

CHANTI, Michael, Mayor of
Roebling, N.J.
Born Roebling, N.J., Nov. 20 - 1910

Michael Chanti, American Life V. P., Re-elected as Mayor of Roebling

In a sweeping victory which carried for him all but one ward in his township, Michael "Mike" Chanti, vice president of our Association since 1944, captured another two-year term as Mayor of Florence Township, running on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Chanti rolled up a tremendous plurality and his popularity was shown in the final tabulations where he received the largest number of votes of all 23 candidates who ran for the six offices at stake.

Mr. Chanti's Republican opponent, J. Albert Patterson, went down in the contest by a margin of 541 votes and "Mike" was assured of his third term in this district which used to be the solid stronghold of the Republican Party.

The members of our Association well know Mr. Chanti who has been active not only as a member of our Board of Directors, but also in his capacity as the manager of our Branch No. 422 in Roebling his home town, where the status of the branch has shown an uninterrupted progress.

The varied activities which Mr. Chanti pursued in his township preeminently qualified him for the political posts which he has occupied and it is widely predicted in the "inner political circles" that Mike Chanti has a great political future on a statewide basis.

We certainly know that our members are pulling for him in every attempt that he will make to

strengthen his position and will give him their wholehearted support. And we join without reservation his fellow members whom he serves with devotion and humility—who are proud of the accomplishments of their neighbor—a local boy of their own kind, who already has reached the top post in his township and still continues forward. We know that our members, whether they know "Mike" personally or not, will follow his career with interest and will want to know something about his background which includes quite a number of enviable achievements.

Michael Steven Chanti was born on November 20th, 1910 in the village of Roebling, Florence Township, New Jersey. He was married to Emma Kenczel of Florence Township in 1936 and they have two daughters, Carol, 15 years old and Doris, 13 years old. Mrs. Chanti passed away in 1954 after a prolonged illness. The Chanti reside at 1243 Knickerbocker Avenue, Roebling, New Jersey.

Mr. Chanti has resided in Florence Township all his life, attending Bordentown High School for three years, and four years at the School of Industrial Arts in Trenton, N. J. He is a graduate of the Extension Course in Public Relations at Penn State University.

Mr. Chanti served two terms as Florence Township Committeeman, from 1944 to 1950, also two terms as Mayor of Florence Township.

His political activities are as follows: County Committeeman from 1931 to present time; Chairman of Burlington County Executive Committee; Vice President—Burlington County Men's Club; Clerk to the Minority Leader of Burlington County in the New Jersey Senate for the year of 1951; Candidate for Freeholder for Burlington County—1952 (making the very good showing of 23,000 votes); Helped to build a strong Democratic municipality from a strong Republican municipality; Gave Governor "Bob" Meyner a 1200 majority in Florence Township at the last election; With Union Steel Workers of America, CIO, Local #2110 of Roebling he was instrumental in many benefits to the Democratic Party of New Jersey; For three years acted as the P. A. C. Chairman for Local #2110 of which he is past president.

At the present time, he is the Legislative Chairman of his local which includes more than 2000 members. As an added recognition of his abilities Mr. Chanti was recently elected as the Democratic County Chairman of the important Burlington County, and served as a delegate to the Burlington County Industrial Union.

In addition to his church activities through the Holy Assumption Church, he is a member and past president of the Holy Name Association, the Florence Kiwanis Club, Polish American Club, Knights of Columbus, Roebling Rescue Squad, Civic Association of Florence, Chairman Civilian Defense Committee, past chairman of the Crusade for Freedom and many other worthwhile, patriotic movements and organizations.

... Our best wishes, Mike! May your political stars carry you to all the heights which we know you so well deserve.

It takes more than 100,000 union-management contracts to set the wages and other conditions of employment for some 15 million workers in the United States. Furthermore, most of these contracts are renegotiated every year.

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Europe leads in coal production, accounting for approximately 45 per cent of world output; the United States mines approximately 34 per cent, and the rest is evenly divided between the USSR and the rest of the world, notes a recent survey of the Twentieth Century Fund.



MICHAEL "MIKE" CHANTI
Mayor of Florence Township, Vice President
of our Association.