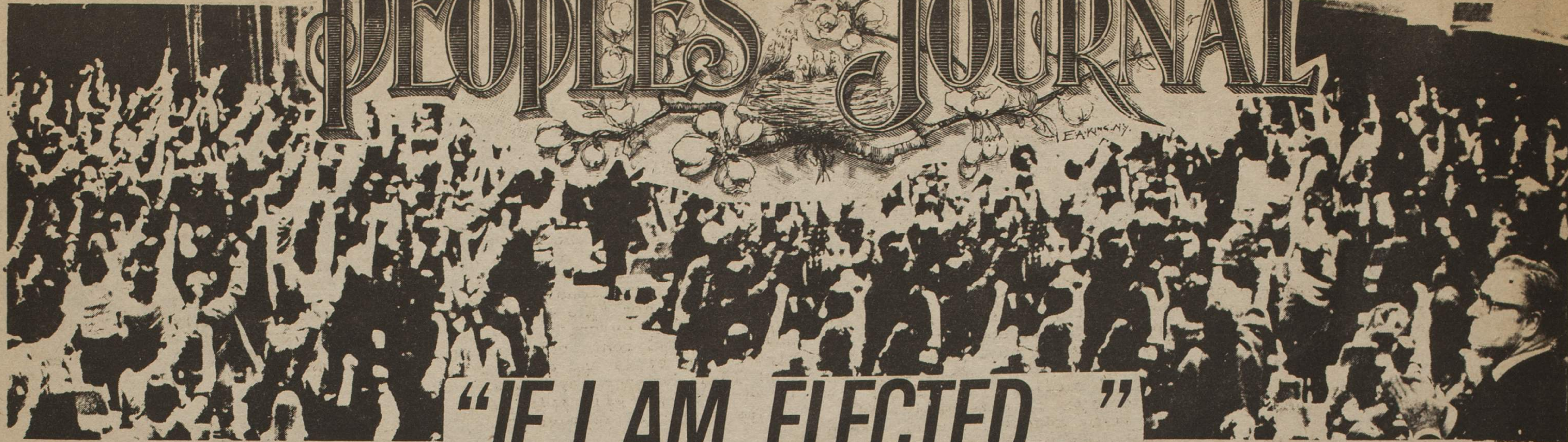


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"IF I AM ELECTED..."

LAWRENCE CITIZENS' VOICE, a coalition of people claiming to be a "people-based" organization held a town convention January 22 to select candidates for school board and city commission.

About 140 people attended the convention at Lawrence High School to select David Hann, Muriel Paul, and current Commissioner Carl Mibeck; Ola Faucher, Jane Frydman and Otis Vann for school board.

Early plans were to run candidates as a slate, but the steering committee of LCV, in a rule adopted shortly before the convention, abandoned plans to run two slates of three candidates selected by the convention. The new rule stated that LCV would neither bind candidates to campaign on the convention's issues nor would be bound to endorse the convention's candidates. The steering committee would decide after the convention who LCV would support. LCV is now campaigning for only Frydman and Paul. The other candidates are running their own campaigns.

Following is an interview with current active members in LCV, June Walker, Chris Bell, Muriel Paul and Ed Dutton.

Mark Kaplan and Susie Hanna-- interviewers.

I: This idea of a town convention is quite new. What were the objectives of Lawrence Citizens' Voice convention?

Walker: The idea was to get the

ideas of the people, to get the people involved in the City programs and then to back people who would run for the organization.

Paul: The matter of candidates was a kind of a spin off. Really a secondary thing. The people who wrestled with the idea from the beginning were interested in mainly having issues brought forth in the community. We thought initially it was not necessary to run candidates but to influence candidates who did run. However, if candidates did emerge from our group and the people we contacted that was frosting on the cake.

I: Wasn't the goal to find candidates who felt similarly in their opinions on issues and try to get these people elected so you could implement policies to carry out LCV's positions on the issues?

Dutton: I saw this convention as just one step in a long process. The election is just one step. Too often people come out for an election and then they go home. We're looking for a long term, broad-based people's organization, so when the election is over, people are involved and they stay involved. I feel very positive about the convention.

