

Turn Down Full Time President

The issue of whether the Union would have a full time, paid President for the coming year or not, got full and thorough discussion at the last members meeting in a debate that lasted for an hour and a half. A report on the lost time of the Chairman of the Bargaining Committee and the President showed that the total paid to these Brothers over the past year was around the \$875 mark. Nominations also took place for the coming year.

The meeting was the best attended for many months and the discussion that took place after the motion for the full time, paid President was made, brought out as the mover intimated was his desire, both sides of the argument, eleven speaking for and twelve against the motion.

Some opposed the motion for the present, stating that the time may come in the future when such a move will be necessary for the proper functioning of the Union but that they felt it was not opportune at the present time.

Many members were indignant at the statement made by Bro. Elson that certain people had heard the "crack of the whip" and were supporting the motion for that reason. They felt that any member should have the right to express his or her opinion without being offered such insults by any member of the Executive.

The motion was turned down by a substantial majority and the Union therefore will function with an unpaid presiding officer for the coming twelve months.

BULLETIN BOARD

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| Feb. 15—Duplate Membership —8.00 p.m. |
| " 16—General Membership —8.00 p.m. |
| " 17—Auxiliary Bingo —2.30 p.m. |
| " 19—Bingo —8.30 p.m. |
| " 20—Forum —8.00 p.m. |
| " 23—Auxiliary —8.00 p.m. |
| " 24—Auxiliary Bingo —2.30 p.m. |
| " 25—G.M. Stewards —7.30 p.m. |
| " 26—Bingo —8.30 p.m. |
| " 27—Open Forum—8.00 p.m. |

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NO CONTEST FOR PRESIDENT

BRO. ALBERT ELSON TO RECEIVE ACCLAMATION FOR COMING YEAR

Out of a long list of nominees that resembled a membership roll and which was put up at the last members meeting to fill the eight offices for the coming twelve months, only sixteen members allowed their names to stand for office in the coming Union election.

Bro. Elson is unopposed for the position of President and therefore receives an acclamation for that job.

All other offices are contested by two, and in one case, three men.

ELECTION DATES ARE:

(Voting at Union Hall, 17½ Simcoe N.)
Wednesday, February 16—7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, February 17—7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, February 18—12 Noon to 9 p.m.
Saturday, February 19—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD ! !

Nominees for office are as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT

Albert Elson

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Harry Benson Geo. Thompson

FOR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

A. G. Shultz Finley Dafoe

FOR RECORDING SECRETARY

W. L. Grant Peter Levine

FOR TRUSTEE

R. Courtney James Smart

FOR SERGEANT AT ARMS

Thos. Bouckley Edwin Nicholls

FOR TREASURER

S. R. McNeil W. J. O'Reilly

FOR GUIDE

Sydney Arnold H. J. Moody Wm. J. Skinner



ALBERT ELSON

St. Kitts Lose Union Pioneer

Local 199 lost a pioneer member in the death of Bro. Geo. Campbell, financial secretary of the Local for the past five years and a member of the negotiating committee for seven years.

One of the original members when the foundry was organized in 1936, Bro. Campbell provided guidance to the Local and took an active part in the UAW in the Canadian Region being a member of District Council No. 26 since its formation. He had not only the respect of the UAW members but had a large number of friends in his home city.

Local 222 was represented at the funeral which was the largest ever seen in St. Kitts, by Bro. Elson and Bro. M. Smith. Other units represented were Locals 195 and 200 of Windsor and Locals from Brantford, Simcoe, Toronto and Merriton, other Unions and the Trades and Labor Council of St. Kitts.

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Editor Talks

Again the season has rolled around to that time established by our constitution for the annual election of the officers of our Union. Many good men have offered their services to the Local to aid in the conduct of the business and to provide the leadership of the Local for the coming year.

That they are ALL good men and, no doubt, all equally sincere in their desire to see the Local grow and prosper, goes without saying. Therefore it is difficult to assess the value of each candidate and to decide whom to choose for each particular office.

There are many matters of moment that this Union will be faced with during 1944 and it would be well to pick the men who are to be our executive officers with an eye to the need for strong leadership. It is going to require people who have a far reaching vision of the needs and, determination to back up convictions created by knowledge.

The Local is today the largest it has ever been in its history and is the largest membership organization of any kind locally. As such it must assume its proper place and its responsibilities in no light vein. To have grown to its present dimension has required good leadership and correct policies, not only locally, but to an even greater extent on the part of the Region and of the International.

Responsibility to the members must be realized, the executive must see to it that all groups in the Union are given fair and equal opportunity for a hearing on any matter, as members it is their right to expect and demand such treatment.

