Local 157 Union Hall 610 N. 13th Street 1952-1971

Above - Meeting Minutes announcing visit from Durkin and other officers from the U.A.

Photo taken during Grand Opening of Union Hall.

The Marble Plaque pictured above which hung just to the right of the front door now stands at the entrance of the Welding Shop at the Union Hall on Milner Ave.

1952 Grand Opening
157 Headquarters/Hall
610 N. 3rd Street Terre Haute Indiana

(Standing/Front) - Leslie E. Dilg, James Switalski
(Standing/Back) - Joseph Crawford, Martin P. Durkin, James McCoskey, Grover Osborn, and Joseph F. Monahan

Top Left - South side of Union Hall looking North.
Bottom Left - Rear view of Union Hall
Above - Front view of Union Hall

Top Left - Basement of Local Union Hall
Top Right - One of the offices. Picture taken at the Grand Opening 1952
Bottom Left - Betty Clark (Secretary) Grover Osborn (BM), Roger V. Mansard (BA)

Above-Street level interior of Union Hall
Right-basement level of Union Hall

Regular Meeting July 3, 1951.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 with Bro. Joe Crawford in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

M. & S. That the report of committees be accepted.
Motion carried

M. & S. That Bro. Grover Osborn be delegated to attend the 60th Annual Convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor at Indianapolis Indiana, August 12, 1951.
Motion carried

M. & S. That the applications of William T. Furry, L. F. Cleveland, O. K. Love, O. H. Edwards, A. F. Hankins, Jr. T. Hite, Jr., & Brice be turned over to the executive board.
Motion carried

The following brothers were inducted in the L. U. at this meeting, and were given the pledge by Bro. James Wyatt. Edgar Highshaw, Carl E. Sparr, Judd Watson.

M. & S. That the report of the executive board be accepted. Motioned by Bro. Hardin and seconded by Bro. James Taylor.
Motion Lost

M. & S. That the executive board be instructed to reconsider and approve the $500.00 expense for delegates to the U. A. Convention. Motion made by Bro. William Edwards and seconded by Bro. Kennedy.
Motion carried

M. & S. That the body will not approve the $50.00 limit on donations and charity. Motion made by Bro. Faulkenstein seconded by Bro. Guy Weeks.
Motion Lost

M. & S. That the four (4) weeks sick benifits be allowed Bro. Jeanne Dreland.
Motion carried

M. & S. That we appoint a committee to investigate the building of a new home for the L. U. 157.
Motion carried

M. & S. That Bros. Osborn and Crawford head this committee and form the committee.

Bro. Kay announced be collected $900.00 for the benifit of Bro. Robinson and wife.

M. & S. That we adjourn with out form at 7:50.
Motion carried

S. S. T.
Bus. Rep'y

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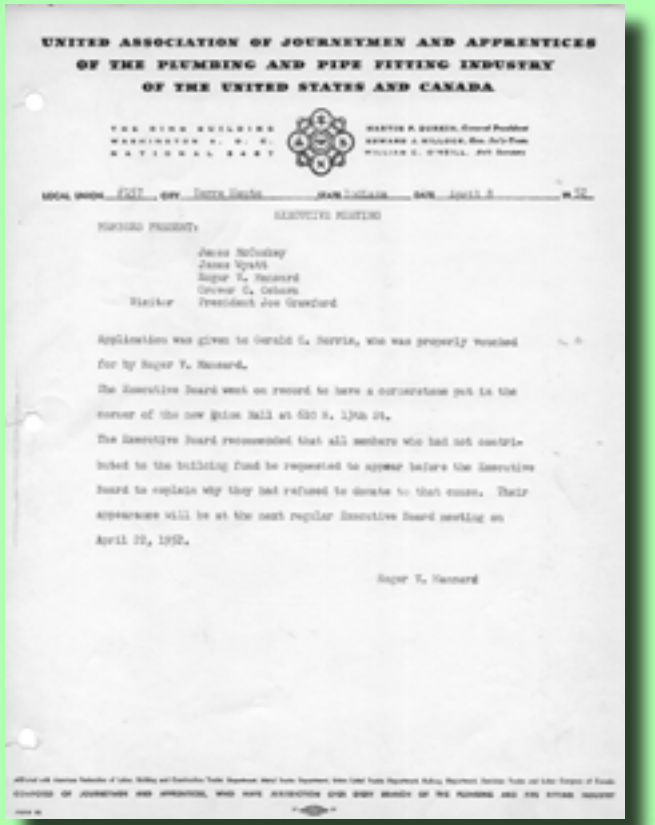


UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

THE KING BUILDING
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.
NATIONAL 8-4847

MARTIN P. BURKE, General President
EDWARD J. MILLIGAN, Gen. Sec'y-Treas.
WILLIAM C. O'NEILL, Asst. General

LOCAL UNION 157 CITY Terre Haute STATE Indiana DATE April 8 19 52

EXECUTIVE MEETING

MEETING PRESENT:

James McCloskey
James Wyatt
Roger V. Hazzard
Grover C. Osborn
Visitor President Joe Crawford

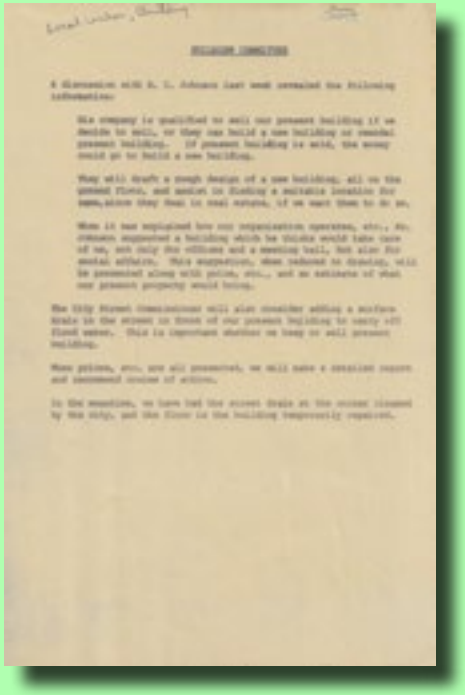
Application was given to Gerald C. Norris, who was properly vouched for by Roger V. Hazzard.

The Executive Board went on record to have a cornerstone put in the corner of the new Union Hall at 610 N. 13th St.

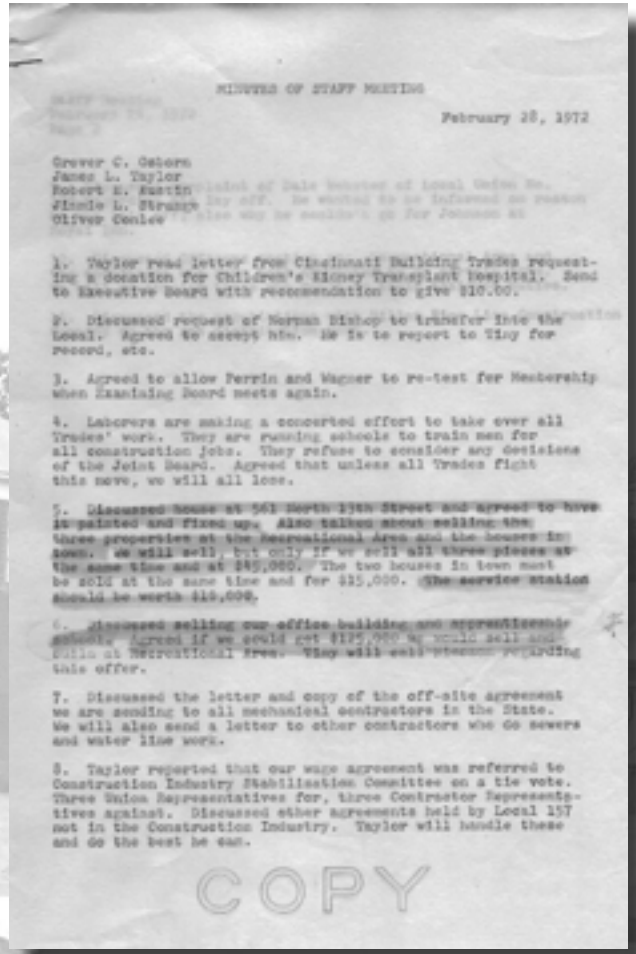
The Executive Board recommended that all members who had not contributed to the building fund be requested to appear before the Executive Board to explain why they had refused to donate to that cause. Their appearance will be at the next regular Executive Board meeting on April 22, 1952.

Roger V. Hazzard

Left - 157 Regular Meeting Minutes July 3, 1951 Motion made to appoint a committee to investigate “The building of a new home for L. U. 157”
Right - Executive Board Meeting April 8, 1952 suggesting that a “Corner Stone” be placed in the corner of the new building at 610 N. 13th Street. (No information is available concerning a “Corner Stone” being found when that building was demolished) Apparently, at that time plans were being made to build a new Union Hall at that address. The decision was later made to remodel the existing building.



Left - Regular Meeting Minutes March 4, 1966 - Motion made for Osborn and Taylor to make down payment on property North of Union Hall at 601 S. 13th St.
Center - Special Meeting of the Executive Board February 8, 1966 - Approval of partial payment for property at 1228 Spruce Street.
Right - Local 157 Building Committee Report listing options for building a new Hall at present address or buying property and building new Meeting Hall.



MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING

February 28, 1972

Grover C. Osborn
James L. Taylor
Robert E. Austin
Jimmie L. Strange
Oliver Conlee

1. Taylor read letter from Cincinnati Building Trades requesting a donation for Children's Kidney Transplant Hospital. Send to Executive Board with recommendation to give $10.00.

2. Discussed request of Norman Bishop to transfer into the Local. Agreed to accept him. He is to report to Tiny for record, etc.

3. Agreed to allow Perrin and Wagner to re-test for Membership when Examining Board meets again.

4. Laborers are making a concerted effort to take over all Trades' work. They are running schools to train men for all construction jobs. They refuse to consider any decisions of the Joint Board. Agreed that unless all Trades fight this move, we will all lose.

5. Discussed house at 561 North 13th Street and agreed to have it painted and fixed up. Also talked about selling the three properties at the Recreational Area and the houses in town. We will sell, but only if we sell all three pieces at the same time and at $45,000. The two houses in town must be sold at the same time and for $35,000. The service station should be worth $10,000.

6. Discussed selling our office building and appurtenances [illegible] Agreed if we could get $125,000 we would sell same [illegible] at Recreational Area. They will call Stanton regarding this offer.

7. Discussed the letter and copy of the off-site agreement we are sending to all mechanical contractors in the State. We will also send a letter to other contractors who do sewers and water line work.

8. Taylor reported that our wage agreement was referred to Construction Industry Stabilization Committee on a tie vote. Three Union Representatives for, three Contractor Representatives against. Discussed other agreements held by Local 157 not in the Construction Industry. Taylor will handle these and do the best he can.

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The photo above shows one of the properties owned by Local 157 purchased most likely as rentals during their years at 610 N. 13th Street. To the right are the minutes of a staff meeting held in February, 1972 discussing the prospects of selling the 3 properties located in Terre Haute including the Gas Station pictured above and at the new location on Milner Avenue

N. 13th Street
Terre Haute

Brother Durkin poses with Local 157 members during the Grand Opening of the N. 13th Street Union Hall.
Brother Durkin and Charter Member Brother Jentz (right).

Martin B. Durkin

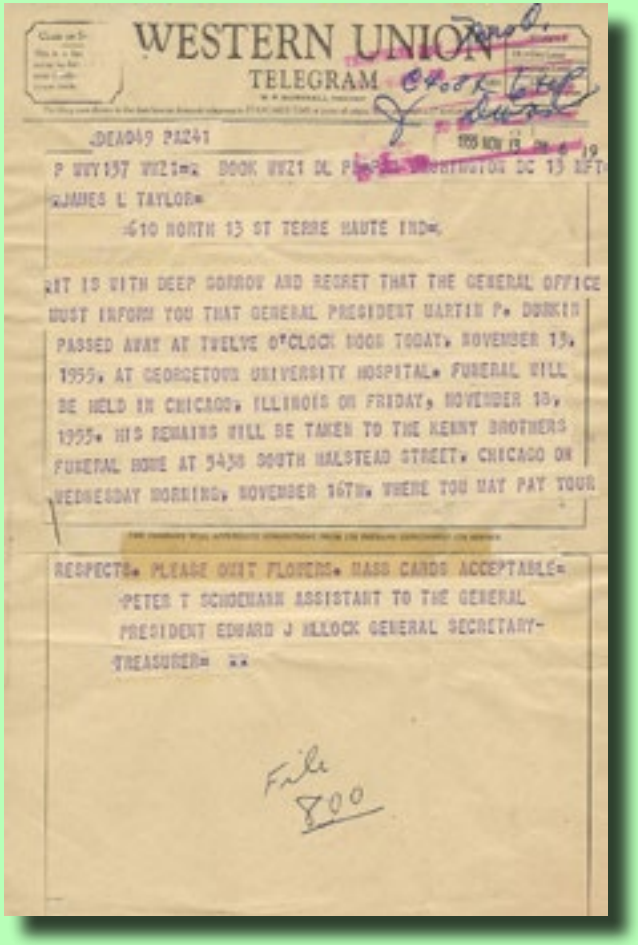
Martin B. Durkin
General President United Association

In 1911, at the age of seventeen, Durkin became a steamfitter's apprentice; he would go on to fight as a private in the First World War. In 1921, he was elected business manager of Steamfitters Local 597, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada, also known as UA, a post he held until 1933. Henry Horner, the Democratic governor of Illinois, recruited Durkin to be state director of labor (1933-1941). In this capacity, Durkin introduced a number of reforms, including a state unemployment benefit, a state labor mediation service, and minimum work safety legislation; he was also an advocate of minimum wage/maximum hour regulations. Durkin would also serve as president of the International Association of Governmental Labor Officials, or IAGLO, from 1933 to 1955. In 1941, he resigned his state position to become secretary-treasurer (1941-43) and later president (1943) of the UA. During World War II, he was a member of the National War Labor Board, and in 1951, he became a member of Defense Mobilization Board and National Security Resources Board under President Harry S. Truman.

Martin Durkin was secretary of labor under President Eisenhower from January 21, 1953, to October 8, 1953. President-elect Eisenhower sought an inclusive cabinet with a trade unionist in charge of labor relations, yet his appointment of Durkin to the post of labor secretary was fraught with trouble. The President's cabinet came to be known throughout Washington as "*Nine (9) Millionaires and a Plumber*". Once in office, Durkin tried to rescind portions of the Taft-Hartley Act requiring loyalty oaths from union officials and open shops.

He had initially convinced Eisenhower to abide by his plan, but during a delay caused by the death of Senator Robert Taft, Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks changed Eisenhower's mind. Durkin resigned after less than eight months on the job, denouncing Eisenhower for going back on his word. Durkin died after surgery for a brain tumor in 1955.[1]

1 UVA Miller Center, University of Virginia, 2022, U.S. Presidents/Dwight D. Eisenhower, MARTIN P. DURKIN (1953)



WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

DEA049 PA241

P WUY157 WUZ1=

JAMES L TAYLOR=

610 NORTH 13 ST TERRE HAUTE IND=

IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW AND REGRET THAT THE GENERAL OFFICE MUST INFORM YOU THAT GENERAL PRESIDENT MARTIN P. DURKIN PASSED AWAY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON TODAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1955, AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. FUNERAL WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1955. HIS REMAINS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE KENNY BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME AT 5438 SOUTH HALSTEAD STREET, CHICAGO ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16TH, WHERE YOU MAY PAY YOUR RESPECTS. PLEASE OMIT FLOWERS. MASS CARDS ACCEPTABLE=

PETER T SCHOEMANN ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL PRESIDENT EDWARD J HILLOCK GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER= ##

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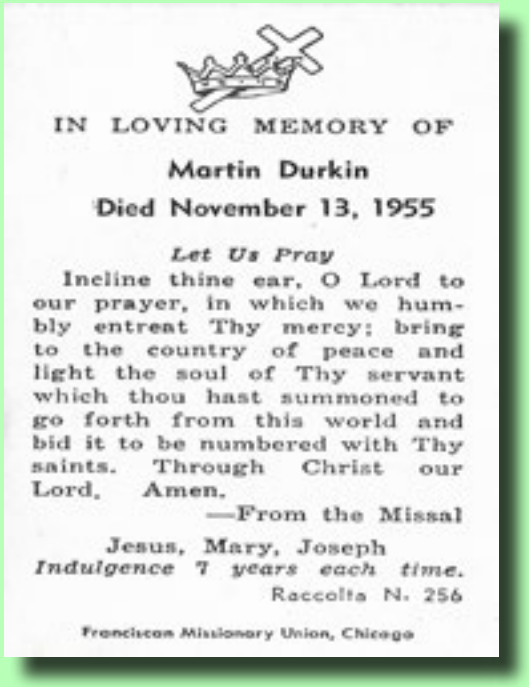


IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Martin Durkin

Died November 13, 1955

Let Us Pray

Incline thine ear, O Lord to our prayer, in which we humbly entreat Thy mercy; bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant which thou hast summoned to go forth from this world and bid it to be numbered with Thy saints. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

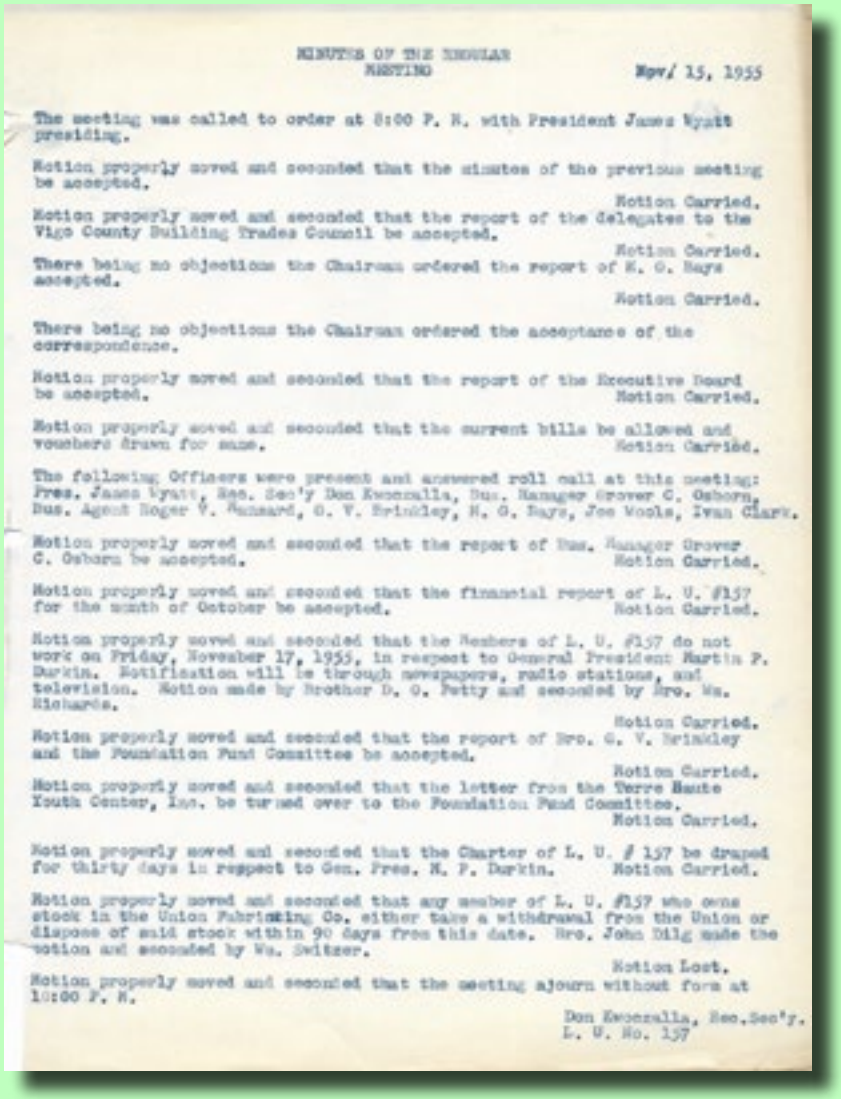
—From the Missal

Jesus, Mary, Joseph
Indulgence 7 years each time.
Raccolta N. 256

Franciscan Missionary Union, Chicago

Above - printed card expressing prayer passed out to those attending the service for Brother Durkin.

Top Left - Western Union Telegram received by Local 157 announcing the death of brother Durkin. "*It is with deep sorrow and regret that the General Office must inform you that General President Martin P. Durkin passed away at twelve o'clock noon today, November 13, 1955 at Georgetown University Hospital. Funeral will be held in Chicago, Illinois on Friday, November 19, 1955. His remains will be taken to the Kenn Brothers Funeral Home at 5438 South Halstead Street, Chicago on Wednesday morning, November 16th where you may pay your respects. Please omit flowers, Mass Cards acceptable.*"
Signed- Peter T Schoemann Assistant to the General President, Edward J Hillock General Secretary/Treasurer



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING — Nov. 15, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. with President James Wyatt presiding.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the report of the delegates to the Vigo County Building Trades Council be accepted. Motion Carried.

There being no objections the Chairman ordered the report of H. G. Hays accepted. Motion Carried.

There being no objections the Chairman ordered the acceptance of the correspondence.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the report of the Executive Board be accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the current bills be allowed and vouchers drawn for same. Motion Carried.

The following Officers were present and answered roll call at this meeting: Pres. James Wyatt, Rec. Sec'y Don Kwocralla, Bus. Manager Grover C. Osborn, Bus. Agent Roger V. Maynard, G. V. Brinkley, H. G. Hays, Joe Woods, Ivan Clark.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the report of Bus. Manager Grover C. Osborn be accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the financial report of L. U. #157 for the month of October be accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the Members of L. U. #157 do not work on Friday, November 17, 1955, in respect to General President Martin P. Durkin. Notification will be through newspapers, radio stations, and television. Motion made by Brother D. O. Petty and seconded by Bro. Wm. Richards. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the report of Bro. G. V. Brinkley and the Foundation Fund Committee be accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the letter from the Terre Haute Youth Center, Inc. be turned over to the Foundation Fund Committee. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the Charter of L. U. # 157 be draped for thirty days in respect to Gen. Pres. M. P. Durkin. Motion Carried.

Motion properly moved and seconded that any member of L. U. #157 who owns stock in the Union Fabricating Co. either take a withdrawal from the Union or dispose of said stock within 90 days from this date. Bro. John Dilg made the motion and seconded by Wm. Switzer. Motion Lost.

Motion properly moved and seconded that the meeting ajourn without form at 10:00 P. M.

Don Kwocralla, Rec.Sec'y.
L. U. No. 157

Draped Charter in remembrance of Brother Durkin

To the left is a page from the Meeting Minute Book from November 15, 1955 stating that a *"Motion moved and seconded that the members of Local 157 do not work on Friday, November 17, 1955, in respect to General President Martin P. Durkin."* Also, *"Motion properly made and seconded that the Charter of L. U. #157 be draped for thirty days in respect to Gen. Pres. M. P. Durkin"*. Brother Durkin had passed away that week.

Apprentice Training Building
behind 157 Union Hall N. 13th Street.

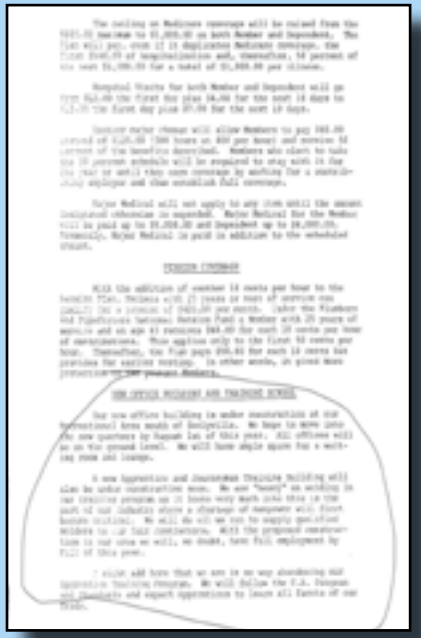
Local 157 original Apprentice Building
610 N. 13th St. Terre Haute, Indiana 2022

This Marble Plaque hung on the right side of the pedestrian entrance to the Apprentice Building.
As of the date of this entry, the plaque has not been located and is thought to have been discarded.

Interior of Welding School, Apprentice Building
N. 13th Street, Terre Haute

8801 E. Milner Ave.
Terre Haute, Indiana
1971- Present

Left - Quarterly Report informing members that Roger Mansard had found some property to possibly purchase and build a Recreation Center for the Members.
Below Left - Rear view of Office Building at 8801 E. Milner Ave.
Below Right - Sign at entrance of Local 157 Recreation Center



Quarterly Report describing the construction of new office building.

Business Office Staff

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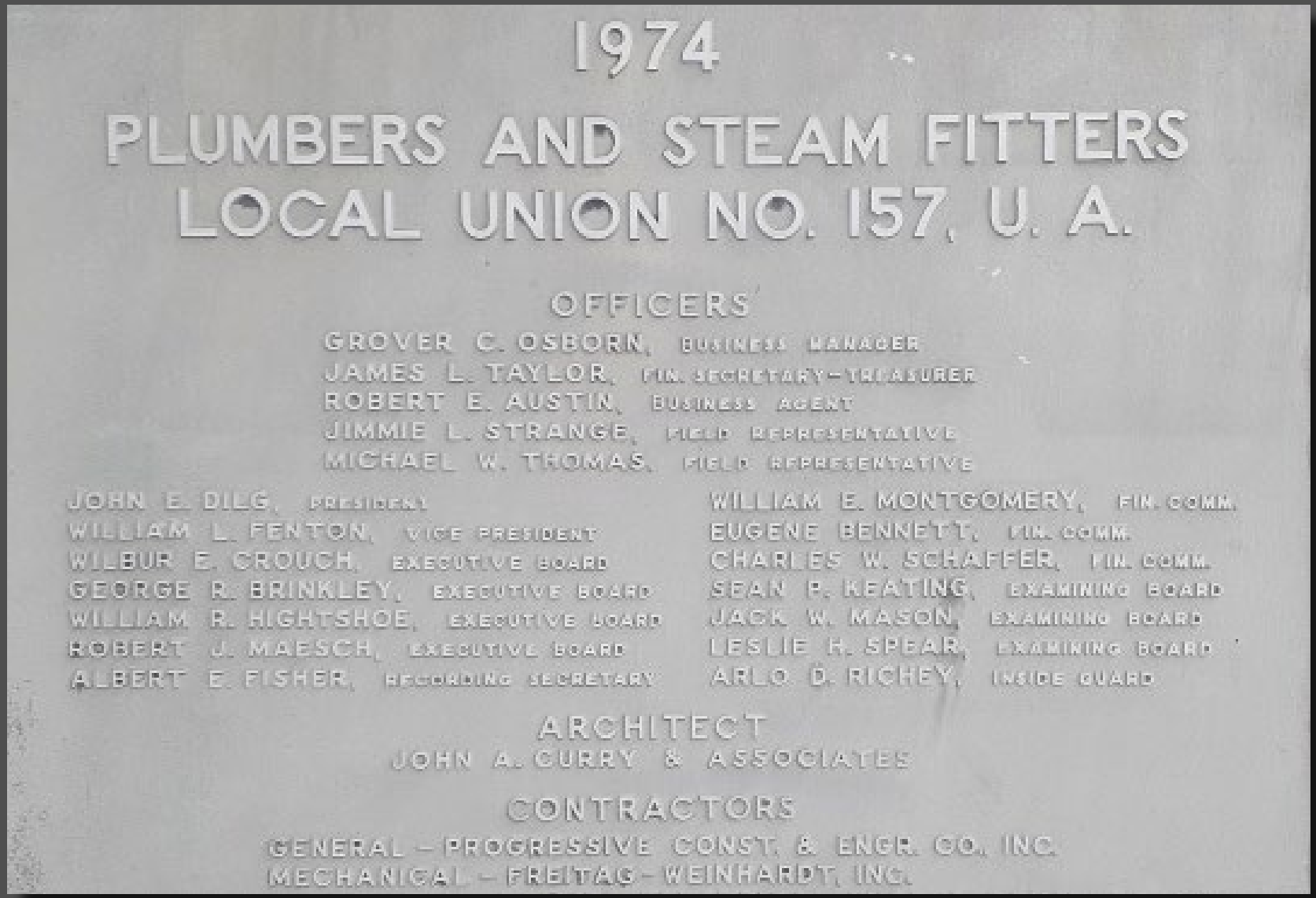
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PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS
LOCAL UNION NO. 157, U. A.
OFFICERS
GROVER C. OSBORN, BUSINESS MANAGER
JAMES L. TAYLOR, FIN. SECRETARY-TREASURER
ROBERT E. AUSTIN, BUSINESS AGENT
JIMMIE L. STRANGE, FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
MICHAEL W. THOMAS, FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN E. DILG, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM L. FENTON, VICE PRESIDENT
WILBUR E. CROUCH, EXECUTIVE BOARD
GEORGE R. BRINKLEY, EXECUTIVE BOARD
WILLIAM R. HIGHTSHOE, EXECUTIVE BOARD
ROBERT J. MAESCH, EXECUTIVE BOARD
ALBERT E. FISHER, RECORDING SECRETARY
WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY, FIN. COMM.
EUGENE BENNETT, FIN. COMM.
CHARLES W. SCHAFFER, FIN. COMM.
SEAN P. KEATING, EXAMINING BOARD
JACK W. MASON, EXAMINING BOARD
LESLIE R. SPEAR, EXAMINING BOARD
ARLO D. RICHEY, INSIDE GUARD
ARCHITECT
JOHN A. CURRY & ASSOCIATES
CONTRACTORS
GENERAL - PROGRESSIVE CONST. & ENGR. CO., INC.
MECHANICAL - FREITAG - WEINHARDT, INC.

