

# The Short Circuit



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Local Union 1974, International  
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
AFL-CIO, Omaha, Nebraska**



**Time To Unite – The Election Is Over  
We Are In the Negotiations Together**



# Quinlan-Clark Reelected to Fourth Term

## New Administration Begins Final Preparations for Negotiations

### 10 Incumbents Re-Elected



1980 INTEREST RATE

10.40%

Omaha—In responding to the campaign slogan 'Re-elect the proven experienced team' the union membership of Local Union 1974 gave overwhelming approval by returning all ten incumbent officers to their union posts.

President Michael D. Quinlan was re-

elected to his fourth straight term as president by a substantial margin over his opponent Frank Nagel in the recent election of officers held on March 5, 1980. The turnout at the polls was the third largest in the union's history despite the blizzard conditions that accompanied the election.

1. Every member who joins the Union Sponsored Plan must complete and mail a white Enrollment Card. It is postpaid and preaddressed.

2. If a member is already in the Company Sponsored Plan and wants to change to the Union Sponsored Plan, he or she must fill out the white Enrollment Card and the green card (SN-1082) and deliver the green card to the payroll office. Be sure to check Box "5".

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tion card (SN-1066). Check Box "5" on the yellow card and deliver it to the payroll office.

The new participant should also fill out a Company beneficiary form (SN-1020) which can be obtained at the payroll office. The beneficiary for the Union Plan should be designated on the white Enrollment Card.

If the yellow or green card is in the payroll office by the 10th of a month, deductions should begin the first pay period of the next month.

Contact your Union Rep with any additional questions or requests for cards.



The Membership Lines Up to Vote

The contest for President was highlighted by an unprecedented 1500 dollars being spent by candidate Nagel to unseat incumbent President Quinlan. The large campaign expenditures was reflected in the unusually large number of campaign buttons and political literature circulated throughout the campaign.

In the race for Vice-President, incumbent Harlan "Whitey" Clark also handily won his fourth term over challenger Orville "Beanie" Eby.

The Financial Secretary's office was thrown up for grabs

lose regardless of which of the two candidates won. Both candidates were chief stewards, who had proven their value to the local union over the years. Chief Steward Jim Hardich defeated Chief Steward Doug Brown to become the new Financial Secretary.

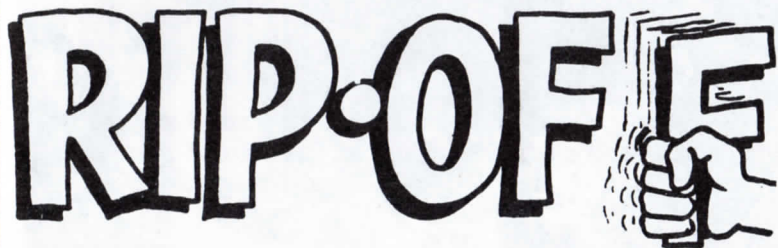
Jack E. Philby was again re-elected as Local Union Treasurer by defeating Rod Wentworth. His reelection makes Philby's third consecutive term.

The seven Executive Board positions were filled by returning officers Bob Alberts, Marie Cook,

membership that he was taking a position as an official with Job Core in order for the betterment of his family.

Rounding out the field for the seventh Executive Board slot was newcomer Marlene Wilson.

According to President Quinlan, "Marlene being elected, will definitely be an asset to the Local Union. She has attended the monthly business meeting on a regular basis and takes a strong interest in the affairs of the local. The membership recognized this and voted accordingly."



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From Local Union 1974

To any union member who has information leading to the



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From Local Union 1974

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No Scabs Need Apply

## Union Dance in April

Get prepared for the big union dance that is being planned for April. It promises to be bigger than the ancient spring rites of Rome. Call it a spring fling that you'll remember.

The day for all this craziness to take place will be April 19. The times will be longer then ever before—from 8:30 to 1 p.m. (and maybe more).

The name of the band scheduled to host these spring rites will be the Mob. They are known to be harmoniously loud but not unruly.

If your interested in attending see the Union Rep in your area for tickets the price is 5 dollars per person or 10 dollars per couple.

This low price includes all the booze you can drink plus extra door prizes throughout the night.

Plan to attend this Spring Festival—you won't be sorry that you didn't.

## 300 Dollar Drawing Tonight

March offers a lion sized drawing for this month's business meeting. For any union member who is present when his or her name is drawn a big 300 dollar door prize will be their reward.

