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The Hon. C. D. Howe's department at Ottawa returned an answer to Local 222 that they were not responsible for what would be done with the Ajax Plant after the close of the War. This was in answer to a letter asking the dep't, who are really the management of the Ajax plant, as to what were the government plans for post-war use of the plant. This is a question that has been exercising the minds of not only the Unions but of Municipal Councils and other public bodies in this area for some time. This was only one of the highlights of the last members' meeting. A letter to Mr. Coldwell of the CCF was authorized on the matter. Youth had its innings with the appointment of two delegates and two alternate delegates to the Oshawa Youth Commission, Phyllis Bathe and Don Dalmage being the delegates and Bill O'Reilly and Bruce Anderson the alternates.

After some discussion and strong opinion was voiced concerning the iniquity of the new Quebec Labor Law, it was voted to support the Unions fight in Quebec to have it revised. It was stated that the Quebec government had incorporated all the worst features of other labor legislation in their act and as the UAW-CIO now had organization in Quebec we should be doubly glad to help.

The matter of proper recognition of the respect of the Union for any member and his or her family in the case of death was brought to the attention of the meeting and after discussion it was decided that the Union would instruct the shop committeemen to attend the funerals of members of their area who pass away.

Malcolm Smith, the chairman of the Shop Committee, was voted \$250 in recognition of the tremendous amount of work that he has done during the past year on behalf of the membership. This sum was based on the difference between his total income for the year

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Why Should A Union Take Political Action?

By A. R. MOSHER
President of the
Canadian Congress of Labor

The chief reason, in my opinion, why a union should take political action, is that politicians are taking union action. In other words, governments are playing an increasing role in all industrial affairs, and thus dealing with matters of direct concern to Labor. They are either employers themselves, especially during the war-period, or they determine the policies by which industry is carried on, to such an extent that unions and private employers are unable to negotiate and conclude agreements with the same freedom they once enjoyed.

All matters affecting wages, including such questions as holidays with pay, overtime, etc., now require the approval of government bodies. Even where industry is not being operated by governments, the employment and tariff policies adopted by governments determine whether or not an employer can continue in business, the wages he can pay, and the amount of work he can provide. Obviously, therefore, unions must go into politics, and send their own representatives into parliaments and legislatures.

Apart from labor matters, the interests of the workers as citizens demand political action. The old parties have not represented the workers, or protected them against exploitation and recurring depressions. To meet their immediate needs and to establish a social order of justice and democracy, political action is essential.

educational program for the coming year will be vitally needed. We need to know more about the Labor Code for one thing. The new health insurance measures now being proposed will need examining. A series of large meetings with first class speakers to explain these things to us are indicated. Also the place of women in Industry should be looked into and Elizabeth Hawes should be brought here to discuss it with the girls of the Union.

There are several other things needed that could be done without great cost which would add tremendously to the effectiveness of our Union. For instance there are now available pamphlets that can be had in quantity sufficiently cheap to allow of the distribution of at least 3,000 pieces of literature per month.

Also every one of the feeder plants should not only have a representative on the main committee but should have their own sub-committee of at least three to five members to do the job in their own plant.

Because the work to be done is going to require all the efforts we can give to it, "No drones need apply" if this committee is to do the job.

We believe that when elected to committees, brothers and sisters should attend at least 90 per cent of the committee meetings and have valid excuses for being absent. With this in mind we are publishing the attendance record of the members as an example to other committees. The members should know how our elected representatives do their job, not only in the Union, one might add, but in municipal and other governmental offices. Politicians please note!

We held ten meetings and note should be made that Mrs. Stacey

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THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By WM. E. NOBLE
Chairman, Educational
Committee

The past year's activities have been reviewed to some extent in recent issues but there remains, naturally, many items that could not be discussed in the limited space at our disposal.

Some activities that have not been mentioned are in the charge of our committee members of whom little is heard.