The entrance to the Business Office was once an architectural showplace and something for members to view with pride.

NOTICE

TO ALL RETIRED AND/OR SENIOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION NO. 157:

THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL UNION HAVE DECIDED TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A DECORATIVE WATER FOUNTAIN AS A LASTING MEMENTO TO THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL UNION. THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION COST CAME TO APPROXIMATELY $1,500.

AT A MEETING HELD ON MAY 25, 1979, IT WAS DECIDED TO ASK EACH RETIRED MEMBER TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE COST OF THIS FOUNTAIN ($3 - $5 PER RETIREE).

A SCROLL AND A PICTURE OF THE FOUNTAIN WILL BE PUT ON THE WALL OF THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE. IT WILL INCLUDE THE NAMES OF ALL THE MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

PLEASE CLIP OUT AND USE THE FORM BELOW WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME PLAINLY, JUST AS YOU WANT IT ENTERED ON THE SCROLL.

IF ANY RETIRED MEMBER IS UNABLE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, WE ASK THAT YOU COMPLETE THE FORM ANYWAY AND MAIL IT IN. BY SO DOING, YOUR NAME WILL STILL APPEAR ON THE SCROLL. WE WILL UNDERSTAND IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTRIBUTE.

THE FINANCING OF THIS PROJECT IS THE RETIREES' OWN IDEA, WHICH IS CONCURRED IN BY THE LOCAL UNION. WE SUPPORT THE PROJECT AND COMPLIMENT AND THANK THE RETIREES FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS.

Grover C. Osborn

(CUT ALONG THIS LINE & RETURN)

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $_____.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LOCAL 157 FOUNTAIN FUND

MAIL TO: LOCAL 157 FOUNTAIN FUND
R.R. 31, BOX 80
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47803

PLEASE PRINT NAME HERE AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT ON THE SCROLL:

NAME_____ CARD NO._____

ADDRESS_____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE_____

SIGNATURE_____

Quarterly Report dated
"Third Quarter" 1979

This beautiful Water Fountain that once stood as a greeting in front of the Business Hall to visitors and members alike was donated and built by Local 157 Retirees.

Retirees and paid Officers of the Local Union posed behind the water fountain at their quarterly meeting held on August 25, 1979.

Aerial Views of Local 157 Office/Training Complex and Recreation Area (1970s -1980s)

The Local 157 Campus was at it's peak in the early 80's. The areal view above shows the Slide and other carnival rides, the Meeting Hall, Training buildings, Open Air Pavilion, Motor Pool, Tennis Courts, Piping Industry News Headquarters, Health and Welfare Headquarters, Family Center with Fountain, Shooting Range, Stage, Business Office Building overlooking one of the lakes, and the new Baseball diamond in the foreground. In only 12 years, Grover and the rest of the officers and members created one of the premier Labor Union complexes in the Nation. Unfortunately, it has become but a shadow of how it appeared here in it's "Heyday".

Local Union 157 members volunteer to erect the "Open-Air" Pavilion

Local 157
"Family Center"

Free Hotcakes And Sausages

Family Center To Open April 3rd

Despite some pretty bad weather conditions during the past winter, work on the new Local 157 Family Center has progressed on schedule.

Current plans are for it to open on Saturday, April 3rd from 8:00 a.m. until Noon with free hotcakes and sausages. The opening will coincide with the Quarterly Union Meeting, and will give the Membership a chance to preview this beautiful new addition to the Recreation Area.

Included in the Family Center are: a restaurant, fireplace, ping pong and pool tables, and electronic games. A regular operating schedule and sample menu will be published in the next issue of the Piping Industry News.

In just a little over 5 months the dream of a Family Center and Restaurant for Local 157 Members and their guests has become a reality.

Even during last winter's heavy snows and sub-freezing temperatures, the construction stayed on schedule.

On Thursday, April 1st the Family Center opened its doors for the first time. The occasion was not only to recognize the effort of all of the craftsmen and employees who had a hand in the construction, but also to put the facility through a "shake down" in anticipation of the formal opening on Saturday, April 3, 1982.

At that time the Membership was invited to inspect the Family Center and to enjoy complimentary servings of hot cakes and whole hog sausage. There were many who attended and all were impressed.

The blue and white exterior is accented by locally produced brick on the front of the building and in the walkways.

The interior is paneled in rustic woodgrain with beautiful blue tweed carpeting and a huge fireplace.There is an ultramodern kitchen,restaurant style seating, and a lounge area.

To keep everyone occupied, there are pool and ping-pong tables and a selection of electronic and video games.

Preliminary plans call for it to be open 7 days a week.Monday through Saturday from 6:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Sunday from 1:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This is a facility in which every Member of Local Union #157 should take pride. If you haven't been out to see it, it is definitely worth the trip.

The phone number for the Family Center is 812+877-9063.

Piping
Industry News
April 9, 1982

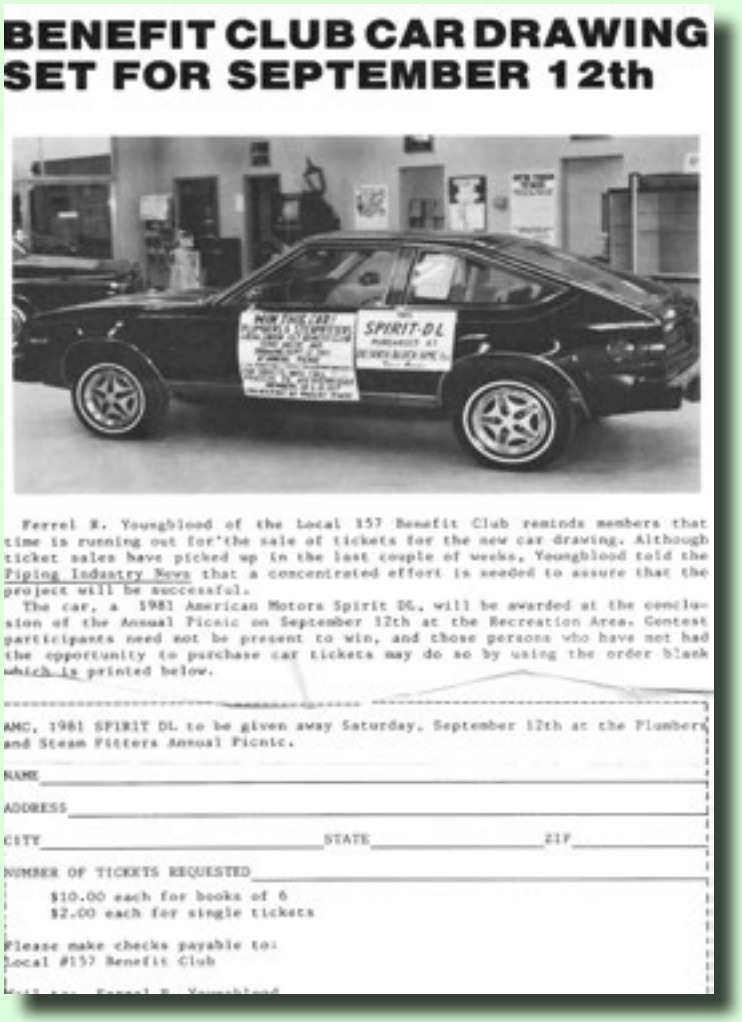
Members of the "Mug Club" at the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Family Ce
Restaurant enjoy the pause that refreshes. Purchase one of the special
eramic mugs with your name on it and they will hang it on their wall
ll fill it with Michelob for only 25¢! time after time.

Benefit Club
Committee Members

Left to Right
Tim Doty, Christ Lady, Brent Taylor

Standing L to R
Chris Lady, Brent Taylor, Tim Doty
Seated L to R - Fred Reagan,
Elmis Kress Jr.

Benefit Club Committee members building the new pole barn over old Tennis Courts for Grounds and Maintenance Department.



BENEFIT CLUB CAR DRAWING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 12th

Ferrel R. Youngblood of the Local 157 Benefit Club reminds members that time is running out for the sale of tickets for the new car drawing. Although ticket sales have picked up in the last couple of weeks, Youngblood told the Piping Industry News that a concentrated effort is needed to assure that the project will be successful.

The car, a 1981 American Motors Spirit DL, will be awarded at the conclusion of the Annual Picnic on September 12th at the Recreation Area. Contest participants need not be present to win, and those persons who have not had the opportunity to purchase car tickets may do so by using the order blank which is printed below.

AMC, 1981 SPIRIT DL to be given away Saturday, September 12th at the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Annual Picnic.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED _____

$10.00 each for books of 6
$2.00 each for single tickets

Please make checks payable to:
Local #157 Benefit Club

Winner
Pete Farmer
receiving the keys from the dealership.

Local 157 Benefit Club Co-Founder Dies At Age 70 Long-time Member of Local 157, Ferrel R. Youngblood passed away March 19th. Although he served as the Local Union's Vice President from 1980 until 1983, he is best remembered for his involvement with the Benefit Club. In 1978, along with fellow Member Bob Beard, he co-founded the Union's current Benefit Club.

Ferrel served as itsTreasurer for nearly 20 years;and then took over as VicePresident from 1999 until his death.

Local 157's Ferrel Youngblood (center) is shown receiving his 40-year Service Award at the October, 2007 Quarterly Union Meeting. Also included in the photograph are: (left to right) Mike Pleasant Union Business Manager, and fellow Benefit Club Members Fred Reagan, Elmis Kress, and Cris Lady.

The lakes located within the properties of Local 157 have provided its members with joy and fellowship throughout the years.

CAMP HALF-BLOOD

Staff Members Enjoy Outing At New Shelter

One of the newest additions to the Recreation Grounds,is this new family picnic shelter. Complete with running water and picnic tables, this new structure is located by the road to the boat ramp between the two lakes.Pictured are Linda Schoffstall, Sheila Keidel, Bonnie Swiger, Barbara Porter, and Judy Plummer.

Grover Osborn,Business Manager of Local 157 has announced that the campgrounds adjoining the lakes are now available for Member outings. Reservations may be made by contacting the Local Union Office(812+877-1531) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Health &Welfare Local 157

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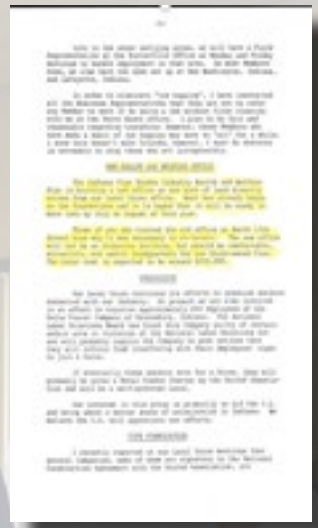
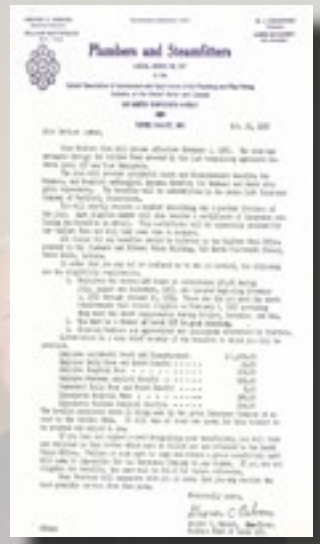
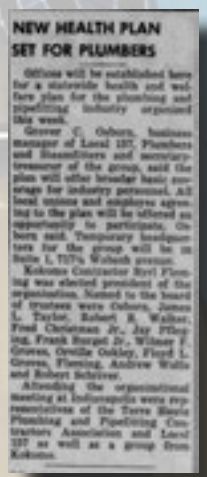
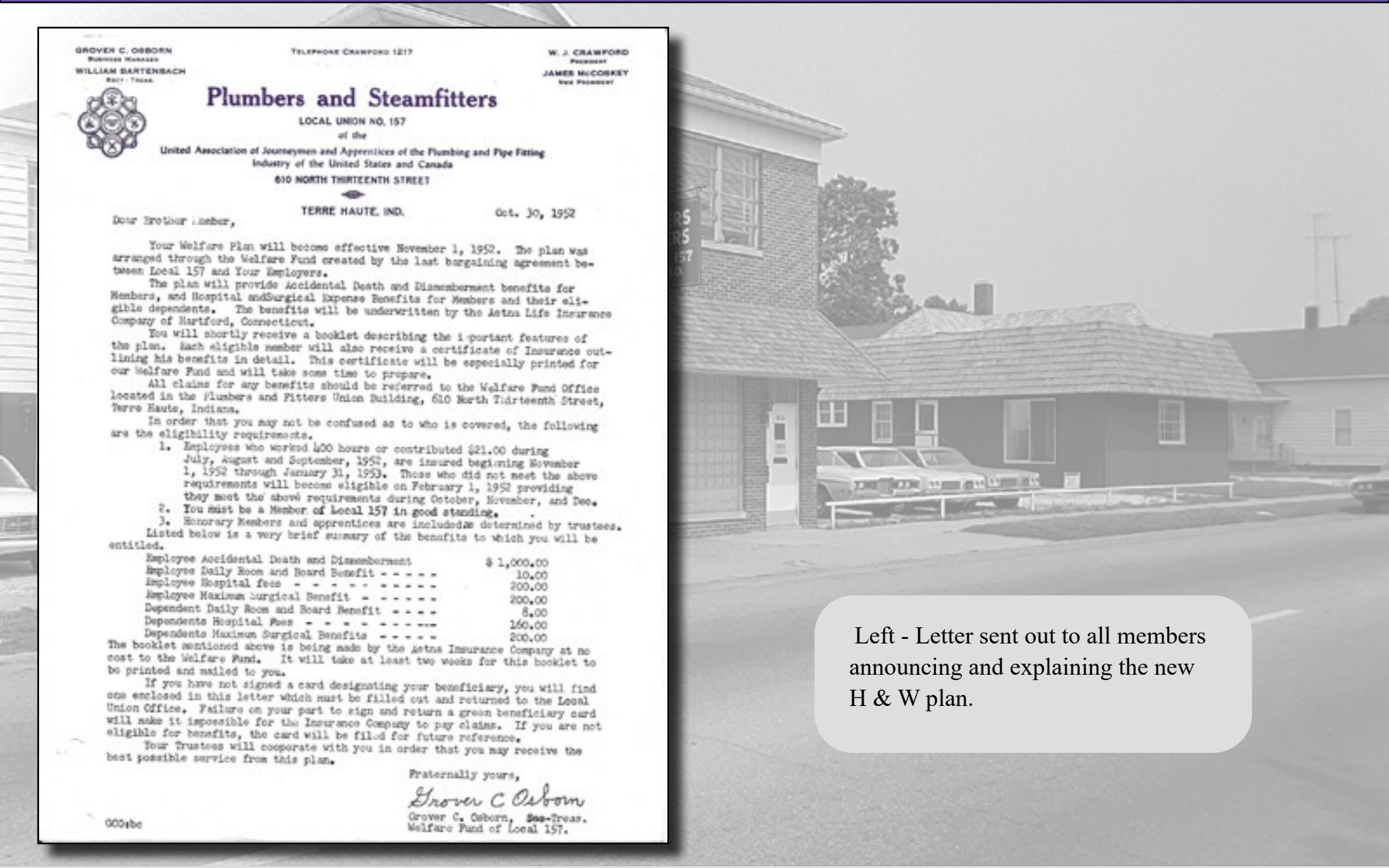



Plumbers and Steamfitters


NEW HEALTH PLAN SET FOR PLUMBERS

UA Locals in State Health, Welfare Plan

Early in 1961 was born an idea based on the premise that if the Local union Health and Welfare trusts were to join into a single State-wide Health and Welfare Plan, greater benefits could be provided at a smaller administrative cost. This would result in a more prestigious organization gaining rapport with the hospitals and doctors providing medical care. Thus the Indiana Pipe Trades Industry Health and Welfare Plan was officially established July 19, 1961.



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Plumbers and Steamfitters

LOCAL UNION NO. 157
of the
United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada
610 NORTH THIRTEENTH STREET
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Oct. 30, 1952

Dear Brother Member,

Your Welfare Plan will become effective November 1, 1952. The plan was arranged through the Welfare Fund created by the last bargaining agreement between Local 157 and Your Employers.

The plan will provide Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits for Members, and Hospital andSurgical Expense Benefits for Members and their eligible dependents. The benefits will be underwritten by the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut.

You will shortly receive a booklet describing the important features of the plan. Each eligible member will also receive a certificate of Insurance outlining his benefits in detail. This certificate will be especially printed for our Welfare Fund and will take some time to prepare.

All claims for any benefits should be referred to the Welfare Fund Office located in the Plumbers and Fitters Union Building, 610 North Thirteenth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

In order that you may not be confused as to who is covered, the following are the eligibility requirements.

1. Employees who worked 400 hours or contributed $21.00 during July, August and September, 1952, are insured beginning November 1, 1952 through January 31, 1953. Those who did not meet the above requirements will become eligible on February 1, 1952 providing they meet the above requirements during October, November, and Dec.
2. You must be a Member of Local 157 in good standing.
3. Honorary Members and apprentices are includedas determined by trustees.

Listed below is a very brief summary of the benefits to which you will be entitled.

Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment	$ 1,000.00
Employee Daily Room and Board Benefit - - - - -	10.00
Employee Hospital fees - - - - - - - - - -	200.00
Employee Maximum Surgical Benefit - - - - -	200.00
Dependent Daily Room and Board Benefit - - - -	8.00
Dependents Hospital Fees - - - - - - - - - -	160.00
Dependents Maximum Surgical Benefits - - - - -	200.00

The booklet mentioned above is being made by the Aetna Insurance Company at no cost to the Welfare Fund. It will take at least two weeks for this booklet to be printed and mailed to you.

If you have not signed a card designating your beneficiary, you will find one enclosed in this letter which must be filled out and returned to the Local Union Office. Failure on your part to sign and return a green beneficiary card will make it impossible for the Insurance Company to pay claims. If you are not eligible for benefits, the card will be filed for future reference.

Your Trustees will cooperate with you in order that you may receive the best possible service from this plan.

Fraternally yours,

Grover C Osborn

Grover C. Osborn, Sec-Treas.
Welfare Fund of Local 157.

GCO:bc

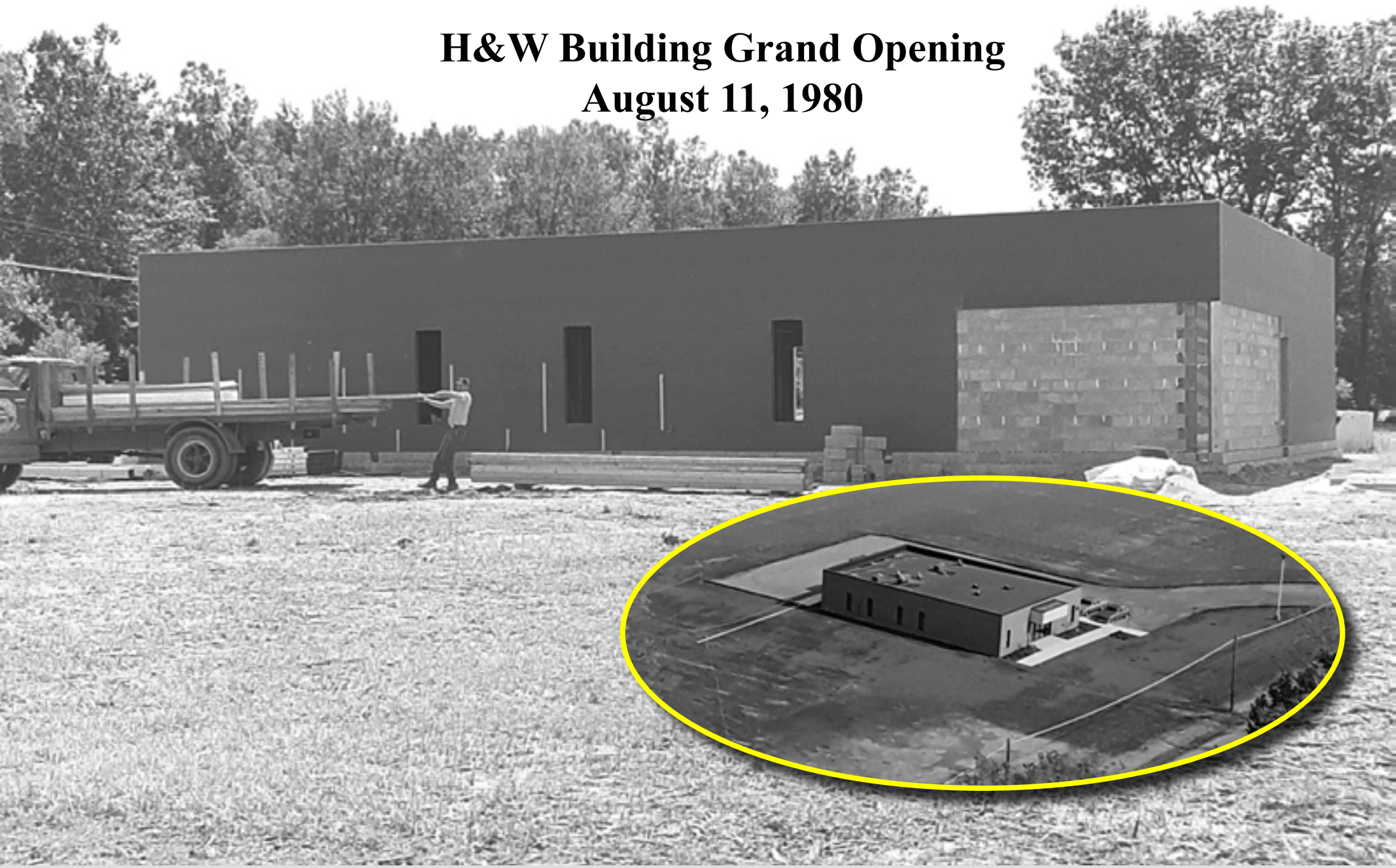
Left - Letter sent out to all members announcing and explaining the new H & W plan.

Original H&W building located next to Union Hall N. 13th Street (Circa 1952)

Health and Welfare Office Building

Meeting Minutes informing members of the future plans to build the Health and Welfare Office Building

H&W Building Grand Opening
August 11, 1980



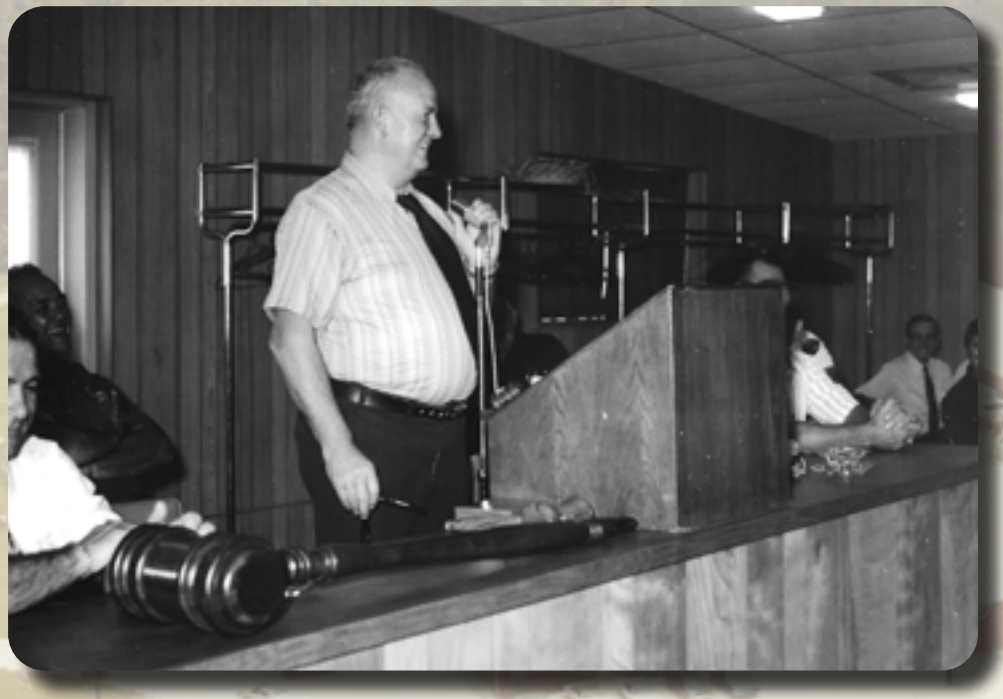
H&W Building Grand Opening
Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

PIPE TRADES INDUS
HEALTH & WELFARE

H&W Building Grand Opening
Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Martin J. Ward and Grover Osborn enjoying their time at the 157 Shooting Range after the Grand Opening of the new H&W Building

Martin J. Ward



U.A. President Martin J. Ward addresses 157 members at the Local Union Meeting Hall.

Martin J. Ward, born in Chicago in 1918 was the son of a Plumber/Union official. He started his apprenticeship in 1937 and became a journeyman pipefitter in 1942, and was considered for many years one of the leading teachers of pipefitter apprentices in the nation. He was a veteran, serving in the Navy during WWII.

In July 1948 he was named business representative of pipe fitters Local 597 in Chicago, moving to the post of Assistant Business Manager in 1950 and Business Manager in 1952. In 1958 he was elected Assistant General Secretary-Treasurer of the Plumbers' International Union headquartered at that time in Washington.

Brother Ward was elected as head of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry in August of 1971. He was in his third term when he passed away at age 64 during a fishing trip in Easton, Md. in 1982. [1] [2]

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1 UPI, October 9, 1982, Martin J. Ward, general president of the United Association Dies, HttpsA://www.upi.com/Archives/1982/10/09

2 The New York Times, October 11, 1982, Martin Ward, head of Plumbers' Union Dies, Section D, Page 12A, https://www.nytimes.com/1982/10/11/obituaries/martin-warde-head-of-plumbers-unon-dies.html

Health and Welfare Office Staff

Stephanie
H/W
Administrator

Megan
Claims/Loss
of Time

Susie
Claims/
Dependent

Brittany
Accounting/
HRA

Sarah
Accounting/
HRA

Shannon
Claims

Past 157 Business and H&W Office Workers

Kit Shane was the first H&W Administrator followed by Tim Thacker and at present, Stephanie Morgan

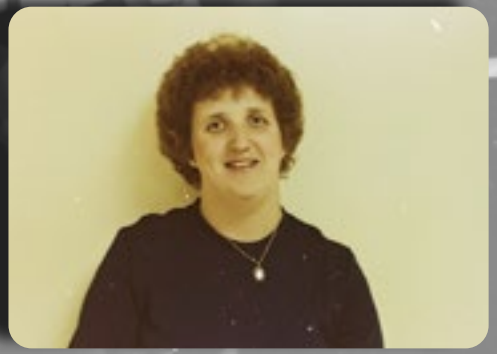
Judy Plummer

Dorothy Caudle

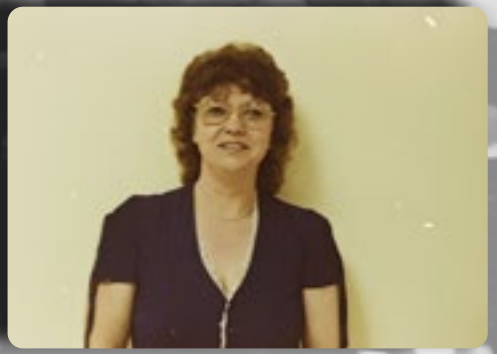
Kit Shane

Colleen Pettijohn and Kay Brown

Barbara (Schoffstall) Strange



Joan Bowman



Sue Sullivan

Sheila Fenton

Barbara and Mike Porter

Pat Wimsey

Betty Gillespie

Joellen McKnight

Kely Hensley

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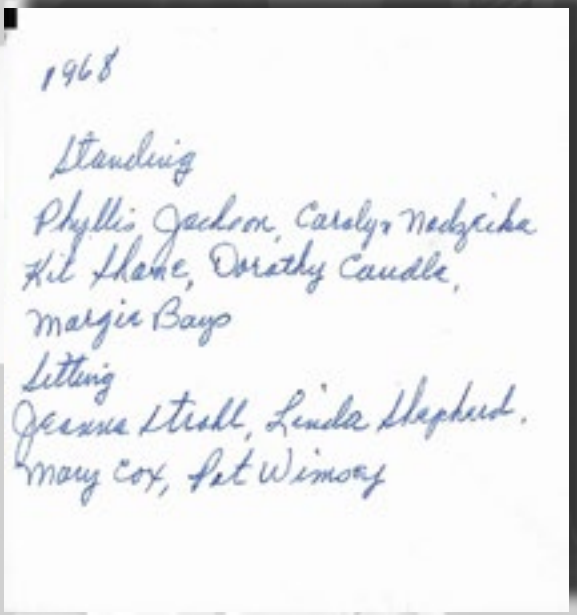
Opal Carter

Linda Byrer



Barbara (Schoffstall) Strange

L to R (sitting) - Joan Bowman, Sandy Reece, Betty Gillespie
(Standing) L to R - Kit Shane, Dorothy Caudle, Sue Sullivan, Barbara (Schoffstall) Strange

L to R (Standing) - Kit Shane, Pamela Lewis, Barbara (Schoffstall) Strange, Betty Gillespie, Dorothy Caudle (with Plaque), Joan Bowman, Sue Sullivan

From left: Bill Fenton, Tina Deichmiller, Fred Christman, Rosemary Griffiths, Sue Sullivan, Susan Hurley, Judy Storms, Stephanie Morgan, Richard Hurley, Mary Llewellyn, Tim Thacker, Mike Wharton. Going up the stairs: Dawn McBride, Colleen Pettijohn, Kay Brown, Pam Lewis, Marcelaine Caudle.