Breadth of vision and tolerance are the statesman-like qualities demanded of those elected. That these qualities are possessed to a high degree by many of our members, is evident from the many fine leaders this local has provided for the International. There are many as good still in the membership here; it only remains to see that they are placed where they will do the most good.

And lastly, after a choice has been made, it is necessary that everyone should pull together for the good of all. That all personal differences be subordinated

Sick and Social Club Elect Officers

Meeting in the Union Hall, Thursday, Feb. 3, the members of the Union's new Sick and Social Club spent a very profitable evening in electing their officers for the coming year and set up the most important committee of the organization, a Rules and Finance Committee.

The Rules and Finance Committee will have a set of rules and regulations established to govern the business of the club at the next members' meeting at which time they will report the decisions they have made to be recommended to the members.

Other committees to be elected are, Sick Investigation and Auditing which will be taken care of at the next members' meeting of the Club on Thursday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. at the Union Hall.

It is therefore very necessary that all members interested, should make it their business to be on hand to discuss these matters.

The members of the Club express themselves as convinced that this is the means to cut out all shop collections for sick and injured. They state that such collections have been a great bane in the past. Some pays seeing three or four running in some parts of the shop at once.

Officers elected were: Bro. Orien Pearson, chairman; Bro. Linton, vice-chairman; Sister Stevenson, finan.-secretary; Bro. Stovell, treasurer. Rules and Finance Committee: Bros. Kehoe, chairman; Kroll, recording-secretary; Coppin, Kirk, Bradley, Jones, Lilley and Sister Fudge.

for the "good and welfare" of the Local.

With this in view it is the duty of EVERY MEMBER to get down to the hall and cast his ballot for those you wish to represent you.

Sisters and Brothers, it is your responsibility to see that this local has the leadership you want and, if you do not exercise your right to vote, you can have no complaint about the manner in which your business is carried out.

This Local is just as good as you care to make it and, as it is yours to democratically control as you wish, so it is your duty to elect your agents for the coming year.

GET OUT AND VOTE AND MAY THE BEST MEN WIN!

WITH THE STEWARDS

J. LOWNIE, Chairman

The regular steward meeting held on January 28th received a pleasant surprise to see quite a number of our Sisters file in also. Due to the ever growing female enthusiasts, they were given the option of having a regular stewards meeting of their own.

Reports from the various committees and a rather lengthy report from Bro. Malcolm Smith necessitated an extension of time. Needless to say there was a lot of business accomplished in a short space of time.

The Vice-Chairman was given the opportunity to take over for the later half of the evening and did very well indeed.

The attendance lately has improved considerably but nothing short of a full house will suffice. It's only twice a month, Brother Stewards, and we would like to hear your personal opinions on current issues, as much as you no doubt would like to hear others.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 18, 7.30 p.m., so what do you say. Shall we make it a date?

Don't forget to call the Union Office if anyone is sick or hurt in your department.

Bro. Ed Weir, chairman of the Sick and Social Committee will see that they receive brotherly treatment.

Through the Dues Wicket

By A. G. SHULTZ
Financial Secretary

Greetings:

The newest edition of our Constitution is just off the press. Copies have been ordered and should be available this week. All new and readmitted members will receive a copy with their first dues payment. Present members shall receive a copy on request at the dues wicket.

Military Membership — Members in good standing at the time of entering Canada's armed services are entitled to an Honourable Military Service Membership providing application for same is made at the Union office at the time of entering the service. Such membership exonerates him from dues or assessments but automatically terminates with discharge from armed services, when he shall forthwith become subject to the regular provisions of the Constitution.

Membership Pins — UAW-CIO shop membership pins will be issued free to all paying dues during the month of March. If paid in advance and not making a payment ask for your button at the dues wicket.

MARCH IS BUTTON MONTH
Be proud of your Union—
Wear your button.

DUPLATE

To the average member who wonders just what the committee does around the plant besides attend meetings, this department can assure all concerned that the Committees are working day in and day out for the betterment of working conditions and employees' welfare. When you sum up some of the following:

- 1.—The toilets in Body room have been renovated.
- 2.—Transfers are being made according to seniority.
- 3.—Lay-offs according, thus, assuring senior employees their jobs.
- 4.—Date to be set for holidays, etc.

These are just some of the behind-the-scenes undertakings carried on by your committees, so give them your support.

A successful stewards meeting was held at the home of Jimmy Hallowell last Thursday and some very important business was discussed. Thanks to Mrs. Hallowell for the lovely lunch.