Bro. Sharples has been the Secretary for the past year and has rendered valuable service. He has also attended both the conference at Chicago on Education and the more recent one in Toronto where we discussed the immediate problems of the Canadian region and more directly of Oshawa and Toronto.

Bro. O'Reilly has had charge of the Film Project and has made numerous showings of film in this area, although this was enough for one member to look after, Bill also found time to lend valuable aid in carrying on the Open Forum.

Bro. Robson undertook the task of seeing to the distribution of the Oshaworker and since he took over there has been no complaints.

The literature end of the work has been to a large extent carried on by the whole committee or rather those who attended with regularity.

As you will notice, this issue of the paper has grown to six pages at the request of course of the members, and we should make it sufficiently valuable to keep that size. We feel that it has been successful and fills a real need, and the desire for an increase in size lends confirmation to that view.

Out of the recent conferences and the very real need of the times, a very well organized

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EDITOR TALKS

It has always been true in the Union movement that there seems to be a tremendous collective curiosity about everything under the sun in connection with the Union and everything that affects the life of the Union and the everyday life of the members.

It is natural therefore that the members should appeal to their stewards for the information that they lack in order to satisfy that curiosity. Maybe it should be called some other name because in many cases it appears to the questioner a vital matter that their questions should receive an immediate answer.

Coming to realize this the Regional Educational Director, in proposing a sort of query bureau is certain to find many customers for the service.

It should be of immense value to the Steward body because there are so many questions about such matters as the Labor Code, the Wage Order, the proposed Health Insurance scheme, as well as a host of technical and knotty problems about the workings of the Local or an interpretation of the Contract that need ironing out from time to time and that may just possibly need more thought than the Local members have time to give them.

The service can be of immense help to the various committees as well. It should interest all Political Action Committees also, to know that they can get information, and in most instances a **d** **v** **a** **n** **c** **e** information, about legislation that is about to be put into force or that has just come to the attention of the Public.

With the research services that are now available it should not be hard to answer any questions asked. We are of the opinion, however, that Drummond Wren has taken on a real job to answer all the queries he should receive and is to be complimented upon his willingness to undertake difficult tasks.

If the service offered is followed up by the Union members, the UAW-CIO should not only become the largest single Union in Ontario but also the best informed.

Ladies' Auxiliary

By MABLE MAYNE

On March 8th, Auxiliary 27 of Local 222 held its 7th Annual birthday celebration. Tables were beautifully decorated in the Auxiliary colours of mauve and gold and flowers adorned the centre. 311 Auxiliary members and husbands were served. Sister Reardon very capably iced the birthday cake which was cut by Sister Henderson and a wish for the continued success of the auxiliary was made.

Sister Dorothy Keene, President of UAW Auxiliary of Rockford, Illinois and Sister Faye Stephenson, President, Congress Women's Auxiliaries of Washington were guests of the evening. Both sisters giving very inspiring addresses. Several toasts were given along with speeches from Mable Mayne, Regional Director of Canadian Auxiliary, Bros. Geo. Burt, J. Smith and Albert Elson.

Sister Mary Fleming gave the annual report of Auxiliary activities at which time she stated the Auxiliary had an income of \$2,054 for the year. Sister Fleming is to be congratulated on the fine report and the time she spent on same.

Sister Henderson turned the evening over to the Entertainment Committee and a two hour show was presented by Joe Dixon and his troupe and the Auxiliary members "Family Album" bringing the evening to a close.

Sister Keene and Sister Stephenson congratulated the Auxiliary on their fine efforts and remarked it was the best union affair they had ever attended.

The next meeting is the second Wednesday in April and a good attendance is anticipated.

**NEXT DEADLINE DATE
FOR THE PAPER IS APRIL
10. Sign your copy and leave
it at the Union Office..**

**DON'T FORGET TO CALL
THE UNION OFFICE IF
ANY ONE IS ILL OR IN-
JURED! BRO. ED WEIR
WILL PAY THEM A VISIT
WITH SOME UNION CHEER!**

With the Stewards

By JAS. LOWNIE
Chairman, Stewards

The steward meeting of March 10th made rather a poor start but a grand finish. The members were a little disappointed by the announcement made by Bro. O'Reilly, who operates the cinematograph, that for once in six months he was unable to show the regular educational pictures, due to some irregular happening to the mailing of films. He expressed regret and only hoped this unfortunate circumstance would not happen again.