Sandy Reese

Sue Sullivan and
Bill Fenton

This beautiful fountain is located adjacent to the new Family Center & Restaurant. The stone used in it's construction is from the Local 157 grounds.

New Fountain Takes Shape

A new fountain, located near the center of the parking lot between the Health and Welfare Building and the Family Center, is being built with stone excavated from the grounds around the Local Union Offices.

New Fountain Takes Shape

Health and Welfare Fountain Dedication Ceremony

artin J. Ward,General President of the United Associat
ddresses the crowd of well-wishers during ribbon cutt
eremonies.

Local 157 Apprenticeship, Vocational Schools, and Journeyman Upgrade

Quarterly News Report

of Salaried Officers of
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SECOND QUARTER: APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1969

QUARTERLY NEWS REPORT
Second Quarter, 1969
Grover C. Osborn, Business Manager

EMPLOYMENT

The employment situation has improved considerably and with the reactivation of the Dana Plant, the future outlook is even brighter.

The conversion of the Dana Plant to a Chemical Manufacturing Plant will require an estimated 400 construction workers. Due to the amount of pipe work involved in a job of this nature, I estimate that approximately 200 fitters will be required for this job. The General Contract has been awarded to Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation and the Mechanical Contract to Lummus Company, both of New York City, New York.

Another boiler unit will be installed, by Stone and Webster, at the Tuscola Chemical Plant. At present we have one man on this job. It will require about 40 or 50 at the peak.

The shops are reported to operate at their present capacity and in some cases may increase their work force.

The Bond Power Plant is now near its peak of employment and very few, if any, additional men will be required for this job.

NELSON LAW SUIT

The damage suit brought against our Local Union for picketing Nelson Company, 501 South Third Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, has been dismissed. The following is an excerpt from the Dismissal Order of May 6, 1969, before the Honorable Cale J. Holder, Federal Judge:

"IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT that plaintiff's (Belden) Motion to Dismiss be and the same is hereby overruled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT that defendant's (Local 157) Motion under Rule 41 (a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure should be and the same is hereby sustained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT that plaintiff (Belden) take nothing, that the action be and it is hereby dismissed on the merits and that defendant (Local 157) have and recover from plaintiff (Belden) its costs in this action."

This decision took several months and on several occasions it was suggested that the Local Union offer Belden a cash settlement. I am pleased that we stood firm on what we believed was right and won by so doing.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

As previously reported, I am serving on the Vocational Advisory Committee of the Terre Haute City Schools and also served on the Building Advisory Committee to the School Board.

It is surprising how much one can learn by studying our school system. In checking the Indiana Vocational Education Acts, I learned that two or more school cities, towns or townships or combination thereof, may cooperate to establish and maintain vocational schools.

After discussing this with school officials, I see no reason why a joint effort should not be made to establish such a vocational school to serve all of Vigo County and the adjoining area.

The administrative cost of such a school can be successfully met by converting the present vocational tax portion of the school taxes to this particular part of education and the balance could come from state and federal funds provided for under existing acts.

The vocational tax portion of the present school taxes could bring in approximately $324,000.00 per year. This could be used exclusively for vocational training. This amount would probably be sufficient to operate a well-staffed vocational school. We could eliminate all tuition fees.

Such a school would also have many other advantages. The first and foremost would be that vocational training would be the primary objective and would not become a "step-child" which is quite often the case in a combination vocational and academic school.

It is my intention to work toward a separate vocational school since it would greatly benefit the apprentice and journeyman training programs in this area.

JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES

A normal amount of small jurisdictional disputes with other crafts have continued throughout this quarter.

A new dispute has developed over the installation of food cases for the Kroger markets now under construction at Sullivan and Brazil, Indiana.

The carpenters are claiming the unloading, setting and the making of water proof joints on all the "seal in end" cases. Since there is not a piece of lumber to cut or any gears, shafts or machinery involved in setting these cases, I contend that the carpenters' or millwrights' claim to this work is without foundation.

The installation of these cases involves the running of a copper supply "header line" and a copper return line which connects to each of the units. Thus the units actually become a part of the refrigeration system.

At present the work is at a standstill where it will remain until the company corrects their assignment.

Apparently, we have lost our fight for the circulating piping on the Bond Power Plant, Babcock and Wilcox job. This is very discouraging, for the "cards were stacked" against us from the start due to the fact that the boiler contractor, Babcock and Wilcox, had the power to assign the work. Since the large majority of these work force is boiler makers, they naturally yielded to the boiler maker's demands. This, of course, is contrary to the company's National Agreement, and I agree with many others that such companies should have their Agreements cancelled unless they assign to the work that is rightly ours.

I wish to point out that General Organizers, Bradshaw and Lucas, were very cooperative, and I am sure they feel as badly about losing this work as I do. I feel that we are wiser from the experience we gained in this dispute and we can remember the old saying, "It is a long road that has no turns." The boiler makers may not have as well on other projects within our jurisdiction.

PICNIC

Your Picnic Committee is still working on final plans for our picnic this year. As previously reported, it will be held at the Vigo County Fairgrounds, south of Terre Haute, on Labor Day, September 7. Tickets are being distributed for chances on the many prizes, which include the following: $500 Cash, $250 Camping Outfit, $232 Johnson 5½ H. P. Outboard Motor, $170 Abercrombie Boat, $100 Ladies' Wristwatch, $79.95 "Big Boy" Barbecue Grill, $59.95 Girl's Bicycle, $59.95 Boy's Bicycle, and $50 Fishing Outfit.

Left - Quarterly News Report from 1969 stating that "*...I* (Grover) *am serving on the Vocational Advisory Committee of the Terre Haute City Schools. I learned that two or more school cities, towns or townships or combination thereof may cooperate to establish and maintain vocational schools. After discussing this with school officials, I see no reason why a joint effort should not be made to establish such a vocational school to serve all of Vigo County and the adjoining area.*"

157 Training Programs
Journeymen and Apprentice

(Left to right) Mike Pleasant, Business Manager; Mark Swaner, Training Coordinator; Dustin Roberts, Welder Contestant; Tom Hess, Welding Coordinator; Doug Winkler, Pipefitter Contestant; Dennis Ritter, Business Agent; Jarrod Barrett, Plumber Contestant and J.B. Strange, Financial Secretary

L to R - Gilbert Lynn, Sean Keating (Winner State Apprentice Contest Plumbing) George Pauley, James "Tiny" Taylor, and John Dilg

Since its founding in 1896, UA Local 157 has trained potential members through a system of apprenticeship, through which apprentices work side-by-side with experienced journeyman members on the job to learn the trade while also earning wages. Meanwhile, the local has long provided its journeyman plumbers, fitters and technicians with opportunities to upgrade their skills through training. As early as 1900, the local's "juniors" or "helpers" would serve apprenticeships of at least four years. That year (1900), an apprentice was paid 15 cents per hour while working with a veteran plumber or steamfitter out in the field.

This photograph which was taken on the job in 1909, shows Local 157 Apprentice Henry Zimmerman (left) watching intently as Local Union journeyman Plumber Herman Holthaus (right) demonstrates the correct way to make connections on sections of lead pipe.

This photograph, taken back in 1908 and submitted by Jim Giffel, shows 17 year old Louis Giffel (left) a Plumber Apprentice and Journeyman Plumber Albert Barns (right). The men were employed at the Fred Arleth Plumbing Shop located at 1315 E. Main Street in Terre Haute.

By 1909, recognizing the need to better-prepare its newest members, the Local 157 apprenticeship had been extended to six years. Apprentices were still paid for their work while training, but their wages were on a sliding scale based on experience from 30% of the journeyman wage as a "first-period" apprentice to 75% of the wage as a "tenth-period" apprentice. (The final period before graduating to journeyman status)

The working contract between Local 157 and its employers of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association (previously known as the "Master Plumbers Association") that went into effect on May 1, 1956 included, for the first-time, an Educational Trust Fund for the training of the local's apprentices and journeyman members. With the benefit, contractors initially contributed 1% of their gross earnings to finance the fund, which would be used by the local for training facilities,

equipment and instructors.

By that time, the local's classroom training, which supplemented on the job work experience, was being held at Gerstmeyer Technical High School in Terre Haute which provided a classroom two nights per week.[1] The apprenticeship program, which by then consisted of five years of training, only had a single instructor.

To enhance its ability to teach apprentices and journeymen, during the late 1960s the local built a training center behind its Union Hall on North 13th Street to use for classes and laboratory training.

During the U.A. International convention in 1976, the number of years of training an apprentice was required to complete before becoming eligible for journeyman status was reduced from five years to four years. The reasoning behind the move was most likely to complete welding qualifications sooner due to the high demand for welders at the time. However, at the next convention five years later in 1981, the number of mandatory apprentice training years was restored back to five.

The Educational Trust Fund financed a Training Center with a classroom building, welding shop and storage facilities on the new Local 157 campus at 8801 E. Milner Avenue just south of Seelyville in 1974. The shop and classrooms are well-equipped to service the continuous training program conducted by the local and its contractors.

By 1980, the local's training program, which was being (and continues to be) operated under a labor-management Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, was educating more than 150 apprentices each year, as well as

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1 Gerstmeyer Technical High School was created from two vocational high schools in Terre Haute. The first was a boys' school established in 1915 at Lafayette and Third Avenue; the second was a girls' vocational school established in 1916 at 6 1/2 and Poplar streets.

dozens of journeymen seeking to upgrade their skills. By that time, competition to enter the program was rigorous, with only 30 finalists selected that year out of more than 350 applicants for the program.

Also that year the local's Welding Program was being operated on a 40-hour per week basis to accommodate the more than 100 applicants on the waiting list for the program, which in some cases was training welders for particular jobs outside the geographical jurisdiction of Local 157. In fact, the program was actually geared for supplying welders to areas where large projects exist and where there is a shortage of welders, such as the Palo Verde Nuclear Power House project near Phoenix, Arizona, during that time.

As the local's training program has continued to advance with the demands of the plumbing and piping industry, special testing procedures were instituted in 2006 to improve the objectivity of the local's apprenticeship selection process. A unique "Keys Test" created specifically to meet the needs of Local 157 was developed and administered to program applicants by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. To better service its apprentices and journeymen, Local 157 established another training facility in Hutsonville, Illinois in 2009. The Local also operates a satellite training facility in Lafayette.

At its 125th Anniversary in 2021, the Local 157 training program, administered by instructors who are experienced journeyman plumbers, welders, and pipefitters, has developed into a world-class educational curriculum. Among the qualifications now required for an apprentice to graduate the five-year program and move on to journeyman status, he or she must complete 8,500 hours of on-the-job training as well as all related classroom and laboratory work. What's more, in addition to top-level welding skills, the Local 157 training program prepares its apprentices to understand what is

required of them by the piping industry and provides them with the proper mental tools to implement what they have learned in the field.

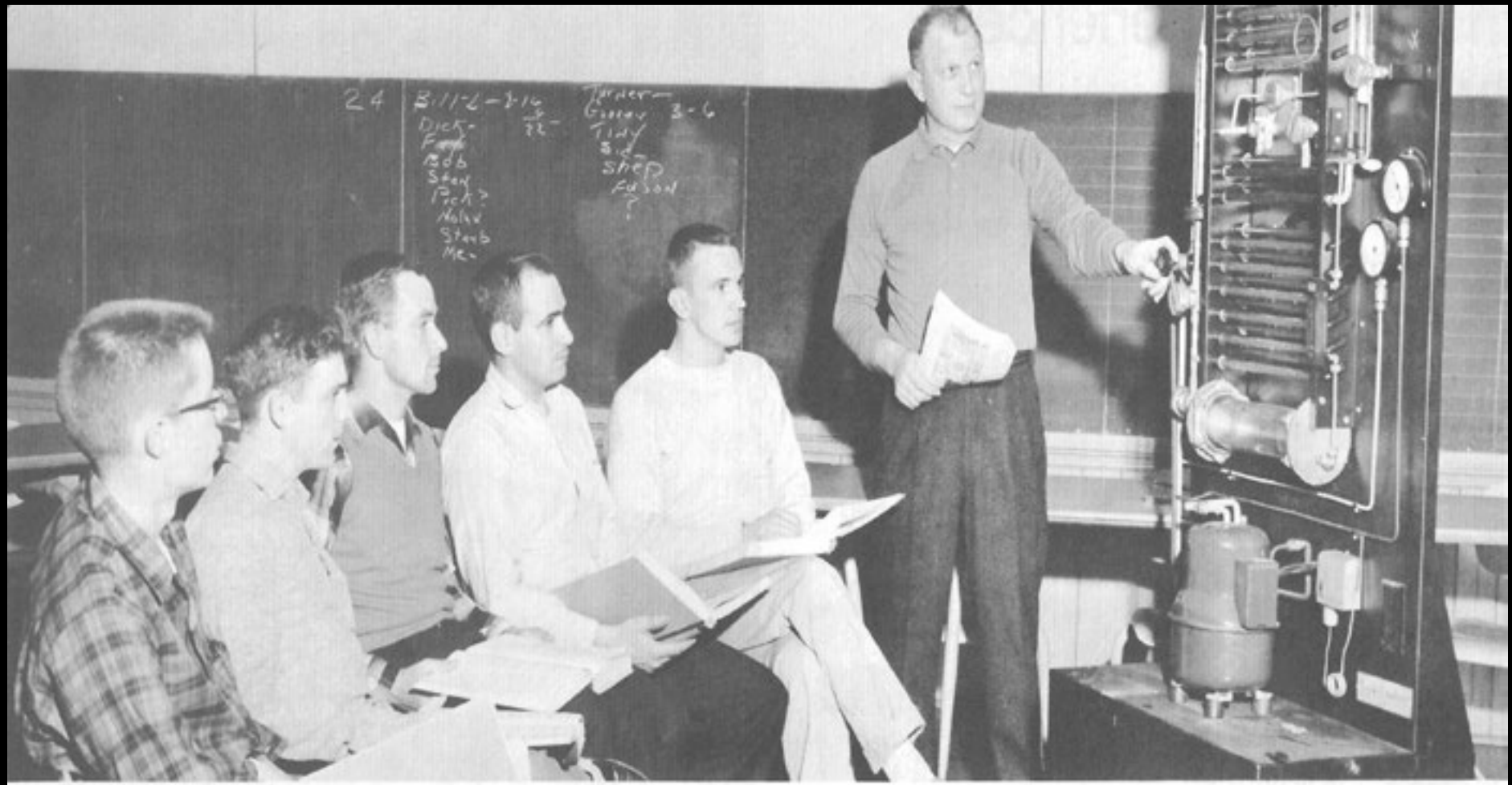
The local's affiliation with Ivy Tech Community College further allows the training program to utilize the school's instructors, while also allowing training to meet the requirements of an associate degree. [2]

2 125 Anniversary Commemoritive History (Printed Version) Union Histories, October 2021 Calvin Jefferson (Head Historian)

Gerstmeyer/157
Welding Classes

Gerstmeyer/157

Refrigeration Classes



This Photo, taken in the early 1960's shows Local Union Apprentices with instructor - Gilbert Lynn. Learning the operation of refrigeration coils were: (left to right) Joe Staub, Bobby Bauers, Ferrel Youngblood, Dick Shaw, and Bill Lobbia.

Blueprints with
Instructor Gilbert Lynn

Gerstmeyer/157

Plumbing Classes

Local 157 members in this picture dated 1952 attending the McKeen School in Terre Haute.

By the 1950s Local 157 Apprentices were led by 5 Instructors at Gerstmeyer

Members of Local Union 157 are licensed Vocational Teachers for the various classes sponsored by the Educational Trust Fund held at Gerstmeyer Technical High School, Terre Haute, Indiana

From left to right are: Don Kwoczalla, George Pauley, Jim Botner, Robert X. Turner and Gilbert Lynn.

Apprentice Building
North 13th Street Terre Haute

The construction of the Apprentice Building behind the Union Hall on 13th Street allowed the Local's members (for the first time) to train at their own facilities. Up to that point they had been holding classes at Gerstmeyer Technical High School.

The Marble Plaque above hung on the outside wall to the right of the front door. Sadly, as of the date of this writing it has not been located.

569 N 13th St
Terre Haute, Indiana
Google
Street View - Jun 2018
Local 157
Apprentice
Building 2021
Elm St
Chase St
610 North
N 13th St
Liberty Ave
Google
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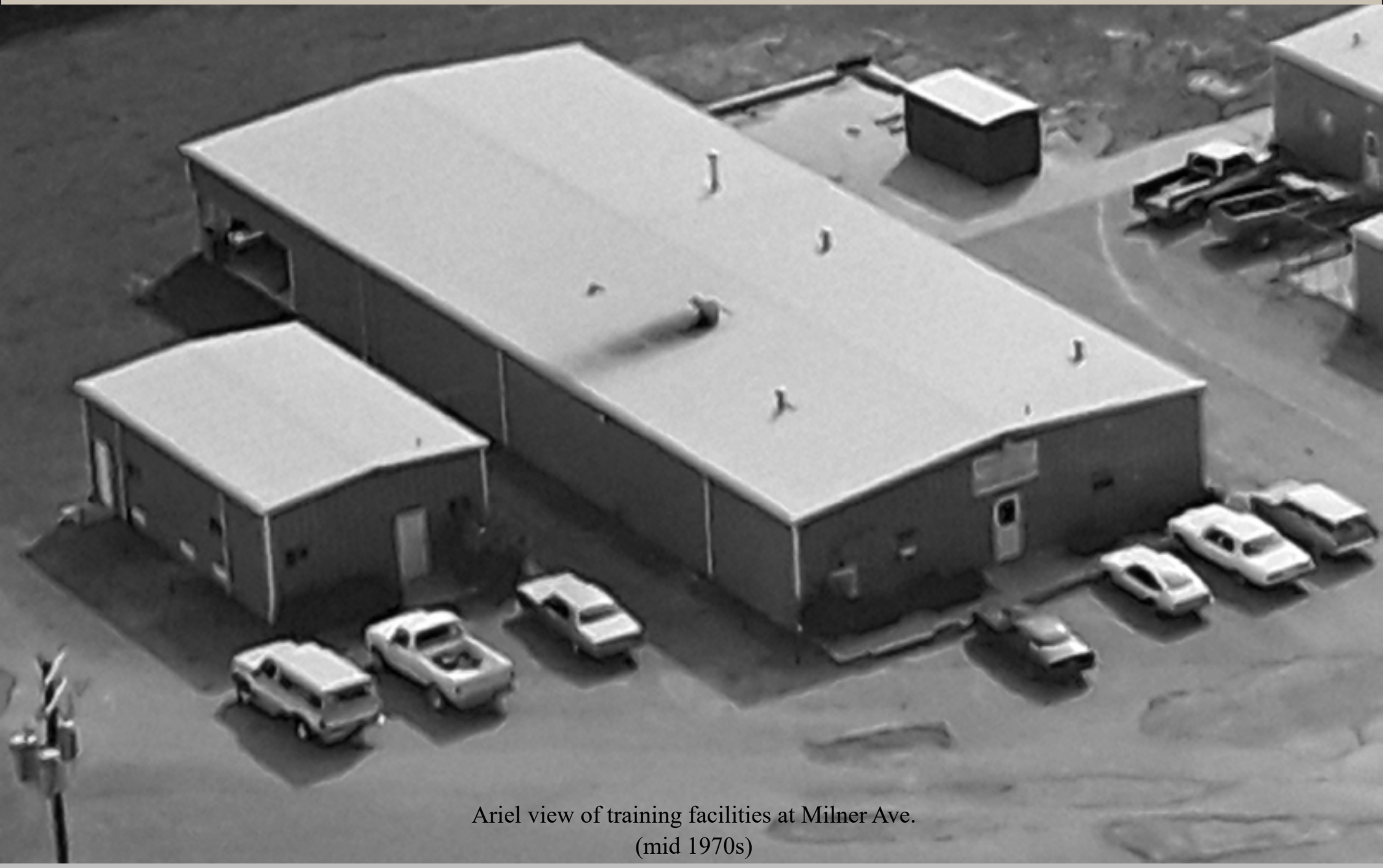
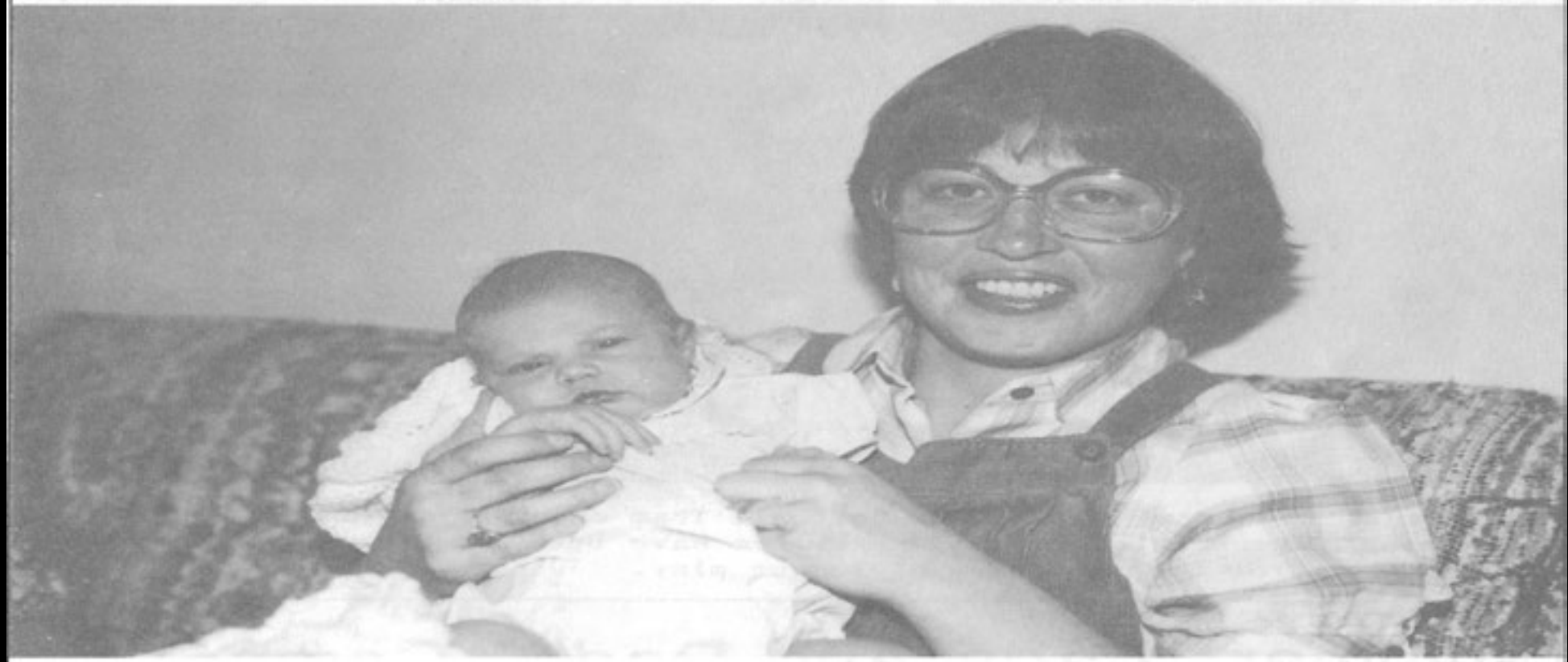
Apprentice Building 2015. Union Hall previously located to the right of the white building. (Apprentice Building).

Interior view of Apprentice Building North 13th St. Terre Haute



Ariel view of training facilities at Milner Ave.
(mid 1970s)

Local Union First . . .
Apprentice Gives Birth



Joyce Roads, a second year Pipefitter Apprentice with Local 157 in Terre Haute, has the distinction of being the first Apprentice ever in the 86 year history of that organization to give birth to a baby. The new arrival is Erin Elise Roads. She was born March 21, 1983 and weighed-in at 8 pounds.

Local 157 Apprentice Competes In Finals Of The UA's 1st Apprentice Contest In 33 Years

Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157's 5th Year Apprentice Dustin Roberts (center) was a finalist in the first UA International Apprenticeship Contest in thirty-three years. The Regional Welding Champion from District #2, although not finishing in First Place, was recognized by General President William Hite as one of the top six Apprentice Welders in North America. Pictured are (left to right): Ralph Price (LU #157), Mike Barthelmess (UA Training Dept.), Mike Arntz (UA Training Director), Tom Huss (LU #157 Welding Coordinator), Dustin Roberts (LU#157 Welding Finalist), Rich Cheever (LU#157), Mike Pleasant (LU#157 Business Manager), Mark Swaner (LU#157 Training Coordinator), J.B. Strange (LU#157 Financial Secretary) and Carter Crouch (LU#157). ***For more, see page 12.***

Denise Fitzsimons received special recognition as the first woman to complete the training necessary to become a Journeyman Pipefitter in Local 157. Making the presentation was then Business Manager Bill Fenton and Business Agent Joe Osborn.

Apprentice Members of Local No. 157 and Joint Apprenticeship Committee—D. J. Phleging, not present.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS apprentices complete their class work at Ivy Tech as part of their union training.

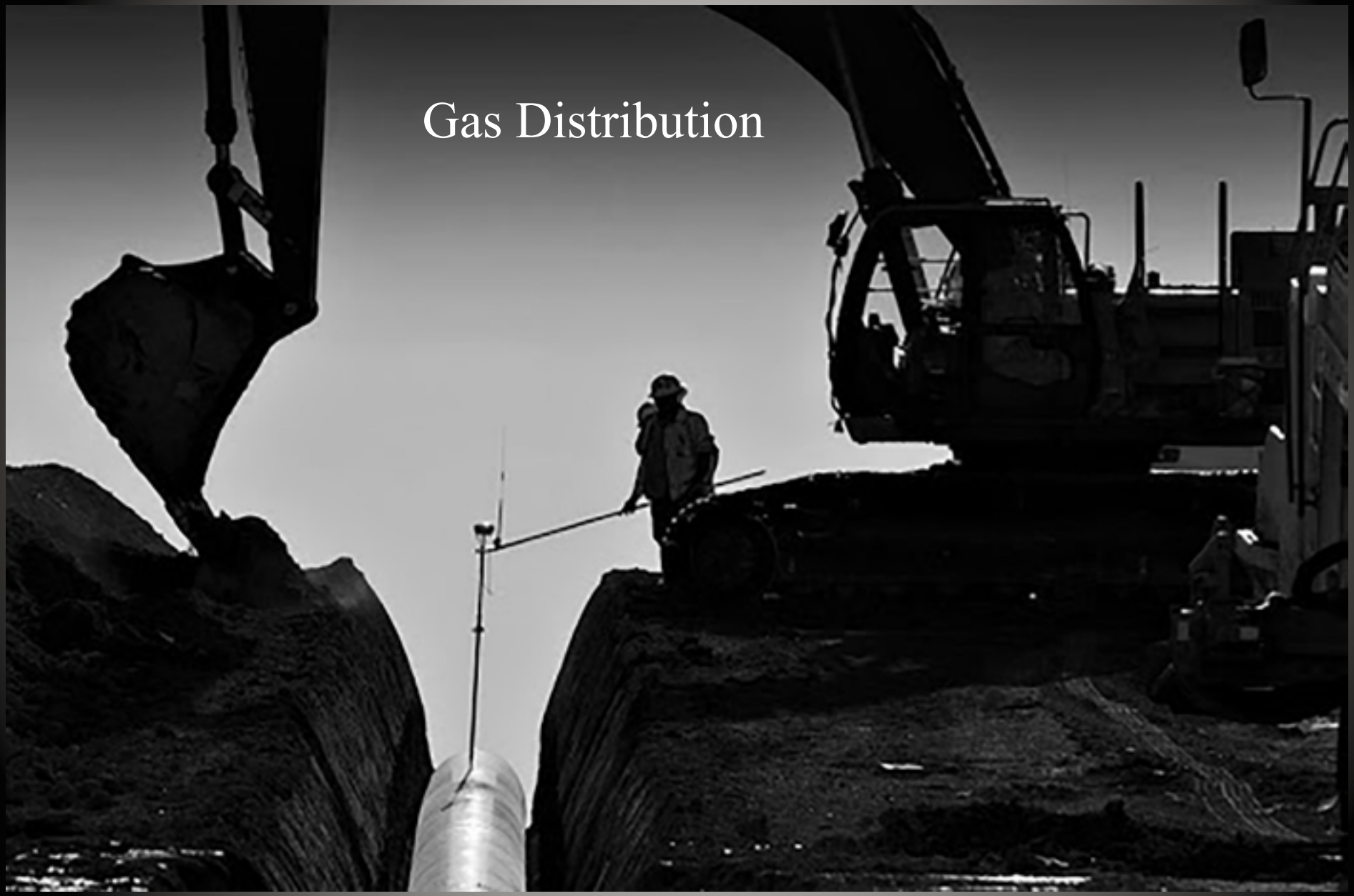
L to R - Bobby Bauers, Gary Brown, Jay Walls, DAn Euratte, ?

