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Local No. 1

Greetings from the City with problems:

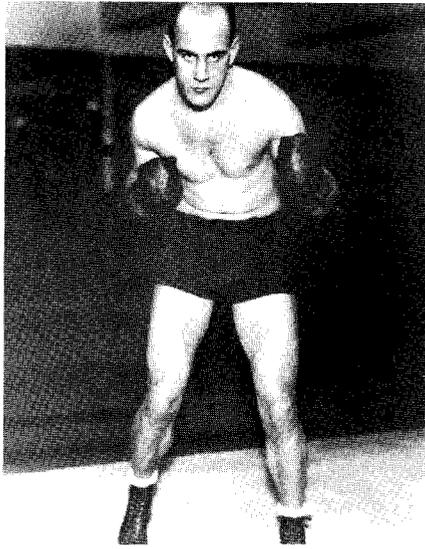
In the midst of city worker layoffs; wage freezes; strikes, service cutbacks; the rise in prices, taxes, subway fare, tolls, gasoline, and in the heat of the summer, on August 2nd., the membership ratified our contract. We received a \$2.40 package, of which \$2.00 will be in the envelope over the course of the three year contract. Also, the raise was retroactive to July 1st.

The contract was overwhelmingly accepted by better than a 4 to 1 margin. It was based on a 6% increase of the construction package, across the board, which gave the serviceman over 7% per year.

This month the sick list includes John Donleavy, Phil Wiemers, Kime Asprey, John McSweeney, Eddie Carroll, Vic Citrolo, John Zeimetz, Charlie Leeds, Don Smith, Karl Drehwing, Eugene Derrick, George Peterson, Bill Lutz, Bob Bottomley, Rudy Kaser, Tom Cullen, Tom Coleman, Walter Bilski, Jack Caci, Artie Mandick, Kurt Guthy, Charles Wiebalch, Dan Haggarty, Ed Cordle, Bob Muller, John Linitz, Bob Gillis, Joe Crystal, Vinny Campbell, Tom Sabel, Bob Schoener, Bob Funk, George Reuter and Tom Young.

The following brothers have passed away in recent months: Al Ericson, Charles E. Hammrel, John J. Walsh and Albert Criado. Our condolences to their family and friends.

Our Day Secretary, Tom Walsh, is retiring in his 47th year in the elevator business and his 13th year on the Executive Board. Tom was a boxer in his younger days, as you can see in the photo. He was amateur welterweight champ of New York State and later as a pro, middleweight champ of Bronx County for two years. Tom lost a disputed decision at Madison Square Garden to Bob Olin, who later won the light-heavyweight championship



Tom Walsh during "the good old days."

from Maxie Rosenbloom. A referee with the New York State Boxing Commission for the past 25 years, Tom refereed the Nino Benvenuto vs. Emil Griffith bout at Shea Stadium.

Besides his Union, boxing and refereeing careers, Tom and his lovely wife, Bea, are professional ballroom dancers. Enjoy your retirement, Tom, and good luck.

Brother Pete Ward is on disability retirement. Pete was on the Board of Trustees and was Local #1 correspondent in the 1960's. He was always respected as a stand up Union man and we wish him the best of luck.

I hear Tom Hawthorne also retired recently.

A challenge! Artie Miller, Jr. of the Otis Bronx office claims the maintenance and repair men in the Bronx have a "pretty good" softball team and "might" even beat the Dirty Dozen of Brooklyn.

Phil Wiemers would like to thank the Brothers who helped him in a time of need, especially Joe McCall. Phil is recuperating from a knee operation and has complications.

The new annuity address is Benefit Services, Suite 800, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York 10004. Telephone: 344-7114.

Forgot to mention. Joe and Debbie Kelly had a baby girl, Dawn Frances, on May 9th. Congratulations!

Back in May, Brother Don Winkle, Business Representative and Correspondent of Local #14, Buffalo, asked in his article that all New York State elevator constructors write to their State Legislators in an effort to amend the New York State Elevator Code. At present, the code covers only factories and mercantile buildings. Some cities in the State have no elevator inspection laws including some in our jurisdiction. Please write to your legislator at Legislative Office Building, State Capitol, Albany, New York 12224. Urge him to press for a change in the New York State Industrial Code Rule #8 to include all elevators in the State.

Ed Dempsey

P. S. Local #1 would like to thank Ed Ference, Local #17, Cleveland, for his words of confidence at a time of uncertainty.

A REMINDER TO CORRESPONDENTS

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