However, Chairman Jas. Lownie and his newly elected secretary, Bro. Metcalfe, got into position and carried on as usual.

Bro. Malc. Smith gave his report, which everyone is always particularly interested in.

Bro. Pearsen had nothing to report, other than a meeting for his committee was called for March 14th.

Bro. Lilley had a detailed report of the Credit Union, but to save time he just read the "highlights" as he called it. The report shows conclusively that the Credit Union is now well established. Bert Elson made a few favorable comments concerning the Credit Union. He urged everyone to take advantage of the special features and convenience afforded. Even that "Little bit away for a rainy day" is quite a consolation for any future emergency, he says.

Bro. Bouckley "broke the ice" on the Building Fund Drive. He issued books of tickets and held the stewards responsible for a successful campaign. This is really very necessary, and we hope for co-operation among the membership. We will all appreciate this endeavor and be proud in future that we have the convenience of a Hall and realize it is our own.

Bro. George Burt gave us a surprise visit midway in the meeting. He apparently was able to get in all right although we don't think he showed any credentials. However, Bro. Burt eventually was called upon to address the meeting, and what a good job he made of it too. We regret his time was limited. He pointed out the great importance

Slivers from the Box Factories

On Thursday, March 16, the Union workers at Oshawa Box and Lumber had a hearing in the Labor Court in Toronto. At a membership meeting, a couple of months ago, a brief had been drawn up regarding a raise in wages for almost all categories of workers in the shop, raise of cost-of-living bonus, etc.

Bill Mason of the Oshawa Box and Lumber, who some time ago, while unloading lumber, fell out of a box car and broke a heel, is back from the hospital in Toronto. The heel not wanting to heal properly, the bone setters took out a piece of bone of one of his legs and grafted it into the contrary heel. Now Bill walks around on crutches and he handles them almost as efficiently as the other 2 x 4's which he has to do with usually.

His fellow workers wish him a speedy recovery.

The bridgehead which the women established at Kohen's a few weeks ago has become almost an invasion. Instead of one female nailer there are now two, and they are going at it hammer and tongs. The male workers are all agog. Even Joe, the foreman, thinking of future developments, is considering taking up a correspondence course from Emily Post.

The Buzz Saw.

of solidarity; the expectations for the future; and realized only too well the necessity of co-operation and unity in order to maintain the continued rights and livelihood of the worker. Bro. Burt's experience and forethought is ample reason why we should all "inwardly digest" his timely remarks, and be well advised to adhere to his policy and advice.

The chairman then called for New Business and offered the suggestion of a Stewards' Banquet for discussion. The floor seemed to speak quite favorably, but passed it on to the Executive.

Then Brother Turner's draw took place and the two lucky winners were: W. Bulmer and A. E. Connors, 33 King E.

Although a lot of business was done, the meeting adjourned in good time.

Tool, Die and Maintenance Workers Organize

To All Members Of Local 222

Why there should be no question about paying the International Assessment for 1944.

1. As you all know, your dues for each month is \$1.00. This amount you will agree is very low for the service and privilege of belonging to the largest Union in the world.

2. In 1942 we were given the opportunity by referendum vote to decide the question of increasing the monthly dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50—25c to go to the International and 25c to the local union, the money to be used for a post-war fund. The majority of the members voted this down.

3. Last year the assessment was used to organize aircraft in U.S.A. and Canada and a real good job has been done amongst this section of our Union.

4. This assessment for 1944 is to be used to further service our members and to build up the financial standing for the post-war period. This is very important.

5. When we become members of the UAWA-CIO we accept its constitution, and in Article 16, Section 11, we find that the International Executive has the authority to assess each member \$1.00 per year.