Offering congratulations to Local 157's State Apprentice Winner in the "Pipefitter"division are (left to right) Local Union Training Coordinator Mark Swaner, United Association International Representative Curt Cade, State Apprentice Pipefitter Champion Pat Blair, Local 157 Business Manager Mike Pleasant and Local Union Welding Coordinator Tom Huss.

Local 157 Apprentice Wins Both State And Regional

The Regional Finals of the Welding Division in the UA Apprenticeship Contest included a 12-hour welding project, a soldering /brazing and tube bending test, a rigging evaluation, knot tying and a written exam.

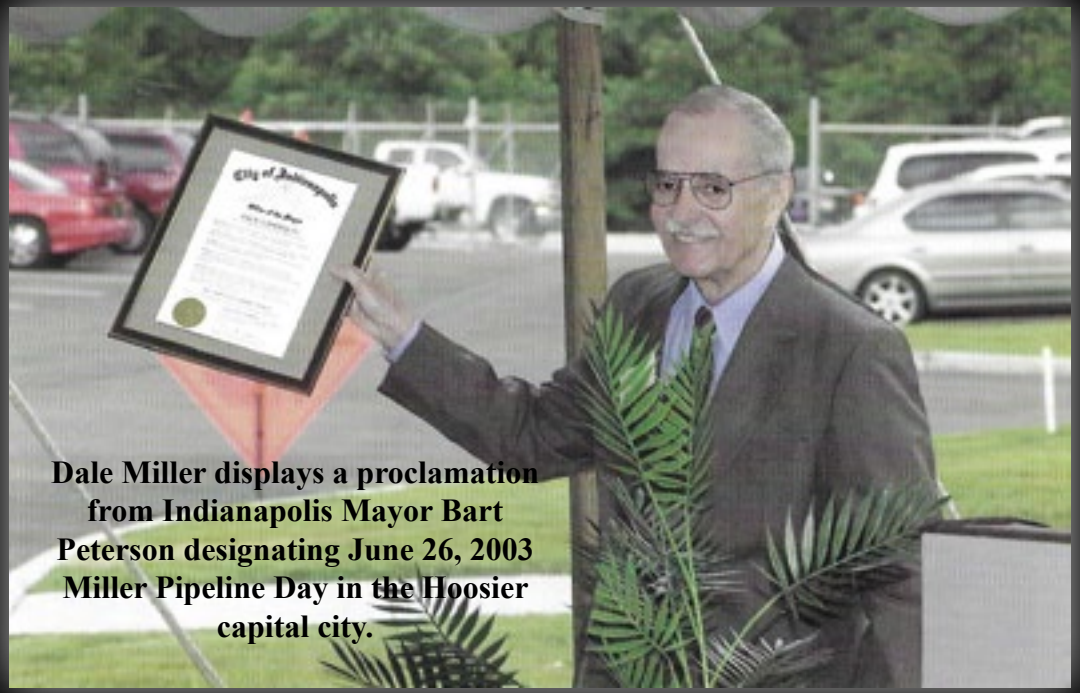
When all was said and done, Local 157's fifth-year Apprentice Dustin Roberts was judged the best of all the state winners in the five states that make up UA District 2.


Gas Distribution

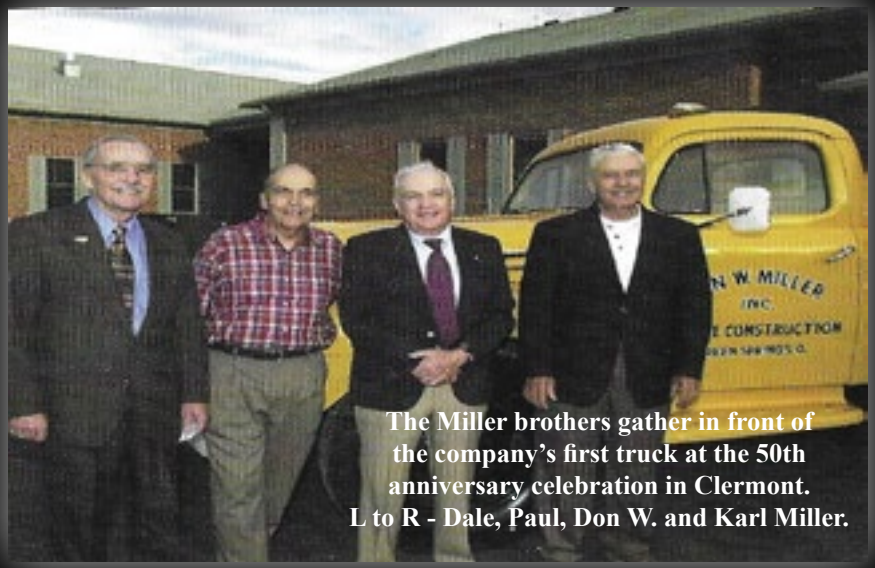
In May of 1998, the jurisdictional area for Local 157's Gas Distribution Division (which already included the entire state of Indiana, with the exception of a few counties near Cincinnati and Chicago) was expanded to take in all of the state of Kentucky.

This section is still under construction.

Dale Miller (left) of Miller Pipeline, Jimmie Strange (center) of Local 157, and Terre Haute Mayor Pete Chalos (right) relax after the conclusion of the days activities.



Dale Miller displays a proclamation from Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson designating June 26, 2003 Miller Pipeline Day in the Hoosier capital city.



The Miller brothers gather in front of the company's first truck at the 50th anniversary celebration in Clermont. L to R - Dale, Paul, Don W. and Karl Miller.

Contractors

Bosses -

Master Plumbers -

Fred Christman

Politics

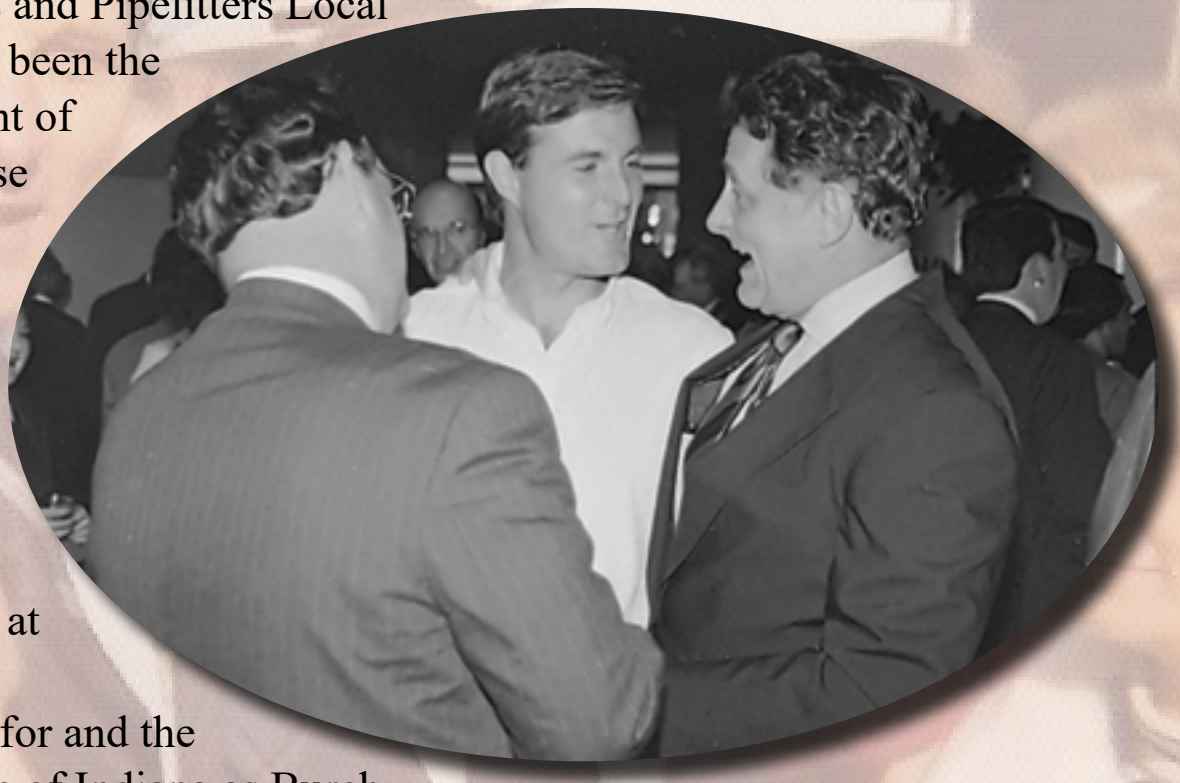
If the success or failure of any organized labor movement, or for that matter any well established Labor Union can be attributed to the influence of one major factor, it would have to be PUBLIC OPINION. Everything depends upon whether or not the members of a community, be it local or national are in favor of or are against an issue which may directly effect their daily lives.

Throughout the history of the United States of America, Organized Labor has flourished or struggled dependent upon the opinions of its citizens. Likewise, in times where Unions have been portrayed as radical and supporters of anarchy, public opinion has been the force behind the rise in anti-union rhetoric from local and national politicians. Furthermore popular opinion has led to biased court decisions, negative press, dwindling numbers of union members, and a loss of Unions' power to combat non-union entities.

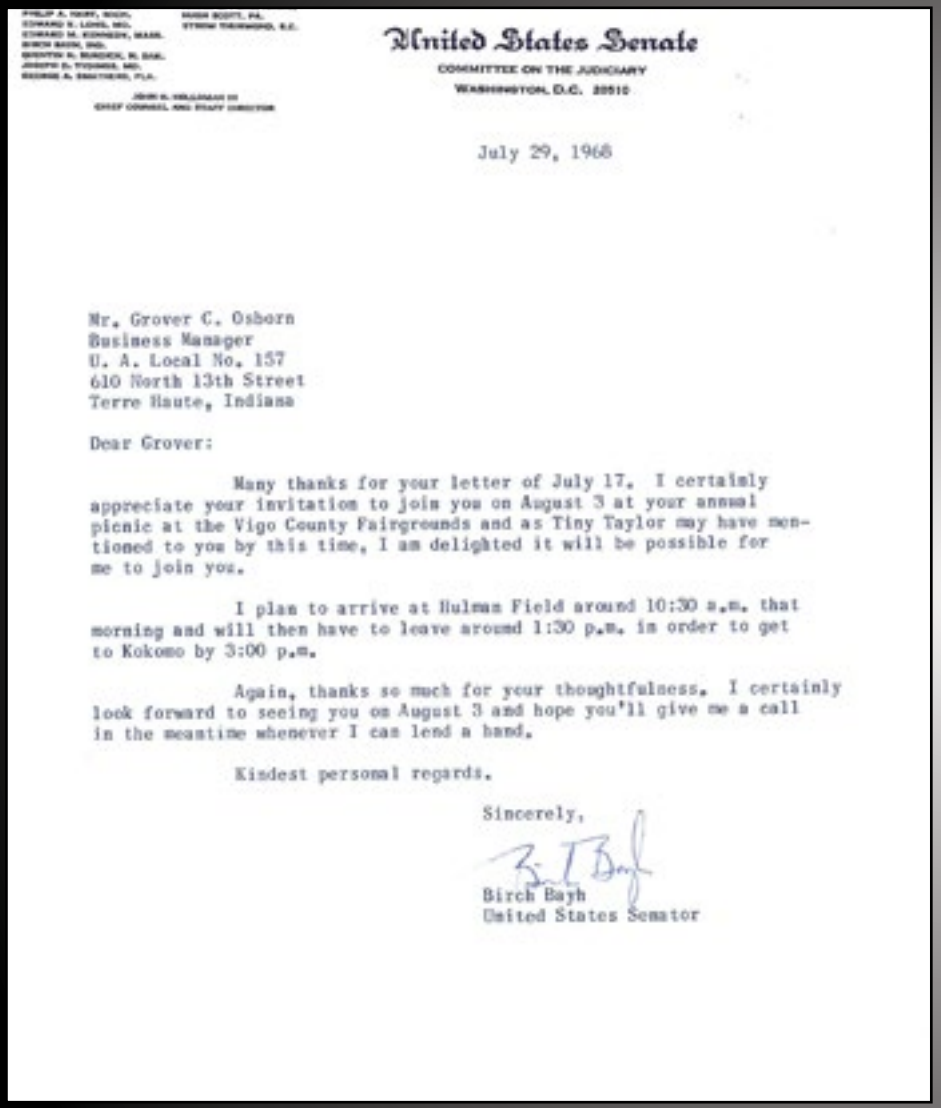
At the beginning of the worldwide Pandemic in 2019, millions of citizens lost their jobs due to the staggering economy. Later in 2021, as the affects of the pandemic started to recede, businesses discovered that their previous workforce had come to the conclusion that now would be a good time to push for positive changes; and that the way to push for those changes is to organize. Workers found that businesses were willing to increase benefits to lure employees back to their companies. When a large portion of the Public's Opinion is positive towards Organized Labor as it is now in 2022, unions numbers increase, newspaper articles are more upbeat when reporting about Unions, and people start to realize that now is a good time to demand better pay and a better working environment. They realize that the only way to get

what they want is to “Organize”.

Throughout the history of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 157, public opinion has always been the major factor in determining the amount of work available for its members because Public Opinion is the major factor in determining who is elected to public offices. Keeping that statement in mind, the officers of Local 157 have throughout the years attempted to create and cultivate relations with public officials at the Local level of government up to and including those at the National level.



No politicians have had the respect for and the respect of Organized Labor in the state of Indiana as Burch and Evan Bayh. As an honorary member of the Local Union, Burch Bayh II considered the officers and fellow members of Local 157 as Union Brothers and Sisters. As a result, Local 157 had a “voice” in the Indiana Congress; and Organized Labor had a strong voice in the United States Senate. In the following pages, the relationship between these great men and the members of Local 157 becomes evident.



United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 29, 1968

Mr. Grover C. Osborn
Business Manager
U. A. Local No. 157
610 North 13th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Grover:

Many thanks for your letter of July 17. I certainly appreciate your invitation to join you on August 3 at your annual picnic at the Vigo County Fairgrounds and as Tiny Taylor may have mentioned to you by this time, I am delighted it will be possible for me to join you.

I plan to arrive at Hulman Field around 10:30 a.m. that morning and will then have to leave around 1:30 p.m. in order to get to Kokomo by 3:00 p.m.

Again, thanks so much for your thoughtfulness. I certainly look forward to seeing you on August 3 and hope you'll give me a call in the meantime whenever I can lend a hand.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

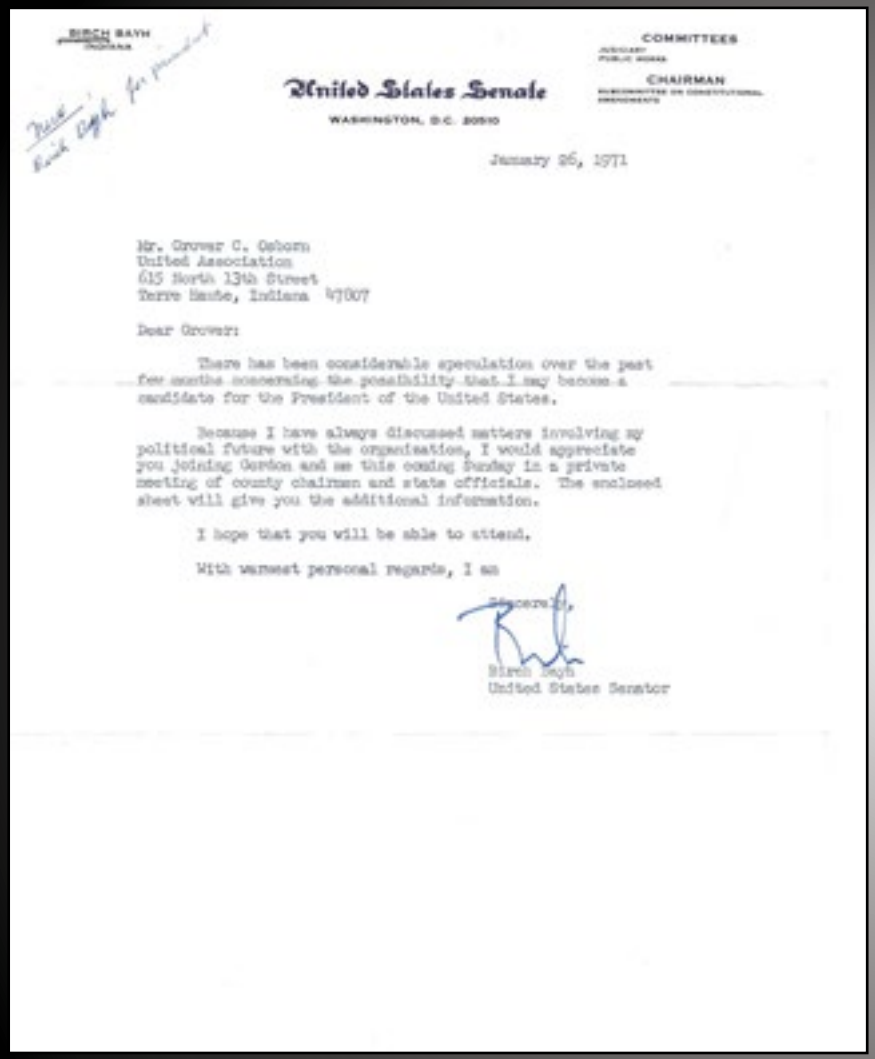
Birch Bayh
United States Senator

To the left is a letter of acceptance from Senator Burch Bayh II concerning that year's 157 Annual Picnic

Top Left - Burch Bayh at one of 157's annual picnics

Top Right - On Capital Hill with James "Tiny" Taylor

Bottom Left - Greeted by Union members after arriving at the Local 157 Recreation Area
Bottom Right - Greeted by "Tiny" and Grover after arriving at the Hulman Airport



BIRCH BAYH
INDIANA

COMMITTEES
JUDICIARY
PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRMAN
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 26, 1971

Mr. Grover C. Osborn
United Association
615 North 13th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Dear Grover:

There has been considerable speculation over the past few months concerning the possibility that I may become a candidate for the President of the United States.

Because I have always discussed matters involving my political future with the organization, I would appreciate you joining Gordon and me this coming Sunday in a private meeting of county chairmen and state officials. The enclosed sheet will give you the additional information.

I hope that you will be able to attend.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Birch Bayh
United States Senator

To the left is a letter addressed to Grover from Senator Bayh concerning his run for President of the United States of America

The letters above are addressed to the late Brother Bill Fenton. The topic of one letter discusses his decision to run for the United State Senate, the others are to invite him to watch the Super Bowl at the Governor's Mansion or to watch "Bob Knight's" Hoosiers take on the Purdue Boilermakers. The wording in all of the letters is evidence of a solid friendship between Bayh and Fenton.

Senator Burch Evan Bayh and Brother Bill Fenton

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PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS
LOCAL
McCULLUM
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George Shipley in white shirt, Congressman from Olney, Ill.

The late Brother Bill Fenton tried his hand at politics by running for Senator for the State of Indiana.

Below - Local 157 backed Joe Hogsett in his campaign for United States Senator.

LUGAR'S RECORD

Above-members of Local Union 157 show their support for Blagojevich in his bid for the office of Governor of the State of Illinois.

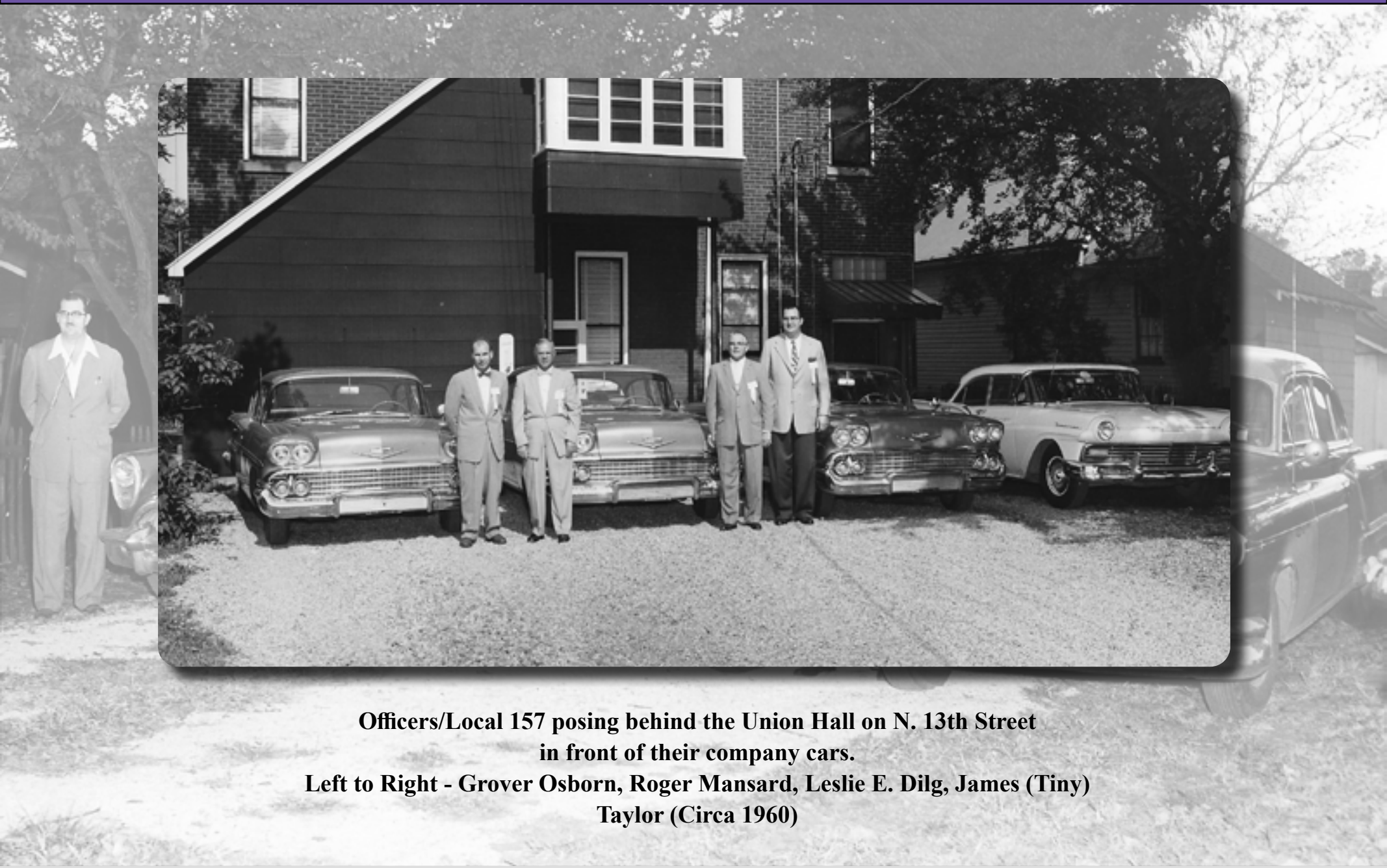
Unfortunately, sometimes the politician Organized Labor decides to befriend turns out to be an embarrassment; as was the case of the Governor of Illinois Rod Blagojevich. When Barack Obama decided to run for the office of President of the United States, he had to give up his Senate seat in the Illinois State Congress. .

Starting in December 2008, a federal investigation and trial found Blagojevich guilty of public corruption after he attempted to solicit bribes to occupy the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Barack Obama upon his election to the presidency. These charges were brought in after Blagojevich threatened to stop the state's dealings with Bank of America Corp. over a shut-down factory in Chicago. Blagojevich was impeached, convicted, and removed from office in 2009 by the Illinois General Assembly. He was also subsequently barred by the Illinois Senate from holding public office within the state ever again. For his role in the corruption scandal, Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison. After an appeal for his release, U.S. President Donald Trump formally commuted his sentence in 2020, after Blagojevich had been imprisoned for nearly eight years; the executive order ended his sentence six years early.[1]

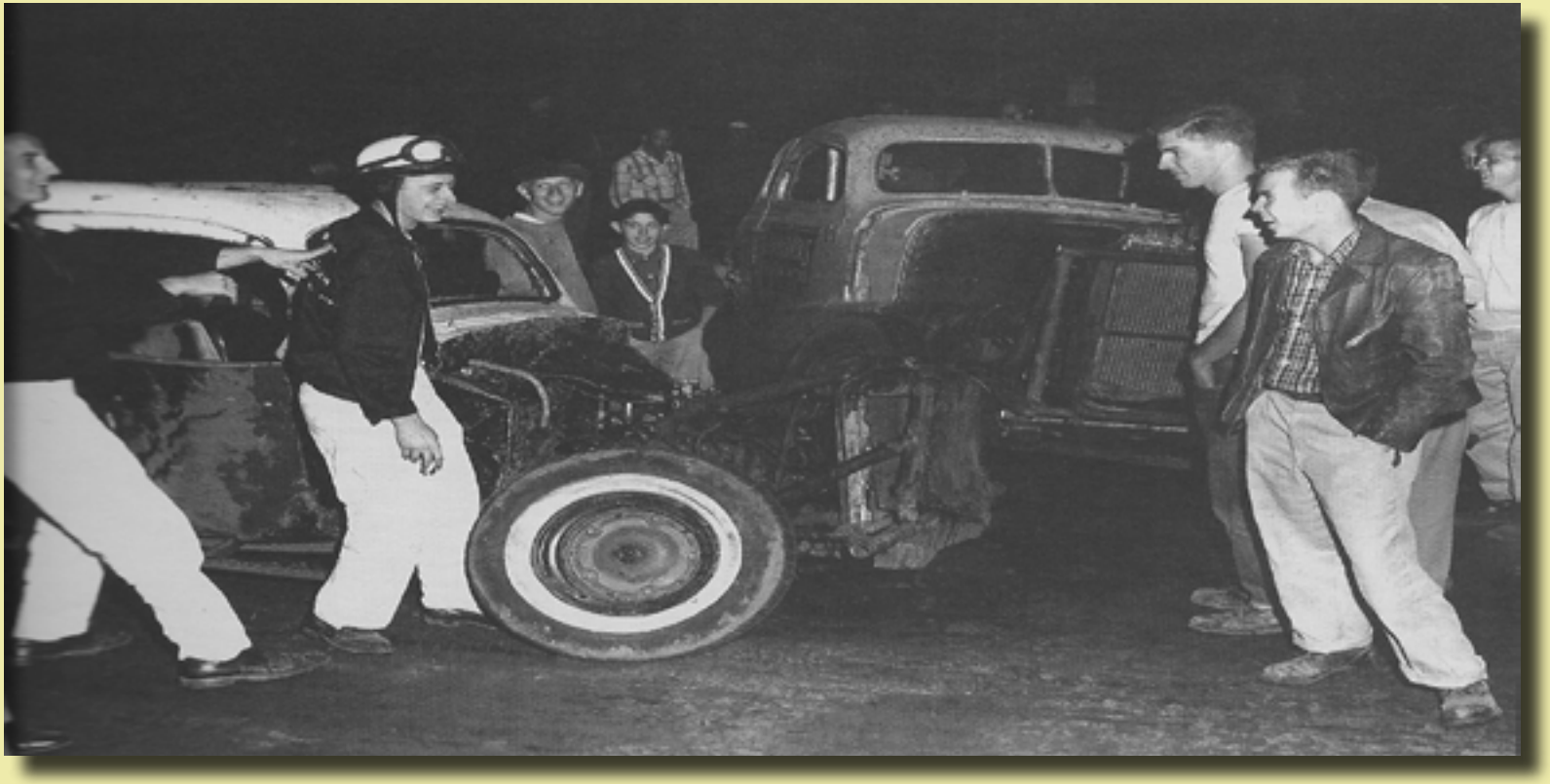
1 Wikipedia "Rod Blagojevick" page was last edited on 19 April 2022, at 02:47 (UTC).