I: PUBLIC NOTICE covered convention plans and the purpose and goals of LCV in December. We went to the convention where there were signs: "People's Convention," "Your candidates, your issues," but we found that the

whole idea had changed. It was announced that the candidates selected at the convention by the people weren't bound to run on the slate of LCV and LCV was, in turn, not bound to endorse the candidates selected by the people at the convention. Norm Forer, convention parliamentarian, announced that the steering committee would decide which candidates they preferred to support. What happened? What was the purpose of the convention?

Dutton: That's great to have happen. That's interaction, discussion, and give and take occurring. Do we want a monolithic structure? We want a lot of differences.

Paul: It showed that it was not a controlled convention... people are blaming us, but we're not politicians and we see that as our virtue.

I: David Hann, Muriel Paul, Carl Mibeck, Ola Faucher, Jane Frydman, and Otis Vann were the top vote-getters at the convention. Is LCV going to actively campaign for these people? Are they going to run them as a slate?

Bell: These people all have their own campaign committees. Some of the people in LCV are setting up a committee for Muriel and Jane Frydman.

I: For many months, the intentions of LCV were to run a slate of candidates to coalesce votes that are normally dispersed. What happened to this idea?

Paul: I think that word was used loosely.

I: It wasn't used loosely! The direct intention was to run people as a slate.

Paul: "Association" might have been a better word. Even before Carl Mibeck asked for our endorsement, we knew he would be running his own campaign.

I: How many people are active in LCV?

Bell: Fifteen or twenty are working on the campaign. I'm looking for more people who can advocate the ideas of LCV.

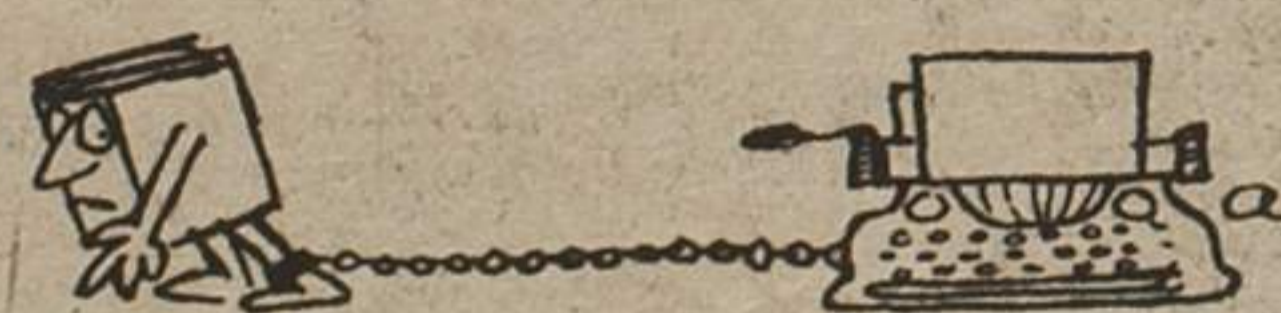
Paul: I think it is important for you to know that we are drawing in more people. It's stronger than ever.

I: This proposition to change the form of government that will be on the April 5th ballot... Does the Voice have a stand on that?

Bell: We dealt with that issue early on and we decided that we would concentrate on two things-- building a coalition of people and dealing with City Commission elections. We haven't taken a position on the change of government, formally. I think most of the people think that basically it's a good idea.

Paul: We'll be researching that issue. I think its an important issue.

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Dear PUBLIC NOTICE:

Shirley Scheirer's article "The Great Experiment" really touched the very bottom of my heart with great pity for those old hens. I should like to offer an alternative to this cold blooded slaughtering of defenseless fowls. A "Retirement Plan for Old Hens" should be set up and rest homes provided for those who are no longer productive. Until such places of refuge can be arranged for these most unfortunate members of our society, perhaps, you people at the Coop, the Public Notice and the Ghetto could take them into your homes, give them loving care so that they could live out their old days in comfort and style. And

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then, come the judgment day, they would not be placed naked in full view of the public in some market place, but would lie in a dignified state with feathers intact.

I should also like to congratulate all the "born again" vegetarians amongst you, especially Chip Jones whose article "Confessions of a Meat Eater" is commendable, really commendable!

From,

Chicken Liver Plains, Georgia

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COPS!