6. Personally, I am very proud of our Local's record in the past in meeting our obligations. Therefore, I am calling upon all our members to maintain and even surpass this record and make it 100 per cent for Local 222.

**Albert Elson, President,
Local 222, UAW-CIO.**

Committee Elections

• Nominations are completed for candidates for election of G. M. Division representatives on Local 222 Educational Committee and Delegates to the UAW-CIO District Council.

CANDIDATES—

District Council

E. N. BOOTE
R. F. COURTNEY
FREDERICK CROME
ALBERT ELSON
W. L. GRANT
N. R. MORRISON
C. B. PEEL
MALCOLM SMITH
GEO. S. THOMSON
A. J. TURNER

Education Committee

C. R. BROWN
DAVID CARRIE
W. G. DINGMAN
W. E. NOBLE
W. J. O'REILLY
J. A. ROBSON
SIDNEY SHARPLES
A. G. SHULTZ
A. C. STARK
E. J. WEIR

VOTING—

Union Hall
Thursday, March 30th
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, March 31st
12 noon to 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 1st
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please bring your Membership Card.

After a lot of headaches about rates and hours, apprentice setup, dilution of skilled personnel and other problems and the final realization that the only way to a solution of their problems was for those concerned to sit down and thresh these matters out, the Tool room,

Auto Workers (Oshawa) Credit Union Ltd.

DO YOU KNOW:

—That good news has been received about the charter. If our By-Laws conform to the Credit Union Act (1940), the above will be the incorporated name. Here's hoping.

—That an active study group is in progress on a 5-lesson course with Thos. McMullen, formerly of Timmins Credit Union, as able group leader. Very healthy and snappy discussion is carried on.

—That April appears to be a somewhat demanding month on the old sock what with, Income Tax, Bonds, property taxes, etc. But if you have been a member of the C.U. with at least one share for one month, you can relieve the strain and apply for a loan.

—That a true definition of a co-operative credit union's efforts is: Not for charity, Not for profit, but for Service.

—That for the past 3 months (Dec. 1—Feb. 29) \$1,906.50 was loaned to members.

—That in order to encourage thrift among its members, one of the terms of membership in every credit union is a deposit of 50c each month at least. Those who have forgotten this point—please take note.

—That we had a good turnout for the March 12th meeting at which Geo. Scott, Ontario Credit Union League Secretary gave an inspiring address with a wealth of information for us to consider at coming meetings.

Pattern shop and Maintenance workers of the UAW-CIO in Oshawa have decided to form a Tool, Die and Maintenance Council.

The question arises as to what is such a Council, its functions and place in the Union. In some respects it is not unlike the Feeder plant setup we already have in this Amalgamated Local of ours.

Its primary function is to solve the problems relative to proper rates of pay for the skilled and semi-skilled day worker, to assist in organizing the skilled workers in the district and bring them to a proper level of rates and hours, to prepare the argumentation for the shop committee on cases from the parts of the plant represented by such a Council, to see that the apprentice gets a fair and decent deal, to establish a Journeyman committee to place the skilled and semi-skilled in the categories in which their skill entitles them to be placed and to see to it that management recognize them in those gradings so that unfair practices will be eliminated.

This does not mean any abrogation of the authority of the Union as a whole, it is simply a means of caring for the problems peculiar to the skilled day worker in the plant who has not been able to get his particular problem ironed out in the general negotiations.

Not only will this type of organization aid the worker, it is going to tremendously simplify the work of the Shop committee when these cases have to be taken up, in that the Council can, and will, supply all the material needed to handle any grievance or negotiation on their behalf. With all the skilled workers in the district organized a Council Journeyman's Card will sure mean a lot to the worker. Lets go for 100% organization!

