

Union to Fight Fisher Action Against Labor Paper

Van Raalte Back After Week Off

Lansing labor this week is discussing the attitude of the Fisher Body Company management in barring distribution in the plant of the new Lansing Labor News, published by CIO locals, while permitting "GM Folks" and other company publications to be easily accessible.

Something definitely is going to be done about it.

Carl VanRaalte, member of

Fisher Local 602, is back on the job after getting a week's disciplinary lay-off, allegedly for violating company rule No. 22 regarding distribution of literature in the plant the day the first issue of the Labor News appeared. Van



VanRaalte

Raalte, a second shift welder, with a wife and two children, has been with the firm since 1936.

Union officials were incensed at this attitude on the part of management, feeling that it was stretching interpretation of rules pretty thin, particularly inasmuch as they claimed VanRaalte hadn't even given anyone any papers.

"Perhaps they saw him with some in his hands or something, and in their haste to slap another disciplinary action on a member of the local, they didn't even wait to make certain he was going to give them to anyone," said Chester Cowan, president of the local. "That is the sort of thing that stirs up labor and that is exactly what we charged them with attempting to do in the grievance we filed. We are going to carry this case just as far as necessary to get justice."

The shop bargaining committee this week is studying the company's replies to the grievance and preparing for further action.

REO LOCAL DONATES \$100 TO RED CROSS

At their last business meeting Reo Local 602 voted to give \$100 to the Red Cross.

Ray W. Reed, president, said the union has also been staging a campaign among individual members in an effort to cooperate as fully as possible with the national drive. Results of this drive will be available next week, he said.

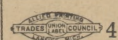
Services Tuesday For Michael Esch

Services were held at 1 p. m. Tuesday for Michael Esch, of Amalgamated Local 93, who died March 23 of a heart attack at the age of 54.

Well known in South Lansing union circles, Esch was janitor of the CIO Council and Olds Local

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TELLS IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED IN LANSING'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

Conference Starts Fri. On Contract

Three delegates from Olds Local 652 will attend the General Motors division conference in Detroit on the new G.M. contract Friday and Saturday. They are R. E. Richardson, president; John L. Osbourne, chairman main plant top committee; and Alvin Shooltz, chairman top committee at the GM Forge.

Exactly what should be included in the new contract and exactly what it means and how it should be interpreted will be discussed. There has been no new contract since 1942.

Much discussion will center around the controversial paragraph No. 63, Richardson prophesied. He said labor would oppose giving management sole responsibility in transferring workers.

Other study will center around the most effective wording of benefits which must be included in the new contract as a result of the recent WLB directive, he said.

Will Discuss Labor's Stake In the Peace

What is labor's stake in the peace?

Is labor going to be wise enough to use its political influence to help the coming peace as just and durable as possible?

"Labor's Job In Helping to Win the Peace" will be discussed at meetings of UAW-CIO members to be held during April, addressed by Dr. Robert Adams of Michigan State College, a member of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, AFL.

Watch for the announcement and be sure your local has representatives at these meetings. See editorial, page 2.

Tune in WKAR at 3:30 every Sunday to hear down-to-earth discussions of "The Road to Peace—From Dumbarton Oaks to San Francisco."

Celebrates Spring By Being Born

Members of Fisher Auxiliary have been claiming another "first," since the arrival of Vicki Lynn Eno, seven pound daughter of Lt. and Mrs. J. B. Eno. The little girl arrived on the first day of spring.

Why You Should Vote for Labor's Candidates to Board of Education

Some of the things needed by the Lansing public school system and needed badly are explained here to emphasize why you should vote for the three labor endorsed candidates, men you can depend upon to work for these vital improvements. Articles in this issue tell you about each of the three men. They are Odell Lamb, Charles Strong and the author of this article.—Editor.

By ROSCOE A. WALTERS

New Teaching Methods Vital

There is need to prepare the school system for the changed conditions certain to follow the war. This involves use of new teaching methods, visual education and faster and more direct teaching of foreign languages, which has proved effective in the training programs of the Army and Navy.