Members and Their CARS

Starting in the early days of the history of Local 157, cars have played a large role in the lives of the members. Above, standing by their company cars are (L to R) James "Tiny" Taylor, Grover C. Osborn, and Roger Mansard. The picture was taken in the mid 1950s behind the Union Hall on N. 13th Street in Terre Haute.



Officers/Local 157 posing behind the Union Hall on N. 13th Street in front of their company cars.
Left to Right - Grover Osborn, Roger Mansard, Leslie E. Dilg, James (Tiny) Taylor (Circa 1960)



Brother Bill Fenton's involvement with, and interest in auto racing began at an early age, when his father served as a member of the pit crew for the Local Union owned Championship series dirt car. "The Flying Pipewrench" ran throughout the midwest in the early 1950s. He became personally involved in the late 1950s and early 1960's while working on "modified stock cars" at the Terre Haute Action Track. Brother Fenton is standing second from right in the photo. [1]

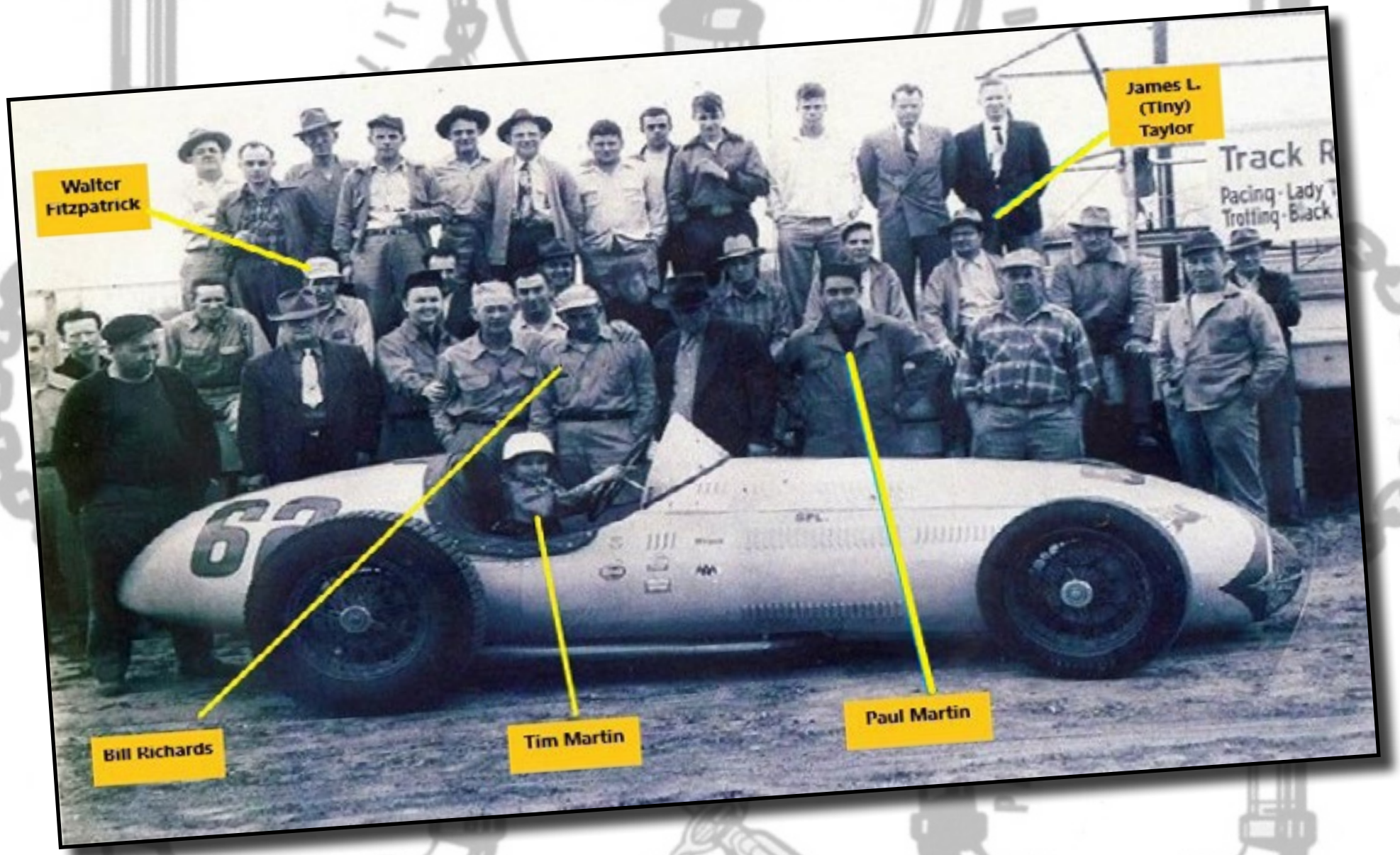
1 "A Time to Enjoy the Rewards of a Job Well Done" William Fenton Retirement Dinner

Pipefitter's Special purchased in 1952 from John F. Koehnle (California) Previously known as the Koehnle Special

Local 157 Co-Owned Indy Car

The following is a quote from Local 157 member Tim Martin.

"In 1952 (I believe, could be late 1951) my Great Grandpa and the whole family drove to California in a pickup truck and bought the Koehnle Special from John F. Koehnle. My Great Grandpa and Grandpa drove back to Terre Haute, Indiana with the car in the back and the rest of the family took a train back. My Great Grandpa entered the car into the 1952 Indy 500 with Bill Boyd as the driver. They named the car "Pipe Fitters Special" as the whole crew on the team were pipefitters from the Local 157 in Terre Haute. The car failed to qualify unfortunately. At one time, Pat Flaherty (1956 Indy 500 winner) drove the car. Supposedly it was not a very fast car according to Flaherty."(sic)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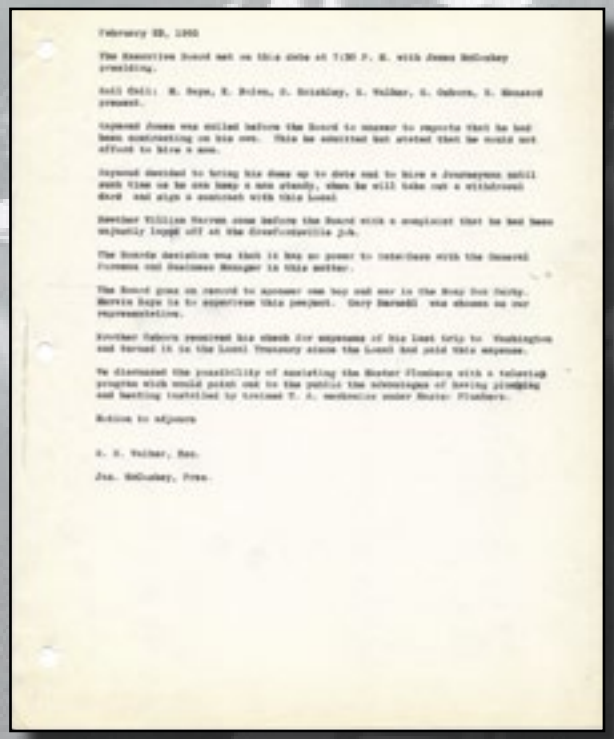


February 22, 1955

The Executive Board met on this date at 7:30 P. M. with James McCluskey presiding.

Roll Call: M. Pope, E. Price, J. Brinkley, L. Volker, G. Osborn, L. Maynard present.

Raymond Jones was called before the Board to answer to reports that he had been moonlighting on his own. This he admitted but stated that he would not attempt to hire a man.

Raymond decided to bring his dues up to date and to hire a journeyman until such time as he can keep a man steady, when he will take out a withdrawal card and sign a contract with this Local.

Brother William Turner came before the Board with a complaint that he had been unjustly laged off at the Greyhound job.

The Boards decision was that it has no power to interfere with the General Foreman and Business Manager in this matter.

The Board goes on record to sponsor one boy and one in the Boy Scout Derby. Marvin Pope is to supervise this project. Gary Burnell was chosen as our representative.

Brother Osborn received his check for expenses of his last trip to Washington and turned it in the Local Treasury since the Local had paid this expense.

We discussed the possibility of assisting the Master Plumbers with a television program which would point out to the public the advantages of having plumbing and heating installed by Licensed U. A. mechanics under Master Plumbers.

Motion to adjourn

L. V. Volker, Bus.

Jos. McCluskey, Pres.

Above, a page from a Regular Meeting Minutes dated Feb. 22, 1955 passing a motion naming Gary Burnell as the driver to be sponsored that year.

Soapbox Derby

There were a few members of Local 157 whose sons built and drove Soap Box Derby cars in the races of the day. One of the many ways that the Local Union demonstrated its members' commitment to the Terre Haute community was through their sponsorship of these drivers. Above, Grover Osborn stands beside driver Gary Burnell sitting in the car he entered that year.

The note at the bottom right of this picture reads Larry Edwards. The boy in the car is most likely his son James. The name of the boy sitting on top of the car and the boy in the car sponsored by "KRESGE'S" is unknown at this time.

History/Terre Haute Soapbox Derby

The following is an exert from a June 1996 article in the Terre Haute Tribune as told by Billie McKee, a racer.

One of Billie McKee's favorite things about the Soap Box Derby was hanging around the Coca-Cola garage on Lafayette Avenue, where boys worked on their cars, spun their wheels and got to talk to race officials and other competitors in the days leading up to the race.

"We were treated like we were something, I guess," the 62-year-old Terre Haute native said in a recent interview, recalling the excitement of his derby days.

It was 50 years ago this month when Billie, now Bill, flew down Derby Hill in Terre Haute faster than the 70 other drivers in the field to be crowned local champion and earn the honor of taking his homemade racer to the national championships in Akron, Ohio. "It was just like the pits at the 500, there at the Coca-Cola plant," he said. "All the kids hung out and all the directors. We'd walk around and look at everybody's cars and talk to each other and look at the cool ones."

Boys had to bring their cars to the garage for inspection and weighing — maximum weight could not exceed 250 pounds, boy and car combined — beginning four days prior to the race. Cars remained locked in the garage until race day. McKee said his mother would drop him off at the Coca-Cola building in the morning and he'd stay each day through the week, making friends with other drivers and learning about racing from adults who were there to

supervise. “The public could come and look at the cars,” he said. “It was kind of neat hanging around and answering questions.” McKee also remembers many of the events leading up to the race, such as trips to the drive-in movies and to the Grand Theater, provided for all the boys by co-sponsors Downtown Chevrolet Sales Inc. and Tribune-Star Publishing Co. When McKee was 7, he watched older brother Russell build a car for the 1952 Soap Box Derby. Bill said his big brother had a profound influence on him in many ways, but especially in racing. In 1954, Russell took his younger brother to the Indianapolis 500 for the first time. By the time McKee was 11, the youngest eligible age for the derby, he was hooked. He entered and raced in 1955 for the first time, then went back again at age 12.

“It was racing,” he said. “It was big-time just to be a part of something that had to do with racing.”

Racing was a McKee family tradition. Bill’s cousins, David and Mike, both drove derby cars about the same time, and Mike won the race in 1958. Not only did McKee race against family, he competed in 1955 and ’56 against future Major League Baseball pitcher Tommy John. Chevrolet, which co-sponsored the Terre Haute Derby, was at Eighth and Mulberry streets at the time, and was only about a half-mile from the house where he lived with his mother, Juanita Humble, McKee said.

“That building was right across the alley from Sumar Racing, and they had cars that raced in the Indy 500. So I’d go down to Chevrolet to hang out and look at the new models, and then I’d slip over to Sumar and watch the cars being worked on,” he said.

Chevrolet provided wheels and axles for all derby contestants, who designed and crafted their cars and engines. Soap box cars raced on hillsides, allowing gravity to pull them toward the finish line. Gene Butts was the sales manager of Downtown Chevrolet and supervised starting-line operations of the Terre Haute Derby. Butts, now 83 and living in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Shar, remembers the scrawny kid driving the sleek car that won in 1956.

The site of the Terre Haute Soap Box Derby, which ran for the first time in 1936, was on a hill east of Terre Haute along U.S. 40. The event gained momentum and popularity until 1941. That was the last year for the race until 1946. It was suspended from 1942 to 1945, during World War II.

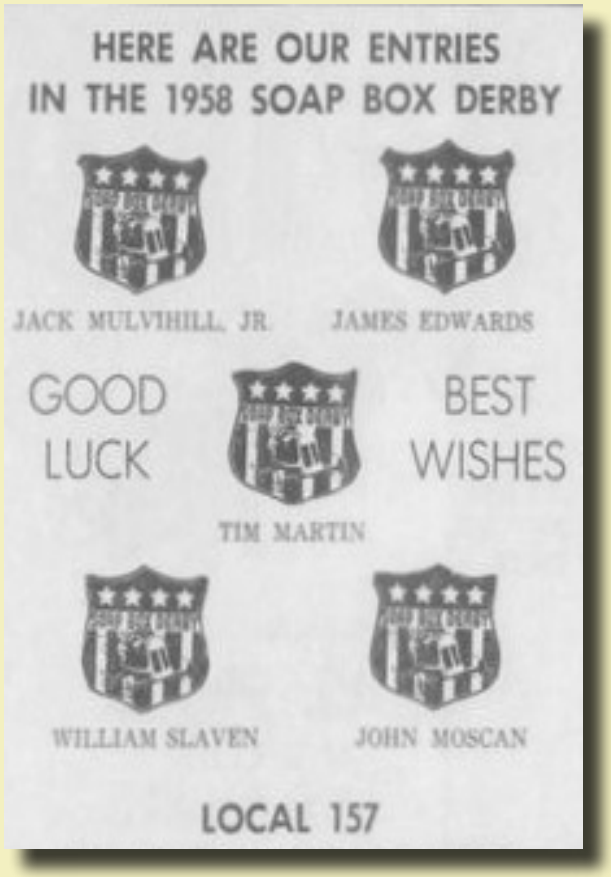
In 1946, the comeback of the all-boy derby made it more popular than ever, with more than 10,000 spectators cheering along the track. In 1950, organizers moved the event to a hill west of Terre Haute, also along U.S. 40. That hill came to be known as Derby Hill, and the Soap Box Derby ran there until the late 1950s or early ’60s.

Butts said during the race, U.S. 40 was closed.“We had all kinds of people there from everywhere around,” he said. “They had to stop traffic on the National Road.” In 1956, the Terre Haute Tribune advertised the race for weeks leading up to June 24. A full-page spread promised a parade featuring the winner of the 1955 race, Civil Air Patrol planes that would fly over the track a few minutes before the start, and aerial bombs to signal the first heat.

PARADE UP DERBY HILL opened the official ceremonies at the track. American Legion Post No. [illegible] color guard and Kerman Grotto Drum Corps led the parade followed by the Derby participants.

Derby Hill

The national Soap Box Derby had its origins during the Great Depression in Ohio. In 1933, Myron Scott, a photographer for the Dayton Daily News, saw some boys racing homemade cars down a small hill in their neighborhood and had the idea to expand the fun. In 1934, the first All-American Soap Box Derby ran in Akron. Local races then began popping up throughout the United States, to groom local champs for the national crown.



Full page ads from the Terre Haute Tribune featuring drivers sponsored by Local 157

OFFICIAL ENTRY LIST FOR
TERRE HAUTE'S 17TH ANNUAL
SOAP BOX
DERBY
Sunday, June 24
DERBY HILL
1 MILE WEST OF WEST TERRE HAUTE
U. S. HIGHWAY 40
ALL ENGRAVINGS By . . .
TERRE HAUTE ENGRAVING CO.

Member Phil Haper R.I.P. (Lafayette)
Collector of Corvairs

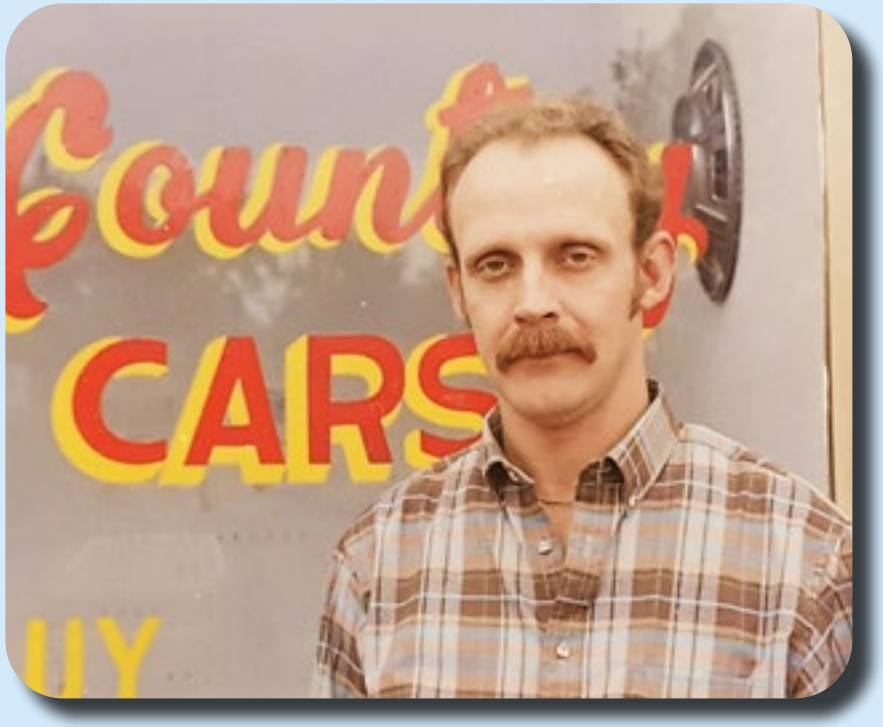
Jan Deichmiller

Terre Haute Quarter Midget Association

"T.H.Q.M.A. is a Terre Haute Non-Profit children's race track. It has been in operation for over 60 years. A lot of 157 members have had or actively had (sic) their kids race their quarter midgets at the club throughout the years. 157 has provided sponsorship money to the organization to help maintain the facility, provide trophies, etc."[1]

The trophy to the left is most likely in appreciation for sponsorship.

1 Information from 157 Facebook provided by Mike Cioch



Mark
(Friendly) Lyndley

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The two members above were partners in the used car business.
"Country Cars"

Local Union Elections

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PRESIDENT
PAT SIDDERS
JAMES L. TAYLOR
FIN SEC/TREASURER
DAVID MORRISON
BILL HIGHTSHOE
INSIDE GUARD
RUSTY PATTERSON
TIM MARTIN
JEFF STRANGE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
HAROLD LAWRENCE
MARK SWAGNER
BOBBY BAUERS SR
CHARLES MALONE

D—J

Shrimp Peel/ Fish Fries

PLUMBERS
L.U. NO. 157
STEAMFITTERS

2007 Robinson Fish Fry

73rd Annual Indiana Pipe Trades Convention

The 71st Annual Convention of the Indiana State Pipe Trades Association was held in Terre Haute, Indiana June 7th and 8th, 1979. As President, Grover Osborn chaired the Convention which started with Registration of Delegates and Guests at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, June 7th. The Convention ended with an afternoon and evening program that included a clay pigeon trap shoot and a steak "cookout" at Local 157's Recreational Area. Many Delegates and Guests expressed amazement at the facilities and all were very complimentary. Some 130 attended and enjoyed the steaks cooked over an open fire. Many later enjoyed dancing to the music of the Baxter Band. As host, Local 157 maintained the bar and sponsored much of the program.

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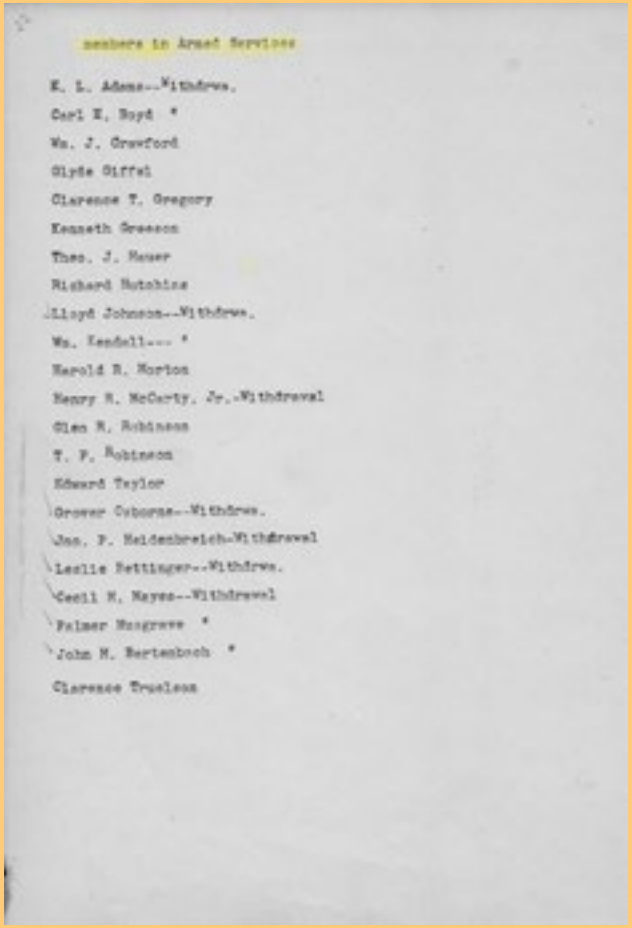
In Times of War

Local 157 Members Serving in the Military during WWII



members in Armed Services

K. L. Adams--Withdrew.
Carl E. Boyd *
Wm. J. Crawford
Clyde Giffel
Clarence T. Gregory
Kenneth Greeson
Theo. J. Heuer
Richard Hutchins
Lloyd Johnson--Withdrew.
Wm. Kendall--- *
Harold R. Morton
Henry R. McCarty, Jr.-Withdrawal
Glen R. Robinson
T. P. Robinson
Edward Taylor
Grover Osborne--Withdrew.
Jos. P. Heidenbreich-Withdrawal
Leslie Bettinger--Withdrew.
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Palmer Musgrave *
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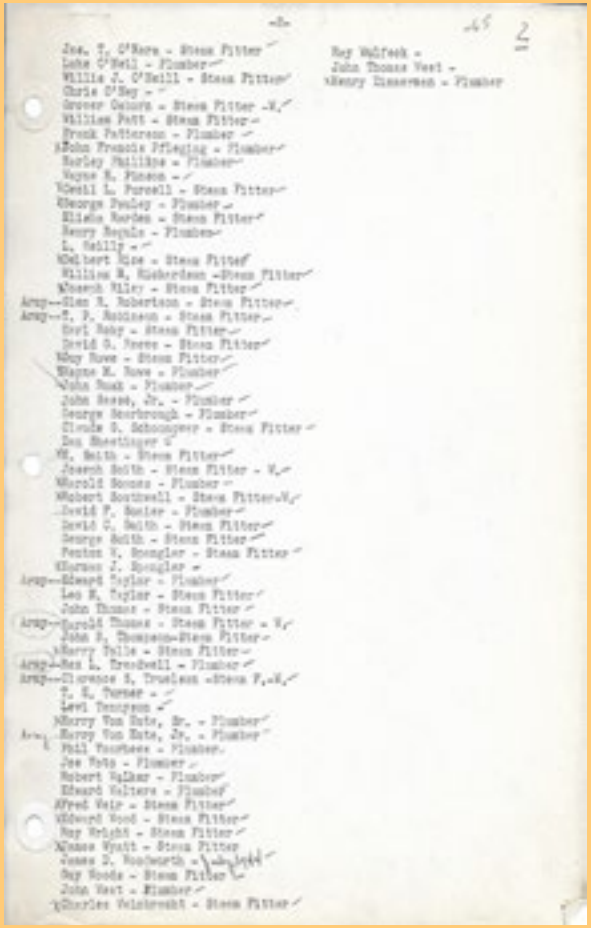
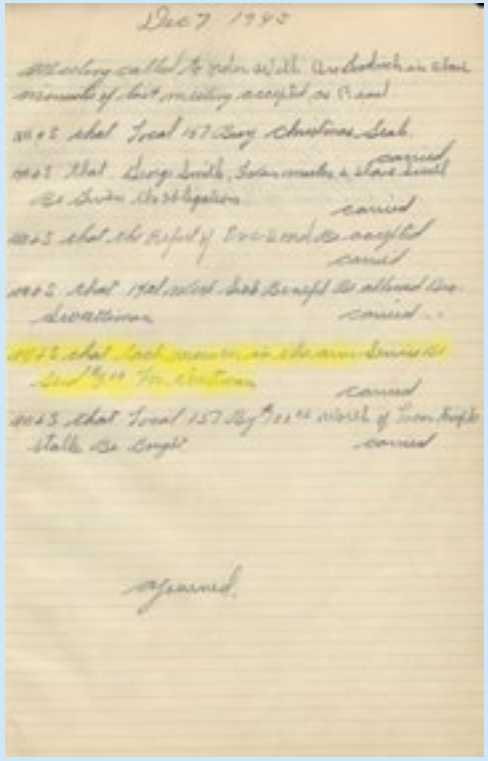


Roy Wolfeck -
John Thomas Vest -



Dec 7 1943

meeting called to order with Bro Ed Lindsay in chair minutes of last meeting accepted as read

M#1 that Local 157 Buy Christmas Seals carried

M#2 that Corp Smith, Sgt Lewis & Pvt Lovell be written letters of appreciation carried

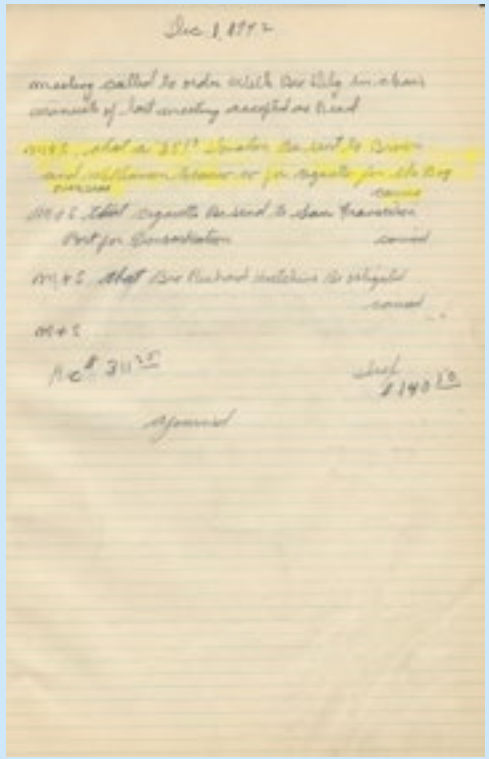
M#3 that the Report of Dec 1 end be accepted carried

M#4 that Pvt Richard Watkins be allowed the donation carried

M#5 that last month in the war Service Flag #10 be flown carried

M#6 that Local 157 Buy $10.00 Worth of Tom Keith Stalls Be Bought carried

Adjourned



Dec 1 1942

meeting called to order with Bro Ellis in chair minutes of last meeting accepted as read

M#1 that a $25.00 donation be sent to Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co for cigarets for the Boys overseas carried

M#2 that cigarets be sent to San Francisco Post for Distribution carried

M#3 that Bro Richard Watkins be obligated carried

M#4

Rec'd 3115

Sent $140.00

Adjourned

REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 1945

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P. M. with Brother Thomas Jacques in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

M. & S. That reports of committees be accepted.
CARRIED

M. & S. That a committee be appointed to interview the returning service men concerning what they must do before going to work.
MOTION LOST

M. & S. That the commendations and certificates on returning service men be turned over to the W. A.
CARRIED

M. & S. That report of the Executive Board be accepted.
CARRIED

M. & S. That the sickness account of the W. A. be raised from $18.00 per week to $20.00 per week, also to raise the W. A's salary from $70.00 per week to $100.00 per week.
CARRIED

M. & S. That the former motion be rescinded.
CARRIED

M. & S. That the W. A's salary be $75.00 per week with $30.00 per week for expenses.
CARRIED

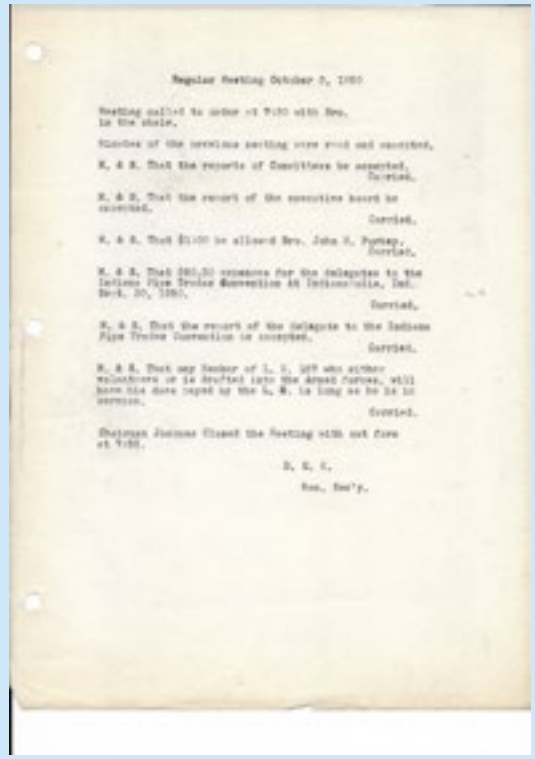
M. & S. That we procure a Deluxe Hotel Service Flague in honor of our Brothers serving in the armed forces.
CARRIED

M. & S. That the following Brothers be allowed sick benefits: Jos. E. F. Hunsicker - 4 weeks
Jos. William E. Pitt - 2 weeks
CARRIED

M. & S. That the Resignation certificate for Dallas State Federation of Labor be turned over to the Executive Board.
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

S. E. E.



Regular Meeting October 3, 1950

Meeting called to order at 8:00 with Bro. in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

M. & S. That the reports of Committees be accepted.
Carried.

M. & S. That the report of the executive board be received.
Carried.

M. & S. That $5.00 be allowed Bro. John H. Ryman.
Carried.

M. & S. That $81.50 expenses for the delegates to the Indiana Pipe Trades Convention at Indianapolis, Ind. Sept. 30, 1950.
Carried.

