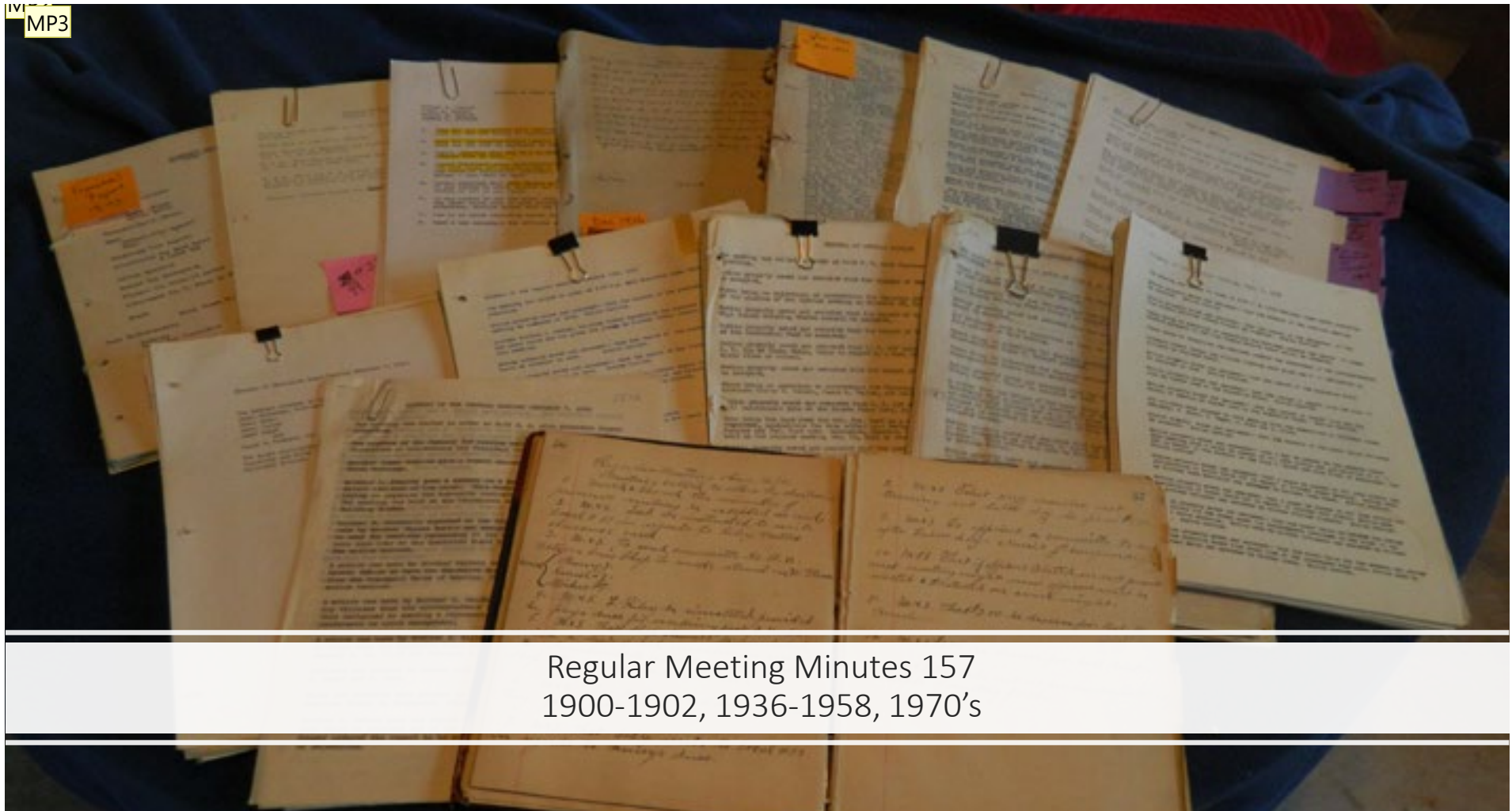




end of 2013 and Brother Greg Thoennes was elected to replace him beginning in 2014.

Employment for the local steadily increased later that year and into 2015, with projects at Marathon, the Cayuga Generating Station and the Subaru Industrial Automotive plant in Lafayette and many smaller jobs keeping most of the local's members busy. With several powerhouse upgrade outages, more work at Marathon and several projects at Purdue, including the 525 room Honors College Dormitory, Local 157 saw an improvement in its total man-hours worked in 2015 over 2014.

Work remained steady in 2016, during which the primary employers of the local's members included the Renewable Energy Group Bio-Diesel Plant in Danville. The local's craftspeople helped upgrade the production facility, which had been put into operation eight years earlier, with logistics enhancement and distillation capabilities.



Regular Meeting Minutes 157
1900-1902, 1936-1958, 1970's

Above is the collection of Meeting Minute Books for Local 157. At the time of this writing, 1908-1935 Minute Meeting Books have as yet to be located.



Listed below are the number of locals that were considered active at the end of each year from 1890-1896.

12/1889 - 2

12/1890 - 46 LUS

12/1891 – 78 LUS

12/1892 – 98 LUS

12/1893 – 118 LUS

12/1894 – 130 LUS

12/1895 – 139 LUS

12/1896 – 137 LUS

There were approximately 162 LUS chartered from 1889-1896 & 45 of those locals are still active.

At this time (2019) there are a total of 280 Locals in the U. A.

Local 157 is one out of 45 Locals in the United States and Canada which has reached the milestone of 125 years of activity.

**The data above was collected in 2019.
Statistics have not been updated to 2022.**



The story about Brother Jentz paying the per capita tax for other members thus saving Local 157 has been retold many times since his death in 1956. After a thorough search of the 1899 Regular Meeting Minutes, no record of the Local being in threat of losing its Charter was found; but there is a gap in the minutes between April 9th and July 23rd where no minutes were recorded.¹

In 1995, the late Brother Bill Fenton (BM) made a request of the UA Research Department for a complete history of Local 157 in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Local Union. To the right is one page from that report listing the dates in which Local 157 was mentioned in the UA Journal. Under the heading UA Journal Oct 1899 the last line reads, REINSTATED JULY, 1899. This would seem to support the story involving Brother Jentz.

It is highly probable that due to Local 157 losing its 1894 Charter, the members were not allowed to hold their meetings at any Labor affiliated locations. The “Washington Hall” mentioned in the minutes from late 1896 and 1897 would have probably been the most suitable place to meet at the time.

October 30, 1899	
United Association Research Department 122 1st, Terre Haute, Indiana	
Members in the UA Journal	
RECEIPTS FOR PER CAPITA TAX	
Quarter Ending	
Aug 1896	0.00
Feb 1897	5.70
Aug 1897	0.00
In Arrear	0.00
TOTAL	5.70
RECEIPTS SUPPLIES	
TOTAL	5.70
RECEIPTS ADVERTISEMENTS	
TOTAL	10.40
UA Journal Oct 1899	
Financial Report of the U.A. for Year Ending September, 1899	
RECEIPTS	2.00
Rate of Range	.00
New Members	2.00
Admissions	0.00
TOTAL	16.38
REINSTATED	JUL 1899



Above - Brother Grover Osborn (L)
and Brother Jentz meeting at Local 157
Hall on N. 13th St. (Circa 1955)

¹ Local 157 Regular Meeting Minutes pg. 42-47
Misprint on pg. 42. Date should read April 9, 1899



Local Union #157 Chartered in 1894 Rechartered in 1896

On January 20, 1957 Dorothy J. Clark, a reporter for the Terre Haute Tribune wrote an article titled *Early Plumbers of Terre Haute*. The article included a lengthy interview with John Dilg who was an early member of Local 157. Brother Dilg was the first of what would ultimately include three more generations of 157 members.

To learn more about the early plumbing trade, I talked to Terre Haute's oldest plumber, John Dilg, 1614 Garfield avenue, who is 81 years old. He was born in Terre Haute in 1876, the son of Peter Dilg, a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad. They lived at 1442 Eagle and Mr. Dilg attended the Fifth Ward School at Twelfth and Chestnut streets.

Ten Cents An Hour.

He began his plumber's apprenticeship with D. W. Watson & Sons at the now almost unbelievable sum of 10 cents an hour. This was a three-year apprenticeship, graduating to a journeyman's wages of

Clark started her interview with brother Dilg by stating, "*To learn more about the early plumbing trade, I talked to Terre Haute's oldest plumber, John Dilg, 1614 Garfield avenue, who is 81 years old*" (sic).

In the article to the left, brother Dilg begins his recollections by stating that he started out as an apprentice¹ at the "unbelievable sum of 10 cents an hour". At that time the 157 apprenticeship was a 3 year program.² Soon he was making \$2.50 for a 10 hour day. By 1899 he told the reporter that he was earning \$7.50 a week.

Brother Dilg stated that, "*The big difference in the work of present times and those early times was that in those days we used lead pipe, and now iron pipe is used. You had to be a real mechanic to work with lead, joining the end sections of pipe with solder was ticklish, painstaking work*".³

1 Most likely brother Dilg's apprenticeship was as a member of Local 157

2 See "Apprentice" pg. 264

3 Interview



...of the ground floor and the residence on the second floor, the wooden arrangement in these days.

Business prospered and in 1880 he was at 124 Main (Walsh) where later the first newspaper office was located. This was a brick structure with a stone front and was the most prominent business building at that time. It was also the first where iron business had been.

Tired for Brothers.

In 1888 Mr. Valen also engaged in the iron business as a contractor, but unfortunately was treated ungenerously and had to quit that venture. He continued the printing and jobbing business until his death in 1911. His son, John C. Valen, carried on the business and in 1910 the Co. of D. W. Valen's Sons Co. was formed. In 1908 the company opened a large elaborate company on South Fourth street.

Frank Price, who came to Terre Haute in 1870, was another pioneer in the plumbing trade. In 1875 he secured a partnership with D. W. Valen in the gas fitting, apprenticeship and plumbing, known as Valen & Price. Two years later Valen died and the business was carried on by himself at 177 Walnut, later moving to 1749 North Main street. Depending on the date, Frank Price served a term in prison with D. C. Hickson and John F. Wickham and the new company purchased the Phoenix Foundry and Machine Co. in 1898 and erected additional large buildings which occupied a whole block on North Third.

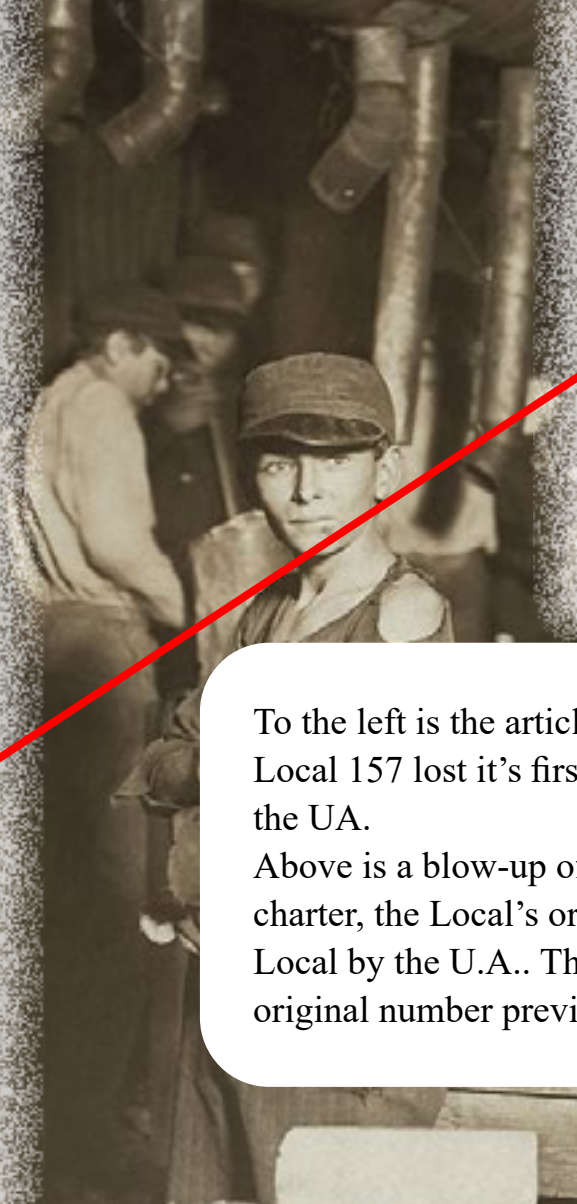
Inventor of Water Table.

In 1863 Mr. Price became the sole owner of the business. He was an inventor of great skill, and among other things, invented steam and hot water appliances of great value. His son, John Price, had learned the plumbing trade in his father's shop that he learned in the second block on North Third street and after several years as his trade, he became associated with his father in the plumbing and supply business on Walnut—later moving to North Eighth street. When the older Price retired, he assigned the interests in the business to Mr. Burns, who was formerly associated with John Price in England. The Price & Burnett Company was the largest of its kind in Terre Haute and did business throughout Indiana. John Price died in 1882.

He leaves many about the early plumbing trade. I talked to Terry Butler's oldest plumber, John Dilg, 124 Central avenue, who is 81 years old. He was born in Terre Haute in 1873, the son of John Dilg, a cooper for the French Lick Railroad. They lived at 142 Maple and 39. Dilg attended the 7th Ward School at 74th and Central streets.

Too Close to Home.

He began his plumber's apprenticeship with D. W. Valen & Son at the very street where Dilg's son is in 1891 as an hour. This was a three-year apprenticeship, but owing to a journeyman's wages of



LOCAL.

Local Union 157 was organized first in 1894 but lost its charter as the membership dropped below seven members. Again in 1896 a little group of seven or eight men obtained a charter, and the membership has grown to 1,161 at the present time. This local covers a large territory comprised of 10 counties in Indiana and three counties in Illinois.

COSTLY CONFUSION

To the left is the article from the Tribune giving Brother Dilg's report of when and how Local 157 lost it's first charter and when it received its charter the second time from the UA.

Above is a blow-up of the section describing the events. As a result of losing its first charter, the Local's original identification number would have been given to another Local by the U.A.. The UA research department has been unable to identify the original number previously assigned to Local #157.



Charter Reissued

The Charter on the left was assigned to Local 157 Terre Haute, Indiana on September 1, 1896 and signed by UA General President, M. J. Moran. It lists "Building Trades". The Charter on the right was reissued in 1942 by the UA and signed by Martin Durkin (President UA) The reissued charters indicate the trade divisions, instead of the individual crafts, which was directed by the UA Convention held in 1946."





Local 157 Headquarters

There are at least two different lists naming the Local's past locations. To the left is the list provided by the UA in 1995. The origin for the list on the following page is unknown.

October 27, 1995

United Association
Research Department

LU 157, Terre Haute, Indiana

MEETING HALLS, 1904 - 1946

Date	Location
1896-7	Washington Hall
01/1906- 02/1911	Regular meeting every Monday evening at 8 PM at Central Labor Union Hall.
03/1911- 04/1914	Regular meeting every Monday evening at 8 PM at S.T.C. Hall.
05/1914- 12/1915	Regular meeting every Wednesday night at Bartender's Hall, 503 1/2 Wabash Av.
01/1916- 01/1916	Regular meeting every Wednesday night at Germanin Hall, 20 S. 9th St.
02/1916- 01/1917	Regular meeting every Monday night at Germanin Hall, 20 S. 9th St.
02/1917- 07/1922	Regular meeting every Tuesday night at 642 1/2 Main St., Central Labor Union Hall.
08/1922- 11/1922	Regular 2-4th Tuesday at 642 1/2 Wabash Av., Central Labor Union Hall.
12/1922- 07/1943###	Meet 1-3 Tuesday Labor Temple, 5th and Walnut St.
02/1944- ***	Meet 1-3 Tuesday Labor Temple, South 5th St.
7 - 1971	Local 157 Union Hall, N. 13th Stre
1971 - Present	Local 157 Union Hall and Retreat 8801 E. Milner Ave. Seelyville



Meeting Hall Locations 1904-1952

- **(Old Central Labor Hall 1896)¹**
- **1916-1917 Germania Hall at 18-20 N. Ninth St. (Current site of Thompson Thrift Development offices)**
- **1917-1922 - 642 ½ Main Street, Terre Haute – Central Labor Union Hall, also known as the Building Trades Hall**
- **08/22-11/22 – 642 ½ Wabash Av. Terre Haute**
- **1922-1943 - 5th and Walnut Streets Terre Haute (moved here at “conclusion of WWI) Also known as the “Phoenix Club Building.”**
- **1952 Letter addressed to this address by Durkin concerning 156 Merger 157 Office was moved to Old Terminal Arcade Building 822 Wabash Ave Terre Haute, IN (116 S. 6th Street) Terre Haute after 1940. “Closed, largely the result of automobiles making interurban superfluous.”**
- **Grover moved the headquarters in a store building on the corner of N. 13th and Spruce Streets where there were facilities for offices and a meeting room for the Membership Testimonial Honoring Grover C. Osborn, By Ned A. Bush, Sr. Executive Vice President Eugene V. Debs Foundation**
- **1952 Moved to new office building at 610 N. 13th Street**
- **There is some mention in News Paper clippings of meetings being held at the Labor Temple, 201 S Fifth St. in the 50s**

¹ This information is incorrect. Regular Meeting Minutes list the Washington Hall as the Headquarters for Local 157 in June 1896.

A search of the City Directories at the Vigo County Library found the Central Labor Union Hall listed in the 1920 publication at 624 1/2 Wabash, which would have been to the left of where The City Center Apartments are located today. In the 1915 Publication it also lists the Building Trade Hall at the same address. The 1915 edition also lists the Phoenix Club House at 203 S. 5th & Walnut. ¹

¹ At this time, no pictures or other information has been found for the Headquarters locations from 1904-1915.



The following list was compiled from City Directories at the Vigo County Library

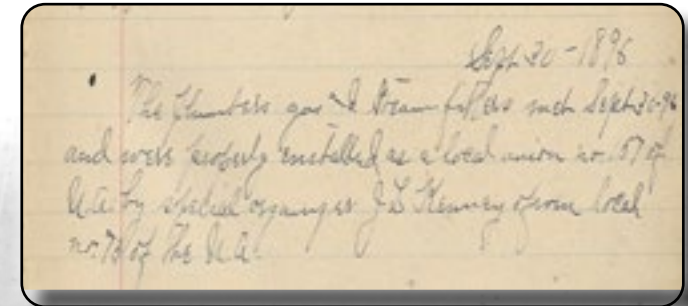
- 1896-Washington Hall 802 1/2 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute
- 1901-Union Hall 626 1/2 Wabash Avenue
- 1906-Union Hall 806 1/2 Wabash Avenue
- 1907-Union Hall 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue
- 1908-Union Hall 5th and Wabash Avenue
- 1912-Union Hall 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue
- 1915-Union Hall 20 South 9th Street
- 1918-Union Hall 1358 Chestnut Street
- 1922-Central Labor Union Hall 2614 South 6th Street
- 1925-Labor Temple South 5th and Walnut
- 1944-Union Hall 121 South 8th Street, 201 South 5th Street
- 1947-116 South 6th Street
- 1952-Arcade Building
- 1954-Union Hall 610 North 13th Street



To the right is a section found on page #21 of the 1896 Regular Meeting Minutes Book. It reads as follows.