Lansing has made a beginning, but only a beginning, in aiding handicapped children. This work should be broadened to the point where each child is so educated that whatever handicap he may have will be of the least possible hindrance to his development and usefulness.

Help 'Em to College

Part of the money saved by not establishing a junior college, such as all other Michigan cities of Lansing's size have, should be devoted to aiding Lansing's high school graduates to attend Michigan State College. Every able Lansing high school graduate should have a chance to get a college education, and the availability of MSC makes that possible at a much smaller cost than in any other city in the state.

School Salaries Inadequate

Treatment of board of education employees is not up to date. Discrepancies in salaries and lack of system in increases and promotions prevent development of the fullest possible efficiency in the school system.

Some of our older citizens and board members do not realize that they are still thinking in terms of a Lansing that was a glorified country village.

Horse, Buggy Days Gone

It is now a completely industrial city in which there is no room for the practices that prevailed when the superintendent of schools traveled in a horse and buggy to make his inspection calls.

The improvements that are called for to give the best possible opportunities to Lansing's 19,000 school children can be made without additional operating cost.

Patriotic People!

Fisher Bars Union Notices On Clothing Relief Drive

Fisher Body management refuses to cooperate with Lansing labor's drive to obtain clothing for our destitute allies abroad, Local 602 officials discovered.

The Lansing CIO Council had mimeographed the following notices for posting in war plants:

The Lansing C. I. O. council is backing the committee's drive for old clothing in cooperation with the government's United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration program. In our Allies' homes abroad a great need exists for clothing, especially for the children and women. We can all help.

Bring the old or new clothing you are able and

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New Auxiliary Now Starting In Lansing

Lansing soon will have a third women's auxiliary, Mrs. Dorothy McCurdy, president of the Michigan CIO Women's Auxiliary Council, told the Labor News.

A group of wives from the Dairy Workers Local have held their first meeting, electing Mrs. Ruth Sherman temporary chairman and Mrs. Eetta Kenyon secretary. All members of the Local are urged to have their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters attend the next meeting. For further information telephone 26709 or 24628.

"Auxiliaries can be of great assistance to the labor movement," Mrs. McCurdy said. "The Olds and Fisher Auxiliaries are now functioning in Lansing and women with husbands working in any UAW-CIO factory should join one of them."

Those interested should phone 23284 for further information.

50 in Classes On Bargaining

The Council sponsored classes in collective bargaining are proving popular, attendance indicates. Fifty have enrolled.

Every Wednesday night at 7:30 and 12:30 the classes are held at the CIO Council Hall, 109 E. South street, taught by Stoy Menton, who is paid by the University of Michigan. He is a former bargaining committeeman of Ford Local 600.

The course lasts six weeks, is open to any CIO member, and a certificate is awarded at the conclusion.

National News Service Lauds Our New Paper

Among congratulations received on the new Lansing Labor News is a note from Federated Press, which covers for labor papers all of American and some foreign labor news. The note to your editor had this added comment:

"In the field of Michigan labor journalism your little baby would be hard to beat. We include in our judgement not only the clean attractive total effect but the balance of local and other news, the playing up of features, the excellent use of art (photos, etc) and the intelligent selection of Federated Press news service. You must be an old hand at this task."

The comment came from Carl Haessler, managing editor of the Detroit bureau. Federated Press services your paper with news from offices in Detroit, Washington and New York.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

"The three candidates endorsed by labor for the Board of Education are unusually well qualified to serve the interests of the community," states Dean Reed, chairman of the CIO's PAC.

But decide for yourselves. Read the information about these men on page 4.

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Winning a Piece of the Peace

With our brother union members fighting to win the war on fronts throughout the world, it is up to us at home to fight to win the peace—else their sacrifice will have been in vain.

Labor cannot glance at a splattering of daily headlines about Dumbarton Oaks, conference in San Francisco, proposals about this and that and something else, then turn confidently to the funnies or sport news and assume everything is going to be all right and that they will properly take care of everything for us.

Who is "they?"

If anyone does anything about arranging the kind of peace labor in America and labor throughout the world will want, labor itself will have to take a big part in it.