Don't pass this month's golden opportunity up to win some big greenbacks to help pay for those last heating bills of winter. Some lucky person in the membership can surely use the money.

Don't walk, run to the union hall tonight and with a little luck you could be a big winner.

Now lets take a look at the names of the people who helped make the 300 dollar drawing possible:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. J. L. Virchhevel | 11. S. S. Hayes      |
| 2. R. Portrey       | 12. E. E. Richards   |
| 3. C. N. Ettlin     | 13. W. C. Mason      |
| 4. J. M. Perkins    | 14. M. W. Nicholson  |
| 5. B. R. Barko      | 15. J. Paulson       |
| 6. D. L. Wiley      | 16. L. A. Meisinger  |
| 7. L. H. Baker      | 17. R. W. Glassman   |
| 8. W. C. Barry      | 18. D. G. Olsen      |
| 9. M. Hudson        | 19. D. I. Armendariz |
| 10. O. W. Snell     | 20. G. T. Beaty      |

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Outgoing Executive Board officer Jim Perryman chose not to seek reelection and notified the

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In all, twenty-five candidates sought the twelve elective positions.

The election committee headed by Bill Caddy and Vern Kramer released the election results to the public at 3:30 A.M., March 6, 1980.

The newly elected officers will assume their respective duties upon being sworn in at the March 21, Union meeting.

The obvious first order of business, according to President Quinlan, "Will be the final preparations for the extremely tough upcoming negotiations of 1980."

### NOTICE

The Monthly Meeting  
of the Membership  
will be held

Friday

March 21, 1980

at the Union Hall,  
13306 Stevens Street,  
Millard.

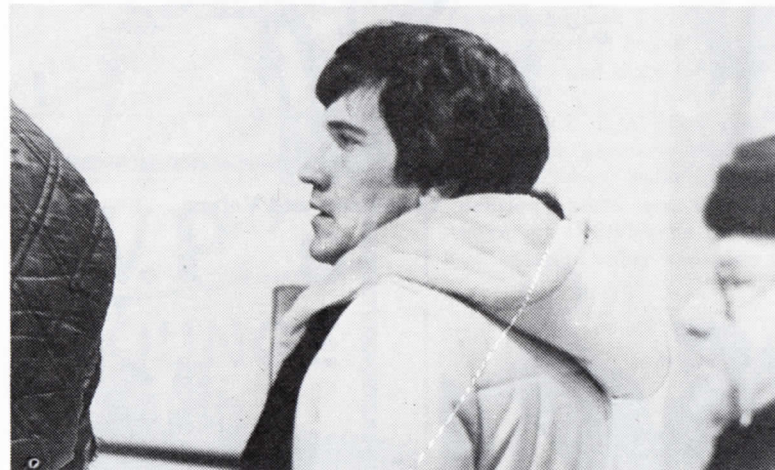
Second Shift Meeting:  
12:30 A.M.

First and third shift meeting:  
8:00 P.M.

\$300.00 Drawing

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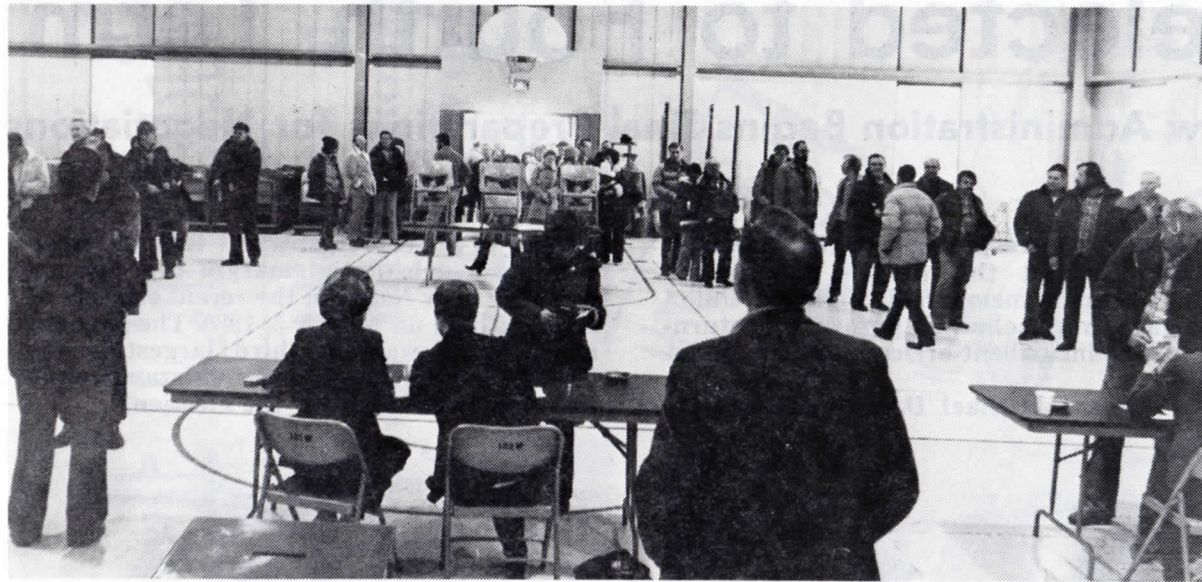
Absolute Deadline for  
Articles is the  
1st of Each Month