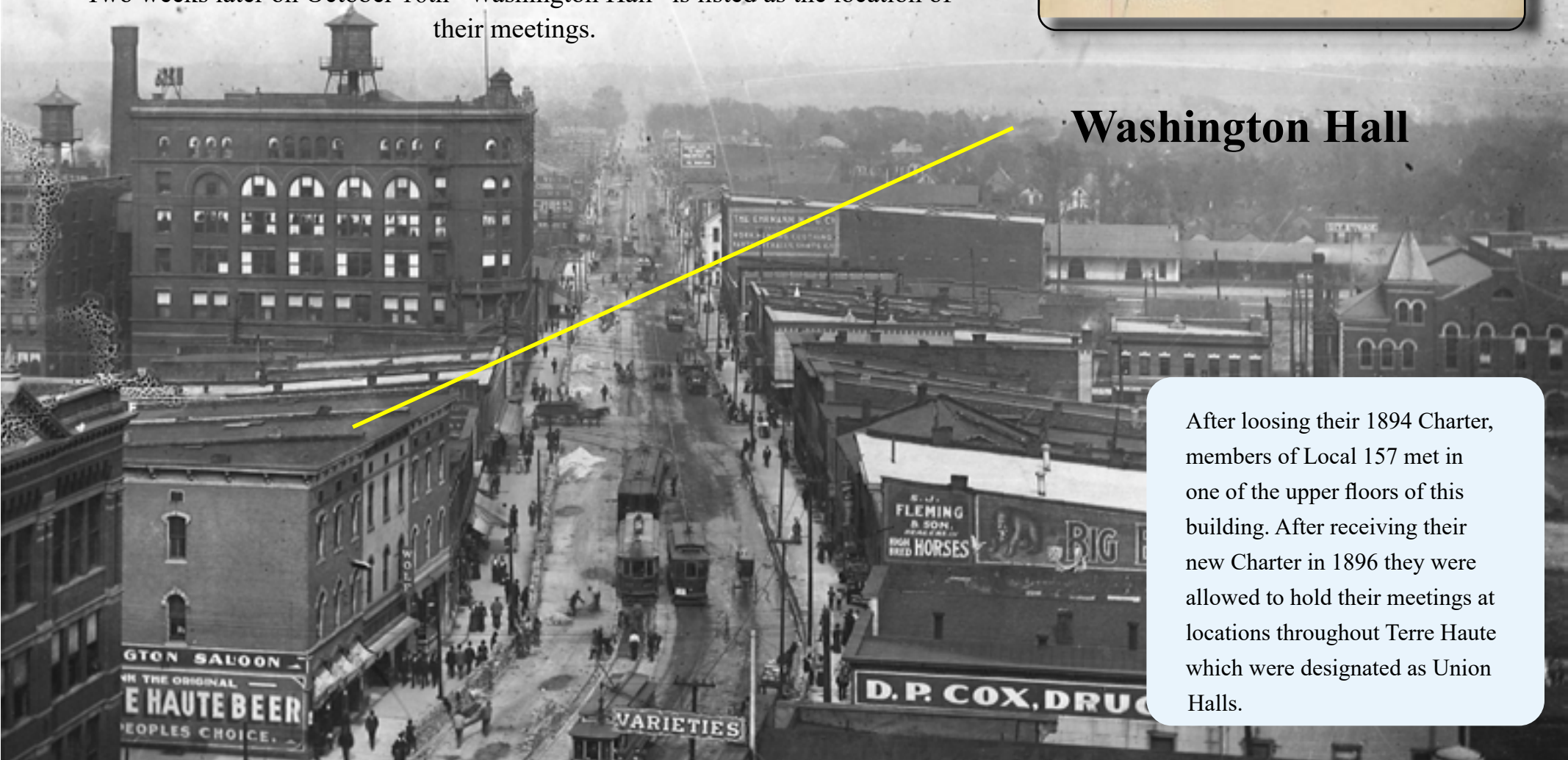
The Plumbers Gas and Steamfitters met Sept 30-96 and were properly installed as a local Union no. 157 of the U.A. by special organizer J. L. Kenney from Local no. 73 of the U.A. (sic)

Two weeks later on October 16th "Washington Hall" is listed as the location of their meetings.



Washington Hall

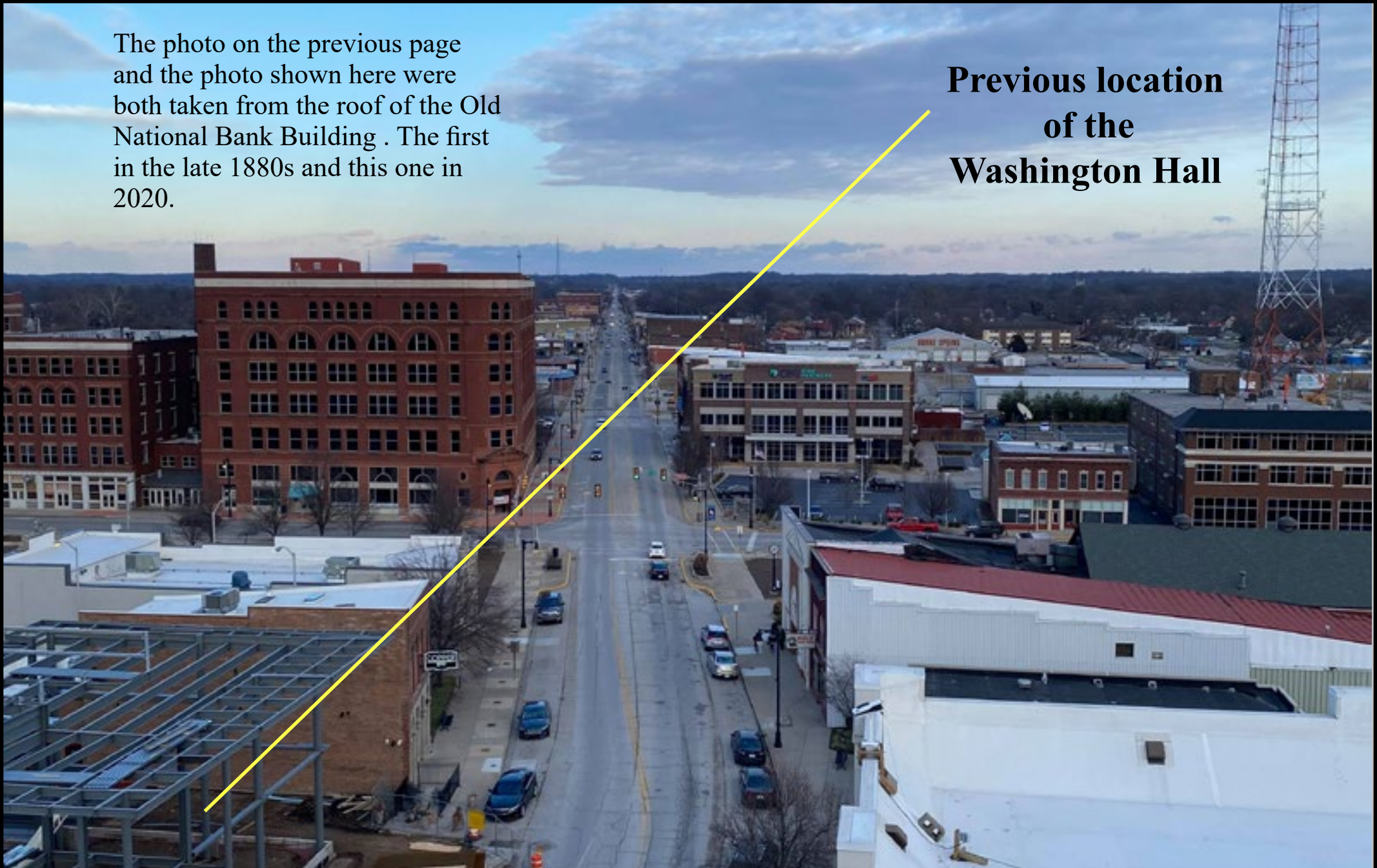
After losing their 1894 Charter, members of Local 157 met in one of the upper floors of this building. After receiving their new Charter in 1896 they were allowed to hold their meetings at locations throughout Terre Haute which were designated as Union Halls.





The photo on the previous page and the photo shown here were both taken from the roof of the Old National Bank Building . The first in the late 1880s and this one in 2020.

**Previous location
of the
Washington Hall**





**The former
Washington
Hall
Ca. 1960's**





**Demolition of the Washington Hall
Circa 1990**



15

M. & S. The Committee that went to Maxville bedchamber
M. & S. That a Committee be appointed to see the Trustees of
the C. L. U. and try to get the hall rent for the
special meetings reduced, the Committee is
F. Von Ende, Harry Coppage, Jim Thompson
M. & S. That the secretary write to the secy of the
master Plumbers, telling him to name the
time & place when & where to meet our Committee
which is composed of Fritz Von Ende Chairman
Joe Cavanaugh Jim Thompson Ad. Tappendick
M. & S. To adjourn until Nov. 4th 10 A.M.

The special meeting of November the 4th
was called to Order by President J. Thompson

M. & S. The minutes of the previous meeting be
accepted as read

M. & S. That the report of the committee to see the
C. L. U. about reducing the hall rent for
special meetings be accepted as read and
the committee continued, the C. L. U.
reduced the rent from \$1.00 to 50¢ per meeting
\$6.50 be appropriated for Hall rent
Receipts & Co
Disbursements 6.50

M. & S. To adjourn until November 5th 10 A.M.

The Meeting Minutes dated, November 3, 1903 records the discussions held during a Special Meeting by the officers and members of Local 157.

At one point a motion was Moved and Seconded (M&S) concerning the rent being paid to use the Union Hall for “Special Meeting”.

“... the report of the committee to see the C. L. U. (Central Labor Union) about reducing the Hall rent for Special Meetings be accepted ...” The rent was eventually reduced from \$1.00 to \$.50 per meeting.

Apparently Local 157 was holding its “Special Meetings” at the Central Labor Union Hall in Terre Haute, possibly up to the time they moved to the Germania Hall on South 9th Street in 1916.¹

¹ Up to the date of this writing, no Local 157 Meeting Minutes have been located for the years 1907-1938.

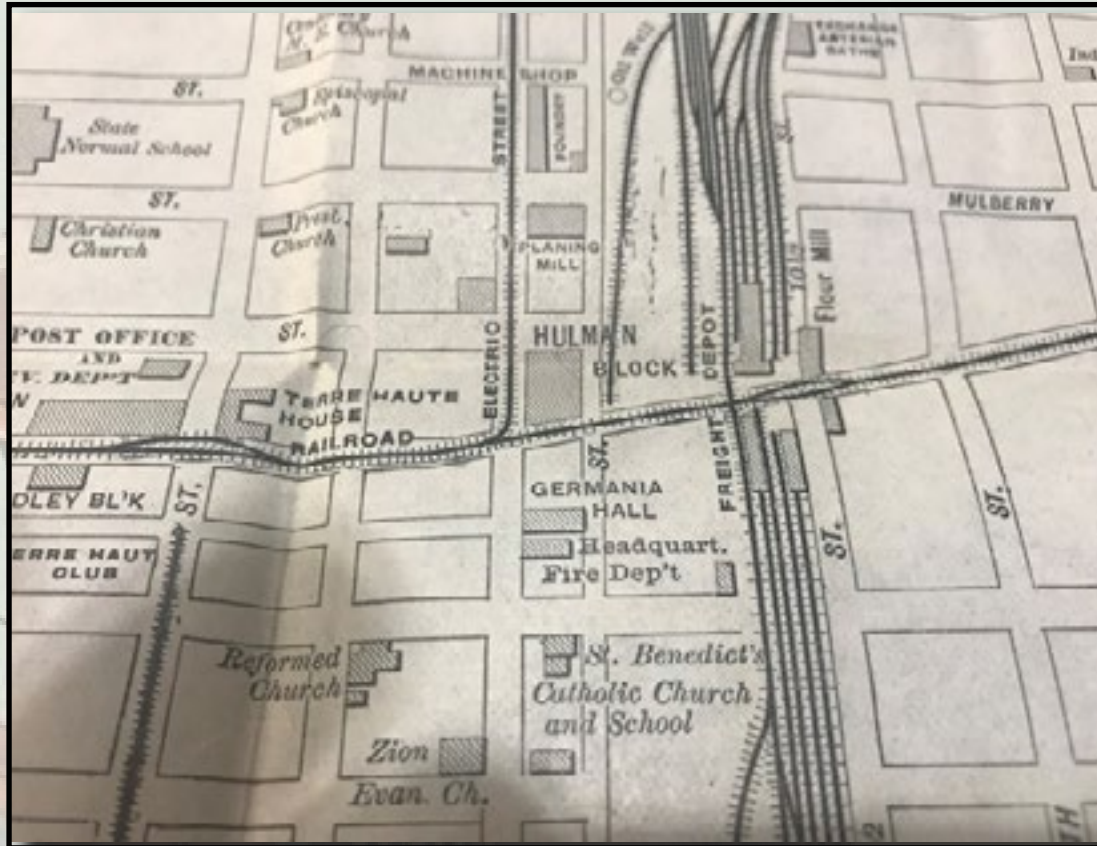


South Ninth Street, (at Fire Headquarters,)
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Germanin Hall

**Germania Hall
18-20 S. 9th Street
Local 157 Headquarters
1916-1917**





City Street Map location of Germania Hall

Terre Haute City Directory listing
Germania Hall as “Saloon” and
“Bowling Alley”.





**624 1/2 Wabash Avenue
Upstairs Location of Local 157 Headquarters 1917-1922**



Labor Temple
5th and Walnut
157 Headquarters 1925-1944



The History of the Labor Temple Association

Terre Haute's original Labor Temple was in use from 1923-1991. Previously, labor unions had convened regular meetings at locations around Terre Haute. The local "father" of the idea for a "Labor Temple", a building where the unions of Terre Haute could each establish a central office and assemble for meetings, was Frank Parker, a member of the Glass Bottle Blowers Union. At the time there were similarly named establishments for labor union central offices throughout the United States. According to a special section on Terre Haute labor published in the Terre Haute Star in October 1923, Parker's dream of a Terre Haute Labor Temple was described as an "...exception to his well-established reputation for dreams that never became reality". Parker persisted in his advocacy of a Labor Temple and was joined in his campaign by John Chamberlain, a fellow member of the Glass Bottle Glass Blowers Union.

On December 31, 1911, Chamberlain and members of several other labor unions convened for the purpose of obtaining a central location for labor to set up offices and hold union meetings. Chamberlain was appointed temporary chairman of the meeting and a member of the painters union was selected as temporary secretary. The assembled group appointed a committee to form a permanent organization for the purpose of building a labor temple.

At their next meeting on January 14, 1912, the group decided to name their organization the Terre Haute Labor Temple Association. The association would be comprised of 3 delegates from each trade or labor union in Terre Haute and the surrounding area. One year later, in April 1913, a committee appointed by the Labor Temple approved of the purchase of property at Fifth and Walnut Streets occupied by the Phoenix Club. Subject to approval by the Board, the membership voted to have the LTA purchase the property. In June, with the Board's approval on record, the LTA purchased the property for \$35,000.

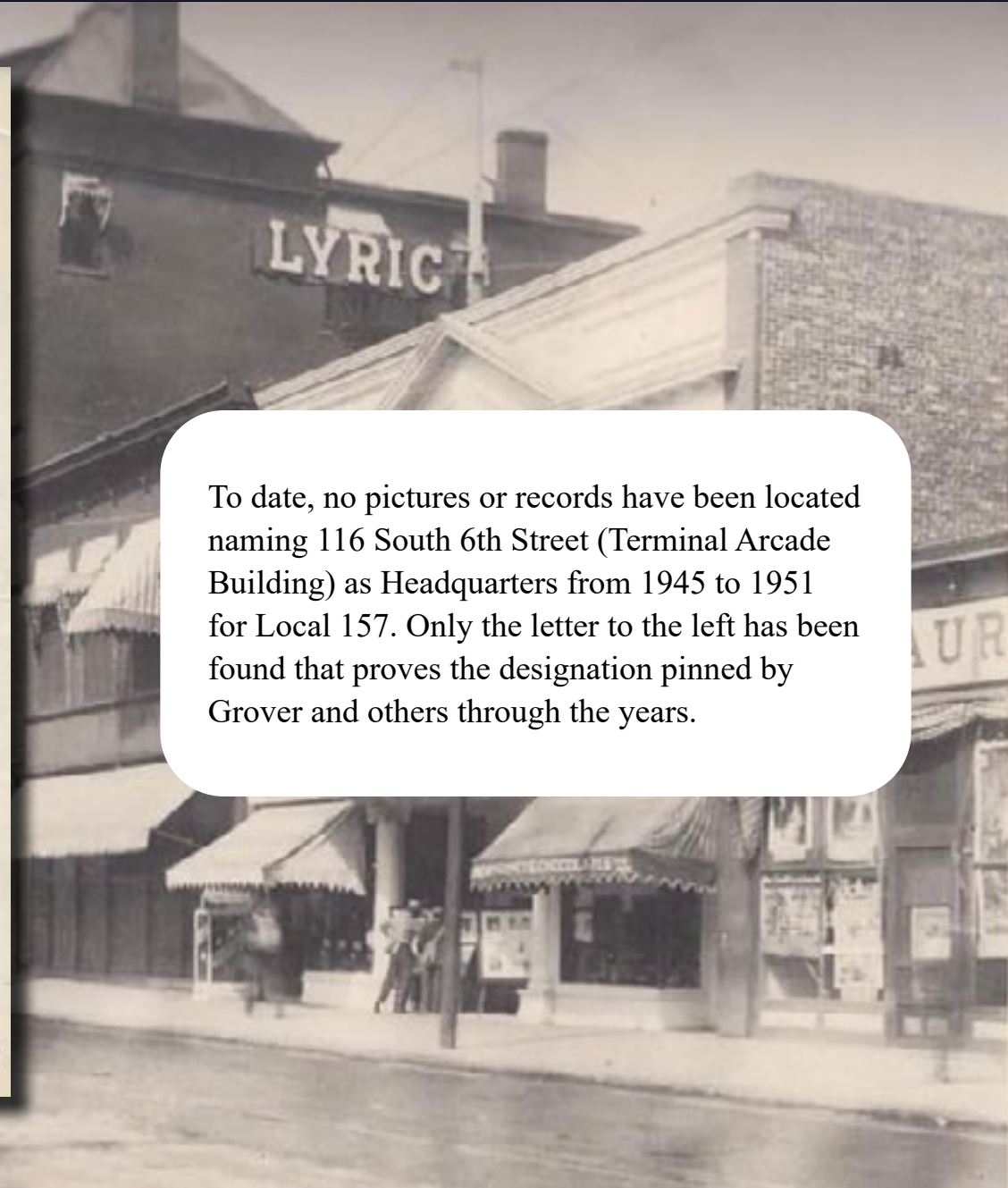
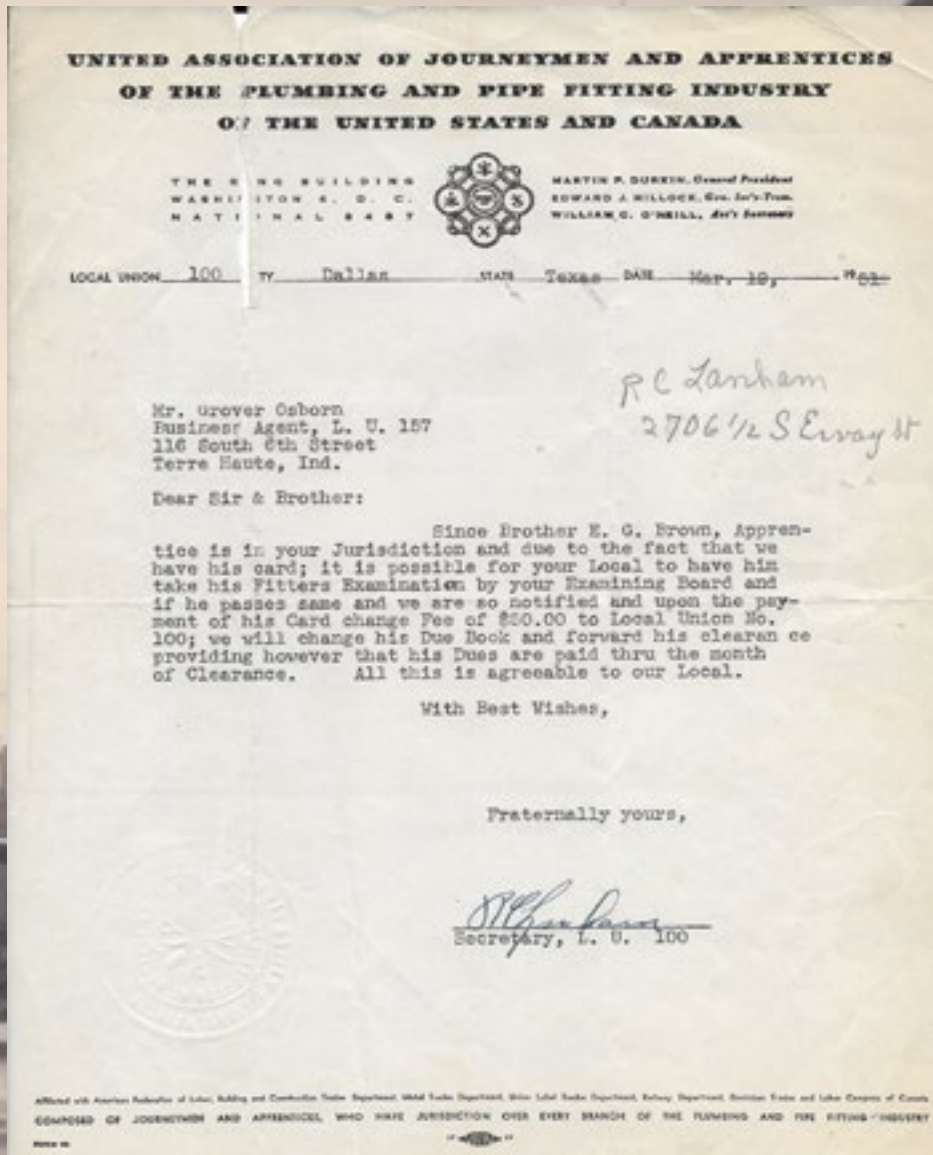


The building at Fifth and Walnut did not become the Labor Temple until 1923 because it was still in use by the Phoenix Club which was waiting for the construction of their new facilities. According to a schedule of meetings printed in the Terre Haute Star on October 31, 1923, there were 38 different union locals with regularly scheduled meetings.