Powerful financial organizations will not vaguely rely on a "they" to handle their interests, which if unopposed will probably shortly lead us into another ghastly war. Powerful industrial combinations will not depend upon a "they" to promote their policies, which if unopposed will lead to fascism in America shortly after we have destroyed some of it abroad. And likewise labor cannot expect an unappointed "they" is going to look after labor's interests in international peace politics.

There isn't any "they."

Labor must study very carefully what is being proposed, what CAN be proposed and what can be done. Dr. Robert Adams of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, AFL, who will address meetings of the UAW-CIO members here soon, states:

"Within the next few months decisions will be made which may lead to World War III—or may lead toward a peace better than the uneasy armistice of 1918-1939. To help swing these decisions toward peace, Labor must get a plain, clear idea of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, which are the basis for the coming United Nations conference in San Francisco in April. Do YOU know what these proposals are? Do you know that an essential step toward World War III will be taken if the U.S. Senate fails to support the treaties growing out of the San Francisco conference. What can UAW-CIO do? Plenty."

What can the UAW-CIO do about this? PLENTY, Dr. Adams tells your paper. Start now selecting people to attend and watch for the announcements of the meetings to be held here in April.

Most popular worker in a Detroit plant was a fellow who was laid off a week for smoking in the plant. He was deluged with calls about where he got the fags.

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willing to donate to the Lansing C.I.O. Council at 109 E. South St., or to depots designated by your local union.

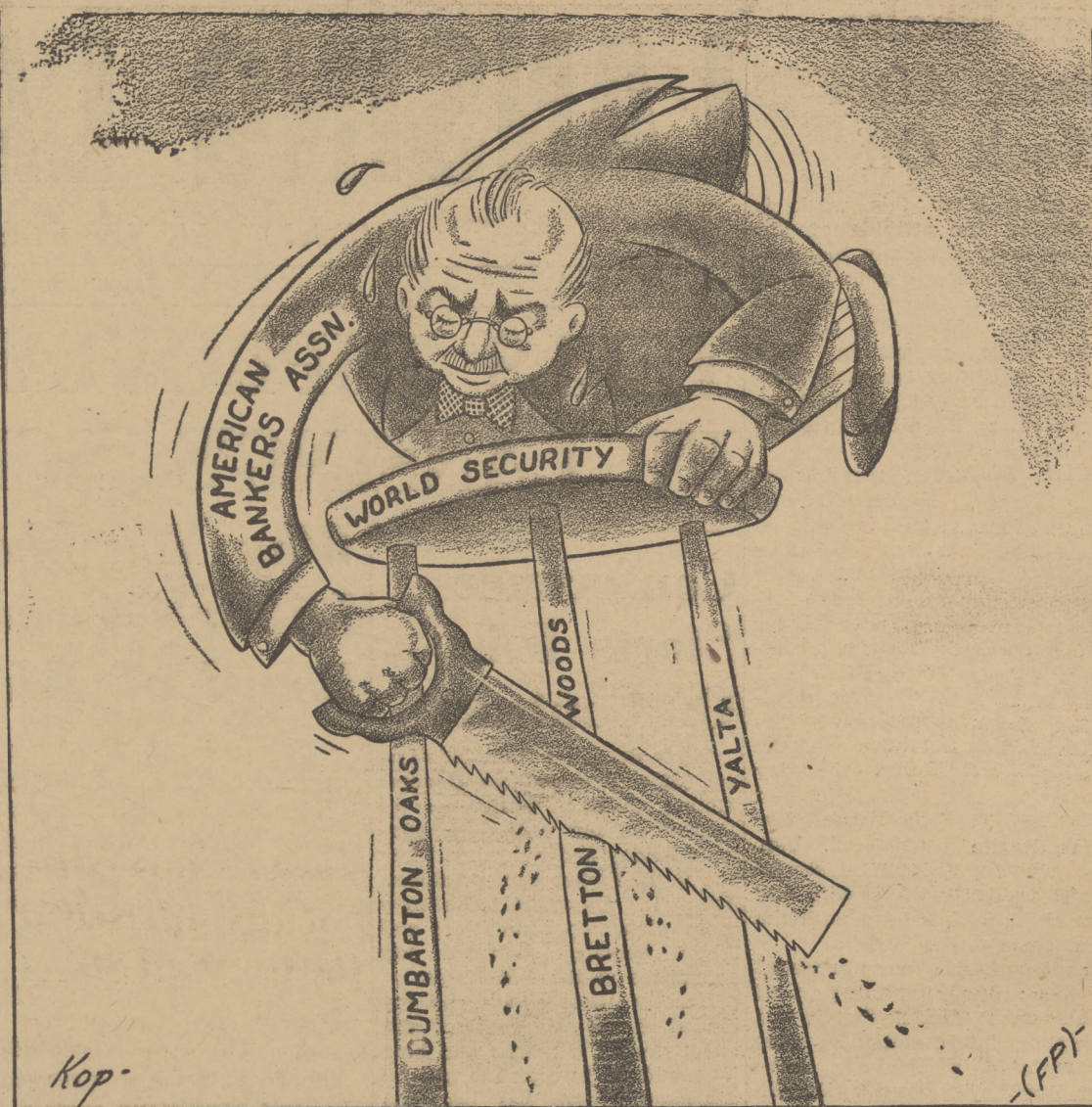
The drive officially starts on April 1st. Let's start now and get ahead of the other groups that will be participating.