# The Short Circuit



# Photo Recap of Election LU 1974-1980



The Voting Lines Ring the Auditorium



I'm Glad I Got in Here Early



3rd Shift Voters Put Ballots in Box



Have Buttons Will Vote?







Show Your Union Card



Where's the Spittoon?



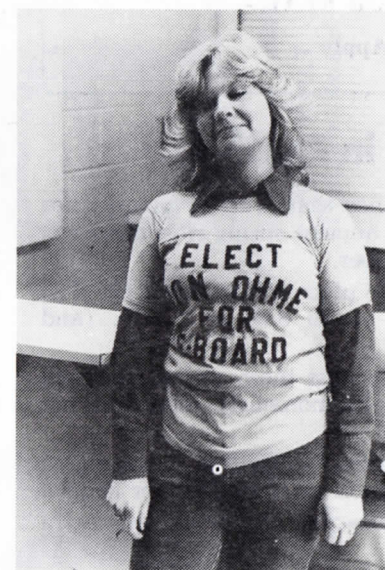
Candidates Wait for Voters



I Tell You I'm Cold!



Candidates and Voters



Oh That Ohme!



Only One Vote for Treasurer?



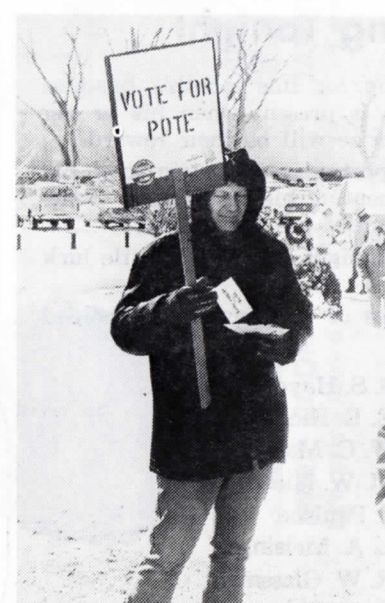
Can She Vote?



I'm Voting for Winners



Thanks Kenny



Wonder If Anybody in Dept. 251 Will Vote for Me?

# ELECTION RESULTS

## President

Michael D. Quinlan .....1060  
Frank Nagel ..... 783

## Vice-President

Harlan "Whity" Clark .....1145  
Druille "Beanie" Eby ..... 647

## Financial Secretary

Jim Hardich .....1001  
Doug Brown ..... 766

## Recording Secretary

Vern Larson ..... 760  
Stan Svoboda ..... 466  
Phylliss Hemingson ..... 280

Joyce Ossler ..... 283

## Treasurer

Jack Philby ..... 971  
Rod Wentworth ..... 793

## Executive Board

Bob Alberts .....1234  
Marie Cook .....1104  
Jim Curran .....1057  
Ken Mass .....1023  
Frank Wisniski ..... 988  
Marlene Wilson ..... 978  
Mike Kelly ..... 915  
Tom Van Dyke ..... 807  
Jim Filipiak ..... 697  
Jerry Pote ..... 598  
Ron Ohme ..... 455  
Bill Deegan ..... 410  
Frank Possinger ..... 384





## Union Meets With Travelers & WECO

Representing Local Union 1974 in recent joint meeting between union and Travelers officials from r-l Local Union President Michael D. Quinlan, Benefits Committeeman Tom Murray and Elmer Johnson, Benefits Committee Chairman Bruce Quaket, in the foreground left are Frankes Insurance Company officials.



