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LABOR COUNCIL TO FORM POLITICAL ACTION COM.

Urge Support for H.M.C.S. Oshawa

Despite a small attendance at the last Council meeting, due to the attendance of several delegates at their annual conventions, the Council ratified some important decisions.

Endorsation of the formation of a Political Action Committee, to be elected at the next meeting, delegations to City Council and Board of Education and the hearty endorsation of the various affairs to raise funds for H.M.C.S. Oshawa were a few of the highlights in a fast moving meeting.

The delegation to the Board of Education is charged with the job of presenting Labor's views on Labor Representation on the Vocational committee of that board as it was felt that adequate consideration had not been given labor organizations in Oshawa in the past years in making the appointments.

To ensure proper organization of Labor Day observance in Oshawa, it was decided to ask all affiliated Unions to name delegates to the committee for such organization at as early a date as possible. The basis of representation to the committee to be the same as for the Labor Council. It is expected that this year's celebration will be truly a Labor Day celebration to remember due to the success of last year's initial attempt.

In this connection it was decided to buy four large flags of
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If anyone is sick or injured, leave name at Union Hall for Sick and Welfare Committee. They'll cheer you up!

ONTARIO STEEL

As outlined in the last issue of the Oshaworker re the decision of O.S.P. to contact management on the question of 45 hours per week, consisting of 5 nine hour days, with time and one half over 45 hours. The shop committee met the management on the 16th of May on the above question and at a meeting held Sunday, 21st May, the company proposals were put before the membership by Bro. Townsley, chairman of the shop committee.

The company proposals are as follows: That they (the company) are prepared to go along with the shop committee to the Regional War Labor Board with a joint application to raise the wages of the day worker for nine hours, equivalent to what he receives now for 10 hours, provided the production remains at the same level, that is 10 hours production in 9 hours.

After considerable discussion a motion was made which carried to accept the company proposals. In other words we are prepared to accept a speed up in hour production in order to establish a nine-hour day.

What caused the recent strike at G.M.?

—S. Harkin

BULLETIN BOARD

June 2—G. M.
Stewards 7:30 p.m.
“ 3—Bingo 8:30 p.m.
“ 7—Membership
Meeting 8:00 p.m.
“ 8—Aux.
Bingo 2:30 p.m.
“ 10—Bingo 8:30 p.m.

AUTO WORKERS CREDIT UNION

According to applications received by the Directors at their last meeting, there is a definite increase in interest in the credit union. The April treasurer's report showed also that \$897.50 was loaned to members during the month and deposits and shares were on the upgrade.

Members please take note that due to union business on G.M. pay days, members are requested to bring their payments, deposits, etc., in on the Saturday mornings instead of Fridays and Mondays.

Please bring your pass book for every transaction.

Look for "Credit Union Chat" with Charlie and Bob coming in the next issue. It is to be a series of interesting "shorties" on credit union facts, in story form.

IF—you are thinking of borrowing money, be sure to figure how much you will save by using your credit union's economical, convenient, confidential, and speedy loan service. We will be happy to help you out.

One morning Mose came to work with a black eye, a swollen lip, and other troubles. "Mose," asked his boss, "what in the world happened to you?"

"Well, boss, I was a-talkin' when I shoulda been a-listenin'."

Need Material In India!

Without a dissenting vote the Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, voted that all members of G.M. be requested to cooperate by working Saturday mornings during June, July, and probably during the month of August. This action is a result of our Federal Government asking G.M. to increase production during these months, so that there will be an unbroken flow of vehicles to our boys on the great offensives. The boys over there are doing their job. There may be losses in material, therefore our job is to see that the reserves of motor vehicles is kept as high as possible, it was stated. That is our job—that is the small part we are now asked to play in the greatest battles in history, said the chairman.