Set up committees. Make a contest between departments or anything else you can think of to get this drive rolling, or call 2-9621 for any information or help you may need.

George Jakeway, of Fisher Local and member of this paper's board of directors, brought the notice to the Labor News and said that when Committeeman Senator Pritchard took copies of the notice to the Fisher labor relations office for permission to post in the plant, as is customary, he was turned down cold, without a reason of any kind being given.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps

SMART FELLA!



REWORK

BY

ROY NEWTON
NASH LOCAL 13

The big advantage of a paper like this is that it gives labor a voice that can be heard above the confusing din of the commercial newspaper.

With the set-up like this, union members of one plant in Lansing can be kept informed as to what's going on in other plants.

If one plant has "management trouble" (let's not use the misleading term "labor trouble"), the men in the other plants can get the real facts from our newspaper and will not have to depend upon the biased stories of commercial newspapers.

I believe every good union member should support his newspaper, support it with news items and suggestions. The paper isn't perfect, and it isn't as big as we hope it will be later, but we had to start somewhere. Let's make our criticisms constructive, and let's present those constructive criticisms to the right person so they can be acted on.

Fisher Women Install Officers

New officers installed at the regular meeting of Fisher Auxiliary were:

Mrs. Clara Falor, president; Mrs. Helen Welford, vice-president; Mrs. Doris Baker, recording secretary; Mrs. Dorothy McCurdy, financial secretary; Mrs. Theda Perry, 1 year trustee; Mrs. Dena Baker, 2 year trustee; Mrs. Cecelia Edwards, 3 year trustee; Mrs. Mabel Mazel, sargent-at-arms and guide.

Following the business meeting cards were played, with Mrs. Perry winning first prize. Mrs. Doris Baker, retiring president, was presented with a gift and refreshments were served by Mrs. Mabel Mazel.

Next meeting will be April 10 at 7:30.

Invest in Victory — Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Nash Committee Has Plan For Covering Shop News

As no shop news has yet been received from locals about men going into service, marriages, births, unusual incidents, etc., we suggest consideration of the publicity plan just started by Paul Gardner, president of Nash Local 13, to aid your paper.—Editor.

Ways and means of getting shop news to the paper were worked out at Nash-Kelvinator last week with the first meeting of a newly-appointed publicity committee.

With Roy Newton of the Cedar Street plant as chairman, the committee consists of LeRoy Munsil, Henry Schuiling, Larry Butler, Claude Kennedy, representing both shifts at both plants.

Procedure agreed upon was that shop stewards would collect news items in their respective departments, and turn them over to the committeeman on their shifts.