The Labor Temple was in continual use from 1923 until 1991 by which time it had fallen into disrepair. Due to the prohibitive cost of repairs, the Labor Temple Association purchased the Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters at 31 1/2 S. 13th Street and sold the Labor Temple to the AP&S Clinic. The building was vacated and razed to make way for an AP&S Clinic parking lot. ¹

In 1951, Local 157 purchased the building located at North Thirteenth Street in Terre Haute, Indiana. The members celebrated it's Grand Opening the following year. U.A. President Martin Durkin and other dignitaries attended the event. The following pages are dedicated to that celebration. This would be the first headquarters owned and operated by and for Local 157.

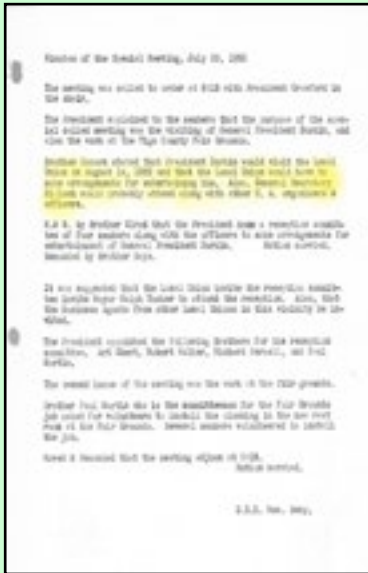
¹ Archival collections: Miscellaneous labor union papers, Accession #840620D *General Persistent link to this finding aid: <https://vcplarchives.lyrasistechnology.org/repositories/2/resources/435> One Library Square Terre Haute IN 47807 United States 812-232-1119
archives@vigo.lib.in.us*



To date, no pictures or records have been located naming 116 South 6th Street (Terminal Arcade Building) as Headquarters from 1945 to 1951 for Local 157. Only the letter to the left has been found that proves the designation pinned by Grover and others through the years.



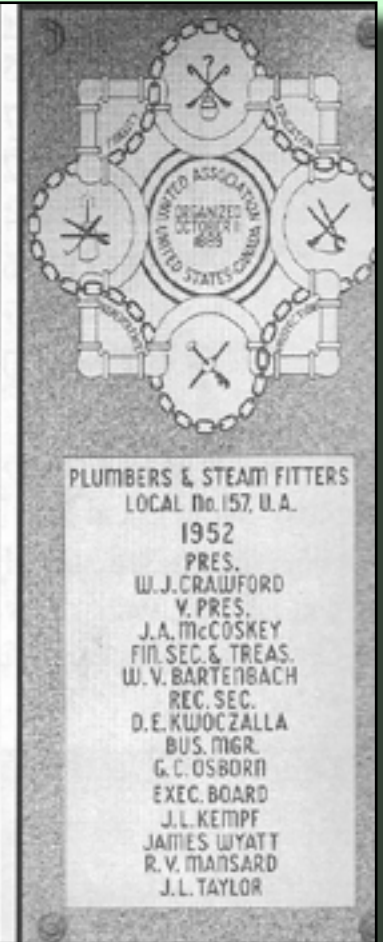
Local 157 Union Hall 610 N. 13th Street 1952-1971



*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 conditions be accepted. Motion carried.

M. & S. That Bro. George Ostrom be delegated to attend the 54th Annual Convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor at Indianapolis Indiana, August 25, 1951. Motion carried.

M. & S. That the applications of William T. Parks, L. F. Cleveland, G. E. Love, G. E. Hayslip, H. F. Beckman, J. T. Hayslip, be taken up and referred 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 Spitt, Roger Hightower, Carl E. Spurr, Jack Welton.

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

M. & S. That the executive board be instructed to reconsider and approve the \$250.00 expense for delegates to the L. U. Convention. Motion made by Bro. William Roberts and seconded by Bro. James Taylor. Motion carried.

M. & S. That the body will not approve the \$250.00 limit on dues and starting. Motion made by Bro. Fred Harrison and seconded by Bro. Ray West. Motion lost.

M. & S. That the four (4) weeks sick benefits be allowed Bro. James Ostrom. Motion carried.

M. & S. That an executive committee be organized to investigate the building of a new home for the L. U. 157. Motion carried.

M. & S. That Bro. Ostrom and Crawford head this committee and form the committee. Bro. Ray announced he collected \$500.00 for the benefit of Bro. Johnson and wife.

M. & S. That an adjourn with out date at 11:00. Motion carried.

To E. T.
Sec. Sec'y

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

FOR HOME BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.
NATIONAL EAST

MARTIN K. GIBSON, General President
EDWARD J. WILSON, Sec. Gen. East
WILLIAM S. O'NEILL, Sec. Gen. West

LOCAL UNION 157 - 607 - 13th Street - TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA - 606 - APRIL 8 - 1952

REGULAR MEETING

EXECUTIVE MEETING

James McCloskey
James Spitt
Roger T. Henson
George G. Ostrom

Walter
President Joe Crawford

Application was given to Gerald G. Harris, who was properly vouched for by Roger T. Henson.

The Executive Board went on record to have a cornerstone put in the corner of the new Union Hall at 620 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 T. Henson

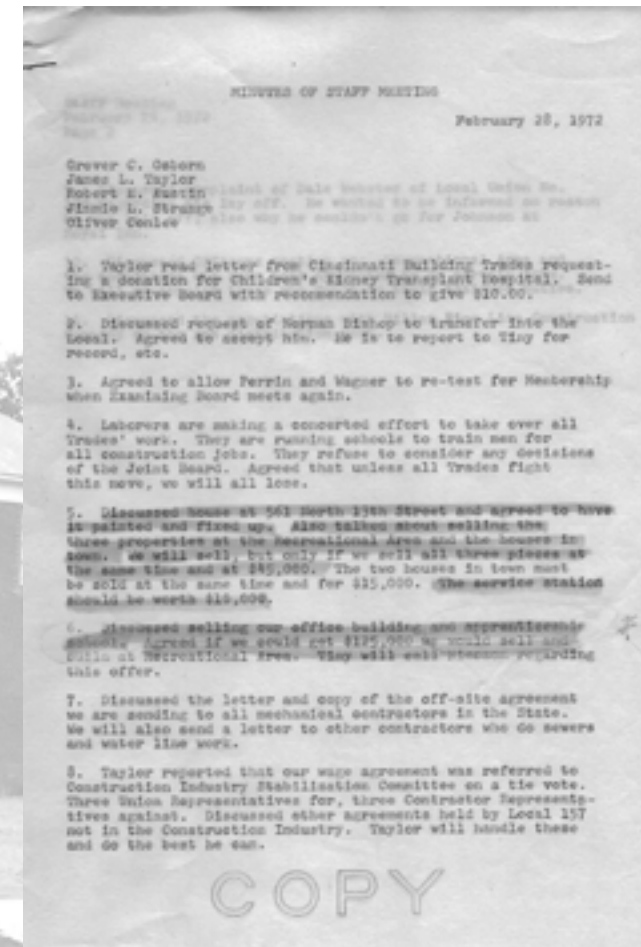
Official and Member Directory of Labor Unions and Brotherhoods: Trade Unions, Hotel Trade Unions, Iron and Steel Trade Unions, Public Employees, Teachers and Labor Groups of Trade Unions of Journeymen and Apprentices, who have jurisdiction over every branch of the plumbing and pipe fitting industry.

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.



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 General President United Association



Martin B. Durkin

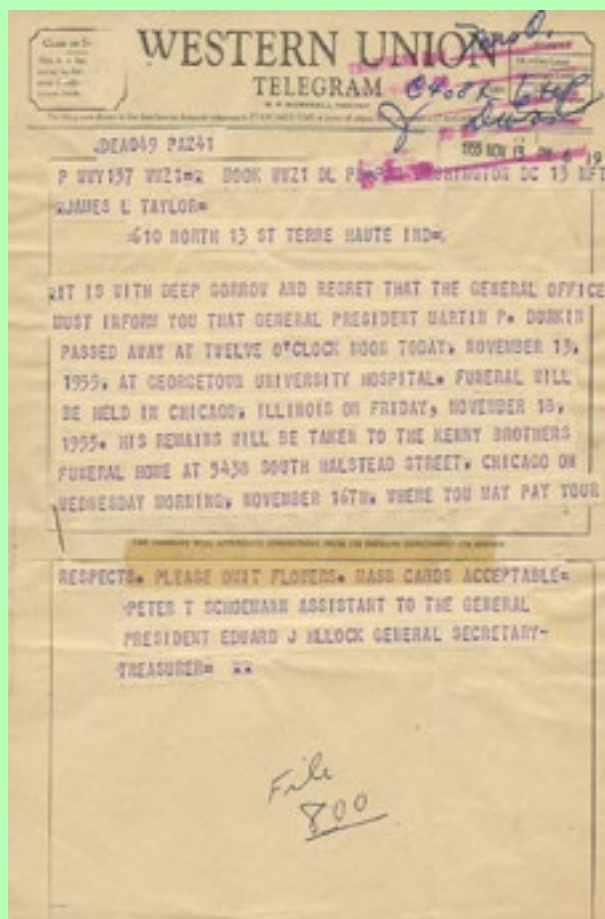
In 1911, at the age of seventeen, Durkin became a steamfitter's apprentice; he would go on to fight as a private in the First World War. In 1921, he was elected business manager of Steamfitters Local 597, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the 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)



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

Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana
125 Years of Solidarity



Quasiquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021

Draped Charter in remembrance of Brother Durkin

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. Saxe accepted. Motion Carried.

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

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, Sec. Don Kwoczalla, Bus. Manager Grover C. Osborn, Bus. Agent Roger V. Ransard, G. V. Brinkley, H. G. Saxe, 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. G. 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 adjourn without vote at 10:00 P. M.

Don Kwoczalla, Sec. Sec'y.
L. U. No. 157



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



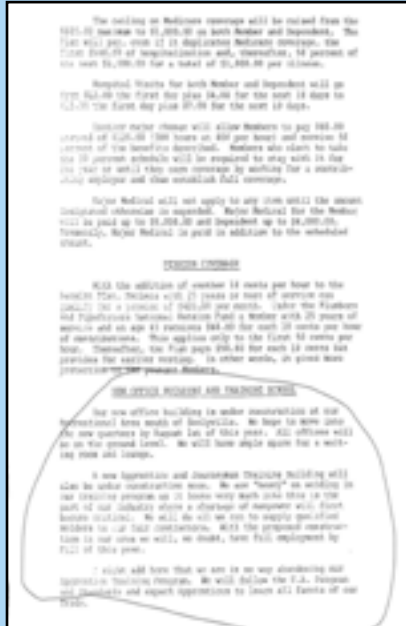
8801 E. Milner Ave. Terre Haute, Indiana 1971- Present

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



**Patti
Szymanski**



**Georgie
Martin**



**Joran
Farris**



1974

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 E. MONTGOMERY, FIN. COMM.
WILLIAM L. FENTON, VICE PRESIDENT	EUGENE BENNETT, FIN. COMM.
WILBUR E. CROUCH, EXECUTIVE BOARD	CHARLES W. SCHAPPER, FIN. COMM.
GEORGE R. BRINKLEY, EXECUTIVE BOARD	SEAN P. KEATING, EXAMINING BOARD
WILLIAM R. HIGHTSHOE, EXECUTIVE BOARD	JACK W. MASON, EXAMINING BOARD
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ALBERT E. FISHER, RECORDING SECRETARY	ARLO D. RICHEY, INSIDE GUARD

ARCHITECT

JOHN A. GURRY & 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 30

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.

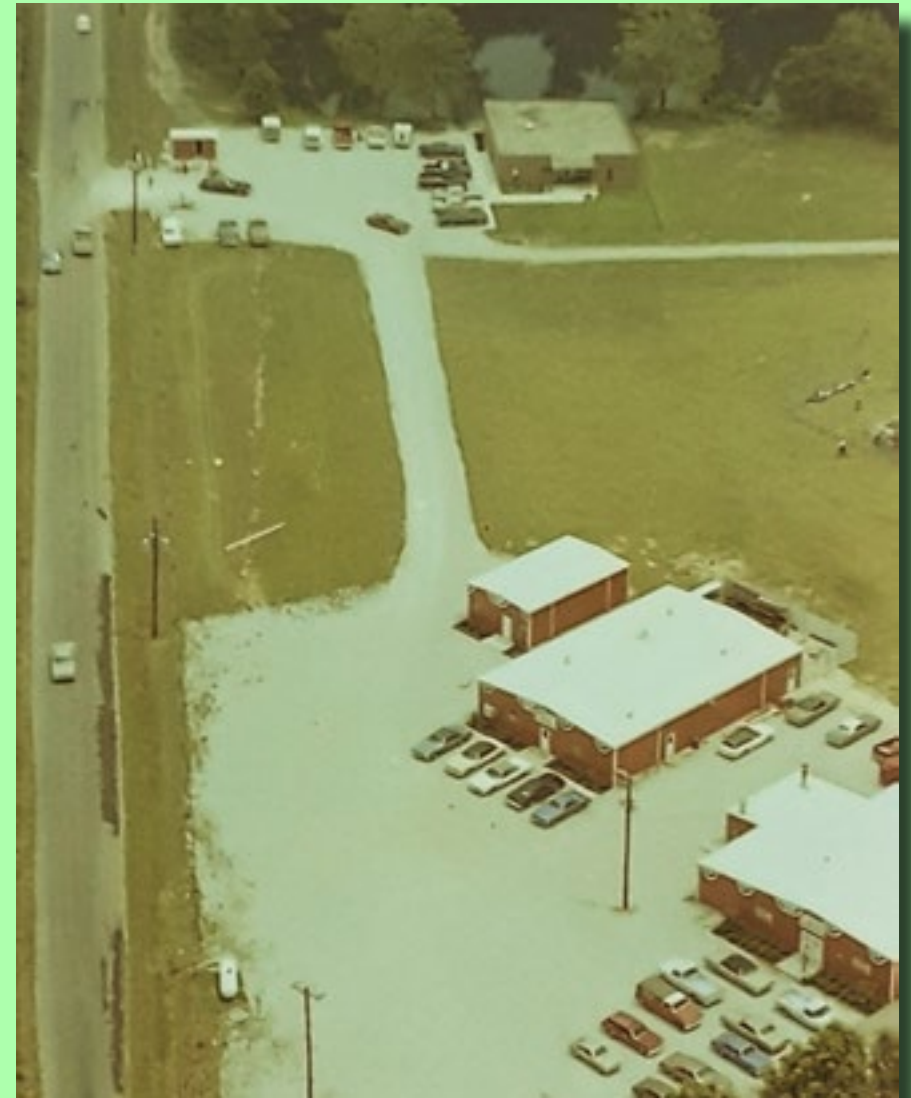


Retirees and paid Officers of the Local Union posed behind the water fountain at their quarterly meeting held on August 25, 1979.





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









The Local 157 Campus was at its 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 its "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 Co. Restaurant enjoy the pause that refreshes. Purchase one of the special 8 ceramic mugs with your name on it and they will hang it on their wall. All fill it with Michelob for only 25¢ time after time.





Benefit Club Committee Members



Left to Right
Tim Doty, Chris 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 E. 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
 Attention: Ferrel E. Youngblood

**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 its Treasurer for nearly 20 years; and then took over as Vice President 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.

