UNION SCHOLARSHIP FUND GROWING

Local 301's Scholarship Fund has reached $400, according to Frank Masterson, chairman of the money raising committee.

Masterson said reports from Board members indicate complete cooperation from the membership but there are still many who have not yet turned in figures.

The Scholarship will be in memory of young men and women of union members, who have died untimely in the last few years.

The fund will be administered by the city school administration and will be awarded to the youngest with the highest scholastic standing and in real need of financial aid.

Masterson this week urged members of Local 301 to contact their Board members if they wish to contribute to the fund. Shop stewards also will accept contributions.

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ROTTERDAM BOARD OHS MINIMUM WAGE Hike

The Rotterdam town board followed the pattern set by the Board of supervisors when the town's Board members went on record of favoring an increase in the minimum wage.

The action was urged Wednesday night by Local 301's Assistant Business agent Allen Townsend. The Board's action was the second refusal of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce which has been publicly fighting the increase.

The minimum wage hike bill is now before the County Legislature but its progress is being hampered by the National Chamber of Commerce campaign against it.

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when trying to entice new industry to this area, a project the Chamber says has been active in for some time.

Local 301 next week will urge the City Council to adopt the minimum wage proposal which is now before Congress.

The bill also recommends that the Fair Labor Standards Act be extended to retail and service related workers. This section of the bill would bring about nine million more workers under protection of the Act.

CHAMBER ACTION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Schenectady Chamber of Commerce’s Action Committee met Thursday to consider two actions.

"Can the important work of this committee be combined with that of other groups? Shall a comprehensive effort be made to raise a substantial fund of capital to finance production and sale of new ideas and products?"

The committee was forced last year due to a drop in layoffs at ALC, GE and other business firms in the area.

The major objective of the Chamber is to create new jobs and on the emerging basis and supplement the effort made by the Schenectady Industrial Corp. to bring in new industries.

The corporation has hired a full time director and associate 50,000 office, the area and seven new and expanding industries.

A normal turn-of-the-year business slowdown cut job levels in New York State by a few thousand in January, according to preliminary figures released today by Industrial Commissioner M. P. Catherwood.

The State's non farm work force totaled 5,826,000 for the month.

Business post-Christmas layoffs were cut by 40 percent, post offices and filling stations, as well as seasonal decline in construction and other outdoor work, were largely responsible for the employment decline, the Commissioner said.

Of the twenty-one branches of manufacturing, only primary metals, electrical machinery and printing and publishing employed more workers in January than in December. Settlement of a New York City newspaper strike affecting some 15,000 workers accounted for a sharp rise in printing and publishing employment.

Compared with January, 1955, nonfarm job were down about 10,000. Year-to-year losses were heaviest in manufacturing and trade. Small gains were made in construction, government and service, however.

New York City employment was down 8,000 from December in the wake of post-Christmas department store layoff and large drop of four years ago as a result of cutbacks in trade and manufacturing.

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JANUARY TO SPEND ON SHORTER WEEK

Leo Janos, business agent for Local 301, will be heard on Sunday night on Radio station WWJ in a discussion of the proposed shorter work week.

The program will be broadcast at 10:30 p.m. Other participants include Mr. Leonard Marcus, department of economics at Union College, and Al W. Gray, editor of the Times and Edwin W. McLean, General Ice Cream Co.

Wedge will serve as the inquiring citizen and Mr. H. A. Nied will be moderator.

The topic for discussion will be "What is the impetrations of a shorter work week?"

A shorter work week has been proposed by the AFL-CIO as one answer to the unemployment problem which has been facing the nation for several years.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND STILL GROWING

Local 301's scholarship fund continued to grow this week with a total of $594 reported by Frank Masterson, chairman of the committee.

But Masterson issued a reminder to all members, officers and board members that time for administering and award the scholarship is growing short and that the sooner all contributions are in and counted, the sooner the award machinery can be started.

The scholarship will be administered by the city school administration and will be given to the youngest with the highest standing and in real need of financial aid.

The scholarship will be in memory of several young men, sons of union members, who have died within the last few years. This week said everyone has not been contacted and wishes to contribute should use their shop stewards or executive board members.

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STEWARDS MAY BE DROPPED FROM UNION ROSTER

Shop stewards who miss two consecutive meetings from now on risk being dropped as representatives of the union.

This was recommended at the last membership meeting and upheld by the Officers and the Executive Board.

Local 301's Constitution provides "any steward who is absent from two consecutive meetings, unless excused by vote of the Executive board shall be automatically dropped as a shop steward."

The Constitution says, however, that the steward may appoint a member from his group to represent him at the meeting so that all groups are represented at the regular monthly meetings.

A letter was sent out this week to all stewards making this announcement.