



# LOCAL ROUNDUP

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**BROTHERS:** Greetings from the Big Apple:

I would like to start off this month's article by putting in a complaint to you. After being correspondent for seven (7) months and always talking about the Dirty Dozen and other subjects close to my work in Brooklyn, I would think that you Brothers would be a little tired of hearing about this, but obviously nobody is, because I have not received any information to put in the journal for quite awhile. So if you do have anything, please don't hesitate to drop me a line. I would definitely appreciate it.

With the vacations upon us, it appears to me that the manufacturers don't want to spend any excess money and they are stripping the repair and construction departments to fill in for maintenance men's vacations. The excuse is they could not find any qualified men who can fit into the maintenance department. This I stressed in last month's article and I will again dwell on it this month. The union school year is rapidly approaching, and this would be a very good opportunity for Helpers and Mechanics as well to catch up on phases of the business they missed while staying in one (1) elevator department in their elevator career. Each facet of the business has its own particular specialties but an all around mechanic schooled in trouble shooting as well as stacking rails and throwing on a new set of hoist ropes will never go without a job. The union school has come a long way since its origin and has branched out from construction lay-outs to repair work and in depth trouble shooting and wire tracing. It's a crying shame with all the unemployment in the Big Apple that the manufacturers' complaint is: they could not find the qualified mechanics to cover for maintenance men's vacations. As you see from the pictures, the union school is a joint effort of union and management. It takes only a few hours of your time each week to attend the classes at

Mechanics Institute and the education that you get, can only help and not hinder you, during the duration of your elevator career. The teachers in the union school are a group of dedicated men who are out to help make your job easier through education.

I am sure that most of you know that the housing men have voted to disenfranchise from the I.U.E.C. and have gone with Local 237 of the Teamsters. It's a shame that the Brothers have voted this way and I am sure they will be very sorry for this vote because they have now grouped themselves in the same Local with porters, garbage men and handy men. This trade, which is technical and diversified, should never lower its ideal and allow itself to be grouped with unskilled labor.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A belated happy birthday is in order to Harry Sandman. Harry turned 75 on June 18th and is still bouncing around Wantaugh . . . During the celebration of this great country's 201st birthday, the Shriners came to town to help the Big Apple celebrate. They marched down Broadway in all their regalia and color to put the icing on the 201st birthday cake. Happy Birthday America, may we live for 200 more years.

In closing, I would like to add **STAY ALERT AND STAY ALIVE.**

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