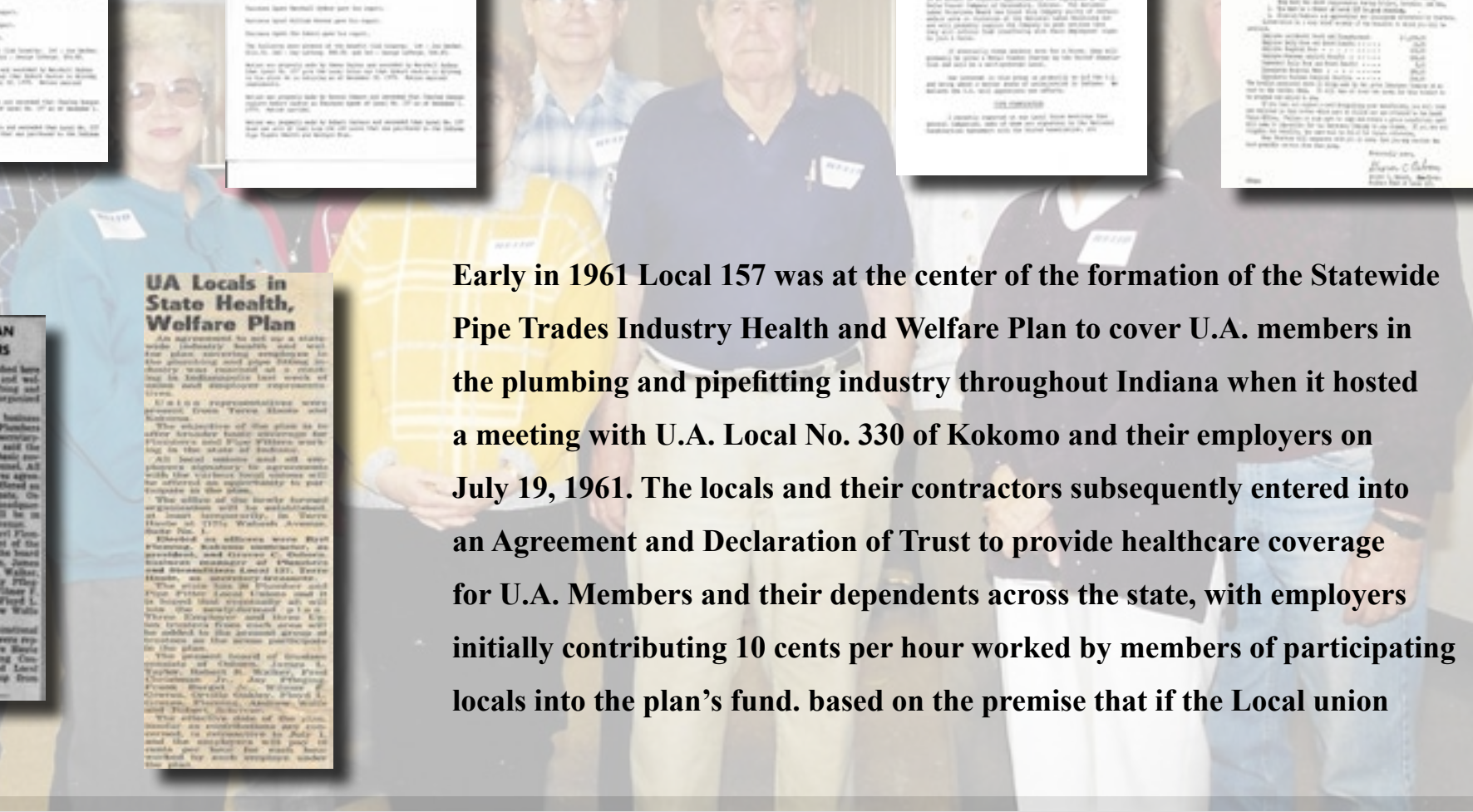
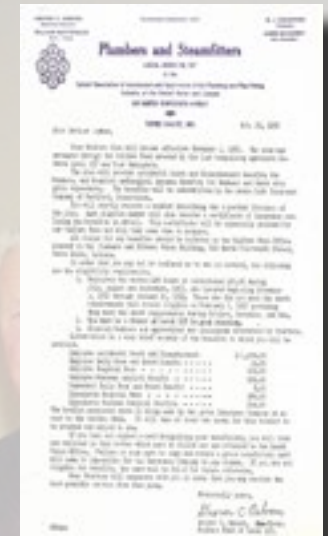








Health & Welfare Local 157



UA Locals in State Health, Welfare Plan

The agreement to set up a statewide industry health and welfare plan for the plumbing and pipefitting industry was announced here today by representatives of the industry and employers.

George C. Osborn, business manager of Local 157, Plumbers and Steamfitters and secretary-treasurer of the group, said the plan will offer broader basic coverage for industry personnel. All local unions and employers agreeing to the plan will be offered an opportunity to participate. Osborn said temporary leadership for the group will be in the hands of the National Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

Kokomo Contractor Earl Fleming was elected president of the organization. Named to the board of trustees were Osborn, James L. Taylor, Robert H. Walker, Fred Christian Jr., Jay Fleming, Frank Burgett Jr., William F. Green, Ovidio Oakley, Floyd L. Green, Fleming, Andrew Walls and Robert Schaefer.

Attending the organizational meeting at Indianapolis were representatives of the Terre Haute Plumbing and Pipefitting Contractors Association and Local 157 as well as a group from Kokomo.

Early in 1961 Local 157 was at the center of the formation of the Statewide Pipe Trades Industry Health and Welfare Plan to cover U.A. members in the plumbing and pipefitting industry throughout Indiana when it hosted a meeting with U.A. Local No. 330 of Kokomo and their employers on July 19, 1961. The locals and their contractors subsequently entered into an Agreement and Declaration of Trust to provide healthcare coverage for U.A. Members and their dependents across the state, with employers initially contributing 10 cents per hour worked by members of participating locals into the plan's fund. based on the premise that if the Local union



NEW HEALTH PLAN SET FOR PLUMBERS

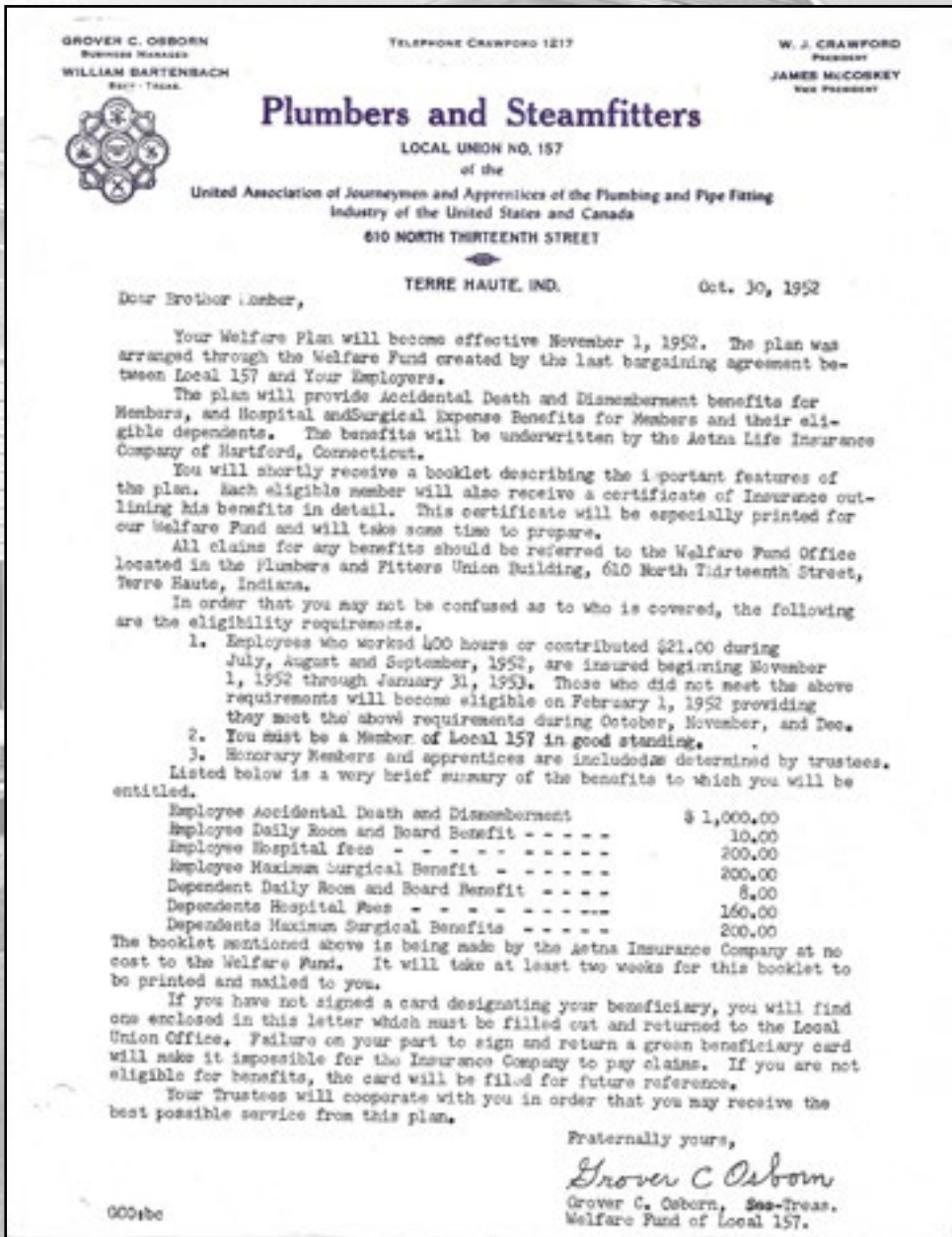
Offices will be established here for a statewide health and welfare plan for the plumbing and pipefitting industry organized this week.

Grover C. Osborn, business manager of Local 157, Plumbers and Steamfitters and secretary-treasurer of the group, said the plan will offer broader basic coverage for industry personnel. All local unions and employes agreeing to the plan will be offered an opportunity to participate, Osborn said. Temporary headquarters for the group will be in Suite 1, 717½ Wabash avenue.

Kokomo Contractor Byrl Fleming was elected president of the organization. Named to the board of trustees were Osborn, James L. Taylor, Robert R. Walker, Fred Christman Jr., Jay Pflieger, Frank Burget Jr., Wilmer F. Groves, Orville Oakley, Floyd L. Groves, Fleming, Andrew Wolfe and Robert Schriver.

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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. Gradually, the number of plan participants eventually grew to 16 Indiana-based U.A. Locals.



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

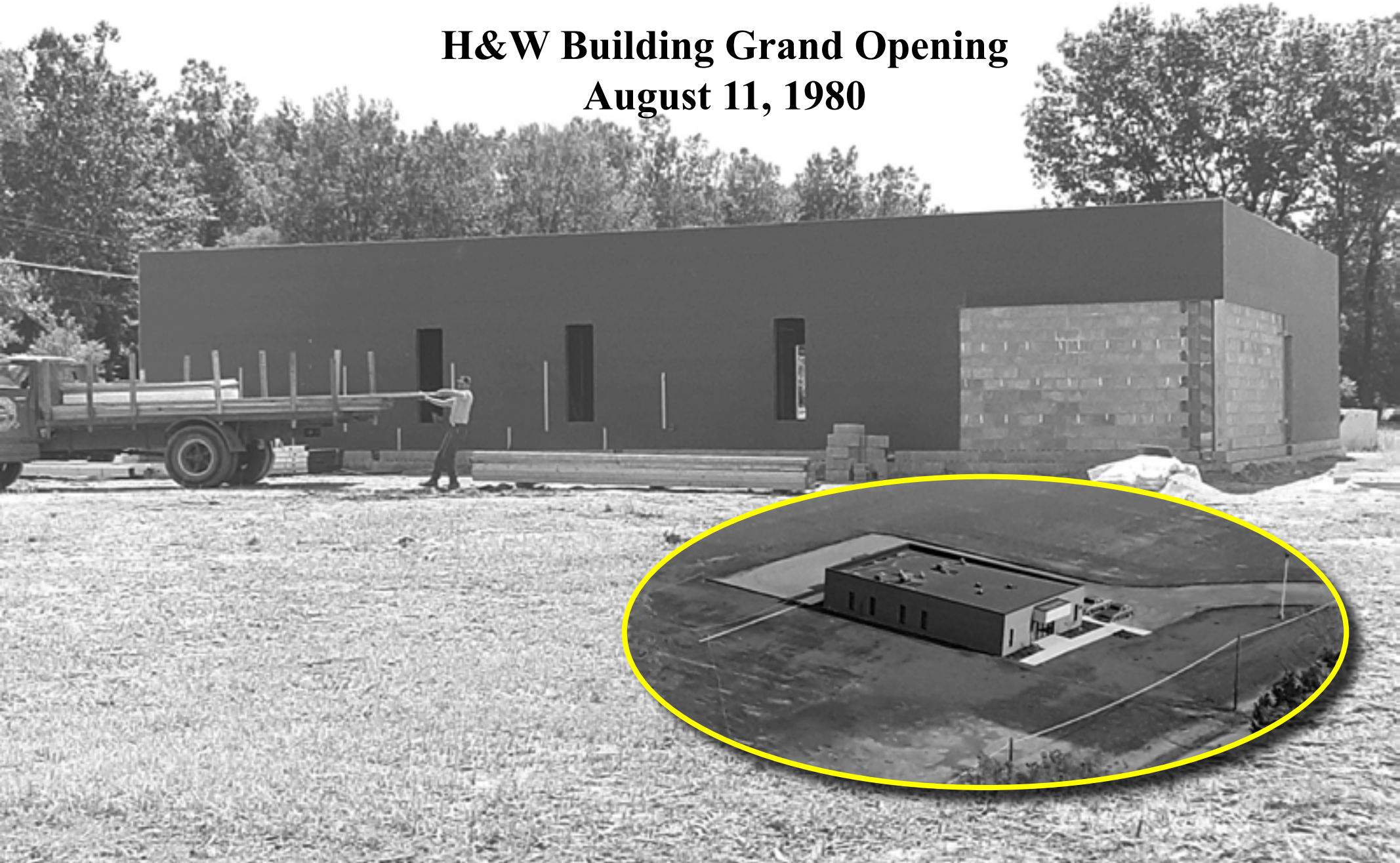


Meeting Minutes informing members of the future plans to build the Health and Welfare Office Building





H&W Building Grand Opening **August 11, 1980**





H&W Building Grand Opening Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony







H&W Building Grand Opening Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

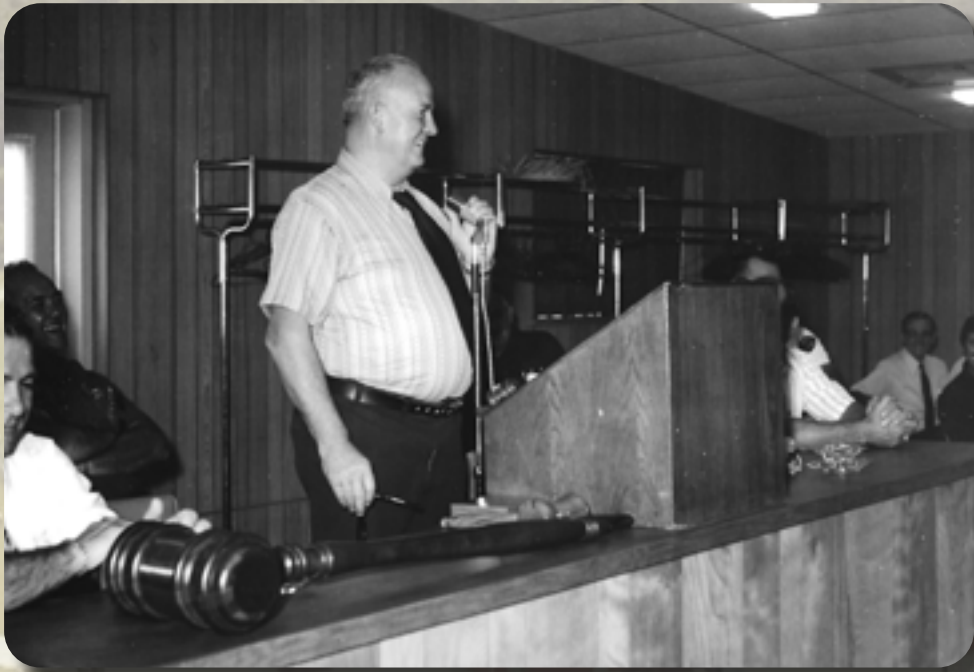




Martin J. Ward and Grover Osborn enjoying their time at the 157 Shooting Range after the Grand Opening of the new H&W Building



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}

¹ UPI, October 9, 1982, Martin J. Ward, general president of the United Association Dies, <https://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



Amanda
Claims/Office
Assistant



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

Joeleen McKight



Opal Carter



Linda Byrer



1968
Standing
Phyllis Jackson, Carolyn Nedyzika
Kil Lane, Dorothy Caudle,
Margie Bayo
Sitting
Jessie Strall, Linda Hephurd,
Mary Cox, Pat Wimon



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



Martin J. Ward, General President of the United Association
addresses the crowd of well-wishers during ribbon cutting
ceremonies.



Local 157 Apprenticeship, Vocational Schools, and Journeyman Upgrade



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.”



Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

Position	Years
Training Coordinator	2020-Present



Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

Position	Years
Welding Coordinator	2020-Present



157 Training Programs Journeymen and Apprentice



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



L to R - Gilbert Lynn, Sean Keating (Winner State Apprenticeship 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.

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)



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 Barna (right). The men were employed at the Fred Arleth Plumbing Shop located at 1315 E. Main Street in Terre Haute.



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.

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



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 Commemorative History (Printed Version) Union Histories, October 2021 Calvin Jefferson (Head Historian)



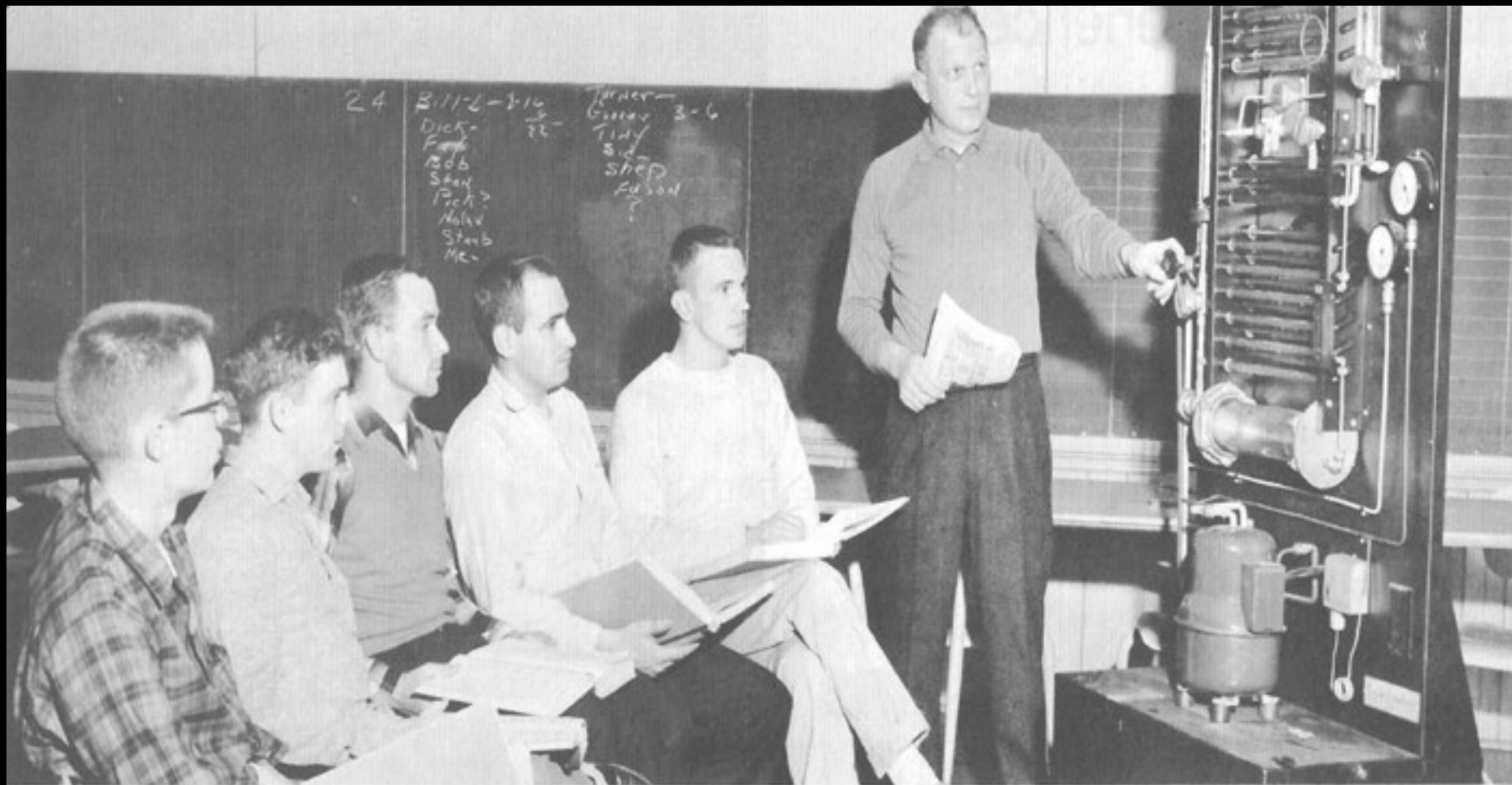
Gerstmeyer/157 Welding Classes





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**





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.