An angry President Quinlan tells the assembled Travelers and Western Electric Company officials, "In fact many of our members indicated that they would rather pay a small premium than contend with the complex, idiotic, time consuming new forms provided when Western Electric initiated the change over to new insurance carriers. I guarantee you strongly, this insurance chaos will certainly be an issue of primary importance at the National Negotiations!"

## Smoking Hurts Sex Habits

—IN LOUISVILLE, Ky., local union officials who have been working in the national campaign to discourage cigarette smoking have been handed one of their most persuasive arguments to date in approaching union members. Dr. Ibrahim B. Syed, a University of Louisville research scientist, has

## Union Hall Rental Rates

The rates for the union hall rental remain the same as previously reported.

The auditorium rates for union members are:

Weekdays \$125 plus \$100 de.  
Weekends \$200 plus \$100 de.

## Letter to Editor

Fellow Members of I.B.E.W. 1974

I feel it is time for each of you to put aside any prejudice toward the people who came from the Buffalo plant to work here. After all they have now been members of, resided in, and paid taxes in this locale for at least 3 years.

**They are now Omaha people.** Place yourself in their position, forced to leave family and friends in order to keep their job and treated as outsiders by the local people.

I have heard some of you say he wasn't friendly when he came, or something of the sort. I ask you, did you make an extra effort to make them welcome.

Let's drop this "Is that the way they did it in Buffalo?" and "That's why the Buffalo plant closed."

We are all fellow members of IBEW 1974, and we can work together better, if we accept these people.

Robert Whitcomb  
Dept. 745-5

## Buffalo Club of Omaha News

By Chris Pluta

Spring is just around the corner (we hope) and so is our annual Spring Dance. If you enjoyed yourself at our other dances, just mark this date on your calendar — Friday, May 2. We will have more details for you next month but for now just mark that calendar.

Our Scotch Doubles Bowling Party was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Jim and Mary Ann Kajdasz. The winners of the high game trophy were John and Rosemary Francavilla while the winners of the low game trophy were Rod and Rose Wentworth.

March is here already and we would like to remind all club members that dues are to be paid in full by this month. You will have an opportunity to pay them at our monthly meeting at the Union Hall on Sunday, March 23 at 7:00 P.M. See you then!

From Supreme Court

## Safety Refusal Rule

An employer cannot discriminate against workers who refuse to perform tasks that they reasonably believe could cause death or serious injury, the U.S. Supreme Court rules, rejecting an employer's challenge to a Labor Department regulation.

Several days after a co-worker had fallen to his death from a mesh screen suspended 20 feet above the plant floor, two employees refused to comply with a supervisor's order to work on the screen. The employees were issued written reprimands for insubordination and sent home for the day, losing approximately six hours' wages.

Under a Labor Department regulation issued under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, an employer cannot engage in "discrimination" against workers for refusing an assignment that they reasonably believe would create "a real danger of death or serious injury." Charging the company with violating this rule, the Secretary of Labor filed suit, seeking to have the reprimands removed from the workers' personnel files and their lost wages restored.

Dismissing the company's contention that the rule encourages workers to engage in illegal "self-help" measures, the Court says that the regulation "clearly con-

forms" to the Act's "fundamental objective" of preventing occupational deaths and serious injuries. The Court maintains that it would be "anomalous" to hold that the Act does not allow an employee, who has "no other reasonable alternative," to "withdraw from a workplace environment he reasonably believes is highly dangerous." Although concluding that the two employees were entitled to protection under the rule and should have their personnel records expunged, the Court sends the case back to a lower court to determine whether back pay also would be an appropriate remedy. *Whirlpool Corp. v. Marshall*, US SupCt, No. 78-1870, February 26, 1980)

## Jim's Galley

### BOHEMIAN POTATOE PANCAKES

2 cups finely Grated Raw  
Potatoes  
¼ cup Milk  
2 Eggs. Well Beaten

Mix all ingredients and drop by tablespoons onto well greased skillet or small grill. Cook 3 minutes on each side till done and a golden brown.

These make a hearty addition to roast pork or fish and the kids and some grownups love them with syrup. I bet ya can't wait to eat one.



