

# Pledges Help For Workers

## R. J. Smith, Senate Candidate, Asserts Democrats Aid Labor

A pledge to continue efforts for further gains for labor is one of the keynotes of the platform of Robert J. Smith, Democratic candidate for the state senate. In several addresses at party rallies throughout this area, Mr. Smith asserted that most of the major labor gains have been made during Democratic administrations.

"The Democratic party has been known to be the party of the working people," he said, "and to my mind the outstanding labor gains of the past few years can be maintained only by the election of men of this party who are pledged to their continuance."

The Democratic candidate, who lives at 1328 Union street, is secretary of the Schenectady Real Estate board, and through business experience is qualified to become a member of the state legislature.

He attended local and public high schools, and Niagara university, Union college and Temple university. He now conducts M. B. Smith and Son, a real estate business founded by his late father, more than 40 years ago.

A heating engineer by profession, Mr. Smith for seven years was treasurer and manager of the Makin-Kelsy Heating Co. of Philadelphia. In 1934 he joined the Fulton Sylphon Corp. to become supervising engineer in the installation of heat and temperature control equipment in battleships being constructed for the navy under the Roosevelt defense program.

Many of the ships that have figured in the war today are completely familiar to the Democratic candidate, who recalls making test runs on a number of them. During the period spent in working on the installation of battleship equipment, he visited all the shipyards on the Atlantic seaboard. As a civilian, he was granted the unusual privilege of making test cruises on each of the new men o' war and gained a knowledge of the Roosevelt program.

Of added value in his experience,

## Senate Candidate



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is the fact that Mr. Smith has made an exhaustive study of taxation, which would stand him in good stead as a member of the state senate, now that taxation is a major problem.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Union College Alumni association of Schenectady county, and of the Kappa Alpha society. He also is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is married to the former Miss Geraldine Gleason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gleason of this city.