Local 157
Apprentice
Building 2021

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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.

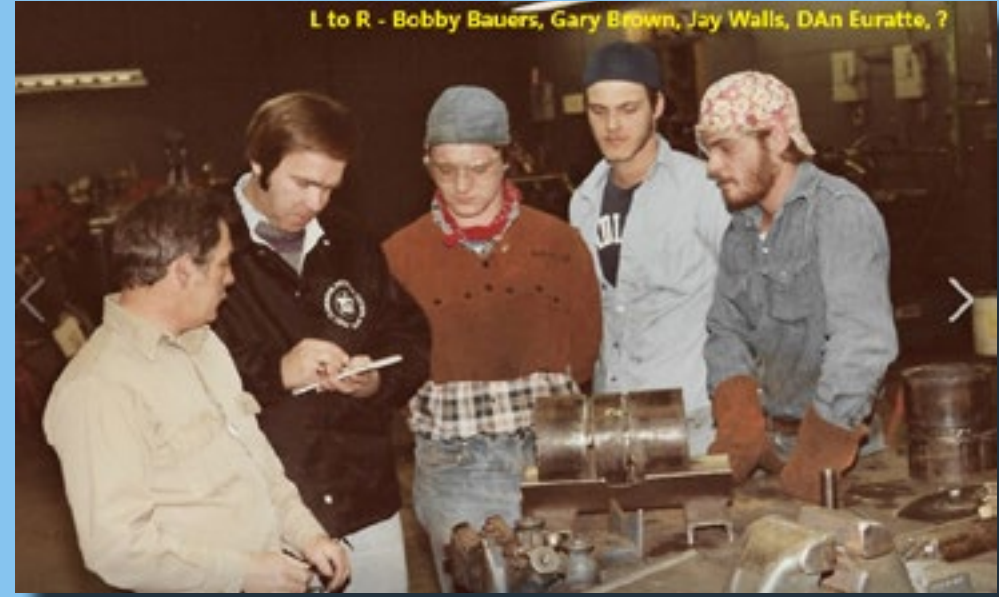


Apprentice Members of Local No. 157 and Joint Apprenticeship Committee—D. J. Phleging, not present.

Clerk: Glenn S. Keith



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







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





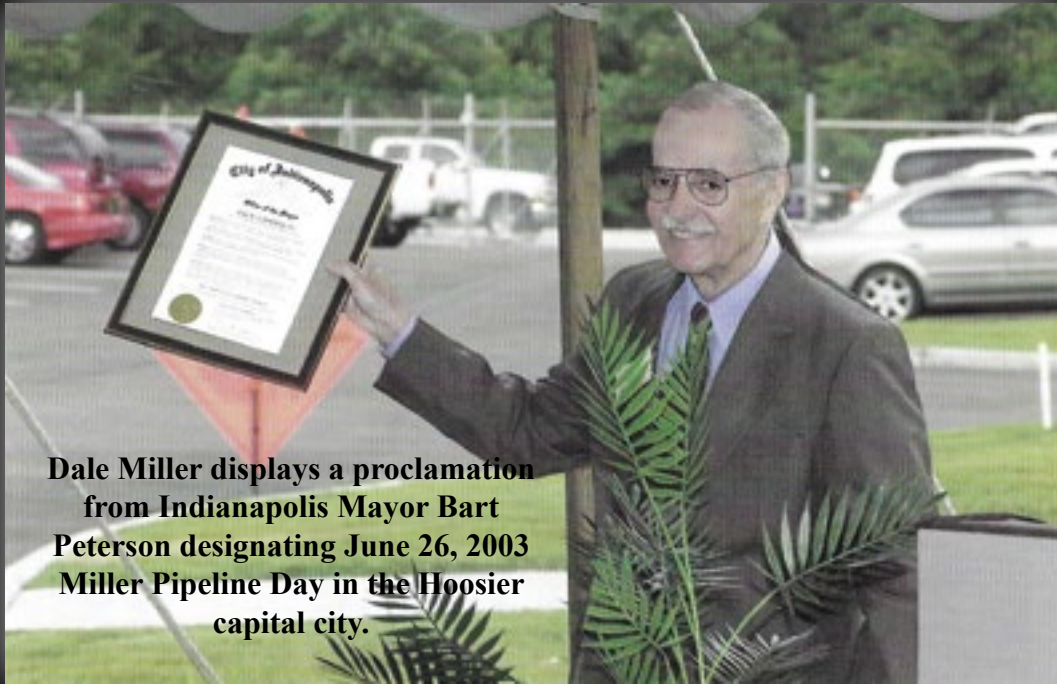
In May of 1998, the jurisdictional area for Local 157's Gas Distribution Division (which already included the entire state of Indiana, with the exception of a few counties near Cincinnati and Chicago) was expanded to take in all of the state of Kentucky.

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under construction.**

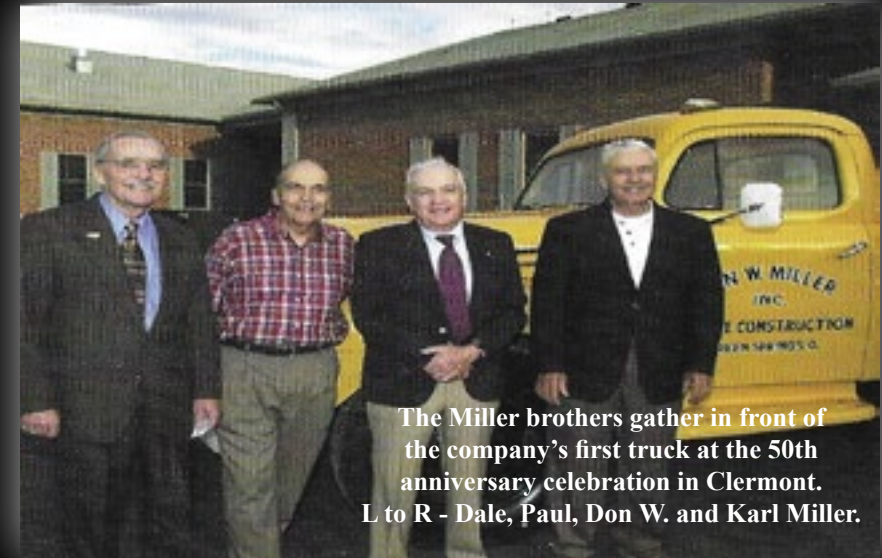


Dale Miller (left) of Miller Pipeline, Jimmie Strange (center) of Local 157, and Terre Haute Mayor Pete Chalos (right) relax after the conclusion of the days activities.





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

by the Executive Committee, headed by Clyde Birdsong, Evansville Teamsters, and a host of newspaper and radio reporters and photographers. In addition to Birdsong, the committee was composed of H. E. Buttram, Evansville; Eugene Trippear, Hammond; Floyd Berryhill, Ft. Wayne; James Scanlon, Terre Haute, and Mrs. Cecile Clark, Evansville.

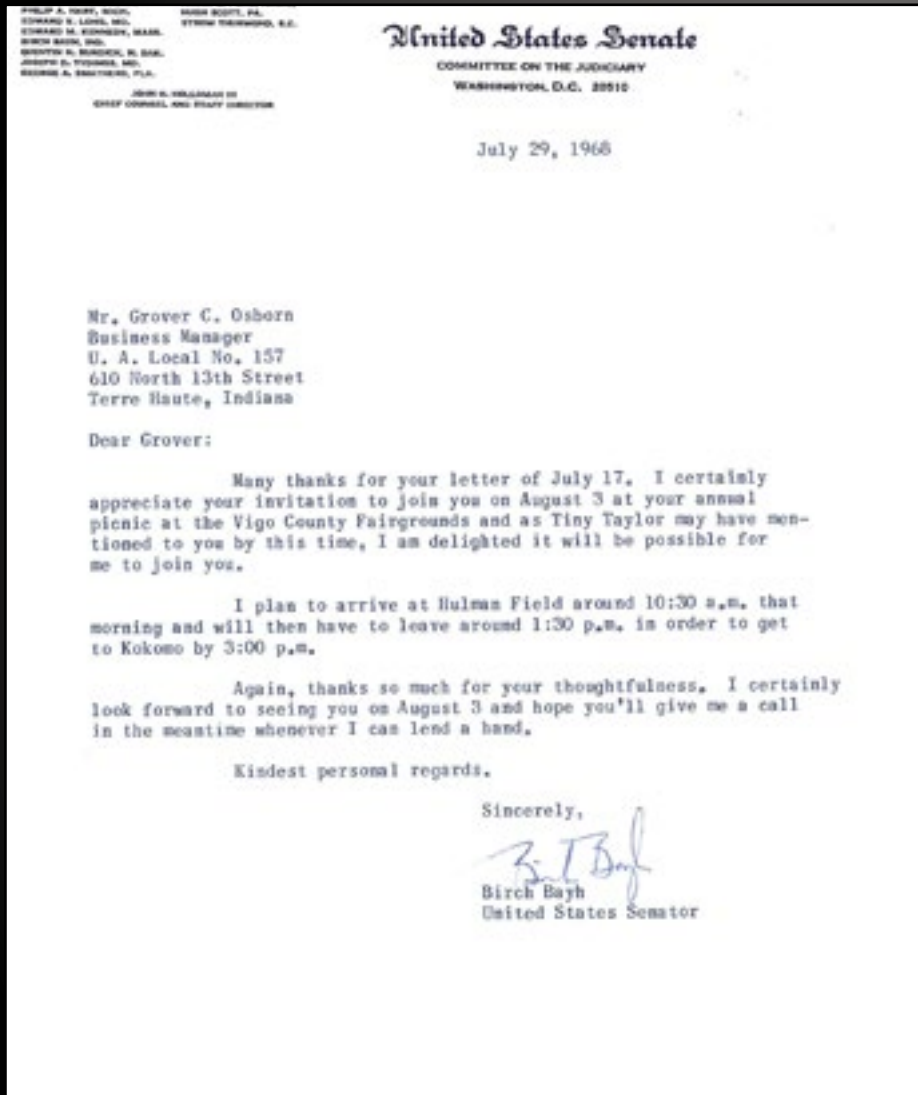


what they want is to “Organize”.

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.





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



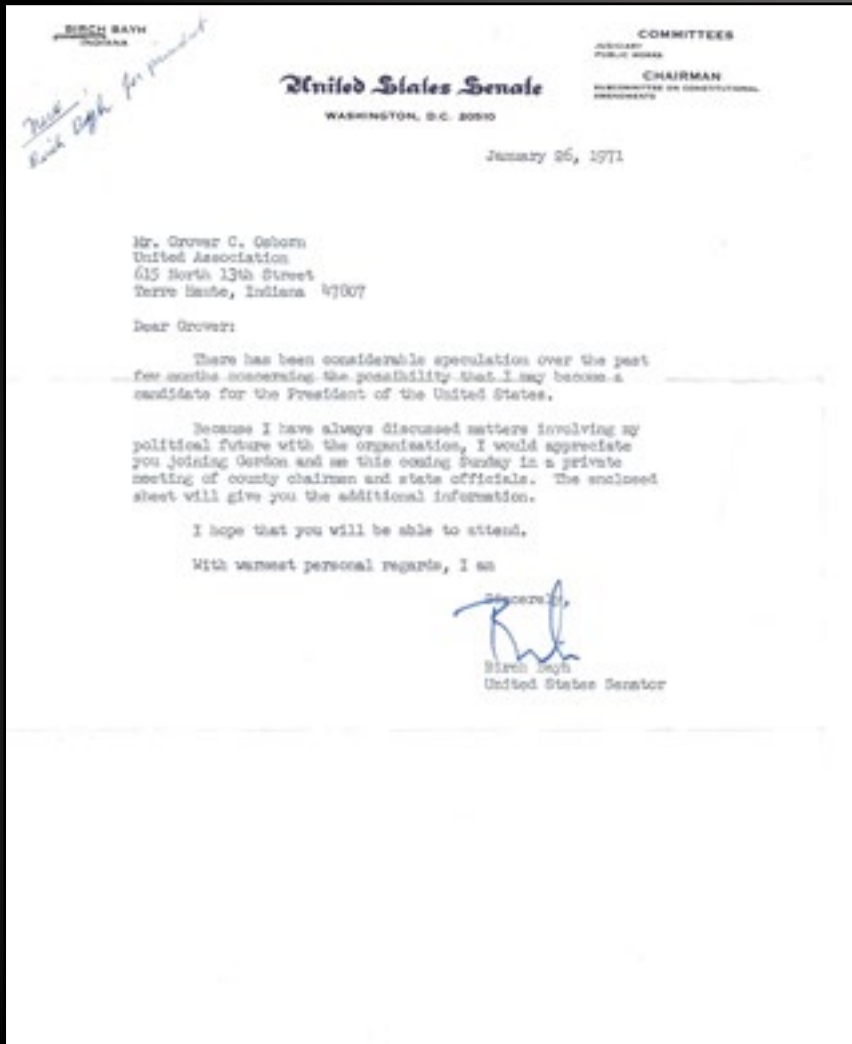
Top Left - Burch Bayh at one of 157's annual picnics

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





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









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.











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).



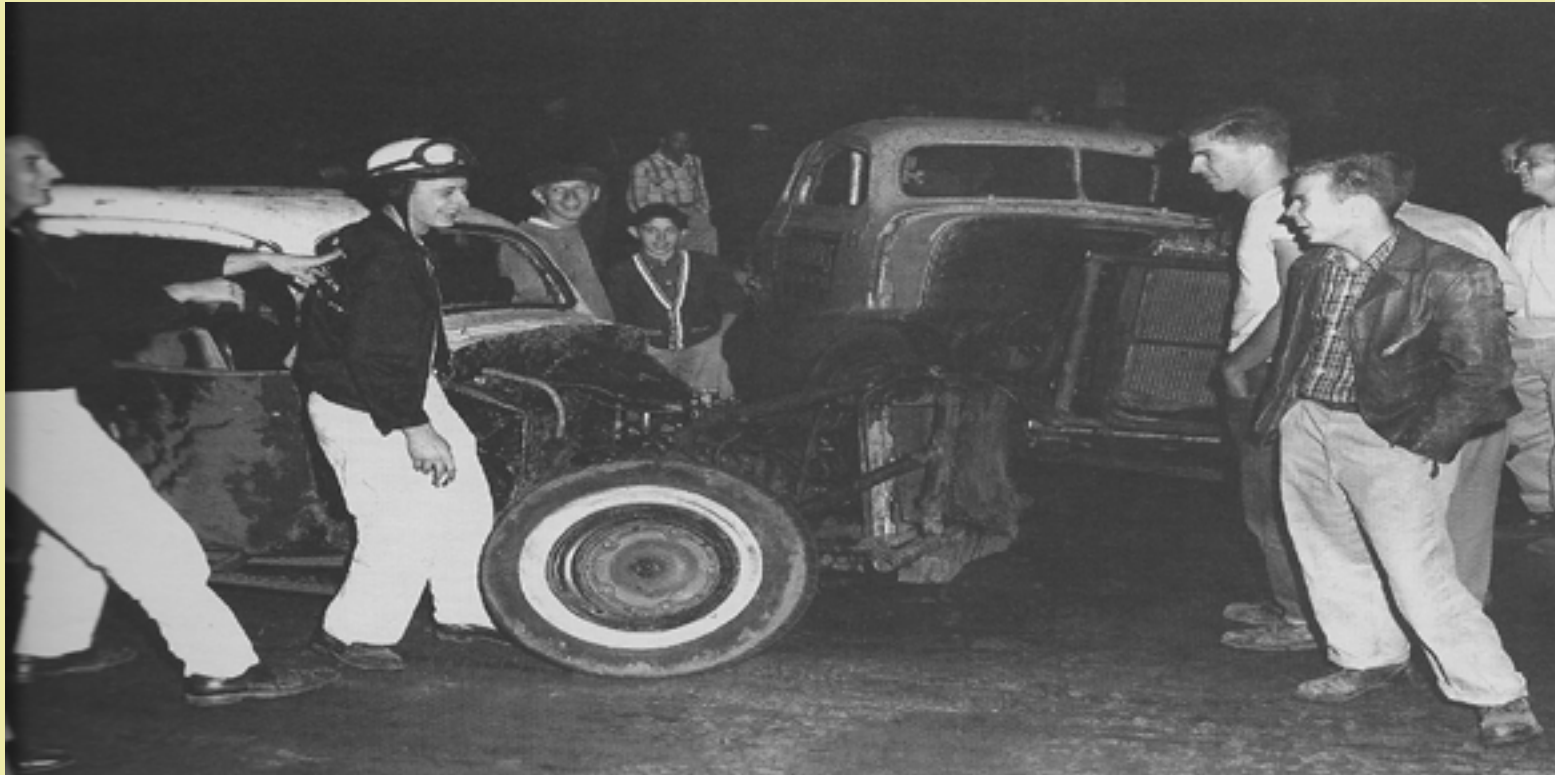
Members and Their CARS



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



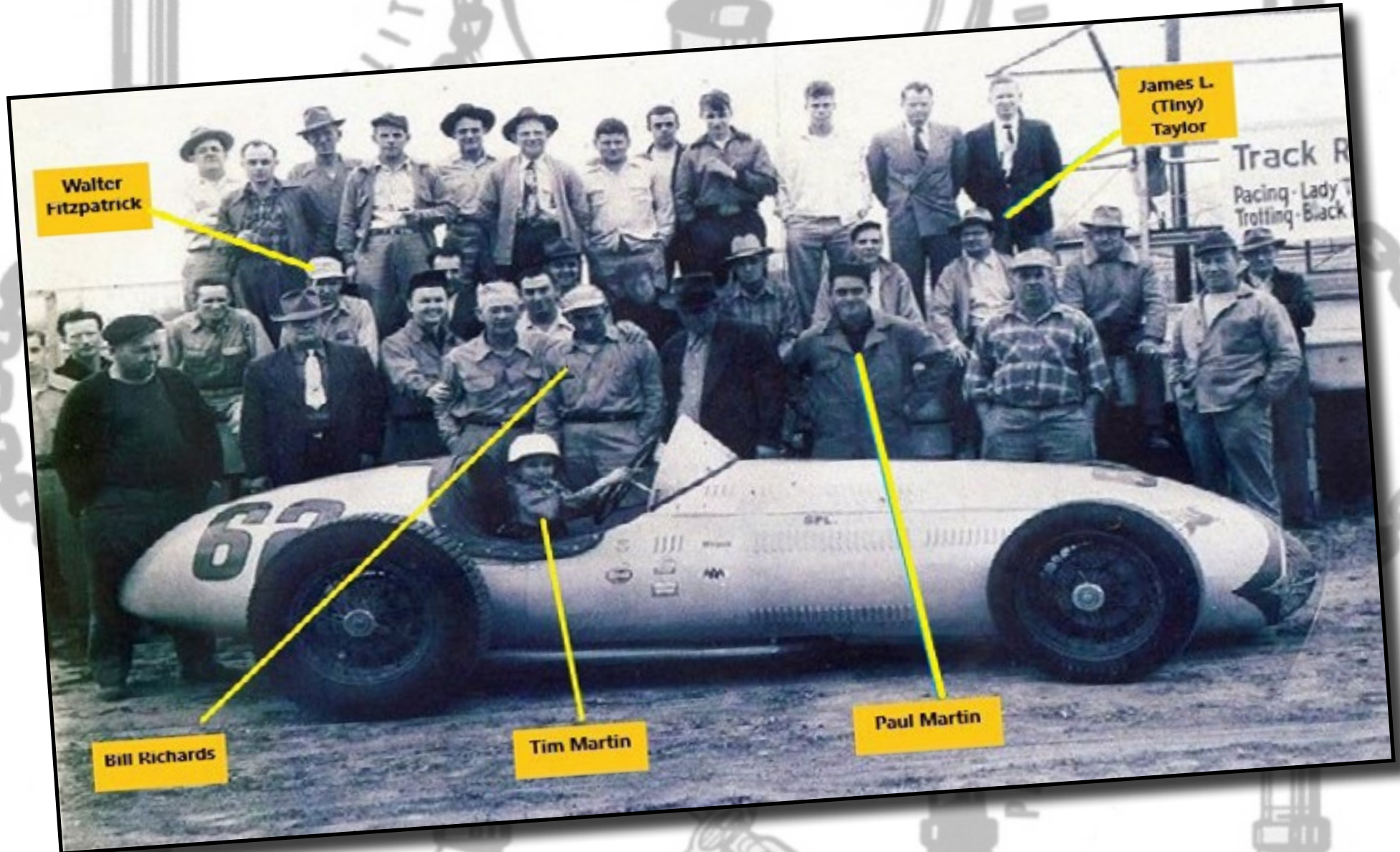
The following is a quote from Local 157 member Tim Martin.

