard day, I was greeted at the door by my wife, not only with a hug and kiss, but with the latest copy of the **ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTOR**. Being this was my first article printed, needless to say, I was quite excited. So between the cream corn and the stuffing, I anxiously read the **CONSTRUCTOR** just to see what I said. It was extremely repetitious.

The unemployment situation has not gotten better, and from all the news around town we will never see a construction boom like we experienced in the past ten years. However, there are some jobs breaking in the near future—for example Otis has won the contract on the new Port Authority terminal on West 41st Street and Eighth Avenue. There is a whole load of new escalators going in and after the new terminal is completed, I understand they are going to tear out the escalators in the old terminal and put new ones in there. Also there is a modernization job breaking up in New York Hospital which involves about nine units. But these jobs alone will not cure our unemployment problem. Again I ask, Brothers, to keep your eyes open for renovation work going on in your area and call each job no matter how small. While on the subject of unemployment, at the last meeting B. A. Greene, during his report, informed the Brothers who are *Veterans* that if they have no income whatsoever and have exhausted all other benefits (Unemployment and Welfare), they might be eligible for Veterans' assistance. Veterans, you may receive as much as \$290.00 per month. If you think you might qualify, consult the Veterans Administration which is located at 346 Broadway in downtown Manhattan and I'm sure they will be more than willing to help you—that's what they are there for. Also, if you can't meet your

bills don't dodge your bill collectors—there are a lot of people in the same boat as you. Call your banker or the holder of your loans and explain the situation. They probably will let you just pay the interest until you get back on your feet.

There was a bill introduced in the House of Representatives which would have allowed construction workers to picket job sites in case they had a grievance with one of the sub-contractors. This bill was defeated in the House by a close margin I'm sorry to say. If it were passed, it could have been a very important tool in the hands of our union. Brothers, the Construction vote is a very important vote and our representatives, both Democratic and Republican, probably did not take our feelings into consideration, so therefore we should return the favor by not taking their feelings into consideration when November rolls around and they want our vote. I hope by next month I will have a list of the vote record on this bill and I will pass the record on to you so

A REMINDER TO CORRESPONDENTS

Help us to get news of your local to I.U.E.C. brothers, and get it there faster.

All correspondence should be in the International Office by the **FIRST** day of the preceding month to appear in the current issue of *The Elevator Constructor*. Copy should be typed, double spaced and on one side of the paper only.

Keep articles to about 600 words. Due to space limitations, it is sometimes necessary to delete portions of articles, but we try to do this without destroying the continuity of the article. Photos will be used when space permits.

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you can refer to it November the 8th when you go to the voting booths.

The Otis Elevator Co. in the New York region is having mini meetings, where the officers of the region come to each office and have what I call a rap session. After short speeches and progress reports by several of the officers there was a question and answer period. One of the questions asked was since the Membership of Local #1 elected to reduce the modernization rate down to repair rate, has it had any bearing on Otis becoming competitive in the bidding of modernization jobs? The answer was a resounding YES. It seems that the Big O is bending over backwards to sign these jobs and the new rate is certainly a shot in the arm for both the companies and the union. If there are more modernization jobs sold, ninety percent of the time the manufacturer picks up the maintenance and repairs. So the residuals of the modernization work will also create more employment in the service departments as well.

I join the Officers and members of this local in sending our condolences to the family of Brother James Laing who passed away on February 28th. Brother Laing's last job was the Ebbets Field housing before retiring in 1963. Jim called everyone "SAM" and that was his trademark.

By the time you receive the *Constructor*, the nominations will have been held and you will probably be receiving campaign literature shortly. I would like at this point to stress how important your vote is to the candidates of your choice. Do not overlook this election by saying he's going to be a shoe-in. Get out and vote—remember last election—There were almost fifteen hundred votes cast and there were still two ties and we had to have a runoff election. So for your candidate **YOUR VOTE** is his most important vote.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE—Well, Tradesmen Fraternal Association—you've done it again! The St. Patrick's Day Dance was beautiful and a

smashing success. Everything from the cocktail hour to the dinner, not to mention the service and the lack of lengthy speeches. Our maitred'—Jim Reilly—was superb in his timely remarks while introducing the VIPS and the award presented to him by the president, Ray Bender, for his work in the Tradesmen was long overdue. My family and friends thank you for an extremely enjoyable evening . . . Who said Old elevator men fade away? Not according to Hank O'Day. Hank, who is in his EIGHTY-FIRST year is still enjoying bowling in a league in Massapequa every week, and what gets me is I can't even shine his shoes in that department. He has an average of 165. Keep up the good work, Hank, and show that Larry Reilly where it's at . . . I would like at this time to say thank you to that *Six Pack* from Westinghouse and the *Trouble Shooter* from Armor for giving the *Fine American*, me, a shout on the old C.B. while driving into work. It shows you that you never know when Big Brother is listening.

That's it for this month, Brothers, and in signing off I would just like to say WORK SAFELY and start putting out those tomato plants.

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Fraternally,

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