M. & S. That the report of the delegate to the Indiana Pipe Trades Convention be accepted.
Carried.

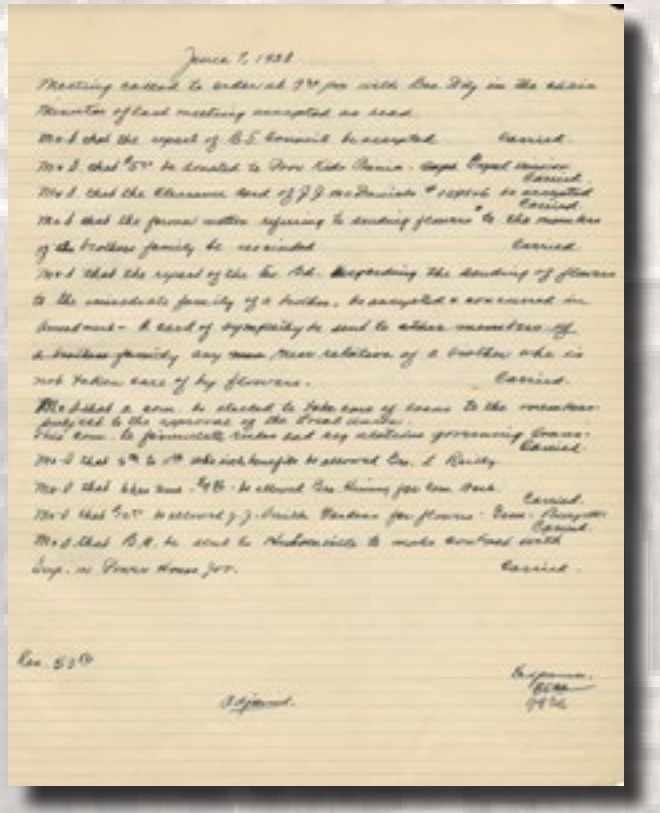
M. & S. That any Member of L. U. 157 who either volunteers or is drafted into the Armed Forces, will have his dues taped by the L. U. as long as he is in service.
Carried.

Chairman Jacques Closed the Meeting with out fire at 9:00.

S. E. E.
Rec. Sec'y.

One would assume that "Dates to Remember" would be recognized and mentioned in the Local 157 Regular Meeting Minutes. December 7, 1941is not recorded in the minutes for that date. There are other dates which are remembered for their significance in the history of the USA of which anyone alive at that time would remember where he or she was when they heard the news. November 22, 1963 would be such a date but there is no mention of Kennedy's assassination in the minutes taken down at the 157 Union meeting in the week following the tragedy. Yet the members of Local 157 did do what they could to support the conflicts and wars including WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam. The pages from the Meeting Minutes above are proof of that support. In the 1st page dated Dec 7, 1943 (one year to the day of the bombing of Pearl Harbor) members voted to send a Christmas gift of $5.00 to each member fighting in the war. The second page dated December 1, 1942 records a motion moved and seconded that a $25.00 donation be sent to *Brown and Williamson Tobacco* for "cigarettes for the boys over seas". Page #3 above dated April 5, 1945 records a motion moved and seconded that "a committee be appointed to interview the returning service men concerning what they must do before going to work". Finally, the last page to the right dated October 3, 1950 records the members agreeing to pay the dues of any member "drafted or volunteering for active duty", which would have coincided with the dates of the Korean War.

Community Outreach



June 7, 1938

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm with Bro Ely in the chair
Minutes of last meeting accepted as read.
Mo'd that the report of B.S. Committee be accepted. Carried.
Mo'd that $5.00 be donated to Poor Kids Picnic - Gospel Mission. Carried.
Mo'd that the Clearance card of J.J. McDaniels # 129546 be accepted. Carried.
Mo'd that the general matter regarding sending flowers to the members of the Brethren family be rescinded. Carried.
Mo'd that the request of the Ins. Bd. Recommending the sending of flowers to the immediate family of a brother, be accepted & now entered in Constitution - A card of sympathy be sent to other members of a brethren family any time flower substitute of a brother who is not taken care of by flowers. Carried.
Mo'd that a com. be elected to take care of cases to the committee duly act to the approval of the Grand Auditor. This com. to permanently function and any substitute governing flowers. Carried.
Mo'd that $4 & $5 sick benefit be approved Bro. L Reilly.
Mo'd that Bro Ross $4.00 be allowed Bro Ewing for two days. Carried.
Mo'd that $10 be allowed J.J. Smith Brethren for flowers - Bro. Pierpoint. Carried.
Mo'd that B.A. be sent to Indianapolis to make contract with Insp. re Grace Home for.

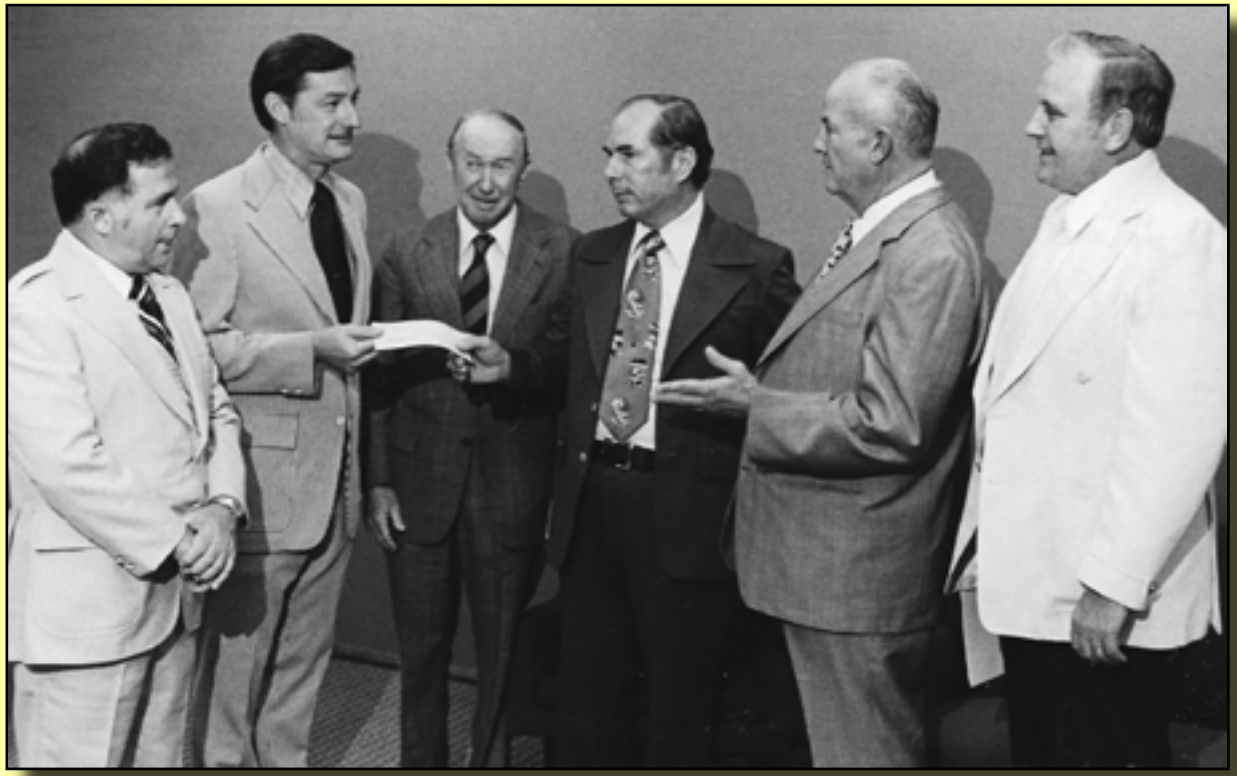
Adjourned.

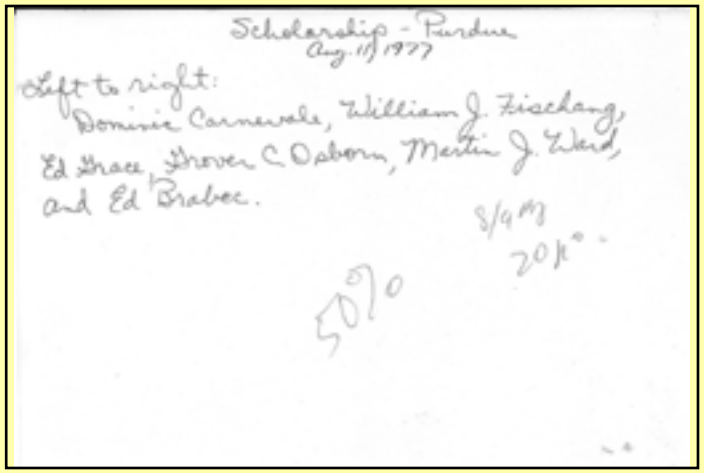
Early in the History of Local 157 members sought to help the sick and less privileged members of their community. The pages of the Meeting Minute books are filled with records of donations, both monetary and labor to those less fortunate. To the left is an example dated June 7, 1938. The members had voted to donate to the “Gospel Mission, Poor Kids Picnic”.

Local 157 has continued the tradition of “Giving” throughout it’s long history.

Scholarships

Throughout its history, Local 157 members have made an effort to make sure that exceptional and deserving high school students receive help with the high cost of a college education. The pictures on the next few pages depict recipiant and representatives from the various colleges receiving their scholarships in a time when college expences were a fraction of what they are in the 21st century.





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Lincoln Trail College Scholarships

Front Row
Grover C. Osborn
Margaret Shew
Dony Bellinger
Craig Ross

Back Row

Henry Mrill
Charles Fritsohen

Fred G Christman, Frank Burgett, Grover C. Osborn and President Samuel F. Hulbert of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

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Scholarship to Indiana State University

Foundation Fund

The committee which formed a joint labor-management charitable contributions foundation in Terre Haute, Indiana are shown as the plans were concluded. They are, from left: Fred Christman, Roy Williams, D. J. Pfleging, Joseph Decker, Byron F. Cooper and Grover Osborn, Business Manager of Local Union 157.

Above-Letter from Grover to Capt. William Daniels dated December 26, 1956 letting him know that the "Organization discontinued several months ago".

Habitat for Humanity

SMB
Certificate of Appreciation
presented to
UA Local 157
In recognition and appreciation of their unselfish devotion of time and efforts, sincere dedication, spirit of goodwill and community service in organizing and participating in the SMB HEATS ON Program. Their efforts are recognized and applauded nationwide.
1989
PROJECT HEAT'S ON
SMB BOARD OF MANAGERS

SPONSOR MEMBER
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dollars Against Diabetes

"Dads Day"

March of Dimes

Members of Local 157 unloading trash barrels for the March of Dimes Walk America event in Terre Haute.

United Way

Fight Against Cancer

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Muscular Dystrophy

Local 157 Business Manager Joe Melin presenting a check during a Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop #95 of Brazil, Indiana visited Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local Union No. 157 for a day of schooling to complete one of their badge requirements at the Recreational Area south of Seelyville, Indiana. Show in the picture are members of the Troop who spent the day under Instructor Mike Porter. Standing in the back row are Mike Porter, Larry Rector (Scout Leader and Member of 157), and Sam Maesch (Instructor).

Cerebral Palsy

Members of the Women's Auxiliary #84 along with 157 BM Grover Osborn and Cerebral Palsy Poster Child

Food Banks

John Siemers works at unloading a delivery for the Food Bank at the Lafayette Sub-office

UA Conventions

1951 Kansas City MO.

Cleveland OH 1942

1956 Kansas City MO.

Cleveland OH 1956

Denver Colorado 1971

Atlantic City NJ 1946

Denver Colorado 1971

1976 Las Vegas NV

Indianapolis IN 1908

Kansas City 1961

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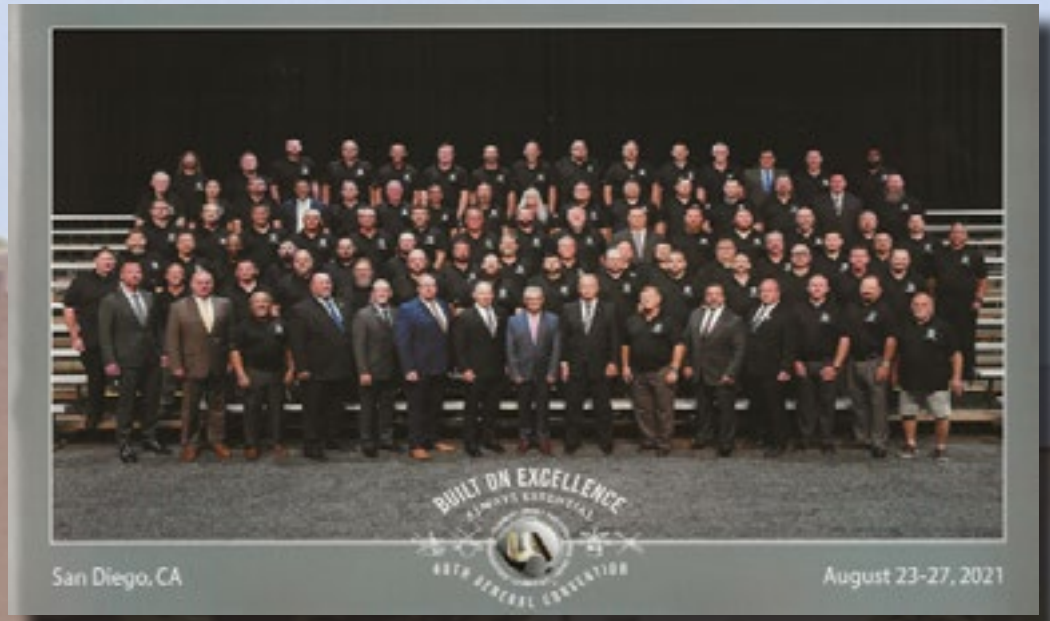

The Piping Industry News

The very first issue of the Piping Industry News was printed in February of 1981 as a service to the Local 157 Membership. Grover Osborn, who was Business Manager at the time stated, "Our Union is so big, and covers such a large area that it is impossible for everyone to attend every meeting. This newspaper will keep all our members informed of what is going on; and make sure they are aware of upcoming Union events and activities."

Articles appearing in that first issue included a notice of Nominations and Elections for Delegates to the 1981 UA Convention, and a feature on the beginning of construction for a new campground area for Members on the east side of the lake, behind the Union's Main Office.

Over the past six (6) decades the format, font color, and paper material has changed many times but the Piping Industry News has continued to meet the needs of our Union Members and Contractors, as well as serving the best interests of our Industry.

It is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as one of the best and most respected newspapers of its type. And, has been the recipient of six different achievement awards from the International Labor Communication Association. In addition to Union Members, Union Contractors, and construction users, today the circulation of the Piping Industry News includes business, community, and governmental leaders.

These pictures were taken in 1982, shortly after a modular office trailer was, "...purchased jointly from the Bechtel Corp". The trailer had been used for construction activities at the Marathon Refinery in Robinson, Illinois.

After some remodeling, the trailer became the new headquarters for the Piping Industry Fund, The Piping Industry News, The educational Trust Fund, and also the Members Vacation Fund. It was located on the north side of the road, directly across from the Meeting Hall.

Below, U.A. President Ward at the "Ribbon Cutting" Ceremony.

August 27, 1982

Ward Cuts Ribbon On New Facilities

Martin J.Ward (2nd from right) General President of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, was at the Local 157 Recreation Area on August 11th to participate in ribbon cutting ceremonies for several new projects.

General President Ward cut the ribbon officially opening a new four-unit office complex which houses the Piping Industry Fund, the Educational Trust Fund, the Employees Vacation Fund, and the editorial office of The PIPING INDUSTRY NEWS. He also cut ribbons on the new fountain, tennis courts, and softball diamond; as well as helping to dedicate the new Family Center and Restaurant, which was opened just last spring.

Pictured with Ward are: (left to right) Fred G. Christman of the Wabash Valley Mechanical Contractors Association; Grover C. Osborn, the Business Manager of Local 157; Terre Haute Mayor Pete Chalos; Ward; and Dominic L. Carnevale - Administrative Assistant to the General President.

Newly elected President of the International Labor Press Association, Robert J. Kalaski, (left) discusses the importance of Local Union Newspapers with Gary Brown (right) Editor of the Piping Industry News. Both men participated in the ILPA's Convention, which is held every two-years in conjunction with the AFL-CIO's Constitutional Convention.

Piping Industry News Photo Judged Best At the State Regional Labor Press Conference

A photograph of Local 157's Dustin Roberts, taken by Piping Industry News, showing Dustin welding inside a section of large diameter piping at the Freitag-Weinhardt Fabrication Shop in Terre Haute, was judged as the "Best Individual Photo" for all 2007 Labor publications entered in the Annual Midwest Labor Press Association (MLPA) Contest. The MLPA is comprised of over 100 Union and Union-related publications and web-sites in nine different Midwest states; serving over 1,000,000 families.

The winning Photo was from the November 2007 issue. It showed Local 157's Dustin Roberts inside a large diameter pipe at the Freitag-Weinhardt shops in Terre Haute.

LOCAL 157 SHIRT SHOP

(Located in The Piping Industry News Offices)

SHOW YOUR UNION COLORS WITH THESE NO. 157 ITEMS

Hats (Mens & Ladies)	4.00
T-Shirts (Blue & Red)	6.50
T-Shirts (Green "V" neck)	8.00
Childrens T-Shirts (My Daddy Is a Member of Local No. 157)	4.50
Jackets (Lined, Waterproof)	18.00
Bic Lighters	1.25
License Plates	2.25

ALSO ASSORTED PATCHES AND STICKERS

HOURS 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. MON.-FRI., ALSO AFTER UNION MEETINGS

International
Labor Communications
Association
AFL-CIO/CLC
presented to
Piping Industry News
for outstanding achievement
in the field of labor journalism in
the category of
Best Series
Panel of judges appointed by the ILCA
Executive Council:
Awarded in 1985 for Performance
in Publications of Calendar 1984

International
Labor Communications
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in the field of labor journalism in
the category of
Labor History Biographical Profile
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Executive Council:
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in Publications of Calendar 1983

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International
Labor Communications
Association
AFL-CIO/CLC

For achievement
in the field of labor media
in the category of

Broadcast - Television, Video, Film and Radio
Spots/Promos - 3 minutes or less
Budget $5,000 or Less/Low
Honorable Mention

presented to

Image Plus #1
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 157
Terre Haute IN

Awarded in November 2004 for Outstanding Work
during Calendar Year 2003

International
Labor Communications
Association
AFL-CIO/CLC
Film and Broadcast
Competition
1997
FIRST AWARD
presented to
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157
for outstanding achievement
in film/broadcasting communications
during 1995-96 in the category of
Spots/Promos - TV Commercials
Panel of judges appointed by the ILCA Executive Council
ILCA

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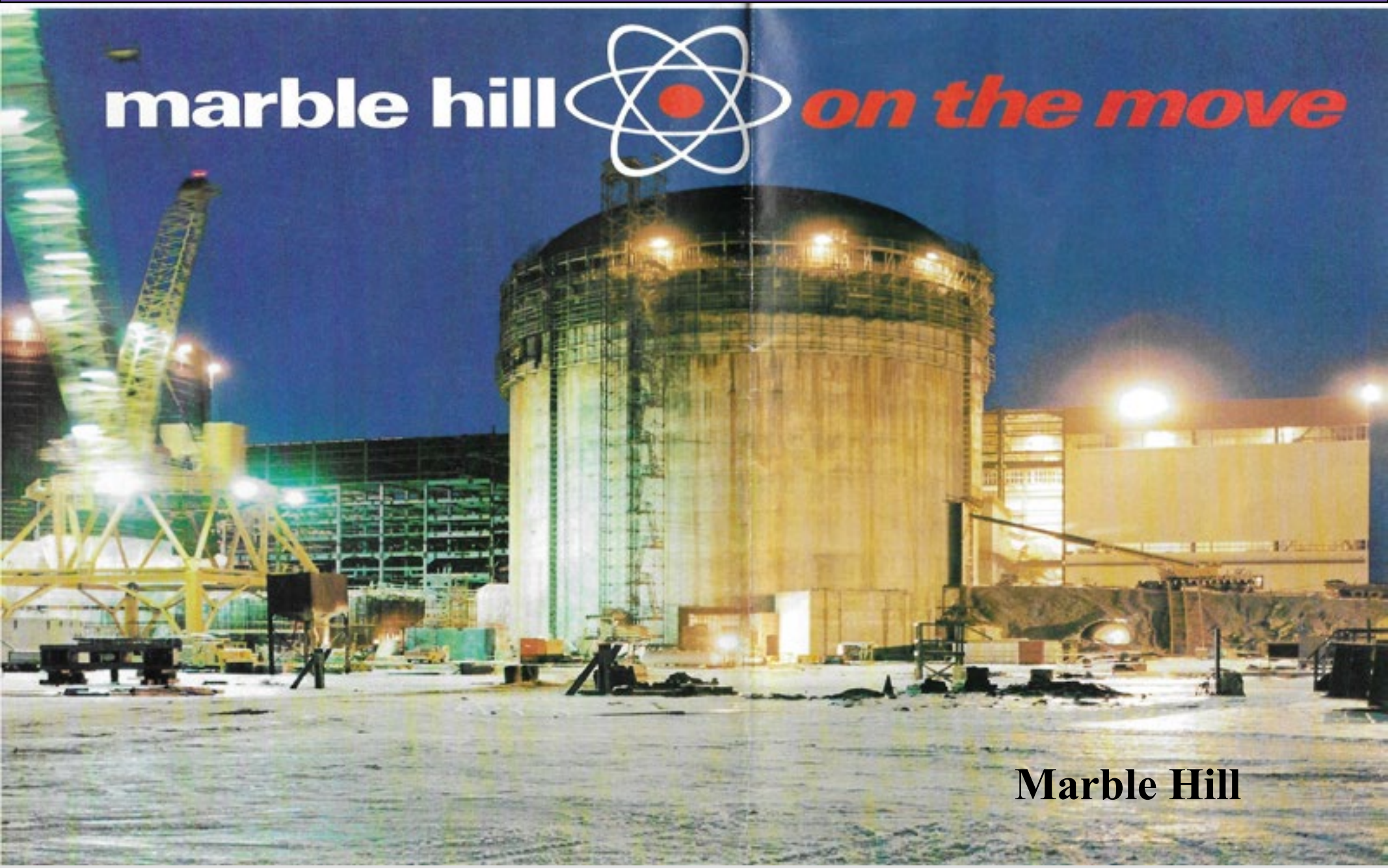


Marble Hill

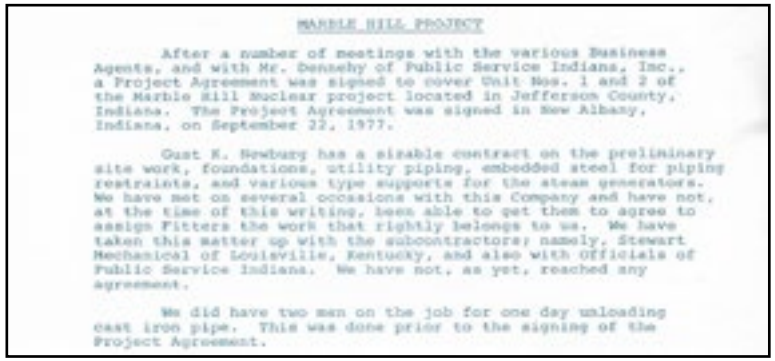
MARBLE HILL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

On March 22, 1977, General President Martin J. Ward assigned our Local Union to handle the Nuclear Power Plant that is to be constructed in Jefferson County on the Ohio River near Madison, Indiana. The U.A. is to retain jurisdiction, but we will man and police the job. This total project is estimated to cost one billion four hundred million dollars and will run over a 7-8 year period. I have already met with Officials of Public Service of Indiana and Gust K. Newburg Company who is doing site preparation and road work on the project at this time. The actual power plant is being held up because the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not issued Public Service of Indiana a license to construct the project as yet. Hearings are still underway before the Board with opposition from the environmentalists and, of course, the bird watchers who operate under the organization name "Save Our Valley and Marble Hill". Actual construction of the Plant will probably begin, however, late this year or early in 1978.

Public Service Indiana (PSI) proposed the concept in 1973 with an initial estimated construction cost of $700 million dollars. The suggested plant was to be built just 30 minutes south of Madison and designed to house two Westinghouse 1,130 megawatt light-water reactors, each capable of generating 3,425 thermal megawatts. The steam turbines could convert the reactors' heat into 2,360 megawatts of generated power. The first reactor was scheduled to commence operation in January of 1982 with the second reactor expected to come on line two years later, in January of 1984. Delays later pushed these estimates to 1986 and 1987, respectively. Eighty five percent of the plant's capacity was to be split between PSI and the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), with the remaining 15% being diverted to other entities (including the Kentucky-Indiana Municipal Power Association, the City of Richmond, Indiana, the East Kentucky Power Cooperative, and the Wabash Valley Power Association.) In addition to the plant and reactors, plans called for construction of 115 miles of transmission lines across 3,475 acres of land.

Marble Hill construction was scheduled to begin in July of 1976, but from the outset financial and regulatory speed bumps forced PSI into commencement delays. It wasn't until December of that year the company was issued a limited work authorization order to begin. In September of 1977 public hearings were held regarding the escalating estimates. During the hearings it was learned the estimated costs for

the site had doubled to $1.4 billion; critics accused PSI of skewing numbers to prevent opponents from using economic arguments against the endeavor. In the wake of the disaster at **Three Mile Island** dozens of planned plants were canceled. Expansions and upgrades to existing plants were delayed, and funding for any nuclear projects became scarce.



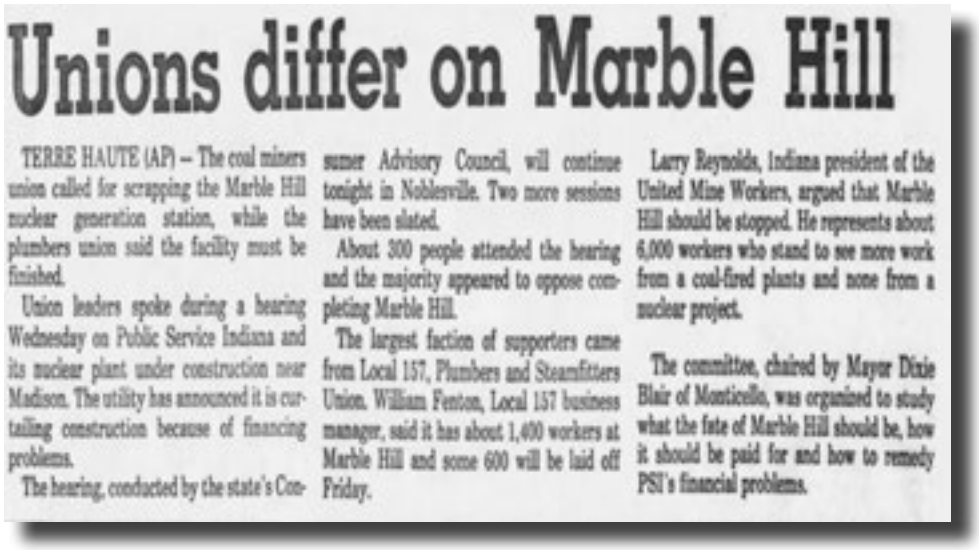
MARBLE HILL PROJECT

After a number of meetings with the various Business Agents, and with Mr. Donnehy of Public Service Indiana, Inc., a Project Agreement was signed to cover Unit Nos. 1 and 2 of the Marble Hill Nuclear project located in Jefferson County, Indiana. The Project Agreement was signed in New Albany, Indiana, on September 22, 1977.