Massey-Harris Brantford Signs



Local Union President Charlie Ward and International Representative Robert S. Stacey look on, W. H. Lippett and A. M. Lount of the Massey-Harris Company sign a collective bargaining agreement with the union. C.B.C. Scott of Toronto Massey-Harris gives moral support at the far right as they sign. Union committeemen standing at the back are: A. R. MacKay, Alison Woodley, Joan Dowden and Douglas Carter. The agreement follows the pattern of the Toronto Massey-Harris contract and marks another milestone in the organization of the farm implement industry.

UNION WINS PAY CASE FOR MEMBERS

By MALCOLM SMITH

The decision on the two remaining arbitration cases has been received from Mr. Fine, of the Provincial Dept. of Labour. On the grievance regarding the youths in Stockroom 4 doing the same work as men and requesting the same rate, the decision went against the Union. We regard this as a very unfair

decision, as anyone who cares to go and watch the operation can plainly see, and we wonder just in what manner Mr. Fine reviewed the job.

On the second case, the case of D. McFarlane claiming that he should be paid the same as other saw operators, we were successful in winning an increase of 10c per hour, retroactive to the date the grievance was filed, which, according to our files was Nov. 17th, so Bro. McFarlane will have a nice little cheque coming to him.

It has been intimated by management that the inventory period for this year has been O.K.'d by the Government as June 30th - July 10th. The vacation pay cheque will be paid out this year before the plant closes for inventory.

A special meeting was held Monday, March 20th regarding the dismissal of J. L. Clark, one of the night shift spray booth cleaners, and consider we were fortunate in getting a decision to rehire him. Bro. Clark came in to work on Friday, March 3rd and punched out without starting work because two of his mates didn't turn up for work. He had already been warned once for doing the same thing, and received a dismissal the second time.

To prevent things like this happening we would say that when an employee reports for work, he should not punch out and go home for no reason at all. If you have to go home at least report to your foreman or superintendent.

The Negotiating Committee elections are coming along nicely and I hope to be able to give a complete report in the next issue.

INCOME TAX

Having trouble with your Income Tax form?

Four members of our Local have volunteered to assist members in good standing with their tax forms.

One or all of them will be in the Union Hall every day from now until the dead line for making returns, providing the demand for their services warrant the following of the proposed hours.

Monday to Friday:
7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday:
9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Brothers W. L. Grant, John J. March, J. McDonald and Geo. Weales have offered to assist in this manner. It is agreed that this is only for members in good standing and that a charge of 50c be made to each member receiving this service.

\$1.00 Assessment Due April 1st

The announcement from the International states that "This assessment is levied for the primary and sole purpose of enabling the International Union to render a more comprehensive service to affiliated local unions and their respective membership."

Must be paid by all members recorded as of January 31, 1944.

Those who have not paid the assessment by the end of May shall be liable for suspension. However, it is expected that the majority of our members will pay during April, the month in which the assessment falls due.

U.A.W.A. Bowling League

With only four more nights to go to finish the schedule, there is quite a struggle going on in both groups for play-off positions. The Army Cab and Door Buster teams are undoubtedly the most improved teams in the entire League. Army Cab lead Group I with 11 points, closely followed by Door Busters with 10 points. Door Busters lost a nice opportunity to go ahead on March 17th by dropping 3 points. Captain Cec. Sandford had a poor night, both games under 100. This puts him in the Lemon League. "Come on, Cec., snap out of it! You don't belong in that class."

Steelers really went to work on the Reject team, winning both games for 3 points with two nice games, 1180 and 1212, against the Reject totals of 1130 and 997. The Stockroom team dropped from leading position in Group II when Cardinals beat them in both games for 3 points. Nice going Pete Wilson—you should make the play-offs now, but keep an eye on the Paint Shop team, they are right behind you.

Gun Mounts were successful in gaining a play-off position at the expense of Tool & Die, defeating them in both games to cinch it. Local 222 very generously donated shirts for the bowlers who will take part in the Canadian Bowling Association tournament. These shirts really look nice with the inscription on the back, UAWA Oshawa and the International crest in the center. If any Union member would like to purchase a shirt similar to these, please contact Bro. Godfrey, Paint Shop, west plant, or Bro. Donaldson, Material Handling, North plant, for information.