BY PAUL HUGHES

With Slow, Silent majesty, the Police car pulled up behind us on Ninth street. Visions of harassment by heavy-handed Cops danced in our heads. We stopped pushing Alan's stalled truck and stood wondering in the night "what next?"

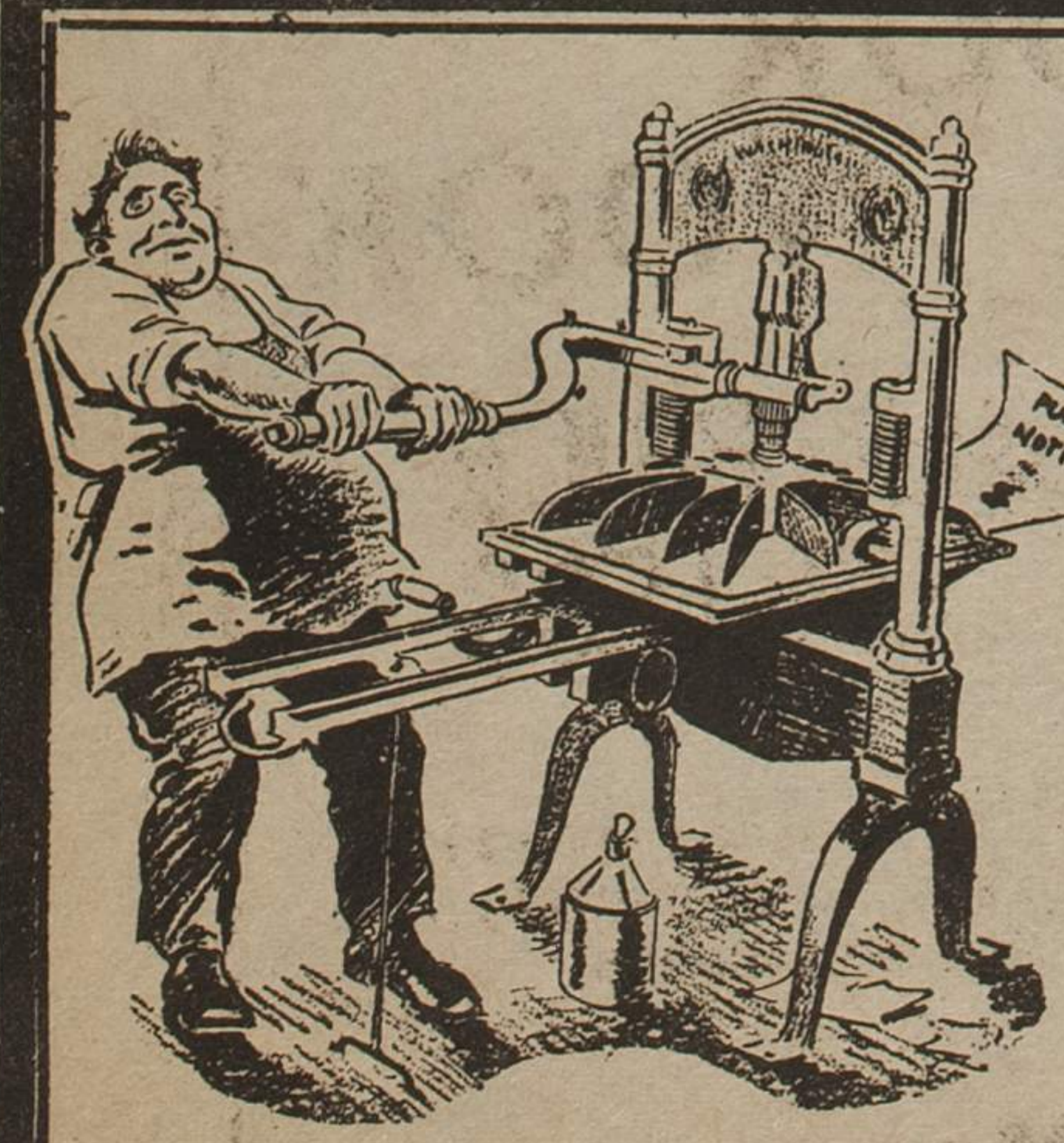
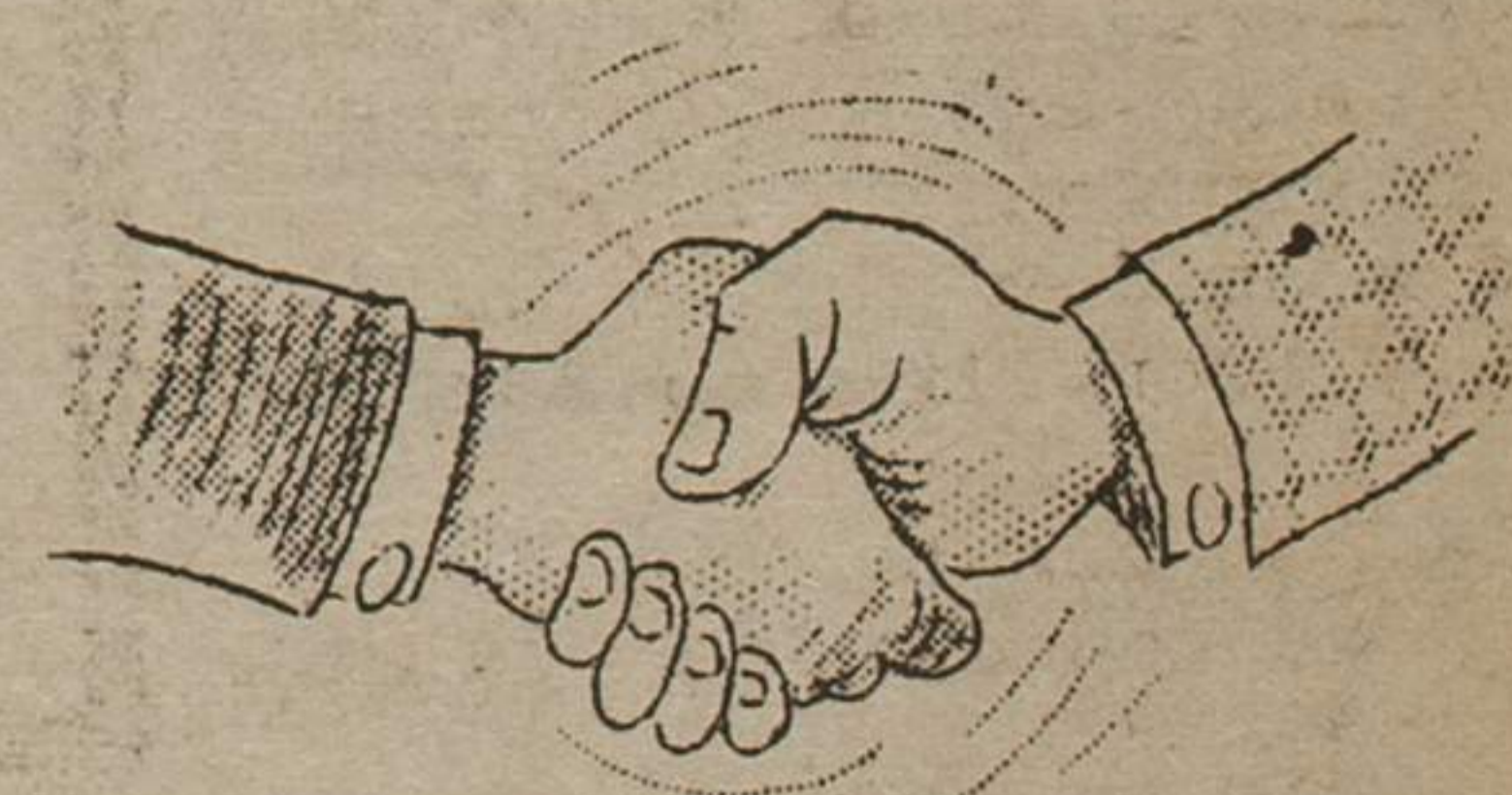
Two young cops stepped out and said, "Hey, can we give you guys any help?"

We traded smiles all around, just guys, with a common denominator of friendliness.

"Yeah, we're trying to get the truck parked on a side street."

The four of us pushed the truck into a parking spot. Alan and I said, "Hey, thanks alot."

The knights in blue waved, hopped into their white charger and cruised away.



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