### Equal Opportunity

## Male Wants to Be Playboy Bunny

—IN CHICAGO, some unionists, the courts. Says McDowell in his



discourage cigarette smoking have been handed one of their most persuasive arguments to date in approaching union members. Dr. Ibrahim B. Syed, a University of Louisville research scientist, has concluded that smoking diminishes a smoker's sex drive and this has proved one of the most potent persuaders in the anti-smoking arsenal. Said Dr. Syed, "If you warn people not to smoke because of the risk of cancer, they won't listen to you. But if you tell them they'll lose their sexual capabilities, they'll pay attention."

## LB 99—An Idea Whose Time Has Come

During this 86th Legislative Session, the Nebraska Unicameral passed LB 99, which is an amendment to ART. III Section 7 of the Nebraska Constitution.

Presently the Section reads: "Each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per month during the term of office."

LB 99 would strike this statement and provide for the creation of a Compensation Review Commission. The Commission is charged with the responsibility to review legislative, judicial and constitutional officers salaries and expenses. The Legislature may approve, reject or reduce any recommendation, but it may not

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Weekends \$300 plus \$100 de.  
The membership should be reminded that the increases in the rental to members and non-members is necessitated by petty vandalism which seems to keep reoccurring.

increase it. Compensation becomes effective when approved by the Legislature for the following year.

Nebraska ranks 40th out of the 50 states in legislative compensation. The current level is inadequate for a senator to execute his or her official duties. Travel and living expenses during the session can alone liquidate an outstate senator's entire annual legislative salary of \$4,800.

LB 99 will be Constitutional Amendment Two on the primary ballot May 13, 1980. If the salaries of the Legislature are not raised we can continue to expect only those persons that are subsidized by business or retired or of a farm community background to financially be able to serve.

portunity to pay them at our monthly meeting at the Union Hall on Sunday, March 23 at 7:00 P.M. See you then!

## Union in Paradise

MERLIN, Ore. (PAI) — Did you ever get so fed up with your job that you fantasized about finding some really wild, fun way to make a living? Like, maybe, being a professional guide on white water trips down exotic rivers in the great Pacific Northwest?

Well, you can float, but you can't hide—just ask members of the Oregon Guides Association.

A dozen white water guides found it necessary to form their association after encountering job problems similar to those of assembly line workers in Michigan or clerical workers in Maine—wages, hours and working conditions.

And as is often the case, the boss didn't like the idea of the employees unionizing. It took action by the National Labor Relations Board to get the workers back on their jobs and made whole for wage losses suffered when the bosses retaliated against them following their demand for collective bargaining.



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—IN CHICAGO, some unionists, including quite a few women, are contending these days (mostly with tongue in cheek) that the campaign to eradicate sex discrimination at the workplace has "gone a bit too far." At issue is a job as a Playboy Bunny. What has caused almost hilarious controversy is that 22-year-old Fred McDowell wants to be a Bunny and he's so serious about being turned down that he's taken his case to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. And if he doesn't win in the EEOC, he's already planning to take it to

the courts. Says McDowell in his formal grievance, "I believe I have the prerequisite attributes: engaging personality, youthfulness and physical attractiveness." Then he adds, "If you've ever been in a Playboy Club, you know that many of the customers are women. The men may go to the Club to look at the pretty girls, but the women would probably like to see a good-looking guy." McDowell, who is also a prizefighter, says yes, he'd be willing to wear the Bunny costume, including the fluffy cotton-tail.

## Thanks to My Many Friends

To Dept. 722 and all my friends throughout the plant:

I'd like to express my appreciation to all of you for the lovely gifts and the very memorable retirement coffee. The ruby earrings, the wine set, and all the other things are so beautiful. The memory sheets and your appearance at the coffee to wish me well were most meaningful. I will always remember your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you so much.

Betty Robinson

## Scab Carpets Yanked Out

—IN OSHAWA, Canada, international trade union solidarity paid off most impressively here. General Motors of Canada yanked out 600 carpets from all the cars on the GM assembly lines and shipped them back to the U.S. posthaste. How come? Because the assembly line workers, members of the United Auto Workers of Canada, protested vehemently and threatened to strike if the carpets weren't removed. And where were the carpets shipped back to? You guessed it. The J. P. Stevens Co. in North Carolina.

## INCOME TAX SERVICE

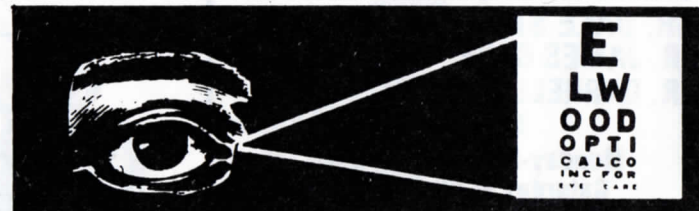
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Part of the election committee from I-r Election Judge Bill Caddy, Mary Ann Pilus and Kathy Hughes.