UAW SUMMER SCHOOL

The date of our Summer School has been set for the period of July 1st to July 15th, to be held at the W.E.A. College at Port Hope. The meeting endorsed a recommendation from the Executive that the tuition fee of \$15.00 per week be paid by the Local for eight members for the two weeks. This does not mean you have to go for the two weeks, it was pointed out. The first ones registering will have the choice of the time they wish to attend, whether for the two full weeks, or for just the first week or the second week. In this manner it is possible for 16 members to attend if each registers for only one week. Registrations must be made personally at the Union Office commencing Thursday, July 1st. Register early and have the choice of time, it was suggested. As holidays at G.M. and some of the feeder plants are during these two weeks, it is expected that Local 222 will be well represented at this year's UAW Summer School.

The meeting after some discussion voted \$25.00 to the Canadian Tribune.

The Executive's action in forwarding \$100 to the Ford Strike Fund was endorsed.

There will only be one Membership Meeting per month during June, July, and August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7th.

Next Deadline—Monday Noon, June 12th

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Editor Talks

With so much stir being made in Oshawa, and other cities, about housing for workers and the necessity to relieve the cramped living quarters of the wives of soldiers and other persons in need of accommodation, it is perhaps vitally necessary to make sure that we do not lose sight of the need for a real housing project that will cover all the citizens who may need homes.

Not only that, it has come to the attention of the Editor that many persons are under the impression that the wartime houses projected for Oshawa are in the nature of being the post-war housing that many persons are talking up these days.

We do not believe that is the case. It would appear that any other worthwhile project which might be brought forth for a long term housing program, should have the wholehearted support of the citizens of Canada, and, specifically of the City of Oshawa.

Bro. Dafeo and others who opposed the erection of these houses, had much to commend their point of view to the people. However, it seems that there is some confusion. Wartime houses are a short term emergency measure.

A real housing program should be gotten under way to ensure that the people of Oshawa could build, or have built for them, decent homes with all the modern conveniences that industry can contrive and provide for them.

A long-term purchase or low rental project at very low rates of interest should be gotten under way. Private contractors should be asked to submit to inspection all the work they do, and standards should be set that will make sure that no "Jerry Built" homes are erected.

No citizen should have the fear hanging over his head that he might lose his home, as many did during the depression years, to some absentee mortgage company.

Wartime housing for the emergency, but let us hope we can build decent permanent housing to make a decent city.

Why Should Unions Take Political Action

Prior to the war, labour organizations were not in a position to realize the necessity of taking political action the same way as they do now. The main reason for the change in the attitude of labour organizations is due to the feeling of frustration that they have encountered since dealing with the many restrictive regulations which have been put into effect by our Federal Government since 1939.

Before the war trade unions usually took strike action if they thought it was necessary in order to win their point. This policy sort of localized each situation and while certain local gains were made which satisfied the membership, it was only the leadership of Local Unions that realized that such gains were not lasting and that political action was necessary.

It was extremely hard to rouse membership to take political action and even today it is not uncommon to have our own members support people whose party policy is directly opposed to the objectives of organized labor. Since the war started the Government has passed numerous orders-in-council which have been complete failures as far as solving labor problems is concerned. It is now very clearly evident to workers throughout the country and particularly organized workers that our Government does not intend to pass legislation which will guarantee labor rights or even give them freedom of association and collective bargaining in the true sense of the word.

Now organized labor is determined that it will be represented in politics, and change the restrictive regulations either by the combined weight of organized labor bringing pressure to bear on present Government or, if necessary, change the Government itself in order to make these things possible. There is yet to be an order-in-council passed by our Federal Government which completely meets the requirements of organized labor and we have yet to see our Government depend on organized labor by giving them representation on various Boards which have been established by the Government in order to successfully prosecute the war.