Gust K. Newburg has a sizable contract on the preliminary site work, foundations, utility piping, embedded steel for piping restraints, and various type supports for the steam generators. We have met on several occasions with this Company and have not, at the time of this writing, been able to get them to agree to assign Fitters the work that rightly belongs to us. We have taken this matter up with the subcontractors; namely, Stewart Mechanical of Louisville, Kentucky, and also with Officials of Public Service Indiana. We have not, as yet, reached any agreement.

We did have two men on the job for one day unloading cast iron pipe. This was done prior to the signing of the Project Agreement.

The next bombshell to drop came from a former employee. In May of 1979, Charles Cutshall filed an affidavit claiming he and other employees had been instructed to cover up defects in construction while they worked on the plant. Cutshall's testimony indicated improperly mixed concrete was used in the containment building walls, which resulted in the creation of air pockets. Otherwise known as honeycombing, this could lead to failure of integrity should a breach occur. In March of 1980, five hundred people crammed a local school to protest a restart of the construction; however nineteen months after Cutshall's allegations, construction on Marble Hill resumed – but not before the delays added to project cost. By 1981 local support had reached an all-time low. Revised cost estimates by PSI had eclipsed $3.4 billion dollars, forcing the power company to seek state funding guarantees for a Construction in Progress (CIP) permit. Estimates were revised upward once more in 1983 to $5.1 billion – but despite the increases Public Service Indiana's leadership remained confident in the economic feasibility of the plant. The project was highly levered, and PSI's credit rating suffered as a result. The power company's borrowing rates increased from ten to fifteen percent while their bond ratings suffered a downgrade. Public Service Indiana's financial situation was dire; the company could ill-afford to borrow additional money to finish the project, which by 1983 was only 20 percent complete. In late 1983, Indiana Governor Robert Orr tasked a council to study the Marble Hill project. The resulting report estimated the project would cost $7.7 billion to complete. The findings came with a recommendation to abandon the project and not hold taxpayers accountable for future costs.



Unions differ on Marble Hill

TERRE HAUTE (AP) – The coal miners union called for scrapping the Marble Hill nuclear generation station, while the plumbers union said the facility must be finished.

Union leaders spoke during a hearing Wednesday on Public Service Indiana and its nuclear plant under construction near Madison. The utility has announced it is curtailing construction because of financing problems.

The hearing, conducted by the state's Consumer Advisory Council, will continue tonight in Noblesville. Two more sessions have been slated.

About 300 people attended the hearing and the majority appeared to oppose completing Marble Hill.

The largest faction of supporters came from Local 157, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union. William Fenton, Local 157 business manager, said it has about 1,400 workers at Marble Hill and some 600 will be laid off Friday.

Larry Reynolds, Indiana president of the United Mine Workers, argued that Marble Hill should be stopped. He represents about 6,000 workers who stand to see more work from a coal-fired plants and none from a nuclear project.

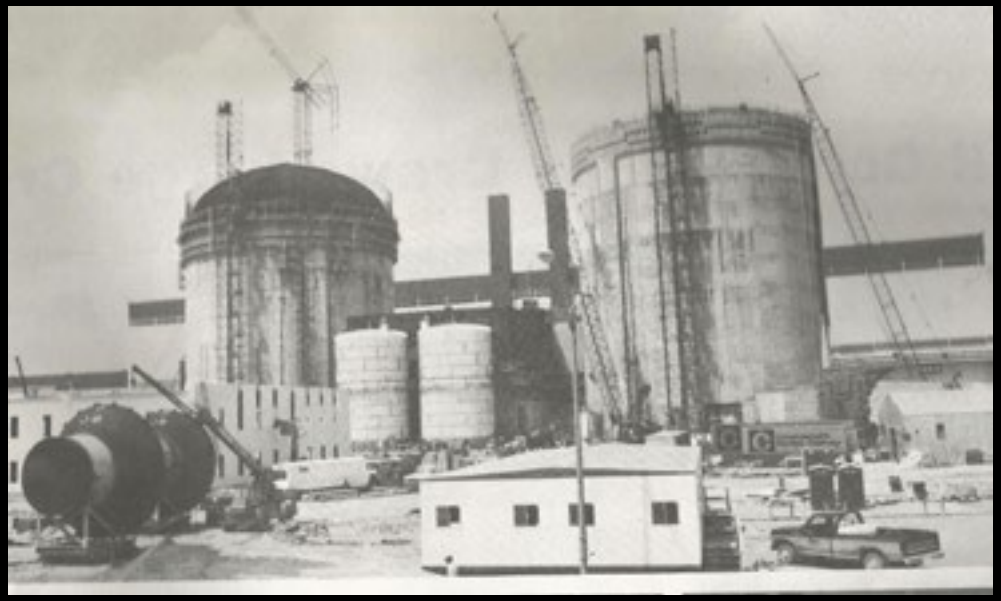
The committee, chaired by Mayor Dixie Blair of Monticello, was organized to study what the fate of Marble Hill should be, how it should be paid for and how to remedy PSI's financial problems.

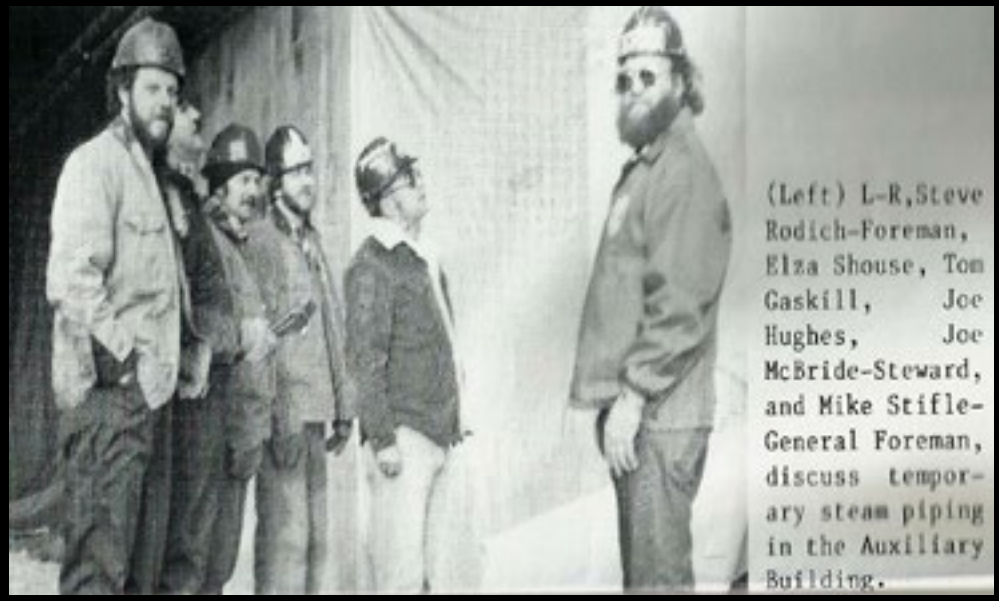
The first reactor was scheduled for delayed completion in 1986, but it would never see operation. Construction on the site was halted for the final time on January 10th, 1984 when the PSI board canceled the project. Officially, the reactors had been 55% and 35% completed before construction was halted. More than $2.8 billion had been spent before the partially-finished project was abandoned, ranking Marble Hill as the second most expensive abandoned nuclear project in United States history (only Shoreham cost more).

Local 157 Members At Marble Hill .....

(Left to right) Don Huddleston Gary Watson, and Gary Bush cut pipe sections for fabrication.

Cherne Contracting Employees (left to right) Chuck Harding, Shelby Daugherty, and Ron Ehrlich check pipes and valves for the sample pumps at the Marble Hill Nuclear Power Station near Madison. For more coverage of Local 157 workers at Marble Hill see pages six and seven.





(Left) L-R, Steve Rodich-Foreman, Elza Shouse, Tom Gaskill, Joe Hughes, Joe McBride-Steward, and Mike Stifle-General Foreman, discuss temporary steam piping in the Auxiliary Building.

JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 1984

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee met on Monday, January 16, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. at the Local Union Office.

Present representing the Contractors were Bill Unger, John Athey, and Dave Harrah.

Present representing the Local Union were Bill Fenton, Jim Strange, Marshall Sydnor, Mike Porter, and Bonnie Swiger.

Marshall Sydnor discussed the financial situation of the Training Department due to the closing of the Marble Hill job. We were forced to shut down Apprentice classes at the New Washington office and lay off the four Instructors there. We hired one new Instructor here (Ross Elliott) to help teach the thirty-five or so Apprentices from the New Washington area who will be using the Local Union bus to get to and from classes on Saturday.

Mergers

Local 156
Crawfordsville Indiana
Merger 1952

Local 240
Lafayette, Indiana
Merger 1975

Local 157
Terre Haute, Indiana

Local 293
Danville, Illinois
Merger 1994

Local 798
Frankfort, Indiana
Merger 1947

Local #798
Frankfort, Indiana

Local #798 was a combination Local Union in Frankfort, Indiana chartered by the UA in 1919. Records show that the location of their headquarters changed three times up to 1947, the year they merged into Local #240, Lafayette, Indiana.

MEETING HALLS, 1919 - 1947

Date	Location
12/1919-02/1920	Regular meetings held at Labor Temple every second Tuesday
03/1920-12/1920	Regular meetings held at Labor Temple every second and fourth Tuesday
01/1921-09/1925	Meet Owls Hall, 2nd Tuesday
10/1925-09/1947	Meet Modern Woodman Hall, 2nd Thursday

Local #798

Frankfort, Indiana

Meeting Locations

No Picture Available

Labor Temple (picture upper left)
Owl's Hall (upper right)
Woodman Hall (lower left)

Local #798 Officers

1919-1947

NOTE: The dates listed indicate the appearance of the officer's name in the UA Journal and do not directly coincide with his date of office.

From Date	To Date	Office	Name	Address
12/19	11/20	Recording Secretary	Johnson, Walter	858 W. South St
12/20	08/21	Recording Secretary	Friedenstein, William	252 W. Armstrong St
09/20	09/47	Recording Secretary	Hiatt, Ralph	1010 Rossville Ave
12/19	11/20	Financial Secretary	Shuler, Harry	654 E. Wabash St
12/20	08/21	Financial Secretary	Coln, Vine	1154 S. 1st St
09/20	06/33	Financial Secretary	Shuler, Harry	654 E. Wabash St
07/33	05/39	Financial Secretary	Alexander, William	660 W. Jefferson St
06/39	09/47	Financial Secretary	Ticen, Fred	558 E. Morrison St
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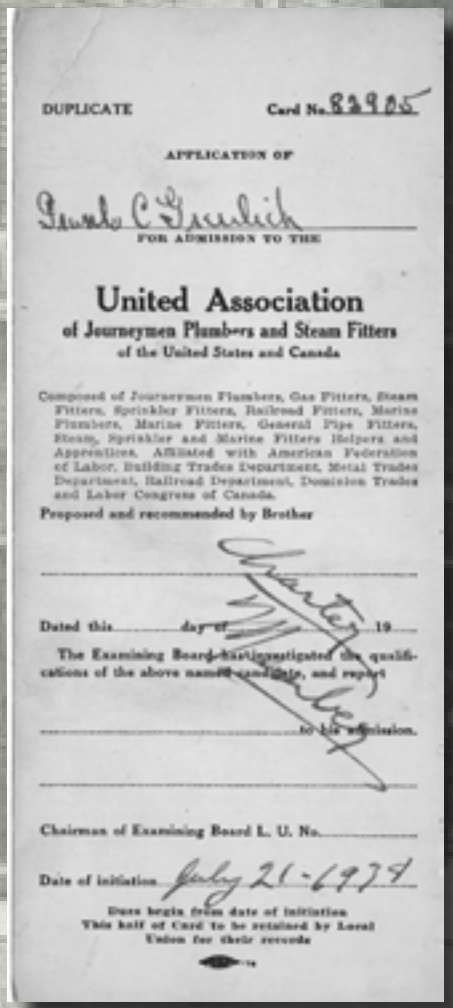
Local #156
Crawfordsville, Indiana



DUPLICATE Card No. 82905

APPLICATION OF

Frank C Faulich

FOR ADMISSION TO THE

United Association
of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters
of the United States and Canada

Composed of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters, Sprinkler Fitters, Railroad Fitters, Marine Plumbers, Marine Fitters, General Pipe Fitters, Steam, Sprinkler and Marine Fitters Helpers and Apprentices, Affiliated with American Federation of Labor, Building Trades Department, Metal Trades Department, Railroad Department, Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Proposed and recommended by Brother

Charter

Dated this ____ day of ____ 19__

The Examining Board has investigated the qualifications of the above named candidate, and report

____ to his admission.

Chairman of Examining Board L. U. No. ____

Date of initiation July 21-1938

Dues begin from date of initiation
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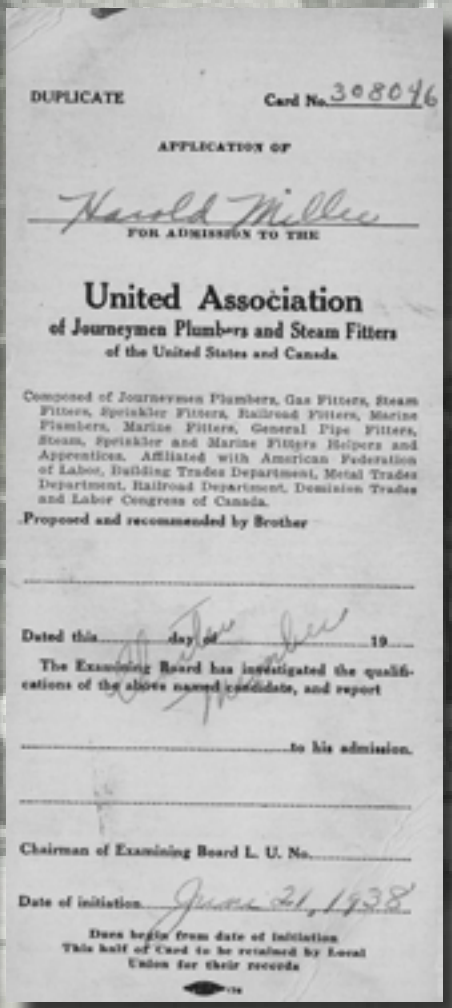

DUPLICATE Card No. 308046

APPLICATION OF

Harold Miller

FOR ADMISSION TO THE

United Association
of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters
of the United States and Canada

Composed of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters, Sprinkler Fitters, Railroad Fitters, Marine Plumbers, Marine Fitters, General Pipe Fitters, Steam, Sprinkler and Marine Fitters Helpers and Apprentices, Affiliated with American Federation of Labor, Building Trades Department, Metal Trades Department, Railroad Department, Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Proposed and recommended by Brother

Dated this ____ day of ____ 19__

The Examining Board has investigated the qualifications of the above named candidate, and report

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Chairman of Examining Board L. U. No. ____

Date of initiation June 21, 1938

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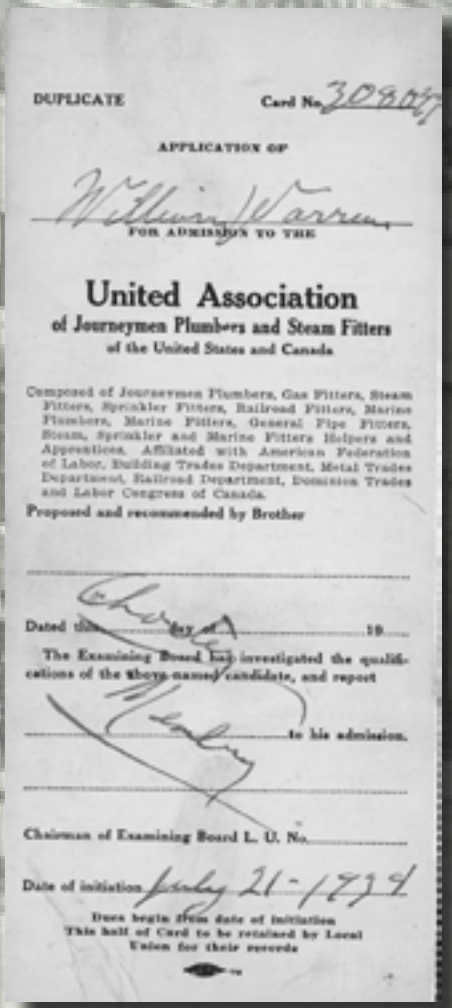

DUPLICATE Card No. 308047

APPLICATION OF

William Warren

FOR ADMISSION TO THE

United Association
of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters
of the United States and Canada

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Dues begin from date of initiation
This half of Card to be retained by Local Union for their records

Local 156 was a combination Local Union (Plumbers and Steamfitters) located in Crawfordsville Indiana. They were granted a Charter by the United Association in 1938. Although no copy of their Charter has been located, the Clearance Cards of three of the Charter Members (left) record the "Date of Initiation" as July 21, 1938.

Local #156 of Crawfordsville, Indiana was a small combination Local Union (Plumbers and Steamfitters) chartered by the UA in 1938. Records show that the location of their headquarters moved three times up to 1952, the date of their merger into Local 157. The above correspondences between O. Havencamp, Grover Osborn, and the UA show the progression of the merger from the time of their members' request leading to and joining the ranks of Local 157. In the first letter dated April 8, 1952 Financial Secretary Treasurer O. Havencamp writes that the local consisted of seventeen (17) members. In the final correspondence, Special Representative James Switalski reports that eight (8) members of Local 156 were given clearance cards to Local 157.

Local #156

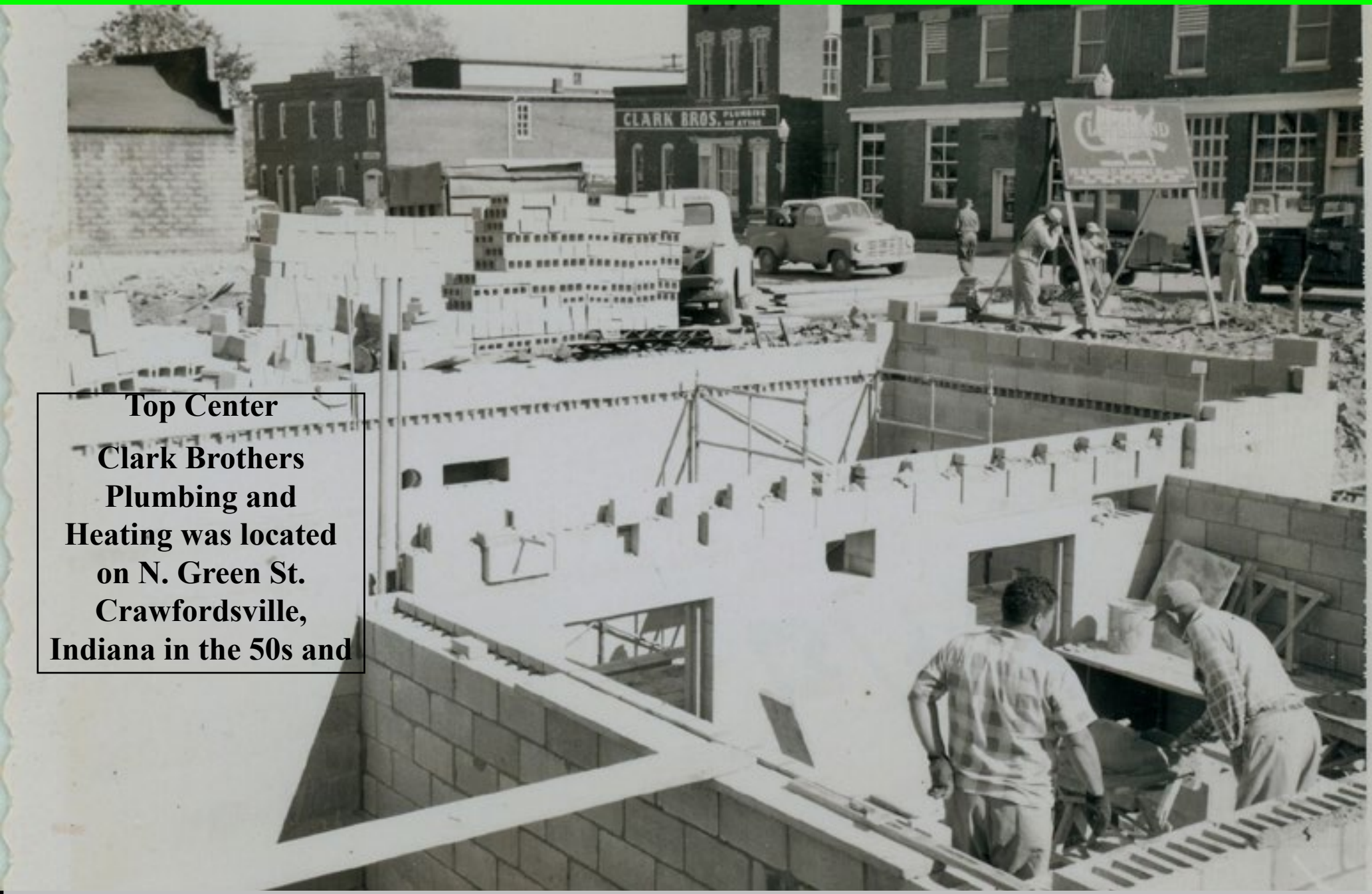
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Meeting Locations

122 1/2 South Washington Street (Upstairs) Present Location of Vanity Theater

109 South Washington Street (Upstairs)

Corner of Washington and Market Street (Upstairs)



Top Center

Clark Brothers Plumbing and Heating was located on N. Green St. Crawfordsville, Indiana in the 50s and

Local #156 Officers

From - To	Office	Name
05/1938 - 07/1938	Secretary	None Listed
08/1938 - 08/1938	Secretary	Phillip Dickerson
01/1942 -	Secretary	Frank Greullich
08/1946 - 12/1949	Secretary	Phillip Dickerson
09/1938 - 08/1939	Recording Secretary	Daniel Maarthy
09/1939 - 12/1941	Recording Secretary	Frank Gruellek
09/1938 - 08/1939	Financial Secretary	Phillip Dickerson
09/1939 - 06/1941	Financial Secretary	Eston (Keith) Clark
07/1941 - 12/1941	Financial Secretary	Paul W. Clark
10/1939 - 12/1941	Business Agent	William Warren
01/1941 -	Business Agent	Frank Greullich
08/1946 - 12/1949	Business Agent	Phillip Dickerson

The dates listed indicate the appearance of the officer's name in the UA Journal and do not directly coincide with his date of office. The title "Secretary" is used when only one officer is listed in the roll call. The absence of an office from the roll call does not mean that the local had no one in that office. Some locals did not report the names of all their officers. In some cases, the same individual served as both recording and financial secretary, but this cannot be determined from the roll calls.

Local Unions are required to send a list of their new officers to the UA after each election. The following data is the list dated December 12, 1949, received by the UA on January 4, 1950.

Office	Name
President	William Warren
Vice President	George Pritchett
Financial Secretary	Otto M. Havencamp
Inside Guard	T. M. Middleton
Recording Secretary	Eugene Swank
Finance Committee	Eugene Swank
	George Pritchett
	Philip Dickerson
Executive Board	George Pritchett
	Otto M. Havencamp
	William Warren
	Philip Dickerson
	Eugene Swank

Local #240 Plumbers and Pipefitters
Lafayette, Indiana

In 1951 the members of Local 240 celebrated it's Golden Anniversary marking 50 years of Solidarity and continuous service to the citizens of Lafayette and the surrounding area. The occasion was featured in the Journal and Courier along with a history of the Local Union. The following is the article as it appeared on that date.

Fifty years of Local labor history have been written into the records by Lafayette Local 240, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, celebrating its Golden Anniversary this week. Highlighting the memorable event was the banquet Thursday evening at Jefferson High School gymnasium. High dignitaries from the national and state offices attended, also civic officials. The Union is officially titled 'The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada.

At the banquet, A. C. Sandberg was presented with a gold watch for his 58 years of loyal service to the Industry and the Union. Hugh McGonigle was chairman in charge of arrangements for the dinner program. Present union officials included: Victor J. Larson (president), Lewis Claxton (Vice President), Vernon Wright (Financial Secretary), and Thomas Byrns (Recording Secretary Treasurer and Business Manager).

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The Local Union was originally Chartered April 6, 1901 but a new Charter was issued the next year by headquarters in Washington D. C. to include plumbers in West Lafayette and vicinity. Only one man still survives the original dozen who belonged to the union when it received its charter. A. C. Sandberg, 76 who still owns and operates a plumbing firm here, was the first Vice-President of the group after it received its charter from the United Association of Journeyman Plumbers.

He came here from Illinois as a small boy 58 years ago and got a job as a Plumber's Apprentice with Wallace Brothers Plumbing company now gone from the Lafayette scene. He says he was paid $3.50 for a 63-hour week.

Sandberg worked for this company 21 years, then went into business for himself and had to sever relations with the union because he became an employer.

The original charter members of the union were James Rae, Edward Gallagher, J. P. Ryan, Thomas Lumly, S. D. Ball, John Vaughn, James Holt, George Kress, William Leslie, Lom Halsema, Charles Fuller and Sandberg.

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According to Sandberg, an earlier plumbers union existed here before the present one was chartered; but it broke up after a dance held by the union one night. The treasurer split the remaining funds among the members and it apparently ended the union.

Banquet Honors Founding of Plumbers Union

The present union first held meetings in the building now located on the northeast corner of Fourth and Ferry streets; and later moved to the building located on the northwest corner of Sixth and Main streets; thence across the street to the Hook Building; over to the Milwaukee block at Fifth and Columbia streets, and then to the Labor Temple at Fourth and Columbia Streets, where it still meets.

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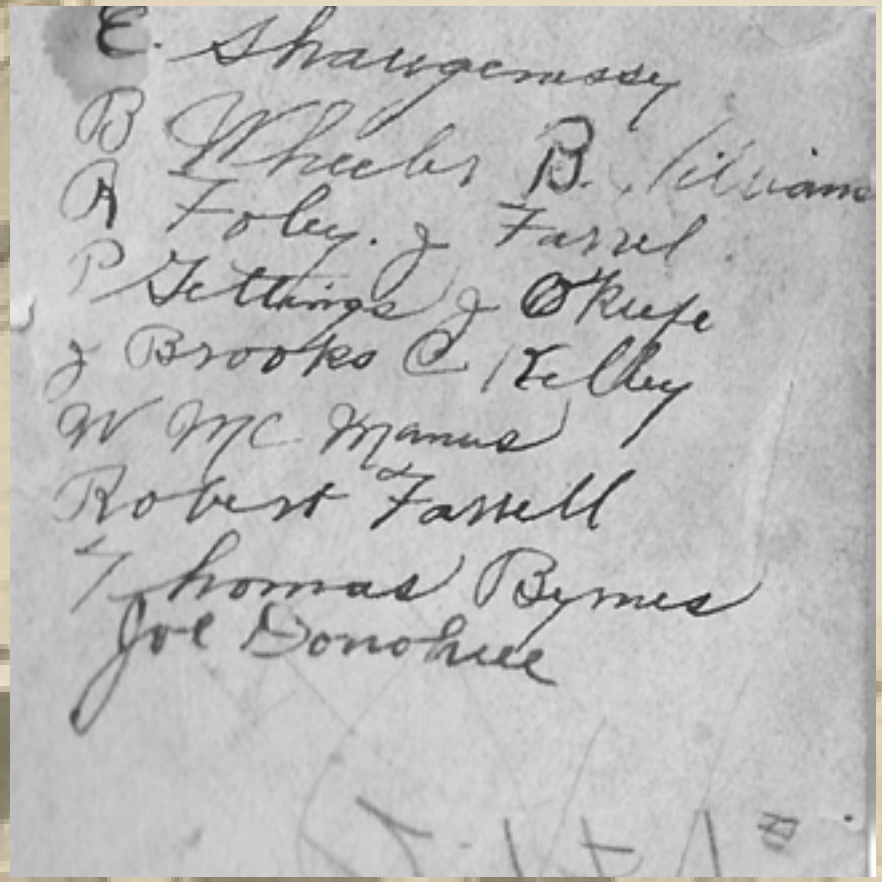
To the left is the photograph included in the article with the following caption located at the bottom of the picture. A. C. Sandberg (left at rear). Seated in the front row, left to right Walter Neubauer, T. J. Cavanaugh, M. D. Nelson, and Walter Braun; (rear) besides Sandberg, T. M. Byrns and Carl Aurenz."