“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)



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

**Local 157 Co-Owned
Indy Car**





Tim Martin



Soapbox Derby



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.

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 excerpt 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. 10 color guard and Kezman Gracie Drum Corps led the parade followed by the Derby participants.

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.

Derby Hill



HERE ARE OUR ENTRIES
IN THE 1958 SOAP BOX DERBY



JACK MULVIHILL, JR. JAMES EDWARDS

GOOD LUCK  BEST WISHES


TIM MARTIN




WILLIAM SLAVEN JOHN MOSCAN

LOCAL 157

GARY BURNELL



Our Entry
In the 1955
SOAP BOX DERBY



GOOD LUCK

BEST WISHES TO "GARY"

SPONSORED BY—
LOCAL 157

TIMOTHY MARTIN



OUR ENTRY
IN THE 1957
SOAP BOX DERBY



GOOD LUCK

BEST WISHES TO "TIM"

SPONSORED BY
LOCAL 157
PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS

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



OFFICIAL ENTRY LIST FOR
TERRE HAUTE'S 17TH ANNUAL
SOAP BOY
DERBY

Sunday, June 24

DERBY HILL
1 MILE WEST OF WEST TERRE HAUTE
U. S. HIGHWAY 40

ALL ENGRAVINGS
By ... **TERRE HAUTE ENGRAVING CO.** 848 WALNUT
PHONE C-2151



*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



Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana
125 Years of Solidarity



Quasiquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



NEW PRESIDENT 780
PAT SIDDEAS 243
JAMES L. TAYLOR 576
FIN SEC/TREASURER
DAVID MORRISON 15
BILL HIGHTSHOE 650
INSIDE GUARD
RUSTY PATTERSON 191
TIM MARTIN 207
JEFF STRANGE 345
FINANCE COMMITTEE
HAROLD LAWRENCE 335
MARK SWANER 446
BOBBY BAINERS SOCIETY
CHARLES MALONE 506









Shrimp Peel/ Fish Fries









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.



Interviews Television and Radio Local Union Officers









In Times of War

Local 157 Members Serving in the Military during WWII

members in Armed Services

E. L. Adams--Withdraws.
Carl E. Boyd *
Wm. J. Crawford
Clyde Giffel
Clarence T. Gregory
Kenneth Greenon
Theo. J. Hauer
Richard Hottelins
Lloyd Johnson--Withdraws.
Wm. Kendall--*
Harold R. Norton
Henry H. McCarty, Jr.--Withdrawal
Glen H. Robinson
T. F. Robinson
Edward Taylor
Grover Osborne--Withdraws.
Joe. F. Heldenbreich--Withdrawal
Leslie Settlinger--Withdraws.
Cecil H. Hayes--Withdrawal
Palmer Hargrave *
John H. Bartenbach *
Clarence Truesless

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS & STEAM FITTERS LOCAL #157 2/7/45

Willaude Allen - Plumber
Sam H. Anderson - Steam Fitter
Elias Annis - Steam Fitter
Thomas Bailey - Steam Fitter
Theodore Baker - Refrig. Ser.
James K. Barrett - Plumber
Robert J. Bartenbach - Steam Fitter
William Bartenbach - Plumber
Jess Banner - Steam Fitter
Ernest Blair - Plumber
Thomas Blett - Plumber
Ira Stone - Plumber
Jack B. Cole Stone - Plumber
John B. Soles - Steam Fitter
John B. Bailey - Steam Fitter
D. B. Bollinger - Steam Fitter
Albert Born - Plumber
C. H. Butler -
Jack Brittain - Steam Fitter
Frank Bryson - Plumber
Fred Buckelley - Plumber
John Burget - Plumber
Grover Burnett - Plumber
Frank Burget - Steam Fitter
Irl Burns - Plumber
Ralph Burnett - Steam Fitter
Robert Cottingham - Steam Fitter
Harold Cowden - Steam Fitter
William J. Crawford - Plumber
Louis K. Crosby - Steam Fitter
Wred Cure - Steam Fitter
James Crowley - Steam Fitter
Charles B. Crabtree - Steam Fitter
Aloysius Cieslak - Steam Fitter
J. P. Cohen - Steam Fitter
Frank Davison - Refrig. Ser.
Ray Day - Plumber
John Dill - Plumber
Leslie Dill - Plumber
Earl Dooce - Plumber
E. A. Dunlon - Steam Fitter
Owen A. Cowling - Plumber
Jake Dyck - Steam Fitter
Daniel Davis - Steam Fitter
Walter Eaton - Plumber
Leon Elrod - Steam Fitter
C. E. Fisher - Plumber
J. M. Flosser - Plumber
Wesley Farmer
Virgil Frost - Steam Fitter
John Farver - Plumber
Elias E. Gervard - Steam Fitter
Berney Giacolelli - Plumber
Clyde Giffel - Plumber
Louis F. Giffel - Plumber
Ralph Goodrich - Steam Fitter
Robert Goodrich - Plumber
Louis Goodfeller - Plumber
Clarence T. Gregory - Steam Fitter

Army--Kenneth Greenon - Plumber
L. G. Heberster - Plumber
E. Henry - Steam Fitter
Army--Alonso Harvey - Steam Fitter
Karl J. Heisel - Steam Fitter
Theodore J. Hauer - Steam Fitter
Thomas Haverly - Plumber
Henry Heath - Steam Fitter
John Hebler - Steam Fitter
Henry Heubelsburg - Steam Fitter
Louis G. Heckselsburg - Steam Fitter
Paul Hegerly - Plumber
Ray Herington - Plumber
F. J. Hickey - Steam Fitter
Clifford Hightower - Steam Fitter
Marvin G. Hill - Steam Fitter
Clarence Hunschoeffler - Steam Fitter
Frank Hunschoeffler - Steam Fitter
John Mathews - Steam Fitter
William Mathews - Plumber
Richard Hottelins - Steam Fitter
Fred Hood - Steam Fitter
Kenneth Harris
Thomas Jacques - Plumber
Klouis C. Jantz - Plumber
Hubert Johnson - Plumber
Russell L. Jones - Steam Fitter
Julius H. Jaeger -
Charlie Jacobs - Plumber
Lawrence Johnson - Plumber
George Kemerata - Plumber
Donald Kwozalla - Plumber
William King - Plumber
Clarence M. Lawson
Ross Leanington - Steam Fitter
Waymond Leonard - Steam Fitter
Clyde Lindley - Steam Fitter
Henry E. Love - Steam Fitter
James D. Love - Steam Fitter
James V. Loughlin - Steam Fitter
Roger V. Mansard - Plumber
W. A. Milton - Steam Fitter
Paul A. Martin - Steam Fitter
Wm. E. Malone, Jr. - Steam Fitter
Cecil H. Hayes -
Waymond E. Maddy - Steam Fitter
Arnold A. Martin - Plumber
Joe. Russell Myers - Steam Fitter
James A. Woody -
Irvin A. Muter - Steam Fitter
Willard Mollory -
Harry McAdams - Plumber
James McDonkey - Steam Fitter
Arnold McDonells - Steam Fitter
Henry Melzer, Sr. - Plumber
Christian Melson - Plumber
Arthur Oest - Steam Fitter
Edward Oest - Plumber
Harvey O'Donnell -

Joe. T. O'Shea - Steam Fitter
Lobe O'Sell - Plumber
Willis J. O'Sell - Steam Fitter
Chris O'Way -
Grover Odum - Steam Fitter
William Pelt - Steam Fitter
Frank Patterson - Plumber
John Francis Pfitzlag - Plumber
Berley Phillips - Plumber
Wayne K. Pison -
Wesley L. Russell - Steam Fitter
George Puckey - Plumber
Elihu Rader - Steam Fitter
Henry Reagle - Plumber
L. Reilly -
Walter Rice - Steam Fitter
William R. Richardson - Steam Fitter
Knoosh Riley - Steam Fitter
Stan A. Robertson - Steam Fitter
E. F. Robinson - Steam Fitter
Earl Rupp - Steam Fitter
David S. Roney - Steam Fitter
Way Rove - Steam Fitter
Wayne K. Rove - Plumber
John Rusk - Plumber
John Reed, Jr. - Plumber
George Reurbrough - Plumber
Klouis S. Schomper - Steam Fitter
Sam Shestinger -
W. Smith - Steam Fitter
Joseph Smith - Steam Fitter
Harold Soums - Plumber
Robert Southwell - Steam Fitter
David F. Souler - Plumber
David C. Smith - Steam Fitter
George Smith - Steam Fitter
Fenton S. Spangler - Steam Fitter
Harold J. Spangler -
Army--Alfred Taylor - Plumber
Leo E. Taylor - Steam Fitter
John Thomas - Steam Fitter
Army--Arnold Thomas - Steam Fitter
John E. Thomas - Steam Fitter
Harry Tills - Steam Fitter
Army--Ben L. Trudwell - Plumber
Army--Clarence I. Truesless - Steam Fitter
T. E. Turner -
Jewell Thompson
Merry Van Bate, Sr. - Plumber
Merry Van Bate, Jr. - Plumber
Paul VanBuren - Plumber
Joe Vots - Plumber
Robert Walker - Plumber
Edward Walters - Plumber
Alfred Vate - Steam Fitter
Edward Wood - Steam Fitter
Ray Wright - Steam Fitter
James Wyatt - Steam Fitter
James E. Wray - Steam Fitter
Ray Woods - Steam Fitter
John West - Plumber
Charles Wisniewski - Steam Fitter

Ray Welford -
John Thomas West -
Henry Wessman - Plumber



Dec 7 1942
Meeting called to order at 7:30 with Rev. Anderson as the
minutes of last meeting accepted as read
1942. That Local 157 send Christmas Seal. *Carried*
1942. That Long Smith, Sam Smith & Steve Smith
Be given their *Carried*
1942. That the report of Dec 2nd be accepted *Carried*
1942. That 1st. voted \$25.00 to be alloted the
Carried
1942. That each member receive \$5.00
Carried
1942. That Local 157 buy 1000 worth of Lion traps
Carried
Signed

Dec 1 1942
meeting called to order with Rev. Williams as chairman
minutes of last meeting accepted as read
1942. That a \$25.00 donation be sent to *Carried*
Carried
1942. That agents be sent to San Francisco
Carried
1942. That Rev Richard Williams be elected
Carried
1942
No 3112
Signed
1942

REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 1945

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P. M. with
Brother Thomas Jacques as the chair,
Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted,
M. & B. That reports of committees be accepted, *Carried*
M. & B. That a committee be appointed to interview
the returning service men concerning what they must
do before going to work. *Carried*
Carried
M. & B. That the commendations and certificates on
returning service men be turned over to the U. S. *Carried*
M. & B. That report of the Executive Board be accepted, *Carried*
M. & B. That the expense account of the U. S. A. be raised
from \$12.00 per week to \$20.00 per week, also to raise
the U. S. A's salary from \$75.00 per week to \$100.00 per
week. *Carried*
M. & B. That the former motion be rescinded, *Carried*
M. & B. That the U. S. A's salary be \$75.00 per week with
\$25.00 per week for expenses, *Carried*
M. & B. That we procure a Deluxe Hotel Franchise Plan in
honor of our Brothers serving in the armed forces, *Carried*
M. & B. That the following Brothers be allowed sick
benefits one, W. S. Medication - 5 weeks
Bro. William H. Pitt - 5 weeks *Carried*
M. & B. That the Constitution certificates for Dallas
State Federation of Labor be turned over to the
Executive Board, *Carried*
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.
D. I. E.

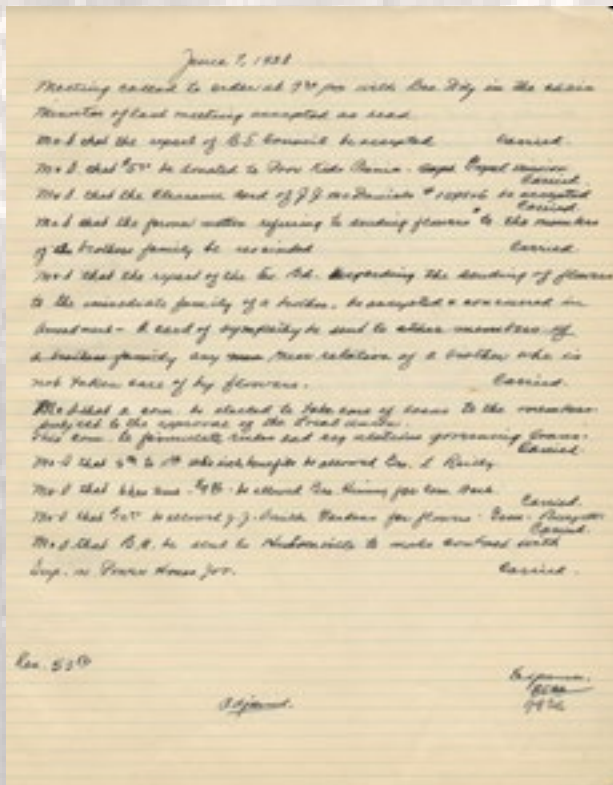
Regular Meeting October 3, 1950

Meeting called to order at 7:00 with Bro.
as the chair,
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted,
M. & B. That the reports of Committees be accepted, *Carried*
M. & B. That the report of the Executive Board be
Carried
M. & B. That \$1.00 be alloted Mrs. John F. Parley,
Carried
M. & B. That \$10.00 be alloted for the delegates to the
Indiana Fire Truck Convention at Indianapolis, Ind.
Sept. 25, 1950. *Carried*
M. & B. That the report of the delegate to the Indiana
Fire Truck Convention be accepted. *Carried*
M. & B. That any member of L. U. who either
volunteers or is drafted into the armed forces, will
have his dues paid by the L. U. to last so he is in
service. *Carried*
Chairman Jacques closed the Meeting with out fare
at 9:30.
D. I. E.
Rev. No'y,

One would assume that “Dates to Remember” would be recognized and mentioned in the Local 157 Regular Meeting Minutes. December 7, 1941 is 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 Dedicated to Supporting the Communities It Serves



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’s125 year history. Local 157 and its membership have been involved in countless charitable and civic efforts. Those benefactors have ranged from donating \$200 to the Girls Scouts building-fund campaign for the construction of living quarters at a campsite near Poland, Indiana, in Clay County in 1953 to remodeling a Humane Society shelter in 1992, to annually supporting the yearly **March of Dimes “Walk America Walk-a-Thon** in Terre Haute.



Other community-service work regularly supported by the local has also ranged from members donating their time on Saturdays before Father's Day to help collect money for diabetes research in the annual Dollars Against Diabetes (Dad's Day) fundraiser sponsored by the National Building and Construction Trades Council. For years, members of Local 157 participated in the "Bucket Drive" for collect money from drivers in towns and cities in central Indiana; unfortunately the practice was deemed unsafe by city leaders and was discontinued.

Also, the Service Division members team with local contractors and supply houses to participate in the annual **Heats-On** program, which provides free heating system inspections, adjustments and repairs for elderly, needy and handicapped residents of the Terre Haute area.



2020



In 1993 alone, for example, Local 157 was represented with both workers and walkers who helped raise money to fight birth defects in that May's **March of Dimes walk-a-thon**. Throughout the year, in fact, members donated their time, energy and money to a range of activities, including the **Habitat for Humanity**, which builds affordable housing for needy families; rebuilding parks and playgrounds; and coaching little league teams. ¹



1st Year Apprentice, James Morris



(L to R) - AWP Instructor Shane Alumbaugh,
2nd Year Apprentice Levi Jones and
2nd Year Apprentice Clay Travis

¹ Union Histories,



What's more, during November and December that year, Local 157 members donated over \$1,600 to help provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy people in their jurisdiction.

More recently, the local's members have been involved in a myriad of large-scale community-involvement activities, such as the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in 2005. Also that year, Local 157 again played an important role in the success of the **March of Dimes' Walk America Walk-a-Thon**, while several members volunteered the Saturday before Father's Day to raise money at intersections in Lafayette, Crawfordsville and Monticello for **Dad's Day**.