The members of the publicity committee, in turn, will pick the items up at designated times and turn them over to the chairman of the committee not later than 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The chairman will then be responsible for getting the items to the editor before Saturday night. It is felt that this procedure will guarantee that news items will be made available to the editor from all shifts of both plants.

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halls and a capable and conscientious union worker.

About a month ago he had resigned the position to take up farming, being replaced by George Baker. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and a sister. He never married.

Pall bearers were Joseph Davis, Felix Kersey, George Baker, William Rioux, William Skinner, and Bruce Trenouth. Services were at Gorsline-Runciman's, with Rev. E. A. Lockerbie officiating, with burial in St. Johns cemetery.

No Story or Photos On Bowling Match

A story promised the Labor News on a bowling match between Nash office people and Local 13 members failed to reach the paper. If it is received, something will be published on it next week.

The paper sent a photographer to cover the match, but he reported he was unable to get satisfactory group pictures and returned without any, after waiting two hours at the alleys.

Union Men Win Bravery Awards

WASHINGTON — The list of medals and awards won by union men in service grows longer every day, the War Department reports.

A CIO hero recently cited is Pfc. Bronislaus Niemiec, member of UAW-CIO Local No. 15, Detroit, Mich., and brother of three UAW members.

Niemiec won his medal for braving devastating enemy fire on Bougainville to rescue his wounded platoon leader. When his leader was hit in the chest in the midst of a bitter counterattack and left exposed to enemy fire, the UAW hero climbed out of his protected foxhole and carried the officer to safety. Niemiec also holds the Purple Heart for the serious wound he incurred in the rescue.

Before joining the Army in 1941, Niemiec was employed at Fleetwood Division, General Motors. The other UAW members in his family worked at Dodge, Chrysler, in Detroit.

Girl's Father: "Young man, we turn the lights out at 10:30 in this house."

Boy: "Gee, that's darn nice of you."

5 More Drop From Fisher Local—Almost!

It was something more than a coincidence when five Fisher foremen holding regular union withdrawals attempted to sever union connections permanently during the recent 15-day "escape" period, Local 602 officials suspect.

Anyway, the men missed the boat.

Five registered letters arrived simultaneously, requesting they be dropped from the union membership records. Union officials were amused to note the coincidence that they were all typed on the same stationery by the same typewriter and mailed in the same kind of envelopes.

One unfortunate little detail frustrated the whole plan. The letters were postmarked March 20. The "escape" period ended on March 19. Better luck next time, boys!

The foremen were Kenneth Foster, Clio Cataline, Stanley Lenic, Earl G. Doll and Edwin Cross.

Dick Spahr also was too late. He called headquarters March 20 and wanted to know how he could withdraw. Dick is one of the electrician foremen on maintenance, and has a withdrawal card issued by the union to those who take supervisory jobs.

Francis (Frenchy) Miller was the only union member at Fisher who withdrew from the union under the 15 day "escape" clause, and he wouldn't state why. Perhaps he didn't know.

Nash Christmas Gift Received in South Pacific

A letter recently arrived from the Netherland East Indies from Lieutenant Ronald Yeo, formerly of Nash Local 13, said:

"I wish to thank you for the Christmas package I have just received from the local. Due to certain circumstances my packages were being held at my company headquarters and not until recently, when I rejoined it, was I able to appreciate any of my Christmas mail.

"I think I can speak for most of us overseas when I say 'Thanks a lot, gang—we really appreciate it.'"

He dated the letter February 16 in the East Indies.

Man (running breathlessly into police station): "Sergeant, lock me up! I just hit my wife with a baseball bat."

Desk Sergeant: "Did you kill her?"

Man: "No—lock me up quick."

G. I. SPECIAL



We feel that Patricia Lowry, who had this photo taken especially for servicemen on far-off fighting fronts, will not object to it's bolstering home front morale, too.

No Stockings—So Bare Legs Are Advised

The stocking shortage is getting steadily worse, trade sources report. They expect as much as a 30 percent drop in production as a result of war requirements. for the materials used in women's hose. The present stocks are fast disappearing from store counters. A leading manufacturer made a statement recently advising women to go barelegged this summer. Some used to go without stockings to keep cool or because it was stylish—now it may be a wartime necessity.