Another article in the Journal and Courier dated December 28, 1965 titled "Local 240 Honors Its Old Timers", reads as follows. "Fifteen members of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 240 were honored at a dinner Monday evening in the Labor Temple. All have been members of the union 25 years and longer, including one 50-year member. Carl Aurenz, 1018 N. 20th St. was recognized for his half-century membership in the local.

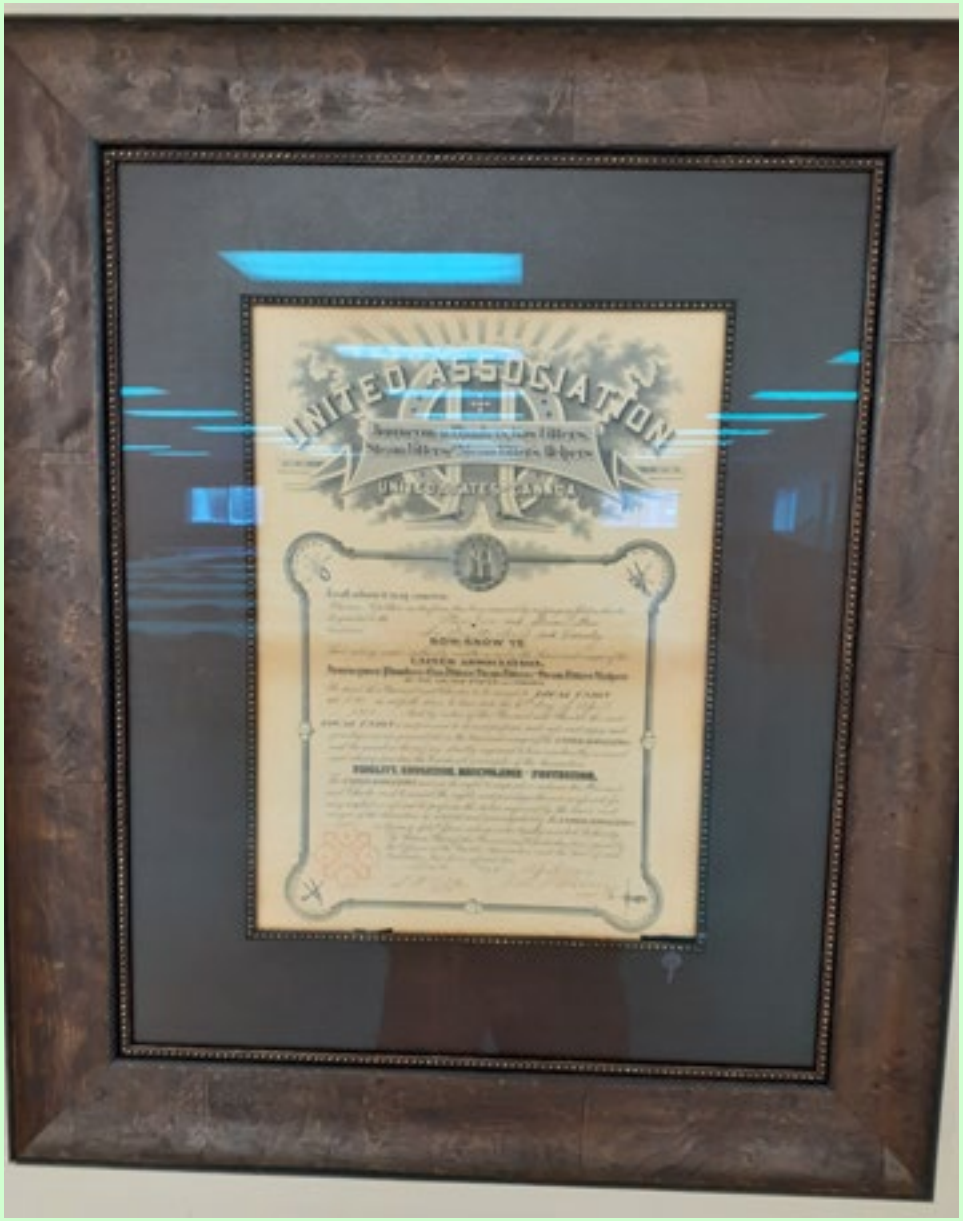
Aurenz is the only man who has been a continuous member of the local for a 50-year period. Starting with the Lane and Pyke Company in 1910 as an apprentice, Aurenz became a member of the union on November 15, 1915. After serving his five year apprenticeship he was employed for several years as a steamfitter for the Martin and Cass Company in West Lafayette. Aurenz worked a 10-hour day , five days a week and 9 hours on Saturday, all for $4 a week, when started in 1910.

Other union members honored and the years of membership include: Bolon Boyer-27 years, Walter Brown-46 years, Leo Clegg-41 years, Dilver Hickman-28 years, Morton Long-26 years, Miles D. Nelson-46 years, Herold Neumann-36 years, Charles Pence-40 years, James Rae-44 years, Morton Switzer-26 years, Albert Thoennes, 39 years, Edward J. Wilson-29 years, Vernon Wright-33 years, and Joseph Metterer-37 years.



The Picture on the left (most likely taken in the early 1930s) was donated by the wife of long-time Local 157 member, the late Tommy Plumber. The names of the youngsters are scribed on the back of the picture. The next to the last name "Thomas Byrnes" would grow up to become the Business Manager of Local #240 of Lafayette Indiana. It is unknown to the author which of the boys in the picture is Brother Byrnes. [1]

1 Spelling of "Byrnes" differs from other spellings found throughout Local 240 records discovered by this researcher. (i.e. Byrns)



Local #240 Plumbers and Steamfitters

Lafayette, Indiana

Original Charter

This early 1940's photo shows Local 240 officers from L to R -
Walter Braun (Financial Secretary), Mort Fisher (Vice President), Art Runyon (President),
Tom Byrns (Business Manager), and Charles Thoennes (Recording Secretary).

Information taken from Lafayette City Directories and may conflict with other sources.

Local 240 Officers

1905-1907	**Darwin B. Hiatt - President** **Grant Henderson - Secretary**
1909-1910	**George Gebhart - President** **S. S. Martin - Secretary**
1911-1912	**James Rae - President** **Albert Sandburg- Secretary** **Charles Thoennes - Treasurer**
1913-1914	**James Bae - President** **Arther Lahr - Secretary** **Charles Thoennes - Treasurer**
1915-1916	**Lambert Helsema - President**
1916-1950	**No Officers Identified**
1953 - 1957	**Tom Byrns - Secretary**

Local 240 Officers
Continued

1957 - 1960	**Tom Byrns - Business Representative**
1961 - 1968	**Tom Byrns - Business Agent**
1968-1974	**Charles Runyan Business Manager**

The following information has been taken from several sources. Locations may vary.

MEETING HALLS, 1903 - 1946

Date	Location
03/1903-09/1905	Regular meeting 1st and 3rd Monday at Central Labor Union Hall
10/1905-02/1912	Regular meeting 2nd and 4th Thursday at Central Labor Union Hall
03/1912-02/1924	Regular meeting 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Central Labor Union Hall
03/1924-02/1926	Meet 1-3 Tuesday, Labor Temple, 5th and Columbia Sts., Central Labor Union Hall
03/1926-02/1932	Meet 1-3 Tuesday, Labor Temple, Milwaukee Block
03/1932-02/1937	Meet 1-3 Tuesday, Labor Temple, 5th and Colorado St.
03/1937-01/1942	Meet 1-3 Tuesday, Labor Temple, 5th and Columbia St.
02/1942-12/1946	Meet 1-3 Tuesday, Labor Temple, 105 N. 4th St.

Meeting locations above supplied by the Research Department at the U. A. Headquarters in 1995.

First held its meetings in the "Building located on the northeast corner of Fourth and Ferry Streets".
Next moved to "Building located on the northwest corner of Sixth and Main Streets".
Next "Thence across the street to the Hook Building".
Next "Over to the Milwaukee Block at Fifth and Columbia Streets".
"Then to the Labor Temple at Fourth and Columbia Streets".
(circa 1951)

Information above taken from an interview with A. C. Sandberg published in the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

1901-1903	Labor Temple 4th and Ferry
1903-1909	Labor Temple SE Corner 6th & Main
1910-1911	Labor Temple NW Corner 6th & Main
1911-1916	Labor Temple NE Corner 5th & Columbia
1916-1936	Location not Listed in Lafayette City Directories
1937 ?	508 Columbia
1958-1960	107 N. 4th Street
1961-1968	658 Main Street
1968-1975	249 E. State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana

Information collected from Lafayette City Directories

Labor Temple
4th and Columbia Streets
1937-1942

Local 240 Union Hall and Apprentice Training Center
701 Erie St. Lafayette, Indiana

Local 240
Apprenticeship

Back Row from Right - 3rd one in Charlie Stewart, 4th Danny Ketterer, 5th Dick Fitzsimmons, standing left of main vent looking up with checkered shirt-Tommy Plummer, 2nd right of Tommy Plumber with "flattop" Denny King, standing far left-John Cesear, back row 6th from left-Harold Kennedy, standing far right-Jim Chalmers, middle next to Jerry Fisher is Nub Hickman,

Wiley High School
Class of 1950
Ship Classes

Kneeling L-R
Joe Mullinex
Ke Wayne Coward
Tom Burke
Andy Nelson
Hugh McDougle
Ed Hail
John Beeks
Phil Hayse
Dick Chew
Leroy Allen
Jack Threewits
Mills Nelson

2nd row
?
Wale Henigar
Charles Stewart
Bob Long
Jerry Tasker
Jim Wade
?
John Britain
?
Dennis Huckman
?
Carz Talley
~~Buddy Coldwater~~
Lee Davis
Jim Ashby
Dennis King
Dan Kitterer
Bob Donaldson
John Grasar
Tom Plummer
Ricky Connally
Pete Chriswell
Clarence Renfrow
Clay Goddard
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Dick Fitzsimmons
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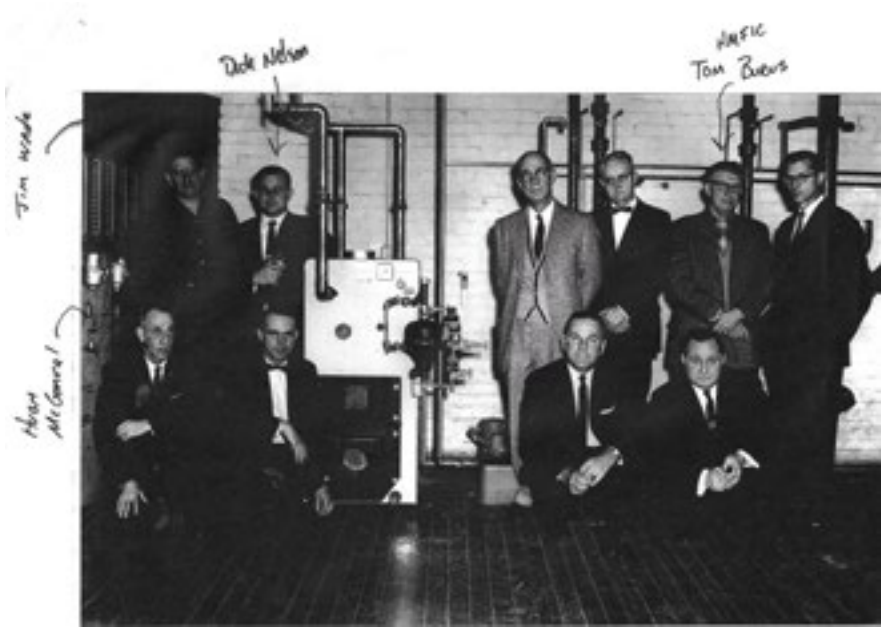
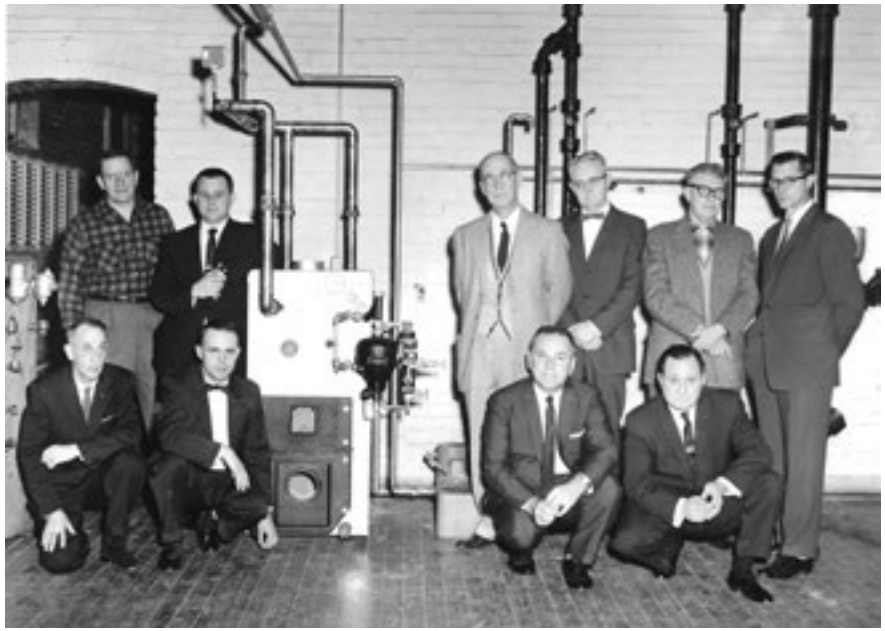
Bob Cosper
Russ Goddard
Dick Nelson
Jim Chalmers

The "List of Names" to the right was compiled and donated by the wife of long-time Local 157 member Tommy Plumber.





Lafayette Plumbing & Steamfitting Apprenticeship Committee

461 SOUTH 7th STREET
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Training First-Class Journeymen for the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry

No excused absents will be allowed, anyone missing class will have to make it up at their own expense.(teachers salary)

Missing 6 hours of school in the school year, will mean going six months longer on his apprenticeship.

Missing 12 hours of school during the 5 years means immediate expulsion.

[illegible] a signed monthly report by the first wednesday of the month.

12 work reports will be given out at the start of the school year, additional work reports must be purchased at $.25 a copy.

Pay raise cards issued by the Apprentice Committee.

An acceptance card, must be presented to the local Superintendent before going to work.

COMMITTEE

Kneeling L-R
Tom Rumsey
LeRoy Adkins
Andrew Russell

Standing L-R
Joe Thomas
Horace Kennedy
Charles Stewart
Fox-Ratliff
Otis Johnson -Co

Apprentice
Training classes
Old Lafayette Jeff High School

A-1 Printing, Inc.
204 S. Union St. • Kokomo, IN 46901
452-5222
FAX# 452-5228

Local # 240 App. Refr.
Class '59-60
Left - Right back row
Dennis Hickman; Don Weist, inst.;
John Ceaser Journeyman; Russell
Godard; Harold Ascerin Asstate
Adult Ed. co-ordinator
Front row
Richard Nelson (App. committee;)
Phil HAPER; Joe Mulherin..

DICK NELSON
(MELVIN) IS INSPECTON AT
(LEFT KNEELING) PURDUE NOW
GET IN TOUCH WITH
HIM & HE'LL HAVE MORE
STUFF

The notes were found with the pictures many years after they were contributed by Phil Haper

Above - Apprentice Instructors upgrade their skills at Purdue University.

Above - Journeyman Upgrade class at the Old Lafayette Jeff High School.

BERS AND STEAMFITTERS APPREN-
AWARDED COMPLETION CERTIFI-
—These five boys have received their
sponsored by the Lafa-
steamfitters
left, front row
are James
In the back
row, reading from
Pierre William Cyr
Benjamin Duncan
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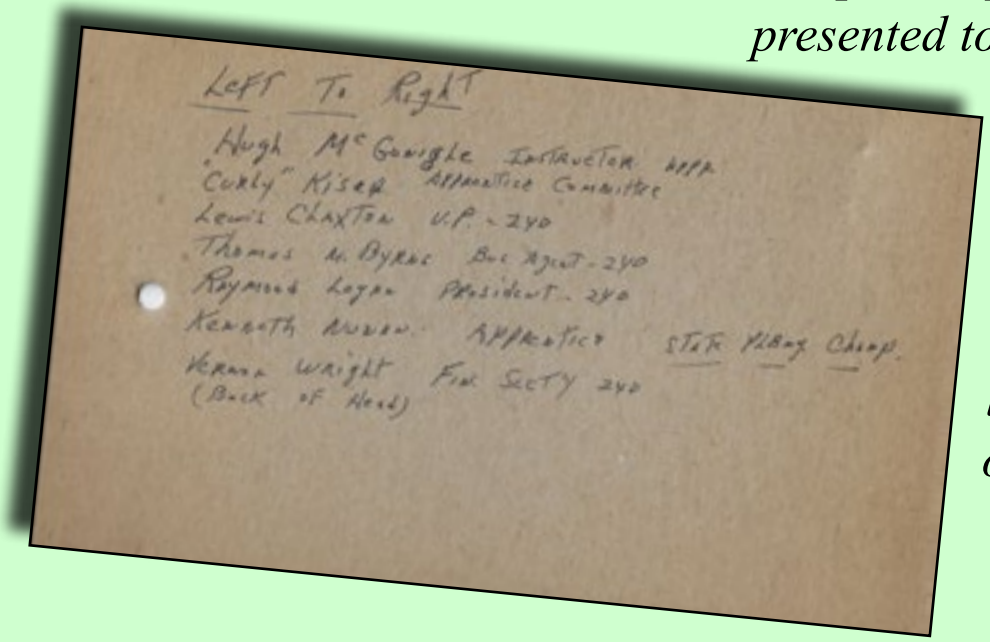
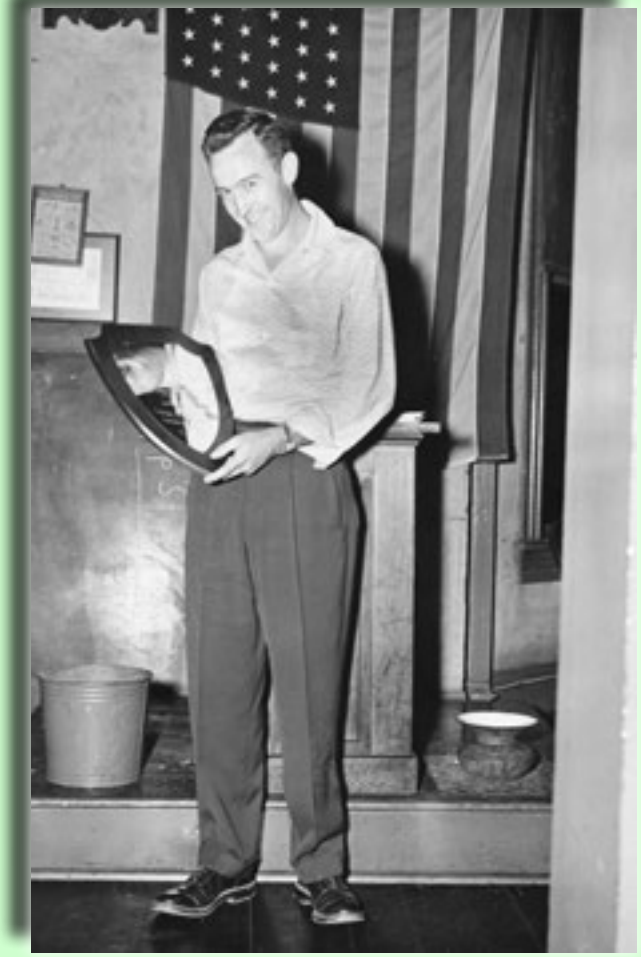
The caption at the bottom of the Newspaper article on the right reads; *"PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS APPRENTICES AWARDED COMPLETION CERTIFICATES- These five boys have received their Journeyman certificates sponsored by the Lafayette Building Trades Unions as plumbers and Steamfitters. Standing in front left to right are James Ketterer and James ?. In the back row reading from left to right William Cyr, Benjamin Duncan and ? Albert Likins."*

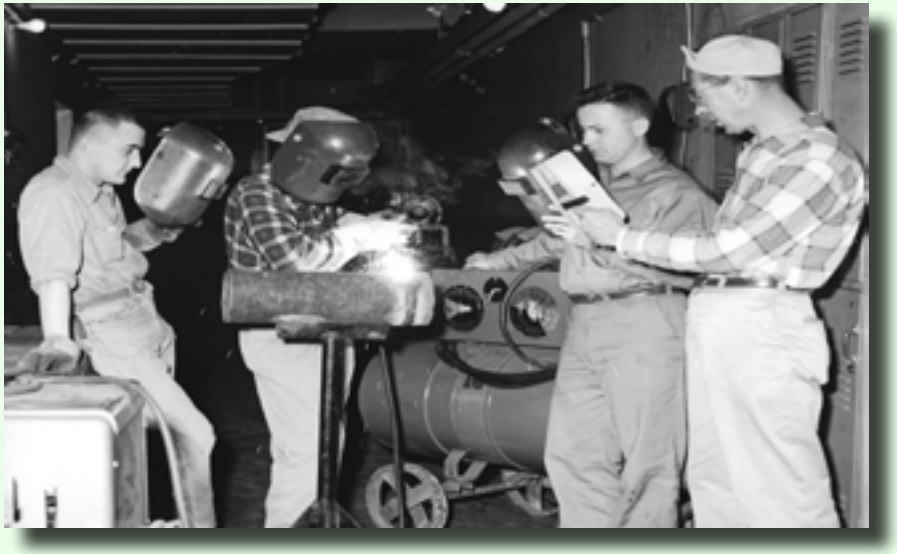
In the photo on the left, Local 240 Apprentices and Instructors training at the Old Lafayette Jeff High School.



The late Brother Ken Nunan was the first to win the Indiana State Apprentice Contest held at Purdue University in 1953. Brother Nunan is pictured on the right with his State Championship Plaque after it was presented to him by the union's officers at the Local 240 Union Hall (picture upper- left) Lower-left shows the back of the photo listing their names and office held at that time.



Journeyman Upgrade classes



Local 240 members on the job.

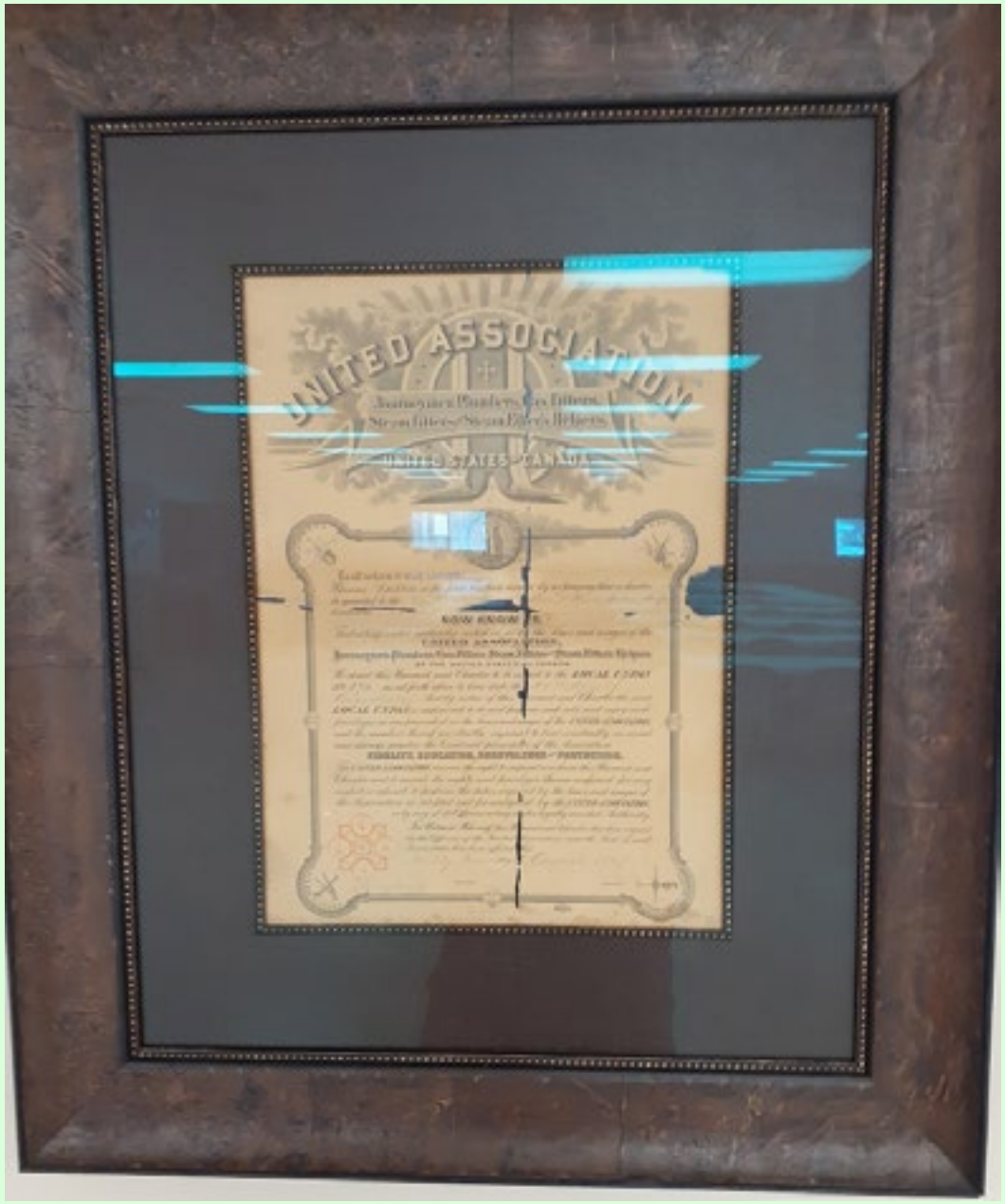
Local #293 Plumbers and Pipefitters
Danville, Illinois

Local #293 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union was granted its first Charter on August 24, 1907 by the United Association. Research continues concerning the names of the Charter Members.

Local #293 members first met for regular meetings at 304 E. Main Street on the first and third Monday of each month from December 1908 to August 1911. They then moved to 25 W. Main Street until June 1912. Next, they moved to 527 E. Main Street until 1914 and then again until the next year to the Mechanics Club Room 1, located in the Lyric Theater in downtown Danville. From1916 to 1944 the members held their regular meetings at the Trades and Labor Hall.

By 1948, the Union had moved to a new location for their meetings. From 1948 until 1994, (The year the members were merged with Local #157), Local #293 members met at the A.F.L. Labor Hall on W. Main Street, the Labor Temple located at 17 E. Main Street (2nd Floor), and then finally at 2100 Oakwood Ave.

In 1994 the members of Local #293 joined forces with the members of Local #157. The Union Hall and training center on Oakwood Avenue still serves as a meeting location for the Retirees and as an Apprentice Training School for those living in that area.



Local #293
Danville Ill.
Original Charter

Local #293 Halls and Headquarters Locations

Date	Location
12/1908-08/1911	304 E. Main St.
09/1911-06/1912	25 W. Main St.
07/1912-04/1914	527 E. Main St.
05/1914-07/1915	Mechanics' Club Room #1, Lyric Theater
08/1915-02/1916	109 E. Main St.
03/1916-02/1944	Trades and Labor Hall
08/1944-01/1948	30 1/2 Hazel St.
02/1948-?/1953	16 1/2 W. Main St.
?/1953-?/1963	17 E. Main St. (Second Floor)
1963-?	17 1/2 Main St. Labor Temple

Union Labor Directory

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Danville, Indiana

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS
LOCAL 293
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NEW LOCATION for
McDOWELL CONST.CO.
YOUR KEY TO SATISFACTION
VARCO-PRUDEN

Left-Andy Moore
Right - Bob Moore

Local 293
Early Members

Card #	Name	Age	Trade	Date Initiated
Not Listed	Southard, J. Y.	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
51093	Rhoedes, J. C.			
67946	Burke, W.			
67951	Wind, J. W.			
67952	Brewer, E.			
67953	Boehm, Mark			08/24/1907
67955	Erb, Art			
68101	Leahy, Wm. J.	40	Plumber	09/26/1907
68102	Maher, Arthur			
68104	Sparks, C.			

Local 293
Early Members

Card #	Name	Age	Trade	Date of Initiation
68109	Anderson, Axel	36	Plumber	11/25/1907
68110	McMullen, M.			
68111	Wahlfeldt, Henry			
68112	Faulstich, Gus			
68113	Adkins, Richard			
68115	Holycross, W.			[1]

1Information received by Local 157 from UA Research Department 1995

Convention Delegates from Local 293

Date	Delegates
09/17-09/28 1906 to 09/19-09/24 1921	None Listed
09/15-09/20 1924	W. N. Rothenberger
09/17-09/21 1928	None Listed
09/12-09/16 1938	Glen W. Reed
09/14-09/17 1942	Aug. Faulstich
09/09-09/13 1946	Glen W. Reed
09/10-09/14 1951	Howard Moore
08/13-08/17 1956	Glen W. Reed, William R. Wakely,
08/13-08/17 1961	John J. Beresford, Glenn W. Reed