Thus it has become so increasingly evident to workers organized throughout the country that while they are required to make sacrifices far in excess of any other section of society they are not allowed proportional representation. We are glad to see organized workers throughout Canada taking this interest in politics because, after all, the

laws that are made by representatives of the people are regulations that we must live under from the cradle to the grave and, as there are millions of us, it is only natural that we should demand to have a rightful place in the seats of the mighty whether it be in Ottawa or in Toronto or in other places where regulations are enacted which affect the welfare of the majority of the people.

—George Burt

What About Women?

By A. J. TURNER

"Say, what about these women — what are we going to do with them when peace comes?" pointedly enquired one of the boys. Well, this is a real problem that is worth discussing at the rest period "hot stove" sessions.

Of course the quickest, shallowest and easiest answer, is "Send 'em back to the kitchen." But the difficulty is that many women won't want to go back to meals and mops. This will be especially so if the plan for full employment after the war becomes a fact. And the whole of organized labor is striving for this achievable goal.

Well, right off the bat most men trade unionists get "sore." They figure, and rightly so, that women are underpaid and as such are a threat to the men's rates of pay. Most certainly if a woman can do the same job as a man, get paid 35c an hour less, she is a threat!

The answer to the problem is "equal pay for equal work." This stuff and nonsense about "women's jobs" and "boy's jobs" for that matter — is pure bunk that must be dispelled and shown up for the smoke-screen that it really is.

If we are to get anywhere with this problem, the women must never be satisfied with wage inequality. Neither should the men. Both should be actively interested in removing this artificial barrier to higher wages for both.

(Next issue "Married Women — a Problem!")

G.M. SHOP COMMITTEE

The situation on No. 1 Truck line has not been settled as yet. The time study is completed and a report will be ready for Mr. Highfield returning from the West Coast. After it is checked over by him, we expect the Truck line committee will be called into session and a full detailed report given for the benefit of the entire No. 1 line.

The case of the girl sanders (aircraft which was submitted to the Regional Board, April 5th was finally investigated by Mr. Nicholls, an agent of the Federal Dept. of Labor on Monday, May 22nd and we have hopes for a favorable decision by the Board for an increase in rates on this case.

A seven-point grievance agenda was discussed with management on May 19. The case of the boys in stockroom 4 was again on the agenda and no definite decision has been received from management as yet. Three Stamping plant ventilation grievances were submitted and we have some hopes of making improvements here.

A protest was made on behalf of Bro. Snudden of the Export department regarding lack of attention for an injury. This was explained to the satisfaction of the committee.

The employees of the West Plant pattern room and Tool room Dept. 36 submitted a grievance regarding wages. The issue was not quite clear as to whether it was along the lines of a leveling up or a general increase, so it has to be re-submitted to the superintendent of the division.

Two classifications from the Aircraft engine mount (Stamping Plant) — Welders and drill press operators had requests for increases. They were offered an efficiency set up, which they have since turned down, so their case will have to be submitted to the Regional Board. A group in Stockroom 900 (Aircraft) requested the removal of their assistant foreman. No answer has been received from management on this item.

The checkers in Domestic Parts wanted to have their job reclassified as Parts inspectors. Management did not see eye to eye with the committee on this so it looks as though it will have to go to the Regional Board for an increase.

On Tuesday, May 16th, a seniority agenda of 13 cases was taken up and the Committee were successful in producing proof enough to have changes made in 6 cases out of the 13.

U.A.W.A. Forms Softball League

With the Bowling season over and realizing the necessity of some other form of sport, a group of Union members have been successful in organizing a softball league. The following officers were elected at a meeting on Tuesday evening, May 16th. President Alex Donaldson, Secretary, Harold Godfrey, Treasurer Harold Doyle. This is exactly the same executive as we have in our bowling league.

Five teams have been lined up so far, with the possibility of 3 more. The teams who have enrolled are as follows: (1) Truck Division, North Plant. (2) Tool and Die North Plant. (3) Ontario Steel Products. (4) Tool & Die West Plant. (5) Shipping Dept. north plant. Fittings Ltd. are also expected to enter a team.