Birth Rate Drops in Michigan

Births in Michigan dropped nine per cent in 1944 and deaths dropped nearly five per cent, according to the records of the Michigan Department of Health. There were 113,680 babies born compared to 1943's all-time high of 125,441. Deaths for 1944 totaled 54,000 compared to 56,774 for the previous year. Both births and deaths were above the five year average.

As always heart disease was the leading cause of death, accounting for 17,004 or one-third of the total deaths. Cancer ranked second causing 6,969 or one of every eight deaths. Apoplexy and accidents ranked third and fourth causing 4,794 and 3,347 deaths respectively. Others of the ten leading causes of death were inflammation of the kidney (nephritis) which killed 2,741 persons, pneumonia 2,374, tuberculosis 1,748, diabetes 1,555, premature births 1,410 and hardening of the arteries 980.

Texas University Faculty Advised to Praise Wall Street

AUSTIN, Tex. (FP)—"Prove to farmers out on 40-acre patches that their best friend has always been Wall Street and their worst enemy is organized labor. Never intimate that capital is organized, and dress up greed in the verbal clothes of states' rights."

This is Professor J. Frank Dobie's advice to the University of Texas faculty who want to maintain their security under the present board of regents. Dobie, widely known folklorist, continues to make speeches and write articles flaying the university's regents and those behind them who were responsible for the ousting of liberal Dr. Homer P. Rainey as president of the institution.

This attack was brought on by the recently announced statement of policy of the regents, a document resembling campaign platform promises, which announced that "an era of tranquility has begun at the university."

"All that kept Europe from being tranquil after the Germans conquered it was that conquered people would not be tranquil under the new order," Dobie observed.

PEACE PRIZE JUDGES

NEW YORK (FP) — AFL Pres. William Green and Vice Pres. Clinton S. Golden of the United Steelworkers (CIO) are among the judges in the Natl. Peace Treaty Contest, which will award \$10,000 in war bond prizes for the best practical peace treaty which can be applied to the world at the end of the war.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN

WASHINGTON—The goal of the Seventh War Loan has been set at \$14,000,000,000, of which \$7,000,000,000 is to come from sales to individuals and the balance from other non-bank investors, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced. The drive will extend from May 14 through June 30.

WILL AFL JOIN?

SEATTLE (FP) — The Washington Machinists Council voted to ask Pres. Harvey W. Brown of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (AFL) and the general executive board to "do everything in their power" to get the AFL to join with other unions in a new world labor organization.

Take This Slate With You VOTE MONDAY

APRIL 2, 1945

*For These Labor Endorsed
Candidates for State, City and
Township Offices*

MICHIGAN

State Highway Commissioner

(X) **GEORGE A. DINGMAN**

Regents, University of Michigan

(X) **EDWARD M. WELSH**

(X) **DR. J. WALTER ORR**

State Board of Education

(X) **DR. CARL O. SMITH**

Supt. of Public Instruction

(X) **E. BURR SHERWOOD**

State Board of Agriculture

(X) **GEORGE CABALL**

(X) **FRANK J. WIEGAND**

Justices of Supreme Court

(X) **WALTER H. NORTH**

(X) **RAYMOND W. STAR**

LANSING

Board of Education

(X) **O DELL Z. LAMB**

(X) **CHARLES STRONG**

(X) **ROSCOE A. WALTERS**

LANSING TOWNSHIP

Supervisor

(X) **HOWARD LEWIS**

Board of Review

(X) **BERNIECE BAILEY**

Constable

(X) **WILLIAM C. McCURDY**

EAST LANSING

Justice of Peace

(X) **J. HARVEY MARGOLIS**



"It used to be that when you asked a girl for a date all she expected was a good time—now she wants time and a half!"

FROM BOMB RELEASE, UAW-CIO LOCAL 31

Vote For Them Monday

Labor's Candidates Well Qualified To Serve on Board of Education

R. A. Walters



Roscoe A. Walters, chief of staff of the Lansing claims office, Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, came to the city 15 years ago as pastor of the First Universalist church.