## Election Committee

With the 1980 election of officers out of the way for another three years and the business of negotiations near at hand let us not forget the people who spent 24 hours in isolation.

Eyesore, fatigued, and running out of the quiet patience that kept them going, two teams of tellers worked in shifts to keep the voting lines moving. After the voting, these same two teams then spent approximately 7 hours counting the votes that declared the winner.

The two teams consisted of Election Judge Bill Caddy and tellers John Barnes, Bev Eye-stone, Mary Ann Pilus, Kathy Hughes, Chynn Harder, and Assistant Election Judge Vern Kramer and his tellers Al Benkus, Helen Soloman, and Pat Oliver.

These people did a tremendous job to make Union Democracy work. Well done you did a good job.

# grievance guide

## Hunter's Hassle

An employee was improperly discharged for bringing a firearm to work and shooting a deer while on duty, arbitrator Edward E. Hales decides.

The employee and a co-worker, who were assigned to maintenance duty along the employer's railroad track on the plant site, allegedly killed a deer at work in violation of state gaming laws. A state game warden was called in to conduct an investigation. The employee and the co-worker were questioned about the incident since they were the only workers in the area at the time the deer was slain. However, both workers claimed they had no knowledge of the shooting. Later, after the warden discovered blood and deer hair in the employees' vehicle, the workers were charged with the offense. The co-worker was suspended; but the employee was discharged after he had been convicted of illegally killing a deer out of season. The union contended that the employee was discriminated against because he was fired, while the co-worker merely was suspended. The employer argued the warden's investigation conclusively established that the employee was responsible for the shooting.

Saying that both employees were responsible for killing the deer, the arbitrator points out that the employee's punishment, when compared to that of the co-worker, was definitely excessive. Even though the evidence suggested that the employee was the hunter and that he owned the gun, the arbitrator concludes, the co-worker was equally responsible for the killing and therefore should have been equally disciplined. (Pickands Mather and Co. and Steelworkers, 73 LA 1197)

## Main Event

An employee was improperly discharged for punching his supervisor in the face during an argument, arbitrator Neil H. Herring rules.

The supervisor ordered a Mexican employer to exchange job assignments with a co-worker. Suspecting that he had been given a "dirtier" job because of the employer's prejudice against Mexicans, the worker asked the supervisor to explain his reasons for switching the assignments. When the supervisor responded, "I don't have to explain a damn thing to you," the employee became angry and the two began to argue. During the argument, the supervisor suddenly lost his temper and punched the employee. Reacting to the assault, the worker threw "two quick punches," knocking the supervisor to the floor and rendering him semi-conscious. Subsequently, the employer discharged both the supervisor and the worker for fighting. The employee protested the discharge, claiming that he had been unjustly terminated for defending himself.

Finding that the employee acted "reasonably" in defending himself, the arbitrator points out that the supervisor was the initial assailant. The arbitrator notes that "retreat was virtually impossible" for the worker, because his back was pressed against a door that opened only into a small office. Saying that the employee had "good reason" to fear additional bodily injury after being struck by the supervisor, the arbitrator concludes that the employee should be reinstated to his former position. (Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Operating Engineers, 73 LA 1057)

## Candidates of All Seasons

This most recent election could be called an election for the candidate of all seasons.

The candidate who ran faced every type of miserable weather condition known to Mother Nature while seeking office.

The election of officers started during a blizzard March 4th

## Whiz Says Thanks to Big Red

"It took an entire season but when the final whistle finally blew you had to believe the Nebraska Cornhuskers were the best college basketball team in the state of Nebraska." Our resident hardboard prognosticator and part-time pony handicapper Arnie Whiznuts said between doubleheader games at the second round N.C.A.A. tournament at Lincoln, Nebraska, "The Huskers weren't big or highly talented but they played Kansas State, who almost dumped Louisville, close to the vest in their three contests."

"If you compare the talent of Big Red to the Blue Jays of Creighton, you gotta believe acting coach Moe Iba would have won the Missouri Valley in a walk," Whiz said looking at his N.C.A.A. Tourney Program, "Not one Valley team seen second round play of either the N.I.T. or N.C.A.A. tournament action. And don't forget one Valley team, Wichita State got dumped in their own ballpark."