Brother Alf. Wilson will handle the truck division team with the assistance of Bro. Bob Dove. Both these brothers have sufficient experience and should make a good job of it. The North Plant Tool and Die team will be piloted by Bro. Johnny Brady, who is president of the Oshawa & District Softball Association, so this team should be in good hands. Enthusiasm is running high in the Shipping Dept. where I understand they have a nice team lined up, and the same feeling exists in Ontario Steel and West Plant Tool and Die. Everything points to a good league.

Secretary Harold Godfrey has been successful in securing Bathe Park and all games will be played there each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The opening game was played on Monday, May 29th.

Let's all get out and give the boys a hand and also make sure you have something in that hand when the collection is taken. Without your financial support we just can't get along. Everybody can have a lot of enjoyment in a league like this.

The Local Union has been criticized in the past for failing to provide recreational activities for its members. This is definitely a step in the right direction, "Let us all get behind it."

—Alex Donaldson

Introducing the new deacon to his slightly deaf father, a young man said: "Pop, this is the new deacon." "New Dealer?" queried the father in surprise. "No, no, not New Dealer. New DEACON," repeated the lad. "He's a son of a bishop." The father nodded wisely. "They all are," he sighed.

THAT ASSESSMENT

I heard a fellow say only just the other day
That assessment's an unnecessary fee.
He says "I'll pay my dues, but extra I refuse,
There's no one gonna put it over me."

As a member to that member, I say "please remember
To read the rules, and do not be a shirker,
Look at five, page 34, and think a little more
The union never tries to beat a worker."

In fact I'm here to say, they add dollars to your pay
Not to mention extra benefits and luck.
Now brother don't be slow, why yes you ought to know
They're justified in that assessment of a buck.

—Chas. H. Fleming, Local 222.

KOHEN BOXES

A wire has been received from Mr. J. B. Metzler, Chief Executive Officer of the Regional War Labor Board stating that application for change in the cost-of-living bonus from 3.8 points to 18.4 points, time and one half over 48 hours and wage increases will come before the Board on Thursday or Friday, May 18 or 19. The Union filed a brief on the above on December 31st, 1943, and received a reply on January 20, 1944, acknowledging receipt of the brief.

The policy of the Regional Board in delaying applications is leading to considerable trouble in Oshawa plants and it seems that it was only after a threatened walk-out in the Kohen Boxes that we have been able to bring this case before the Board.

Since this, application was submitted from the Oshawa Box and Lumber, January 23, 1944, Ontario Steel Products, Feb. 9, 1944, and skilled tradesmen Maintenance division General Motors, February 14, 1944, and these applications have all been before the Board and nothing had been heard of the Kohen application.

Sooner or later unless this policy is changed it is going to kick back right into the lap of the Regional Board.

Just recently when the decision to appeal the application of G.M. Management's application for a 5c per hour increase for material handlers and stock attendants, after it had been turned down by the Regional Board.

Around the Plant

We hear George of No. 2 truck line has a foot injury. They even keep the foreman hopping these days!

Some one on No. 2 truck line discovered they were short of stock. Of course they don't have to get Gray over it.

Bill Mooney of 90J and Janice Grandison of 90J Nacelle Assembly "dood it" without telling the gang. Result: on finding out the boys and girls did the honors with a presentation to them, Friday, May 19.

Albert Knibbs of the West Plant Tool and Die was the "victim" of a presentation the same evening. He is now a benedict! Congrats to both couples!

Fishing season is here, and this column will welcome any really good fish stories — if they're not too fishy!

Bro. Elson, who has been under hospital care for a few days, is back in circulation. The Doc left him without a leg to stand on—figuratively of course. However he is as good as new again!

Some foremen ought to learn what every married man should know . . . in dealing with the women, an ounce of persuasion is worth a pound of coercion!

Comments for this column from the shop members will be welcome. In one ear, out next edition!

Are Bosses Beating Union?