He lives at 1716 W. Shiawassee street and has three children in the public schools—in Sexton high, West Junior and Verlinden school. He has done some graduate work at Michigan State College.

Beginning with his activity in the ministerial association and considerable free lance writing, Walters has been a leader in or-

Charles Strong

Charles Strong, president of the Lansing Federation of Labor and a member for 29 years, has lived in Lansing 37 years, 29 of which he has been with the Gladmer Theater.

He was stage manager before sound pictures were invented, later becoming a projectionist. He is married and has a son who is a graduate of the Lansing school system and of Michigan State College.

Not having had the advantages of school system in his own youth, he had to acquire an education the hard way and has learned to appreciate the importance of a good school system.

Always public spirited, he has been active in War Bond drives, War Chest campaigns and was labor's chairman of the past Infantile Paralysis drive. He is chairman of the food and price panel of the O.P.A.

PAC Meets Tonight

The Political Action Committee of the Lansing CIO Council will meet at the Council Hall, 109 E. South street, at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday), Dean Reed, PAC director announces.

He urges a big attendance and invites Auxiliaries to have members present, because there will be discussion and plans for getting out the vote Monday.

ganizational and educational work, especially in building up discussion groups and forums among Lansing workers.

Odell Z. Lamb



Odell Z. Lamb, now financial secretary of Nash Local 13, is a former teacher of rural, grade, high school and college teaching experience. He was dean of men at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, and left there in 1942 to go into defense work at the Nash plant here.

His experience well qualifies him to serve on the board of education, where careful consideration of problems both of teaching and of teachers is vital.

Lamb has an A.B. degree from Western Michigan College of Education, B.S. degree from Ferris Institute, and an M.A. degree from Columbia University, N.Y.

Too Much Supervision At Fisher Company as War Work Started

By MAURICE MacNAUGHTON

Educational Director, Fisher Local 602

In continuing our story of conditions that have existed and still do exist in the Lansing Fisher Body unit of General Motors, we will take up the question of excessive numbers of foremen, supervisors and members of management, their policies and tactics.

Last week we mentioned the excessive number of foremen and supervisors when war work was finally started. By actual count at that time we had foremen and supervisors equal to one for every three production workers in the plant. If you can imagine just what they could do to keep themselves busy looking after three production workers then you know what we mean when we say "loafed." In several instances we had one foreman over one man, two foremen over one girl and three foremen over one girl for a period of several weeks.

Foremen Play Politics

We don't condemn the foremen for this mismanagement but we do condemn them for the cutthroat inter-plant politics and competition carried on in an attempt to get themselves promoted.

Watching these antics, the production workers became demoralized and disgusted, feeling that any effort they put in at Fisher Body was a waste of time as far as the war effort was concerned.

While most plants were granting additional privileges as an inducement for better labor relations and greater effort, Fisher Body took advantage of our no strike pledge to take away privileges and services that we had on auto production. Lunch wagons that went through the plant twice daily on auto production were discontinued, while other plants increased service to their employees to encourage greater war effort.

Workers Refused Smoking

Smoking on the job was another request made by the union and refused by the management. The union advanced the idea that smoking on the job would eliminate the practice of smoking in the rest rooms and less time would be lost from the job. The union also pointed out that there was no additional fire hazard, because molten metal from arc welding spattered on the floor continually.

Management agreed that there was no increased fire hazard, but refused to grant smoking on grounds of "company policy" and said they wouldn't be able to take away the privilege once it was granted. The union committee asked which was more important, the war effort or "company policy"? Management hedged on that question but when pressed for a direct answer, stated, "Well! The war effort is important, too."

Some Allowed to Smoke

The union pointed out that members of management, supervisors, foremen and office workers smoked any time they wished to do so in their offices and the production workers should have the same privilege, but the management still refused. The production workers started smoking on the job and some of them were given disciplinary lay offs of three days for doing what other privileged employees were doing every day.