"I don't believe Creighton is as bad a team as they displayed down the stretch toward the end of the season but most courtside observers will agree that they lacked discipline in shot selection and defense and that could be the coach's fault," Whiz said, "And who knows it might be time for a change. It did wonders for Nebraska."

"Getting back to this N.C.A.A. tournament action; it is the best basketball you'll ever see," Whiz said as he headed back to his center court seats for the second half of the Lincoln doubleheader between Notre Dame and Missouri, "I just seen Kansas State almost pull an upset over heavily favored Louisville and who knows maybe Missouri will do the same over Notre Dame."

With much deliberation Whiz's pick for the best of the final four is: Louisville.

And like Whiz says "you can bet on it."

## Underwood Elects Three New Officers

Underwood, Iowa—The current election of officers seen a complete change of command at the Management Material Center (MMC) Lu. 1974-1.

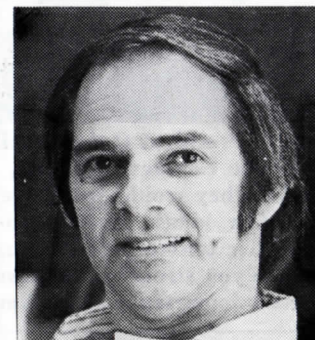
Al Nelson was elected chairman as incumbant chairman Ted McElderry declined to run for office.

Dan Kemp won the Vice-Chairman's office running unopposed, while former Vice-Chairman Donna Shafer ran for the unit recorder's post.

Ron Lawrence won the Unit Recorder's office beating former recorder Donna Shafer.

Former Unit Recorder Ron Blue lost his bid for the Unit Chairman's post.

The Underwood election com-



**KENNY MEYER**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who supported me during my 9 year tenure as your Financial Secretary.

I have enjoyed being of service to you the membership, and I have gratefully enjoyed the many friends I have made through my union job over the years.

## Thanks to Voters

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This newspaper has received many requests from both the winning and losing candidates and they passed along their sincere thanks and appreciation to the membership for voting in the recent election and taking the time to support them:

Bob Alberts, Dave Brown, Whitey Clark, Marie Cook, Jim Curran, Jim Flipiach, Jim Hardich, Mike Kelly, Vern Larson, Ken Mass, Ron Ohme, Joyce Ossler, Jack Philby, Frank Possinger, Michael Quinlan, Stan Svoboda, Tom Van Dyke, and Frank Wisniski.

This most recent election could be called an election for the candidate of all seasons.

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The election of officers started during a blizzard March 4th at the Underwood local union hall and ended in the crisp evening chill at the Local Union 1974 in Millard March 5.

From beginning to end the candidates faced every conceivable winter hardship from frozen posterior and fingers to standing in five inches of melted snow until it refroze around the toes.

I'm certain veteran election campaigners will say the last election was better. (It rained for 24 hours). But I'm sure they'll agree this recent election equalled Nanook of the North in degrees of misery.

The candidates who won this election froze their butts off to win and the losers just froze.

You'll agree—Running for election is more fun if you win.  
DMW

recorder Donna Shafer.

Former Unit Recorder Ron Blue lost his bid for the Unit Chairman's post.

The Underwood election committee headed by Bill Caddy released the election results at 7:05 p.m., March 5, 1980.

I have enjoyed being of service to you the membership, and I have gratefully enjoyed the many friends I have made through my union job over the years.

It has been fun and you people have made it a grateful experience.

## It's Omaha Royals Time



## Catch Royalmania See the Royals Play

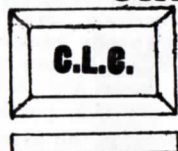
It's cold and warming slowly but that won't stop the Royals from opening — April 11

Oklahoma City 89's ..... April 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 15

Wichita Aeros ..... April 16, 17, 18, 19

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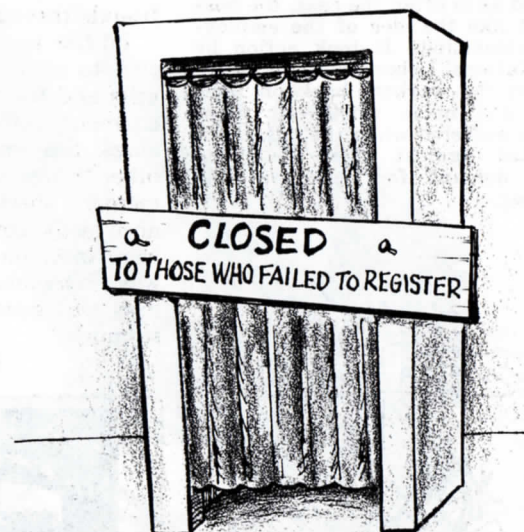
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## Preserving Social Security