For the information of all members of the Bowling League, below is the standing of the "high average" bowlers up to March 17th:

Lloyd Hall (Reject) 236
Myrle Reeson (Reject)..... 229
Johnny Brady (Tool & Die) 223

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE READING?

This week we would like to draw your attention to four very excellent books that everyone should read NOW if they haven't done so before:

DO YOU KNOW LABOR? By Myers. No. 331.8 in the Oshawa Library.

What Are We To Do Now? By Strachey. No. 331.87.

Kaiser Wakes The Doctors. By De Kruif. No. 614.

Modern Housing. By Bauer. No. 728.

These four books are headliners each in its own way. Why not look them over and find out what kind of world we really live in and the possibilities of the one we should inhabit if we had a grain of that horse sense we're so fond of bragging about.

Bill Fisher (Reject)	214
'Red' Demerse (Salvage).....	213
Ken Peterson (Tool & Die)...	212
Geo. Parfitt (Tool & Die).....	209
"Bus" James (Export).....	208
Roy Martin (Steelers).....	208
Frank Kellar (Primers).....	208
Harold Godfrey (Paint Shop)	207
V. McLaughlin (Cardinals)...	206
Hughie McDonald (Reject)...	206
Chuck Heath (Gun Mounts)	206

THE BIG SHOTS

Group I, March 10th

Ross (Army Cab).....	515 for 2
Snudden (Door Busters)	498 for 2
Demerse (Salvage)	448 for 2

March 17th

Lockwood (Army Cab)	551 for 2
Harvey Scott (Shop Flyers)	509 for 2
Roy Martin (Steelers)...	502 for 2
E. Pope (Salvage)	491 for 2

Group II, March 10th

Bert Rogers (Paint Shop)	483 for 2
Bill Bell (U.S.A.; A).....	480 for 2

March 17th

Pete Simmons (Paint Shop)	488 for 2
Bill Joyce (Gun Mounts)	301 for 1

—Alex Donaldson.

Through the Dues Wicket

By A. G. SHULTZ
Financial Secretary

Greetings—

It is reported that some who have been discharged from the armed services have joined our Local without knowledge of the constitutional provision permitting them to become members without payment of an Initiation Fee. The Executive has concurred with the recommendation authorizing me to give credit for two additional months dues to such members providing they present their military discharge papers at the Union office in accordance with the constitution. This ruling applies only to Initiations and not to readmission of former members.

A FREE COPY of the UAW-CIO constitution as adopted October, 1943 is yours for the asking at the Dues Wicket.

Lapel Buttons purchased from the International Union are on sale at the Union office at \$1.00 each.

•HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ASSESSMENT?

Don't delay — maintain your good standing by paying the assessment now.

Nacelle Dept.

I guess we will all be going for a ride one of these days, eh Smitty? How about you, Dick?

To Mrs. Jack Riley, the employees wish a speedy recovery.

We wish to extend our sympathies to Bill Sampson in the loss of his father.

Too many boy friends and pals will break your heart some day, Fergie.

WANTED — Singers for the Glee Club. Get in touch with Alex Christie. Come on all you Brothers and Sisters, let's see you turn out and sing.

We all hope Frenchy will soon be back with us again. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mike is having a hole-ly time on his spot welder. What's wrong, Mike? You must remember you are not making Do-nuts.

I wonder who the girl was that said "I do love you, Red". Now is my face red. Vergie, shame on you. Blushes are old fashioned.

Ontario Steel CITY COUNCIL'S JOB TO PLAN HOUSING

By A. J. TURNER

Housing has been a football long enough. For the past three years and more, the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments have been booting it around.

The workers have had to pay to watch this grim game. Statistics clearly show that juvenile delinquency

and absenteeism are largely a result of poor home life—of bad housing. What have we done to tackle this practical side of these twin problems?

Bad housing is still with us. Industry wants even more workers. No more Wartime houses are to be built. What is the solution?