I wonder whether the employers in several factories in Oshawa are trying to get out of paying time and a half for overtime by adopting a new racket.

We have had trouble with one box factory last year when the management started using part-time workers that is, workers who had completed their shift in their own factory, went into another factory after supper and worked there for straight time. The management claim that with the rush on war work, that it was necessary to have these part-time workers, though the contract in all plants call for time and one half after standard work week has been worked. This was one way that time and one half was not going to be paid, by using workers from other plants to work for straight time.

In another plant in the south end of the city, High School students have been used also for straight time after school hours, while the regular workers in this plant never had an opportunity to work overtime.

While again in another plant in the north end of the city, an attempt was made to use part-time workers from another plant, but this time with no success, as a strong protest to the management was immediately made with the result that the part time workers were not allowed to start. In this particular case, according to the man, it was because he needed a little extra money.

This plan if it is allowed to develop will ultimately lead to time and one half being cut out altogether and this unfair practice should cease.

Selective Service is powerless in this case as a part time employee of this type does not need a work permit and does not need to go through Selective Service. So in all fairness to everybody an organized attempt should be made to put a stop to this type of part time worker, or sooner or later the time and one half clause in our agreements will not mean a thing. —James Smith

In London the story is being told of an American official who was anxious to discover the nature of British complaints against the American soldiers based there. He finally asked one Britisher: "What do you think is wrong with the American soldiers?"

"Well," the Britisher answered, "they're over-dressed, they're overpaid, they're oversexed, and they're over here."

UAW Summer School to Have Varied Program

Canadian Committee to Decide Courses

The Educational Director has been told by the International to arrange the program for the Summer School at Port Hope to suit Canadian conditions. That in turn has made necessary the setting up of a Canadian Committee for the program. It is pretty certain that the problems relative to Canadian conditions are to receive adequate treatment in the two weeks that the School will be in operation.

Some of the problems that will be reviewed is that of the field of Political Action in the Unions, the matter of the Housing project of the Federal government and the Health Insurance scheme that is now under discussion.

One part of the discussion is bound to be the problems confronting the Union in the way of Orders-in-Council and Labor Legislation of the various governments in Canada. The manner in which grievances have to be dealt with and the various boards to be dealt with will no doubt occupy some time on the agenda.

The UAW policy for the Post-war will come in for an examination and the manner in which our country must be organized for peace time production will require very full and adequate discussion.

On top of all this, very useful and essential information will be the matter of the very fine holiday that those lucky enough to attend will have. All sorts of sport and recreational activity is under discussion and the pleasant location of the Labor College with its accessibility to city conveniences while occupying a rural setting, means the satisfying of any or all tastes.

The curriculum is so arranged that there is ample time to enjoy the holiday that such a trip should be while carrying on the very best in the way of educational work.

A lovely location, a dandy cook and a swell bunch of fellow students, will be the summary of this year's school. If you are interested, leave your name at the Union Office!

SKINNER'S

The hearing before the National War Labour Board for a change in the cost of living bonus from 5.6 points to 18.4 points was up on Tuesday, May 23. This application was submitted to the National Board on March 9th, at which time the Union submitted a brief to the Board on behalf of their application.

Since the original brief was submitted, counter submissions have been made by both the Union and the Company, and now that all the evidence has been submitted, the Board has agreed to meet a delegation from the plant.

The company is also sending a representative to Ottawa to fight the Union's submission on the basis that they are not making enough profit to be able to pay the full cost of living bonus as the Union requests.

G. M. Steward Body

By JAMES LOWNIE
Chairman

Bro. Harry Benson gave a very interesting report on the activities of the H.M.C.S. Labor Committee as regards Labor night celebrations at the Arena June 1.

Bro. Malcolm Smith gave a 20-point shop committee report which took up a good portion of the Stewards meeting. Bro. Pearson gave a short report of the Sick and Social Club. Bro. Noble gave a report from the Education committee, speaking on the Summer School at Port Hope and requesting as many members as possible to take advantage of said school.