This action by management caused the loss of hundreds of man hours, vital to the war effort—merely to enforce "company policy."

Fisher management has lately taken the attitude that plant rules (arbitrarily set up by management, must be enforced regardless of war production, with the result that several production workers have been given disciplinary lay-offs during the past two weeks because management contended they had violated a plant rule.

One Women, Three Men Endorsed For City and Township Offices

MRS. BAILEY

Mrs. Berniece Bailey, 4504 Southgate, is a labor endorsed candidate for the Board of Review in Lansing Township.

She has lived in the township 21 years and has been interested in the affairs of the Township government and in the welfare of the people of the township.

She is serving her third term as President of the Olds Local No. 652 Auxiliary, has been active in the Auxiliary since 1938 and has given her help and support wherever needed to the successful efforts of the CIO.

She was a member of the Political Action Committee during the last Presidential Campaign.

She is married and has three girls and a son who is in the Army Air Corps in Italy.

MARGOLIS

In announcing his candidacy for Justice of the Peace for the City or East Lansing, J. Harvey Margolis stated that in his opinion the new Justice "should have a clear understanding of business conditions and labor relations as they affect the position in addition to the legal qualifications."

The new charter of East Lansing specifies that the Justice of the Peace be an attorney admitted to the Bar and a resident of East Lansing for two years.

Margolis has been a practicing attorney for twenty years and has been active in business and fraternal circles for the past fif-

teen years in Lansing and East Lansing.

He is a graduate of the University of Detroit, class of 1924; a member of the Ingham County Bar, the Michigan State Bar, and the Federal Court.

He was the owner and operator of a business in the City of Lansing for ten years, and he had executive and organizational experience as an officer of the Civil Air Patrol since before Pearl Harbor.

Labor has endorsed Margolis for justice of peace in East Lansing.

LEWIS

Howard Lewis, 623 S. Rosemary, is a labor endorsed candidate for supervisor of Lansing Township.

He has lived in this vicinity for 23 years and in Lansing Township since 1935. Now at Fisher

Body, where he has worked for eleven years, he is an active member of Local 602 and is also an active Democrat. He formerly worked at Reo.

McCURDY

William C. McCurdy, labor endorsed candidate for constable of Lansing Township, is a Lansing taxpayer and has lived here 31 years.

Father of two children, he has been active in the Boy Scout organization at Pleasant Grove school, which he once attended himself, later going to Walter French.

He has been a member of labor unions since 1934 and is a former trustee of Fisher Local 602 and a former top committeeman at both Fisher Body and the Olds Forge plant.

10 Outstanding Women Are Honored by Labor

NEW YORK (FP)—A salute to America's 10 outstanding women was featured in The Advance, official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), in celebration of March 8, Intl. Women's Day.

Intl. Women's Day was launched when women were fighting for the right to vote. The 10 women were picked by Advance for being "outstanding in proving through their own lives and activities that woman's place is not behind the man but right be-

side him."

They are: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, only woman U.S. representative to the San Francisco United Nations conference; Mary McLeod Bethune, Negro leader; Director Verda Barnes of the women's division, CIO Political Action Committee; Helen Gahagan Douglas, new liberal congresswoman from California; Emily Taft Douglas, new liberal congresswoman from Illinois; Marlene Dietrich, German-Amer-

ican actress who "ras tirelessly faced danger and capture to entertain at the front;" ACW Vice Pres. Dorothy Bellanca; Prof. Ruth Benedict, co-author of The Races of Mankind; and Col. F. A. Blanchfield, head of the Army Nurse Corps.

Eskimo: "Darling, I came a hundred miles through ice and snow with my dog team to tell you I love you."

Eskimo Sweetie: "That's a lot of mush."

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WANT VOTE AT 18

LOS ANGELES (FP) — Youth groups in southern California have set up a Vote at 18 committee to campaign for assembly amendment No. 1, which would lower the voting age in this state to 18.

Passenger: "What makes this train so late, porter?"

Porter: "Well, you see boss, there's a train in front that's behind which we can't be before."

—Homestead Clipper.