This is not a problem for the individual citizen. This is a municipal problem. This is a city crisis. The city council must take the responsibility of leadership.

City council should immediately set up a Municipal Housing Board. Its function will be to plan and manage a low rental housing project. It should provide up to date, well constructed buildings on modern sites. Labor will have a prominent place on such a board.

City council, industry and the labor groups in Oshawa should immediately get together on this question. The provincial and federal governments should be contacted to give the green light to a planned housing program and to supply the necessary finances.

Our workers need houses. We must work quickly and effectively and see to it that they get them.

We have thirty-six Brothers from O. S. in the armed forces but recently Pilot Officer Davies was listed missing in a flight over Germany, and so far has not been confirmed. Now Brothers of O. S., I think there is one job we have all fallen down on, and that is in corresponding with the boys, and letting them know what is going on at home and in the shop.

There is no excuse now, as all the facilities are available in the Union Hall, pen, ink, and paper, and all the addresses of the boys, also the co-operation of the office staff. If you desire, literature is available through the Education Dept. UAW-CIO.

Come on now Brothers, let's make a pledge to write and keep faith with our Brothers in the UAW-CIO.

BULLETIN BOARD

March 29:

Garnish Moulding—7-8 p.m.

April 1:

Bingo—8.30 p.m.

April 5:

Membership Meeting—8 p.m.

April 12:

Auxiliary—8 p.m.

April 13:

Rod & Gun Club—8 p.m.

Bingo—2.30 p.m.

UNION DRAW

APRIL 19th

Have You Got Your Draw Ticket Yet?

HELP BUILD OUR OWN HALL!

We own the land . . . let's raise the dough for the BUILDING!

GOOD PRIZES

TICKETS 25c

Sick and Social Club

By ERIC LILLEY

The Local 222 Sick and Social Club held its first regular meeting in the Union Hall on March 14. Regular meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. April 11 is the next. Remember to be present as this is a live club and deserves your support.

The membership now exceeds 700 and during the organization period have accumulated working capital of over \$1,000.00.

First call for benefits has been paid and appreciated by the sick members.

Has your department organized yet? Our rules went into effect on April 1, 1944 and members joining now can pay up from the start and be eligible for the share-out or pay the admission fee of 50c and 50c each pay but forfeit all right to participation in the share-out. In either case 4 weeks good standing is necessary before receiving any benefits.

Full participation after April 1, 1944 and before April 14, 1944 will require \$2.50 and 50c each pay-day thereafter. Get one man in your group to whom you can make payments each pay-day and have him take his list and money to the Secretary and Treasurer on Friday night at the Union hall.

The Club business is entirely separate from the Dues wicket and can only be done on Friday nights.

Any member sick must obtain and fill in a sick claim. This must be handed in on Friday night to receive payment of benefits the following week. **Don't Neglect — Protect — Join Now.**

THIS 'N THAT

Punch, famous English humor sheet, was founded for the benefit of a special class—the English aristocracy — which was never famous for its sense of humor. For years the paper, afraid that their gags wouldn't hit home, printed the point of every joke in italics.

News, Toronto.

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Cursing and yelling on a London street was Clancy, holding a fancy door-knob in his fist. "Them Nazis will pay for this," he yelled, "blowing a saloon right out of my hand."

Oklahoma AM Aggrievator.

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(This one's no good to the clor blind, but listen sisters!)

The latest wrinkle being advertised on the baby goods market is a set of diapers which changes color as baby's humidity increases. Red is the danger signal.

Chiropractor.

* * *

"Lady if you will give us a nickel, my little brother will imitate a hen."

"What will he do?" asked the lady, "cackle like a hen?"

"Naw," replied the boy in disgust. "He wouldn't do a cheap imitation like that, he'll eat a woin."

Nebraska Awgwap.

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It is said that many women use even less than 850 words of basic English, but of course there is a terrific turnover.

Punch.

* * *

A certain newspaper editor had cause to admonish his son on account of his reluctance to attend school.