Sorry to hear Joan Saxby has been transferred from the Booth—away goes all personality. Of course, Miss Jakes can be counted upon to carry on. (Oh! if she would only wear a smock instead of that uniform.)

Well, it sounds like Wedding Bells for Freddy Mack and also Thora Shaw. Congrats, and best of luck to both of you.

Is it necessary for those two fellows to work in the Press Room Saturday nights or do they have to do this to hold their jobs?

We notice Fred Johns is back in his own department again. There's something in an agreement after all.

The Rambling Reporter

One of the things that Brother Smith of the Bargaining Committee had something to say about not so long ago, was the condition that some of the toilets were in—due to crud efforts at verse which were plain rotten; visiting one of the rest rooms while passing through the other day the following was seen and, apparently its message had been noted, as no other stuff of any account had been inscribed.

Shakespeare was a poet fine
Who penned full many a sauce
bit.
Compared to Williams superb
line,
Your lousy, lewd and prurient
whine
Is lower than the lowest wit.

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Well the Cafeteria has at last taken shape and from a casual inspection, while making a flying visit on business in that neighborhood, it seems to be well arranged and very fresh and inviting. Everything is there to satisfy the most discriminating taste. It was all the more of a shock, therefore, to discover a special room penned off in one corner for the "Big Boys", so we were told. Such snobbery in these times and in this day and age is something to mourn. And all this in democratic Canada too!!

Slivers From the Box Factories

At long last! A week ago last Saturday the workers at Kohen's Box Factory received the sixteen months retroactive cost of living bonus which they had hoped to get just before Christmas. So, after much delay, with much gnashing of teeth and much effort spent by the Union, the workers obtained what was coming to them.

Congratulations, Brothers at Kohen's!

At membership meetings last month of the workers at Oshawa Box & Lumber Co. and Kohen's Box Factory, respectively, the Brothers in the two shops agreed upon briefs to be forwarded to the Labor Court asking for specified adjustment of wages for the day workers and a revision of the cost of living bonus paid in the two plants.

The briefs are now in the hands of the authorities.
—The Buzz Saw.

The Bowling League

The result of the vote taken Friday, February 4th was indeed very satisfactory. The members unanimously decided to enter 2 teams in the coming Canadian Bowling Assoc. Tournaments. These 2 teams will be formed from the 10 high average bowlers at the conclusion of the League schedule, the first 5 high bowlers will form team No. 1 and the second 5 high bowlers will form team No. 2. The Executive feels convinced that these teams will give a good account of themselves, and who knows, they might bring home the bacon — we hope.

Bro. Harold Godfrey, Secretary, was absent Feb. 4th due to a bad cold. We all hope he soon resumes his duties, as the boys sure miss him. 'Web' Hall makes a good substitute, especially at gathering up the score sheets.

The Ontario Steel boys think the Stock Room team is a push-over, both Steel teams have sneaked the points from the Stockmen in the past 3 weeks. Pull that chest back in, Brother Goodall, you too Bro. Fell. Bros. Keel and Wiskin were responsible for these victories. Bro. Tom King—Shipping, tells me he was in the money the other week, but Bro. Sandy Pierson neglected to inform me that he, Bro. Pierson, went into the Lemon League with a lovely score of 79. O.K. Sandy, you can't win all the time. The Cardinals, believe it or not, took 2 points from Paint Shop, just a case of Vern McLaughlin showing Brother Dean how the game is played.

High scorers for the previous two weeks:

- Group No. 1—Jan. 28th**
 G. Herd—U.S.A. (B).....503 for 2
 Snudden—Door Busters..482 for 2
- February 4th**
 M. Linton—Salvage.....487 for 2
 M. Reeson—Reject.....308 for 1
 M. Reeson—Reject.....480 for 2
 Jack Ross—Army Cab.....524 for 2
- Group No. 2—Jan. 28th**
 Bob Clayton—Export.....527 for 2
 J. Gwilliams—Export.....307 for 1
 Slim Doyle—Gun Mounts
 503 for 2
- February 4th**
 Wiskin—Ontario Steel.....314 for 1
 Heath—Gun Mounts.....317 for 1
 Pete Simmons—Paint.....457 for 2
 L. Burgess—Stockrooms 457 for 2

U. A. W. Credit Union

By PHYLLIS BATHE

The annual Membership meeting of January 27th was very interested to hear a report from President E. Lilley and a Financial Statement from Treasurer G. Weales outlining the wonderful progress the Credit Union has made in the past year. — Increase in membership — Increase in share purchases — Increase in loan applications and above all a definite increase in interest shown in this co-operative way of helping one another from a monetary standpoint.