Bro. Eric Lilley gave a very interesting report on the Credit Union and gave some very interesting figures on why every member should get into the Credit Union. James Smith, International Representative, gave an account of feeder plant activities.

Labor Council To Form Action Committee

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the Big Four of the United Nations, Great Britain, U. S. A., Russia and China.

The Council also endorsed the purchase of \$200 in Victory Bonds in the name of the Council. It was pointed out that working for Victory meant also investing for Victory and young as the Council is, it was believed that the investment was a wise one for the surplus funds of the organization.

In the correspondence a very important matter was brought to the attention of the delegates concerning a youth recreation program. The Labor Youth Federation is urging the Drew Government to undertake such a project and the Labor Council endorsed it. It was also decided to ask for the civic committee on Youth rehabilitation to consider recreation facilities for youth as part of any project it undertakes.

A report of the activities in connection with the affairs to raise money to help buy supplementary equipment for the crew of H.M.C.S. Oshawa led to the endorsement of the various parts of the project and the request that all Local unions support the activities in this direction. Oshawa Fur and Leather workers have already underwritten the expenses relative to the manufacture of fur vests from disused fur coats. Other unions are giving support in other ways.

Reporting on the Ontario Federation of Labor Convention, Bro. Dafeo said that the allowing of only one delegate per union was a serious handicap to the Federation inasmuch as the small Unions were therefore receiving recognition out of all proportion to their importance and the larger unions with the one cent per member per month per cap were expected to pay the shot. Unless basis of representation is changed it is doubtful if the Federation will be very successful, he said.

UE Local Demand Contract With Crown Company

W.L.R.B. Refuse Recognition

The U.E. Local 513, representing the workers at the Dominion Arsenals, Lindsay, is asking for an amendment to P.C. 1003, Canada's new Labor Code, to bring this plant within the scope of the code. Informal recognition, such as is accorded to employees of the CNR, is asked in the interim. All members of parliament have been asked to bring the matter up in the House and before members of the Cabinet.

Refusal of Union rights to employees of the Crown Company was made by the Wartime Labor Relations Board without giving the Union a chance to argue its case.

Dominion Arsenals, owned and operated by the Dominion Government, produces shell casings. Before the Union was organized, the UE states in a brief containing the history of the case, wages and working conditions were shameful. Operation of the plant was wasteful and inefficient, and relations between workers and management were strained.

The Union has not met with success in negotiating a contract, being told by the Dept. of Munitions and Supply that they were not entitled to collective bargaining rights as they were employed directly by His Majesty.

In February, the Minister of Labor led the workers to believe that they could secure their desired contract and steps were then taken to secure negotiations under the new labor code.

The new board's decision was a sharp blow to the workers' hopes. The government position is one that will cause an increasing bottleneck in shell production, the union declares. It must be reversed to release the full energies of these workers for war production.

The Oshawa and District Labor Council and many other local Labor organizations have endorsed the struggle of the Lindsay workers to secure better conditions and a union contract and to break through the old, reactionary line of government policy relating to Crown Companies.