"You must go regularly and learn to be a great scholar," said the father, "otherwise you can never be an editor. What would you do, for instance, if your paper came out full of mistakes?"

"Father," was the reply, "I'd blame 'em on the printer."

And then the father fell on the son's neck and wept for joy. He knew he had a worthy successor for the editorial chair.

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and that of the group with whom he worked at the shop and really only represented the amount directly lost to him because of the difference of hours worked due to his Union activity.

Four members of the Union were selected to help fill out Income Tax forms for the members and a notice to that effect appears in another part of the Oshaworker.

A motion was also passed to support the Drew Government's proposed Anti-Discrimination Bill which would make illegal any discriminatory action against any minority group in the province. While there had not been any great exhibition of this sort of thing locally, it was apparent that it existed in some cases and in other places so that a telegram was ordered sent to Queen's Park.

The Educational Committee's report of the Chicago Conference was tabled to the next meeting as the time had elapsed for the members' meeting and an extension would have been necessary to do justice to the report.

Education Committee

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was only on the committee from the Auxiliary a part of the year, being replaced by Mrs. Thompson, so their attendance must be viewed in that light:

Name	Present	Absent
C. Brown	5	5
W. Currie	3	7
A. Dean	3	7
T. Martin	7	3
W. Noble	10	0
W. O'Reilly	9	1
W. Powers	2	8
J. Robson	9	1
S. Sharples	10	0
Mrs. Stacey	3 (left com.)	
A. Shultz	7	3
Mrs. Thompson	5 (replac't.)	
Geo. Thompson	9	1
Mrs. Turner	10	0

With the election of the Educational Committee for this coming term in the offing it should be the aim of the members to make sure that the best possible people are on the committee and then to demand that the Educational Committee excel the work of the past year in the year that is coming.

Political Action

Political action, it's in the air. Political action, it's everywhere. But like everything else it needs defining. What is meant by Political Action, and what immediate steps can a Political Action Committee take? There is as much difference between proper political action and partisan politics as there is between night and day.

Around proper political action the greatest measure of unity in all Locals can be attained. This is simply because on the prob-



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are numerous examples for the guidance of committees where government has amended its proposed laws because of the united and determined pressure of labor. The most recent was the excellent demonstration of political action when all shades of parties unitedly met the cabinet at Ottawa on the wage control order-in-council which has already resulted in amendments being made to that order making it decidedly better for all labor in Canada. It is doubtful if that could have been accomplished through the alternative of placing the matter in the hands of any of the parties in opposition.

As an example of an immediate project, consideration should be given to the National Health Draft Bill now before the committee at Ottawa. Labor's requirements in such a bill should be decided upon and meeting the approval of the District U.A.W. should be pressed before the committee. The first part of a complete survey of this draft bill will be available immediately to any committee wanting it. Write your Canadian Educational Department.

DO YOU GET THE "AUTOWORKER"

Regional Publicity Director, Harry Rowe, states that as some new UAW-CIO members and old as well are not yet receiving the "Canadian Autoworker" through the mail. He suggests that those who are not receiving it should check with the Financial Secretary of their local to make sure that their correct addresses are on file.

The "Canadian Autoworker" is now a four-page supplement to the regular international addition. It contains more Canadian news and material than ever before and is a "must" item for any member who wishes to keep up to date on the union's progress and on Canadian labor developments.

lems facing labor or on matters affecting labor directly or indirectly there is common ground on which all groups can meet. Having met in this way the necessary amount of pressure can be brought to bear on the legislative bodies whether Federal, Provincial, or Municipal. But let's not forget this can only be accomplished if the main consideration is the labor problem and is neither other extraneous matters nor manoeuvring for advantage either by individuals or groups.

With these things in mind the political action committees have an increasing responsibility and importance. Every public proposal and piece of legislation should be carefully examined. All the facts pertaining to such matters should be compiled with the cooperation of the education committees. But one must be sure the facts are facts and not fancies, nor that they be facts distorted to merely build a case. The facts should be the case. There