The Board of Directors recommended (which was accepted by the meeting) a dividend of 30c per share to shareholders as of August 31, 1943 — 3c per share to shares as transferred as of Sept. 30, 1943. 3% dividend on minimum monthly balance on deposits. Please bring in your pass books so that your dividend may be entered.

Clarence Brown and George Weales were elected for a 3 year term on the Board of Directors.

Roy Judge—elected for 2 years to the Supervisory Committee.

Fred Wainright—re-elected for 3 year term to the Supervisory Committee.

John MacGregor—acclamation for 3 year term on Credit Committee.

It was unanimously passed by the meeting that Treasurer G. Weales be given a small honorarium for his efficient service to date.

Every Second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. the membership of the Credit Union will meet in the Union Hall. Please make note—come out to see us now and then.

25c membership fee and a minimum deposit will start you well on your way to TEACH YOUR DOLLARS TO MAKE SENSE.

Ladies Auxiliary

By BEA MEYER

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary held January 26th, seven new members were initiated. To further boost the building of the Auxiliary, a membership drive is planned for the month of March. Along with other proposals submitted, it was felt that a quarterly report to the membership of Local 222 on the work done by the Auxiliary would stimulate interest among the Union membership and give impetus to the drive. The Secretary was instructed to approach the Union for time on the agenda, and other details. The Auxiliary feels confident that it will get whole-hearted support and co-operation on this question and that, at the end of the drive, it will be able to report a good increase in membership—which in turn, will mean a greatly strengthened labor movement.

A motion of protest to the Government for the inadequate allowance of \$65.00 for clothing for discharged members of the armed forces, was carried unanimously. It was pointed out that the U.S. Government had granted many times that amount, and a minimum of \$125.00 was urged as the sum necessary for the barest essentials at the current prices of clothing.

The Auxiliary will hold its Birthday Party on March 8th at the Union Hall—with a Chicken Supper, Birthday Cake and all the trimmings. Committees are going ahead with the arrangements and a good turnout is expected. Among those who were sent invitations are Sisters Dorothy Keene, Catherine Gillis and Fay Stevenson from the United States.

The next meeting will nominate for the incoming Executive, which will be elected at the following meeting. Cards are being sent out urging all members to attend.

A Brother Passes

Suffering a fatal heart attack Saturday morning, Feb. 5, Bro. C. Henning, of 205 Celina St., leaves to mourn his passing a wife and six young children. Bro. Henning has been employed by G.M.C. for some years and has been a member of Local 222 for some time. Recently he worked in the War Parts Dept. at the "Knox Glass".

THOSE POST-WAR JOBS

By W. E. NOBLE

Out of the welter of talk that is going the rounds concerning Post War Reconstruction, and the number of plans and pronouncements made by economists, politicians, bankers and others, emerges the voice of the Labor movement with the only statement that has immediate and disturbing significance for Unionists.

It is reliably computed that Canada will need to provide two million new jobs or re-establish old ones for the personnel of our armed forces and those now employed in war industry.

Some of our Industrial leaders seem to be planning for only partial production, or at least they do not contemplate the use of the full manpower they are at present using.

Our bankers are shouting to high heaven that we must return, in effect, to the old, to them, good days of "hard money" but to us, the bad old days of insufficient income or worse, relief, unemployment, malnutrition and all the rest of the soul destroying meanness of the depression years.

Only this time it could become so much more rapidly worse than ever before because of the new techniques in production and the very largely increased National Debt that Canada must necessarily have assumed since the beginning of the war.

On this point, the Canadian National Income reached an all-time high in the past year, and despite Price Control, Wage Control and all the rest of it, our Government at Ottawa has based their ability to spend for the continued prosecution of the war on that increased income, which is only right if we hope to win.

But here is the point, we shout now about our taxes, but they aren't a patch on what they will be if we allow the National Income to fall much below its present attained level. And only a full employment program can keep it up there.

Industry claims that the post-war period will automatically right itself if left alone, allow business as usual and no government interference. That was tried and it was a failure, there must be no second chance for such a debacle as 1929 to '39.

However, industry must provide the bulk of the jobs that our people will work at and for which they will receive the regular pay cheque. Immediately, therefore, we should find out just what the plans for the post-war period of our industries really are and our Federal Government should get busy on such a fact-finding mission. Then a full plan of projects to take up the slack could be

worked out.

When we talk about our Government doing these things we are apt too often to think that is all that is necessary. Governments never do anything unless they know that what they are about to do is directly the will of the people or of some influential part of the people.