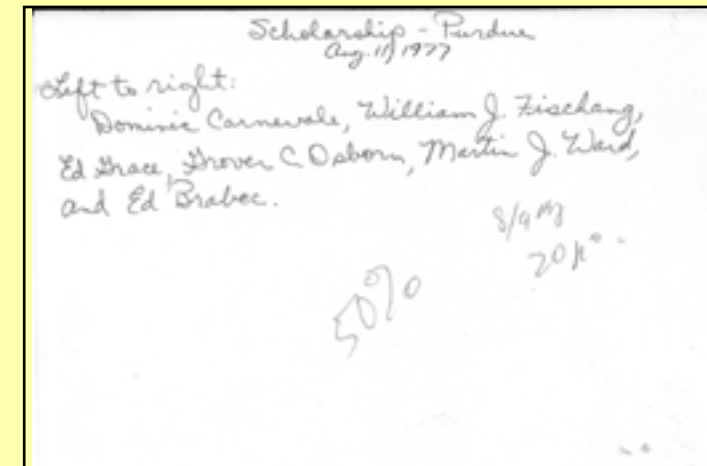
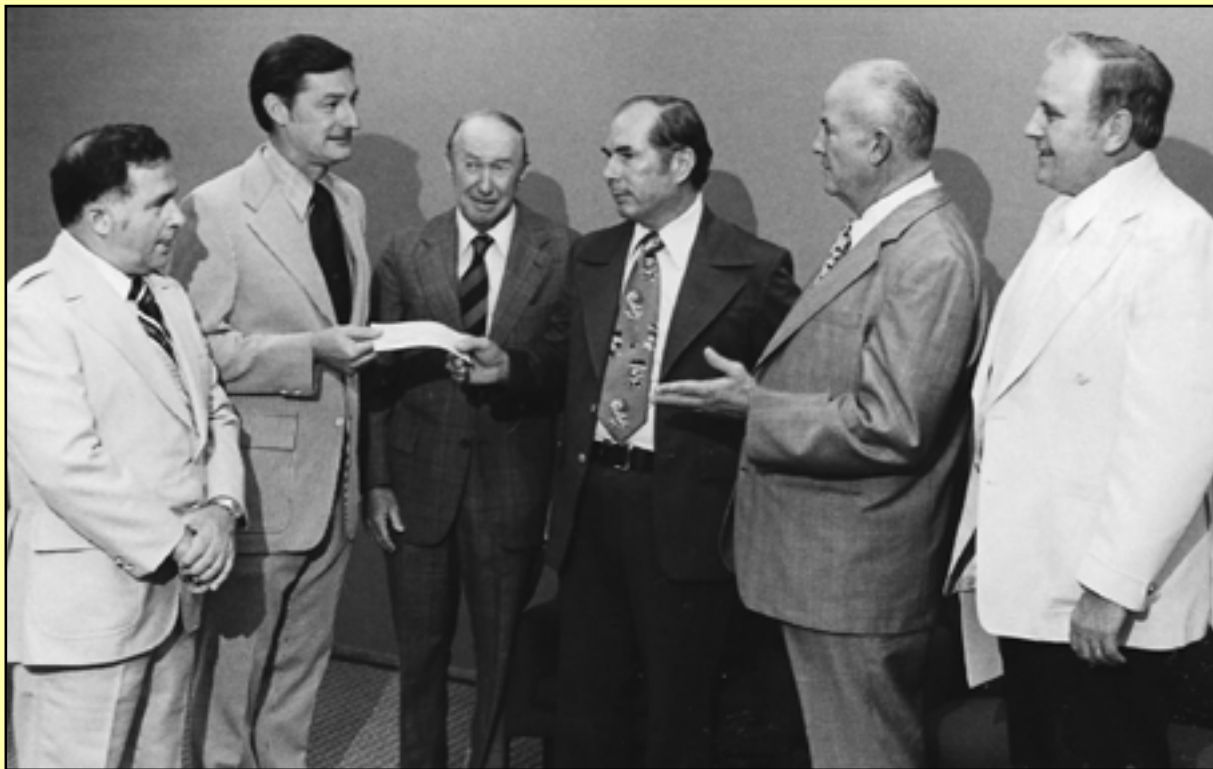
Pictured L to R - Journeyman Kevin McHenry,
Apprentice Harvey Biddle, Apprentice Anna Barradas
and Journeyman Jared Maxwell

Along with those and a host of other benevolent efforts that the local continues to support, in 2020 members volunteered their time and skills to help build picnic shelters at **Abby & Libby Park** in Delphi, Indiana - continuing a tradition of community service, civic pride and self-sacrifice that has made Local 157 one of the most widely recognized and highly respected labor organization in the region.



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 recipient and representatives from the various colleges receiving their scholarships in a time when college expenses 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
Sony Bellinger
Craig Ross

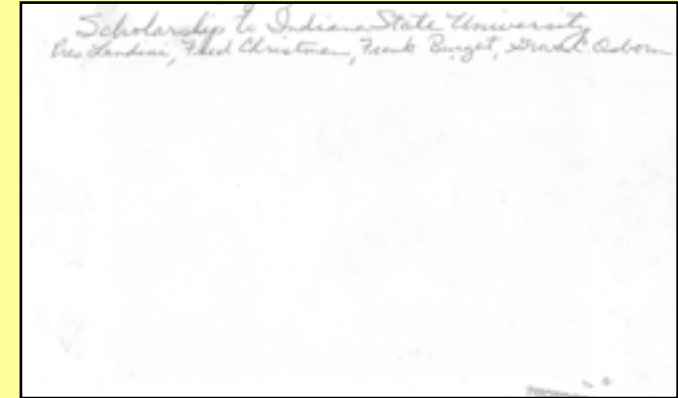
Back Row

Henry Merrill
Charles Fritscher



*Fred B. Christman, Frank Barger, Grover C. Osborn,
and President Samuel F. Hulbert of Rose-Hulman
Institute of Technology.*

August 1, 1977 8/9/77





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. Pflieger, 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









**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.





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



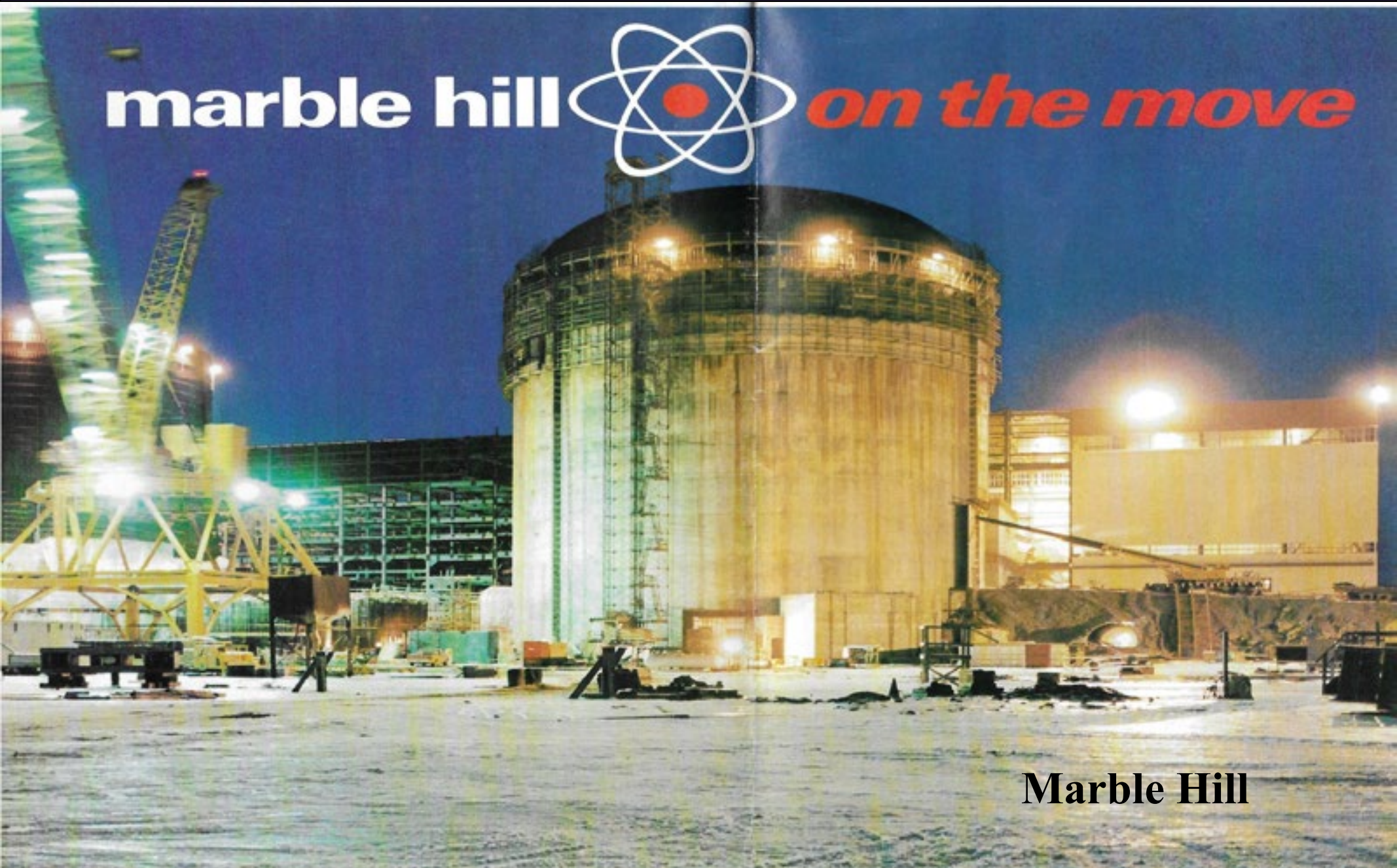








marble hill  ***on the move***



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.



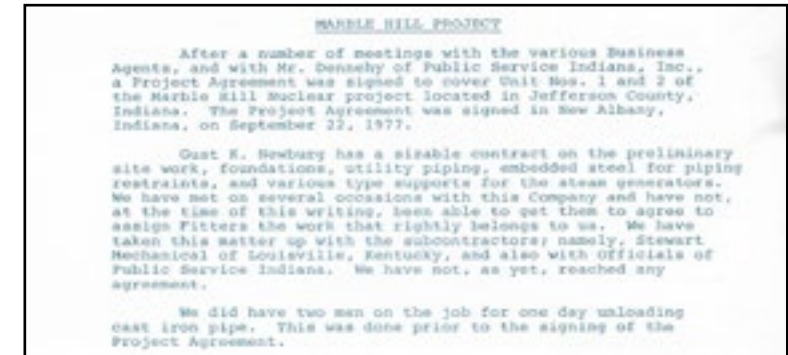
Marble Hill construction was scheduled to begin in July of 1976, but from the outset financial and regulatory speed bumps forced PSI into commencement delays. It wasn't until December of that year the company was issued a limited work authorization order to begin. In September of 1977 public hearings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

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-



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 Con-

sumer 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.

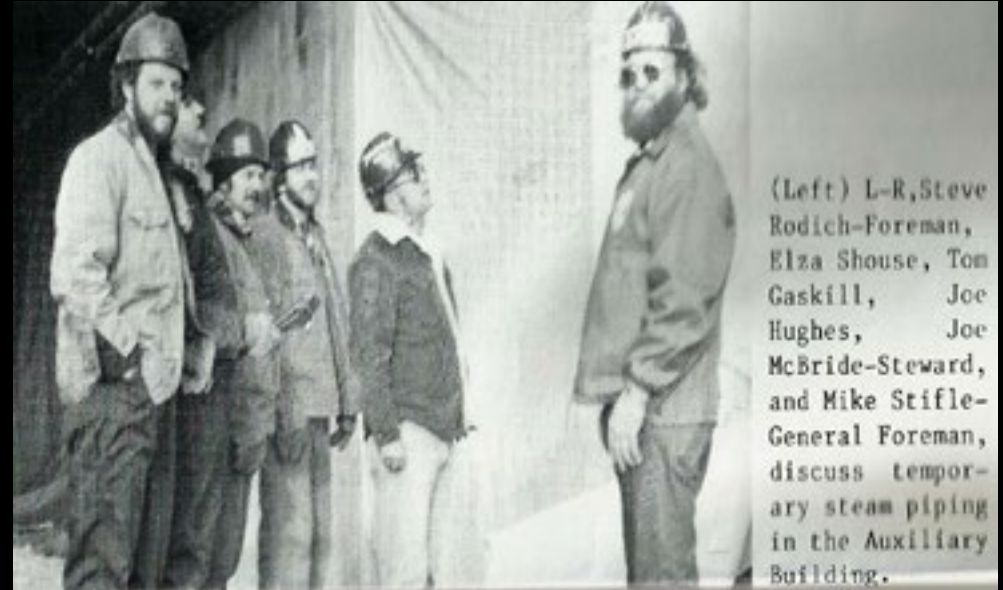
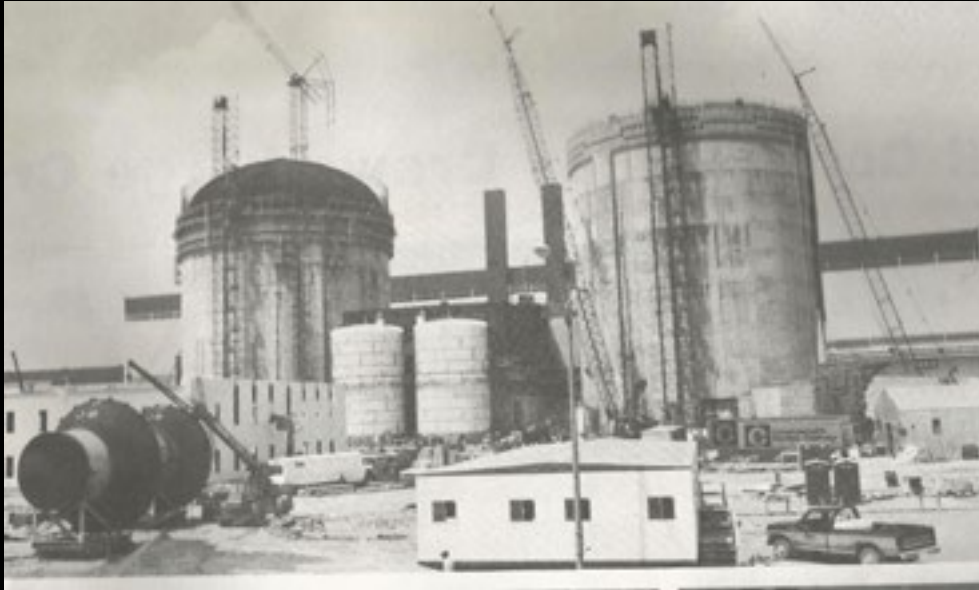
time low. Revised cost estimates by PSI had eclipsed \$3.4 billion dollars, forcing the power company to seek state funding guarantees for a Construction in Progress (CIP) permit. Estimates were revised upward once more in 1983 to \$5.1 billion – but despite the increases Public Service Indiana's leadership 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.



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).







(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

for military... allow John's...
Bonnie will send him a... January 16, 1984 this and remove him
from the Program. If... he wants to continue his
Apprenticeship, he may re-apply.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
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

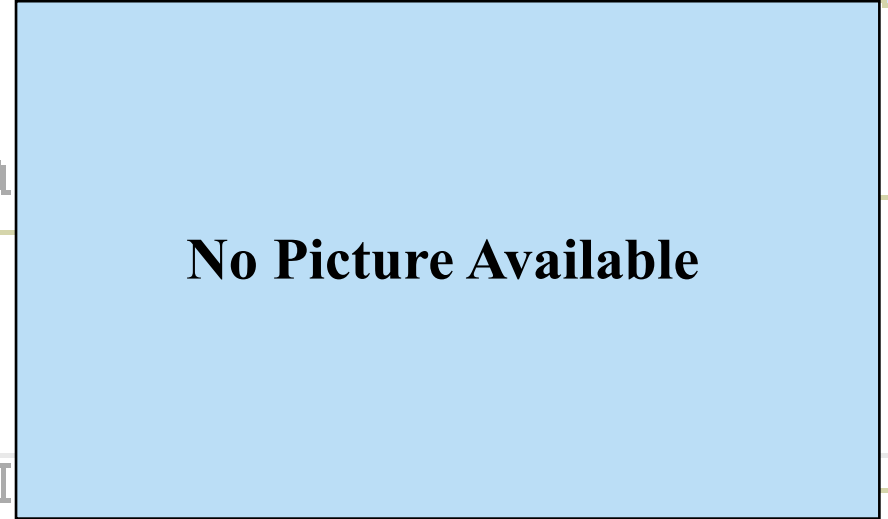


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Local #798

Frankfort, Indiana

Meeting Locations



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

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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.

<u>From Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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
08/42	09/47	Business Agent	Ticen, Fred	558 E. Morrison St



Local #156 Crawfordsville, Indiana

DUPLICATE Card No. 82985

APPLICATION OF
Garold C. Gensch
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, Domestic 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 _____ to his admission.

Chairman of Examining Board L. U. No. _____

Date of initiation July 21-1938
Does begin from date of initiation
This half of Card to be retained by Local Union for their records

DUPLICATE Card No. 308046

APPLICATION OF
Harold Miller
FOR ADMISSION TO THE

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

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Proposed and recommended by Brother

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19____

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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
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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 157 Terre Haute Indiana 125 Years of Solidarity



Quasquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021

April 8, 1952

Mr. O. Havencamp, General Treasurer
1200 State St. N. E.
Terre Haute, Ind. 47787

Dear Sir and Brothers:

In a recent meeting with the members of Local 156, Crawfordville, Indiana, the members of your Local 157 advised they would like to recharter with your Local 157. Several of these men are already employed by the jurisdiction of your Local 157. Many times we are the business agent and the Treasurer of the Local.

In my knowledge there are no other men in your jurisdiction. I feel that if this territory were already occupied, work belonging to the United Brotherhood would be turned over to the U. B. Union.

I have talked to Organizational Secretary, Treasurer and other regarding this subject and they agreed to let it proceed with or lose it.

Sincerely yours,
O. Havencamp,
General Treasurer
Local 157

April 8, 1952

Mr. James A. Switalski,
General Representative
The King Building
2500 Michigan Street, N. E.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

I am sending you under separate cover the following: the minutes application cards, check, the books, copies of U.S. 10 and Indiana 10000, the rules and the last check, the amount of your dues, Indiana, and one book on "Organizational Secretary" from Local Union No. 157, Crawfordville, Indiana.

After visiting the books of Local Union No. 157, I find everything to be in order and the men believe of U.S. 10, and turned over to the Financial Secretary of Local Union No. 157, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Trusting this advice will be your approval, I remain,
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Local 157

April 8, 1952

Mr. James A. Switalski,
General Representative
The King Building
2500 Michigan Street, N. E.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

I am sending you under separate cover the following: the minutes application cards, check, the books, copies of U.S. 10 and Indiana 10000, the rules and the last check, the amount of your dues, Indiana, and one book on "Organizational Secretary" from Local Union No. 157, Crawfordville, Indiana.

After visiting the books of Local Union No. 157, I find everything to be in order and the men believe of U.S. 10, and turned over to the Financial Secretary of Local Union No. 157, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Trusting this advice will be your approval, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
O. Havencamp,
General Treasurer
Local 157

Local #156 of Crawfordville, 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.



