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Clay Wilson
Makes Union Counselor

Mr. Clay Wilson has earned the title of Union Counselor of Local 508 UAW. The 42nd Annual Graduation and Banquet was held at the Hearthstone Manor on Friday, June 3, 1988. This event is sponsored by the Buffalo AFL-CIO Council and the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Mr. Wilson is a Trustee, President of the Pastor’s Aid Club, a member of the Male Usher Board, Male Chorus, and drives the Van for the senior citizens here at Bethel. The young people are always happy to see him, for he keeps the candy vending machine full of snacks.

A basic principle of the Buffalo AFL-CIO Community Services Program is that the union member is first and foremost a citizen of Western New York who cooperates with fellow citizens in making the community a good place in which to live, to work and to raise a family.

This person is one of the first of its kind in the nation and for the past 42 years has been training rank-and-file members to serve as information and referral specialists to their brothers and sisters. Union Counseling has been an effective social outreach program for organized labor.

During these sessions, the program participants meet with representatives from the field of health, public assistance, recreation, child and family welfare and many other local agencies. As a result of the presentations and classroom discussion, these Union Counselors learn the types of service available to those in need. They also become knowledgeable of methods used to refer individuals to the proper agency.

Assisting in the health and welfare problems of their fellow-workers by providing information and referrals, makes the Union Counselors’ duties one of the most important functions of the local union.

Vernon Taylor Recuperating From Savage Attack

Vernon Taylor, a long-time member of Bethel, was mugged and stabbed while traveling with his wife Cora, from Chicago to Buffalo after the death of his nephew. It was in Ann Arbor, Michigan that he had car trouble and while waiting for the tow truck on the Ford Freeway in rush hour traffic, he was stabbed and robbed. The lone attacker then warned Mrs. Taylor that if she did not give him the money, he would stab her. She complied.

After surgery, it is reported that Mr. Taylor is recuperating in Ford Hospital, Detroit, Mich. and is expected to fly home soon.

Mr. Taylor is a Trustee, member of the Men’s Club, President of the Men’s Usher Bd. and a member of the Lay Organization.

There are still some “Good Samaritans” on the Jericho Road. They stayed with Cora, gave a description of the assailant and took her to an “Inn.” Our prayers are with them. God is still in the blessing business. Mrs. Taylor stated that she had received phone calls from it seemed to be “all of Buffalo.” God and good friends have kept her going.