That is where such an organization as ours, the UAW-CIO, comes into the picture as well as all the other bodies of organized Labor in Canada.

In Oshawa we must take the lead in making a study of this very vital problem. We must be prepared to give leadership to this move for full post-war employment and we must know what we are talking about in order to do it.

Already various bodies have set in motion machinery to do something about the matter locally. The City Council has set up a Committee, the Legion has had a Rehabilitation Committee for some time, other Local Unions have made surveys in their industries locally, the Oshawa and District Labor Council is proceeding to take action along these lines, but every one is wondering what the UAW is doing about it.

The job then for us is to establish a committee in our Union of the most capable men we can find, set them the job of finding out what G.M. plans to do at the conclusion of the war and how much of the present personnel will be employed, interview the managements of the other plants we have under contract with the same purpose, then ask that all the interested bodies in the city have a full conference composed of our City Council, representatives of Industries and of Labor to find out what our prospects are in this matter.

We know, of course, that there are plans to do some civic work and, naturally, many of the pre-war lines will be put back in production, but here is one that we must not forget—what is the Federal Government going to do

Shipping Notes

By A. S. P.

Gus Munroe met with quite a serious accident in CKD and is now recuperating in the General Hospital. By the time this is in print we hope he will be back on the job.

It is the concensus of opinion that quicker medical service is needed in case of accidents and that ambulances be supplied to take the victims to the hospital.

Roy Elliot who was seriously injured in a traffic accident while proceeding to work is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

Joe Gearing says if it's a wet Spring he's going to raise wild ducks and mud hens. He's looking for Duck Herders.

Jim Kilpatrick who made quite a hit with his "whistling" has to give many a repeat performance. He once won a hand painted cuspidor at the Uxbridge Fair whistling "The Mocking Bird".

Danny Shuplack was absent for a week with a disabled limb. He is back good as new.

Scotty Popejoy is going out of the poultry biz. If you want some dandy barred rocks that are laying, just ask him.

R. Litz goes in for poultry in a big way. He is adding turkeys to his enterprise in 1944.

Quite a few of the boys who were transferred to other divisions in 1943 are bouncing back now. Welcome home. Quite prominent among these is "Steamboat" Bill Bristow the Millbrook strong man.

A certain gay blade in CKD absents himself on calls from without, frequently. What's Cooking?

'Tis said, Bob Tyson (Bill Tribble's office understudy) is the champion jitterbug of the shipping dept.

about Ajax? We should strongly back the Union at Ajax in their efforts to find some useful job to which that plant could be put.

Then with all the data that would have been collected, Ottawa could be approached with a demand that any slack be taken up by non-profit projects of a nature to be really useful to Canadian people.

Many have already lost faith in our Government to do anything about it, but unless we demand and keep demanding that they do the things we want done. We won't get very much. If, after demanding and proving our point, they still do nothing, the people of this country have the remedy in their hands in direct political action.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of the late Bro. Joe Swallow, also to the Drinkle boys in the loss of their Father and to Bro. Shilling in the loss of his Father.

Some things we would like to know?

—Were the two little boys pleased with the little red fire trucks they received at Christmas — also were they products of Good Men or did Santa Claus just bring them?

—When is Bus Trott going to start Trotting?

—When is Stew Marting going to get out of the Stew?

—When are we going to have a Shipping Dept. get-together?

—Who is the new G.M. doctor? What is his name?

PUZZLE

Find the names of non-union men in this sentence:

George and Charlie Periodically say that Ma shall Fry them eggs and bacon and serve them breakfast in bed.

News from 90J Nacelle

By ELLEN

Correction: Bill Warner claims he needs a Girl Guide . . . not a City Directory.

Who is Mr. X? Giving five dollar presents in Post Office last pay.

Scene: Mary St. Gate, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 22; time: 4:02; "The Great Lover" left wife and babe to hide for fear of recognition by fellow employees. Don't be so bashful, Mike!

Congrats to Jim Willis who took the fatal plunge; again an old married man.

Bernice Hopkins . . . nice embroidery . . . wedding bells?

Ellen says "look at my left 'hook' and see if it's platonic friendship!"

90 Fuselage

By BILL CLIFF

Tenders will be received for running the Pay Day Pool (or fool?) on or before February 16, 1944. Former Sect'y Treas. has resigned on account of financial? embarrassment.

Bro. Beer or Butter Hughie finds that 44 hours a week has cut his buying power so that he had to decide whether it would be beer or butter. Good bye, Butter! It must cost J.R. a lot for Choc Bars these cold, frosty days.