**S**OCIAL SECURITY is the most successful government program. The AFL-CIO is gravely concerned by a number of recent proposals from members of Congress, advisory groups and academics which we believe would undermine and ultimately destroy the social security system.

These proposals, usually disguised as "solutions" to inaccurate and alarmist reports regarding the long-term financial stability of the social security system, extend beyond legitimate concern about scheduled future increases in the payroll tax.

**It would be unwise for Congress to resort to political expediency and reverse its 1977 actions which placed social security on a sound financial basis. We will oppose any proposals that cut benefits or jeopardize the financial soundness of the system.**

The AFL-CIO continues to believe that a gradual increase in the use of general revenue funds in social security, until one-third of the total cost of the system is financed by this method, would permit a reduction in the payroll tax and also permit some necessary program improvements.

Therefore, the AFL-CIO will:

- Oppose adopting sales or so-called value added taxes (VAT) to help finance social security. This tax shuffle would particularly hurt low- and middle-income families. The VAT is nothing more than a regressive sales tax levied at each stage of manufacturing, processing and marketing, but ultimately paid by the consumer.

- Oppose taxing social security benefits, which would effectively cut payments to more than 10 million beneficiaries.

- Oppose raising the age of eligibility for full social security benefits for future retirees. This would break faith with workers who have been paying social security taxes on the assumption they could retire and receive benefits at a specified age. Increased job opportunities for older workers arising from a full employment economy would reduce program costs by enabling these workers to voluntarily continue working.

- Oppose financing the Medicare program entirely from general revenue. This would make Medicare vulnerable to a welfare-type "means" test and undermine the social insurance principles upon which it was established.

We reaffirm our opposition to extending social security coverage to non-covered federal, postal, state and local government employees until all the following conditions are met: (1) no reduction in the level of pension benefits now available to government workers; (2) no increase in the financial burden on public employees with-

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Social security has served the nation and its people well, and the AFL-CIO is committed to preserving the program's integrity and purposes.




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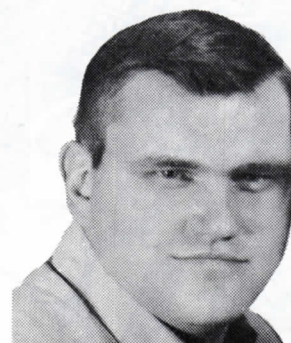
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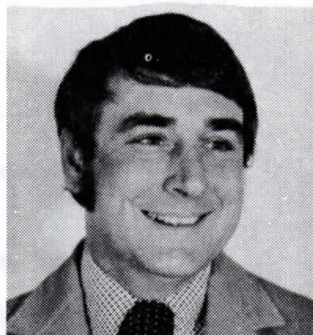
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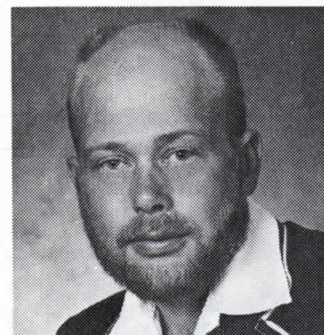
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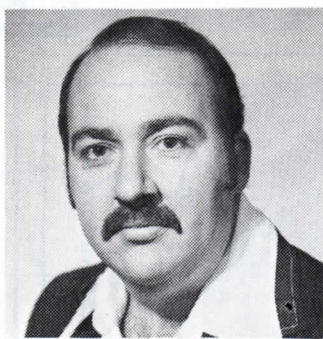
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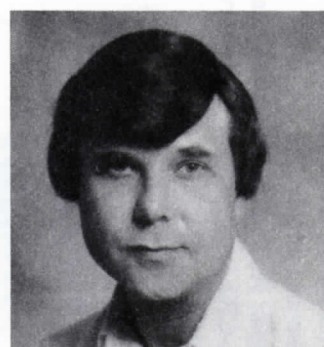
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