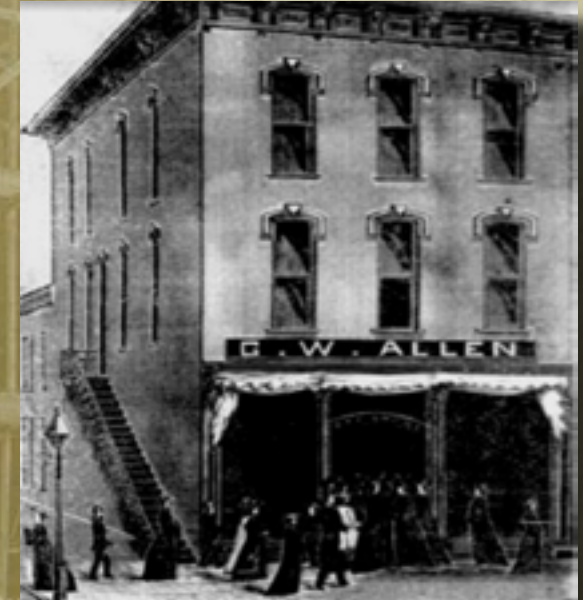
**Local #156
Crawfordsville, Indiana
Meeting Locations**



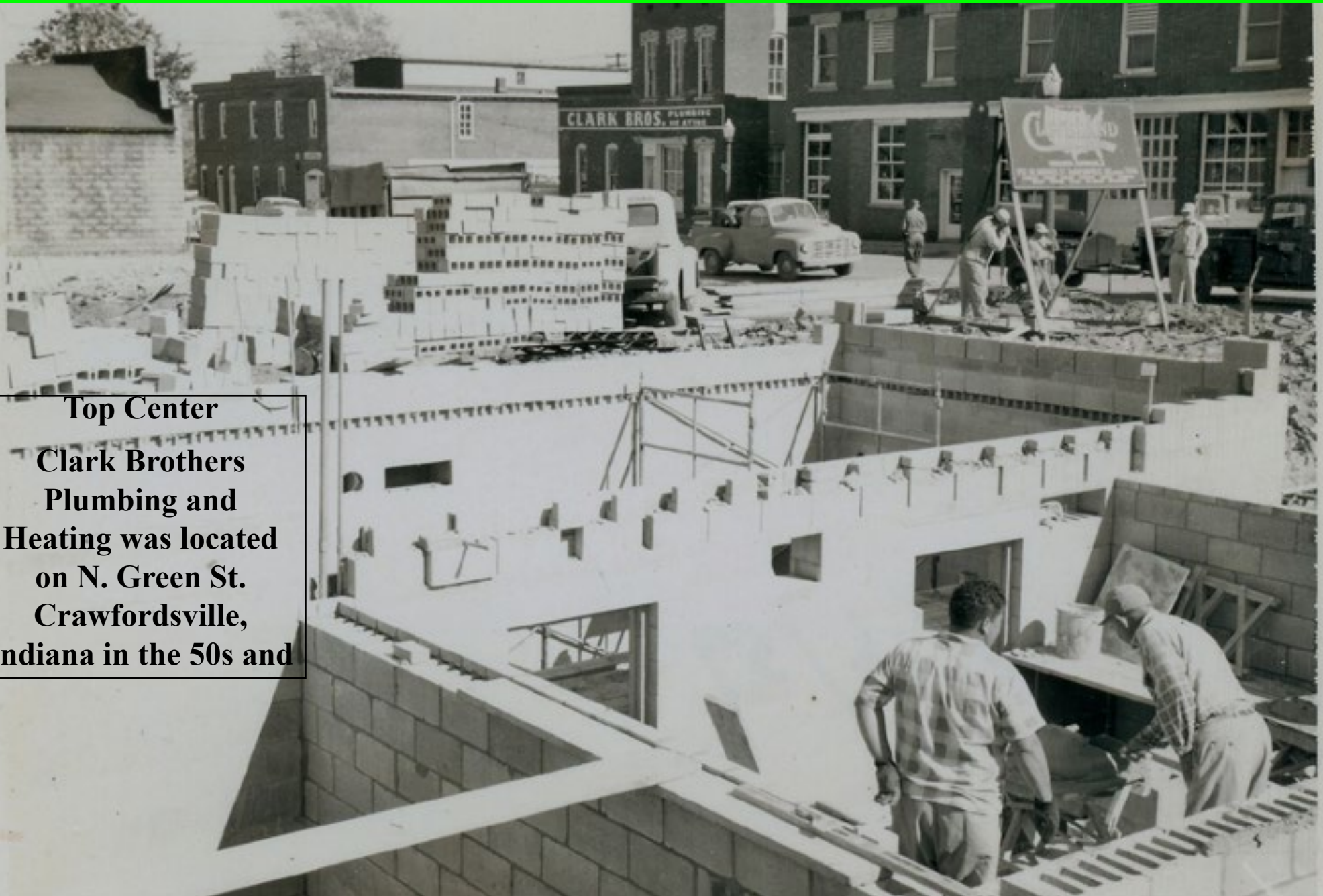
**122 1/2 South Washington
Street (Upstairs)
Present Location of
Vanity Theater**



**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 Greulich
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 Greulich
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).

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.

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.



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.

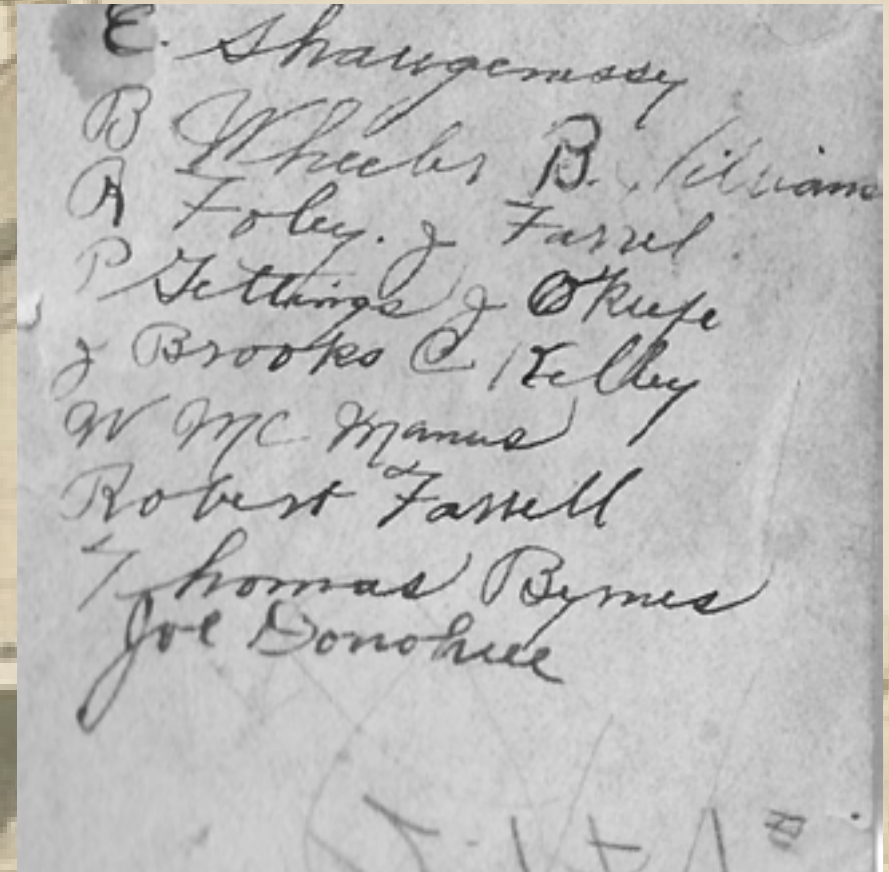
To the left is the photograph included in the article with the following caption located at the bottom of the picture. A. C. Sandberg (left at rear). Seated in the front row, left to right Walter Neubauer, T. J. Cavanaugh, M. D. Nelson, and Walter Braun; (rear) besides Sandberg, T. M. Byrns and Carl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

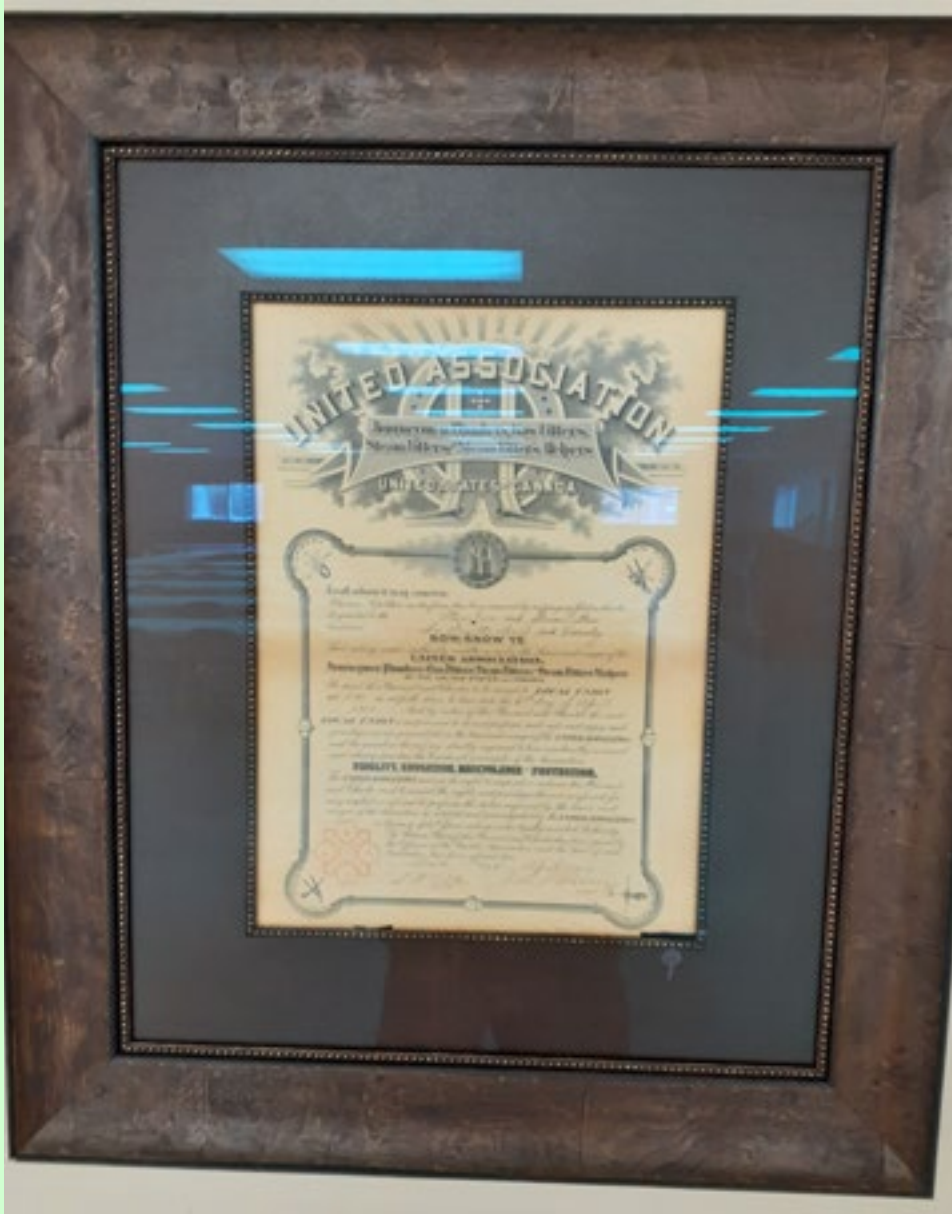
Aurenz is the only man who has been a continuous member of the local for a 50-year period. Starting with the Lane and Pyke Company in 1910 as an apprentice, Aurenz became a member of the union on November 15, 1915. After serving his five year apprenticeship he was employed for several years as a steamfitter 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.

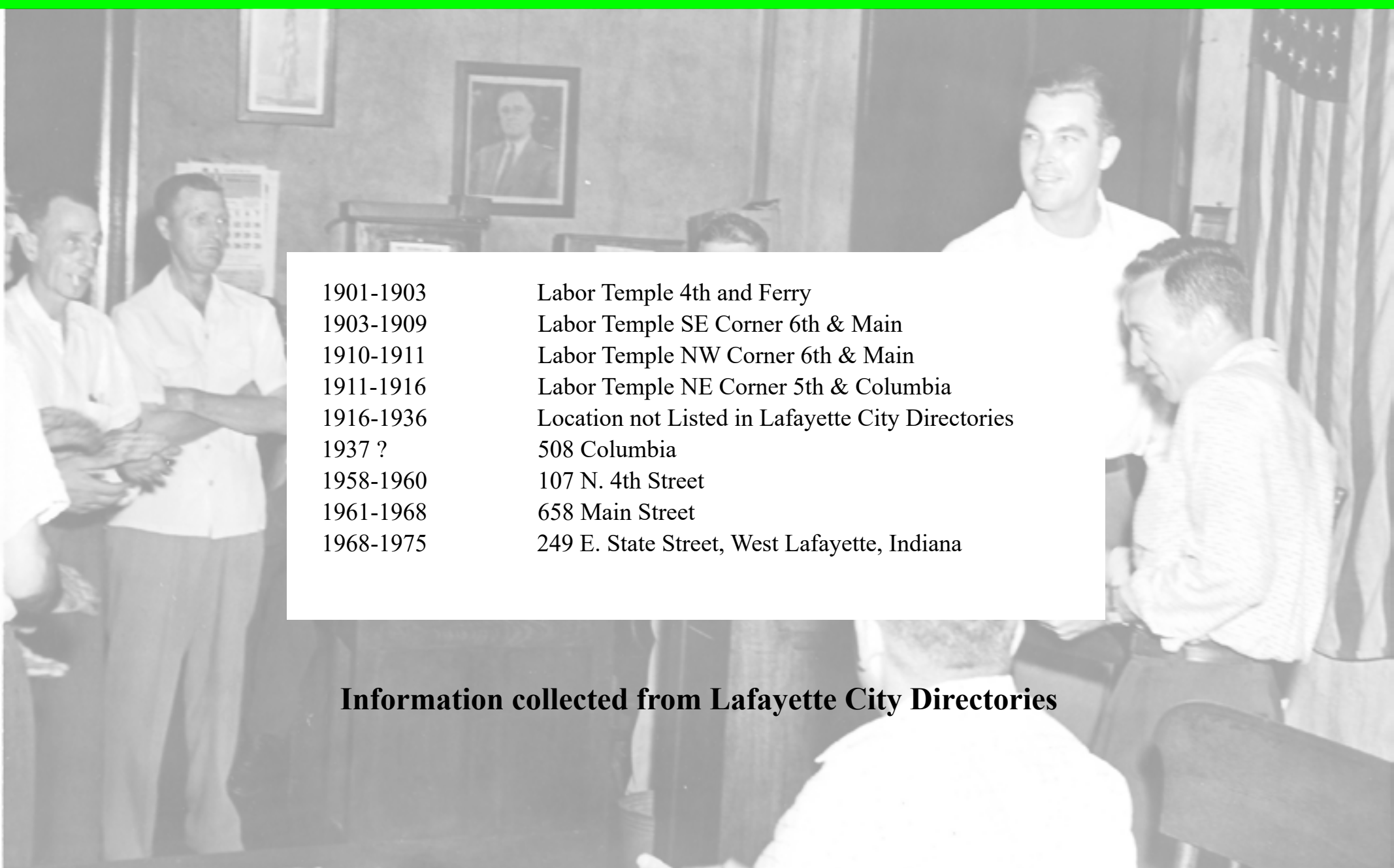
MEETING HALLS, 1903 - 1946

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.

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(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,



Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana
125 Years of Solidarity



Quasquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



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

Knowledge L-R

- Joe Mulhearn
- Raymond Coward
- Tom Burns
- Andy Nelson
- Hugh McBratton
- Ed Vail
- John Beaks
- Phil Hays
- Rick Chell
- Leroy Allen
- Jack Thoresen
- Miles Nelson

2nd Row

- ?
- McCole Henigge
- Charles Stewart
- Bob Long
- Jerry Taked
- Jim Wade
- ?
- John Britain
- ?
- Orvin Hickman
- ?
- ~~Raymond Coward~~
- Ray Davis
- Jim Ashby
- Dennis King
- Rex Ketterer
- Bob Omsalson
- John Casar
- Tom Plummer
- Ducky Connally
- Pete Christwill
- Clarence Renfrow
- Clay Goddard
- ?
- Dick Fitzginnosa
- ?
- Bob Cooper
- Russ Goddard

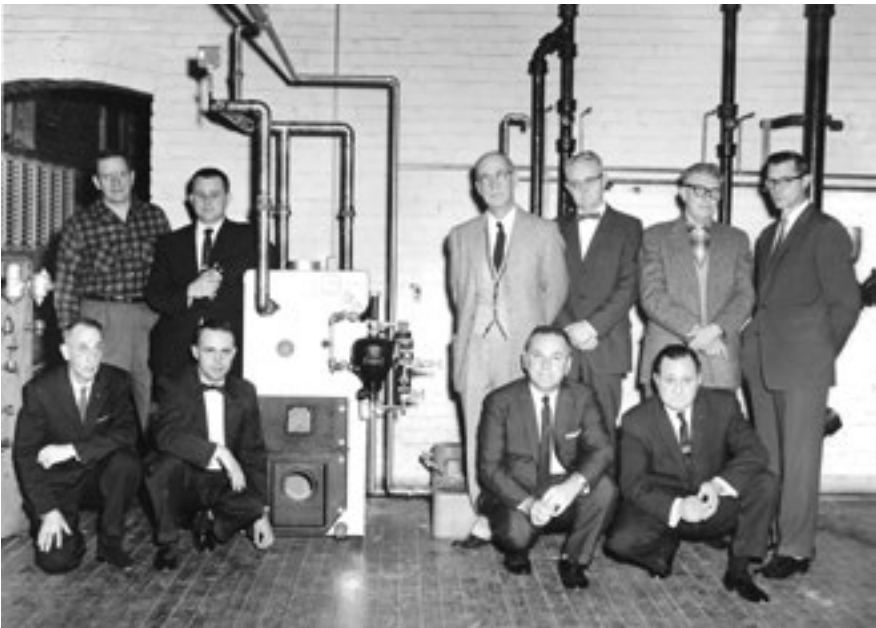
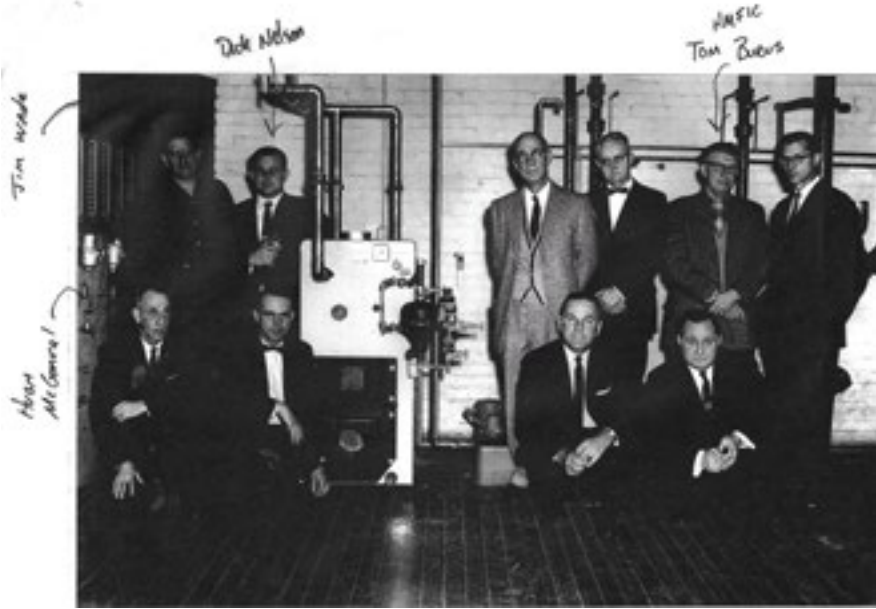
no given High School
SAT 1950
shop classes

Dick Nelson
Jim Chalmers

Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana 125 Years of Solidarity



Quasiquicentennial September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



Lafayette Plumbing & Steamfitting Apprenticeship Committee

461 SOUTH 7th STREET
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

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

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF
JOURNEYMEN & APPRENTICES
OF THE
PLUMBING AND PIPE
FITTING INDUSTRY
OF THE
UNITED STATES AND CANADA
LOCAL UNION NO. 840

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.

A fine of \$5.00 will be assessed for late arrival or late in 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 Apprentices Committee.

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

COMMITTEE

CLAY BURGESS, Chairman
JOHN FISHER, Secretary

BO BRUCE
A. E. LAHR

MARTIN OWEN
WILSON E. WELSH

RAYMOND PHOENIX
ETIENNE SULLIVAN



Working L-L
Tom Alvarado
LeRoy Adams
Andrew Nisora

Working L-L
Jack Harrison
Harold Kennedy
Charles Stuard
Rex Kuttaw
Earl Johnson - 66



**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 Apprentice
Adult Ed. co-ordinator
Front row
Richard Nelson (App. committee);
Phil HAPER; Joe Mulheirn.

DICK NELSON
(MELVIN) K-INSPECTOR 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.

...ERS AND STEAMFITTERS APPREN- steamfitter, leading from the left, front row, are James Letterer and James Ed. In the back