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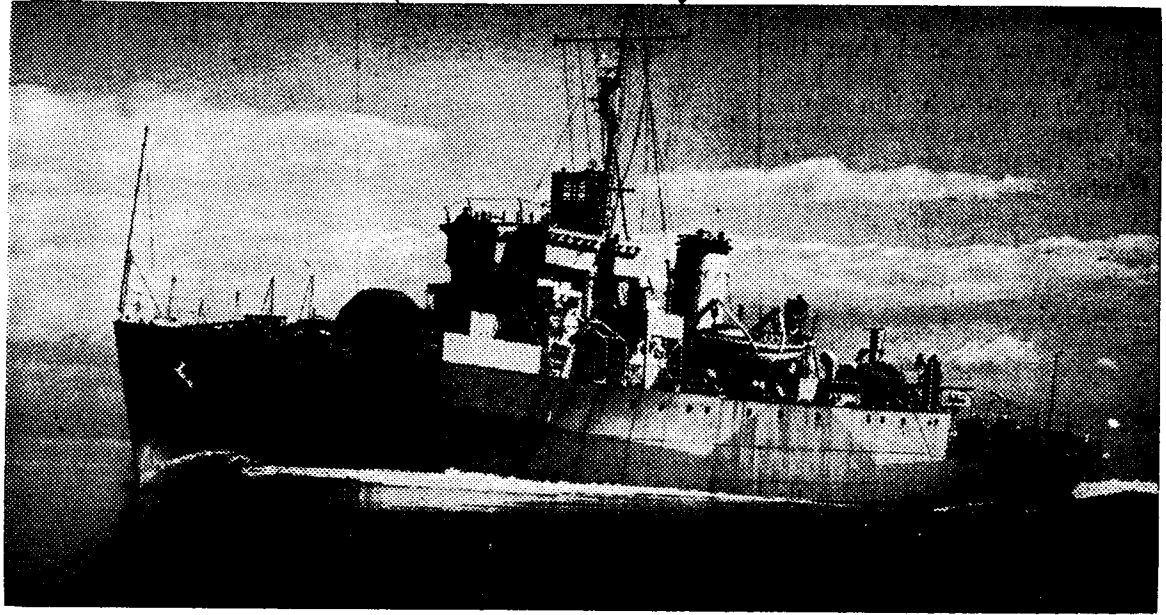
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LABOR'S PARTY FOR HMCS OSHAWA

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**THURSDAY
JUNE 1st.**



SHIP — SIMILAR TO H.M.C.S. OSHAWA THIS PICTURE IS OF THE ALGERINE CLASS

**BAND CONCERT — 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. By
H.M.C.S. YORK NAVY BAND**

(Will lead Parade at 7:30 to Arena)

HANNIGAN'S MOUNTAINEERS

MODERN AND OLD TIME DANCES

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HMCS OSHAWA TO BE HERE EARLY IN JUNE

Will Visit Oshawa Harbor

At the banquet tendered to Lieutenant Pratt, commander of the ship, at the Genosha Hotel some weeks ago, it was stated that the ship would make port here sometime early in the month of June. Everyone was invited to drop down to the Harbor and pay the ship and the crew a visit.

He stated that the vessel was being commissioned for service and would likely proceed to the North Atlantic for duty. He said that in all likelihood there would be some few Oshawa boys aboard her, but that while he knew there were many Oshawa boys in the Canadian Navy, it was not the policy to send a ship to sea manned by a crew from one distinct locality.

He cited as needs that would have to be filled by local aid, the provision of laundry equipment, entertainment aids such as radio, games and, most important, books and reading material. Toasters, electric grills, coffee makers and other tools to aid in making a quick snack when the men came off watch in the night.

Out of the committee set up at the banquet and which was inclusive of Labor representatives from the Labor Council, came the suggestion that the Unions do a bit to help provide some of the things needed.

That bit has grown to be the party being put on by the Labor Committee and headed by the members on the Auxiliary Committee from Labor organizations.

Harry Benson of UAW as Chairman of the Labor Committee, Mike Fenwick of the Steelworkers as Treasurer, Mrs. Stacey of the UAW Women's Auxiliary as secretary, and Mrs. Henderson, formerly president of the Auxiliary and a member of the main committee, has rendered valuable aid. Fred Bryant is looking after the Variety numbers, while Percy Barrett of the Bus Drivers is taking care of the Dance program and chairs the show committee; not least is Jerry Cragg, who is chairman of the props committee, and Bill Noble, publicity.

Beside these there are a number of others who are rendering valuable service, not the least of whom is the Entertainment Committee of Local 222, chaired by Alec Christie. A truly representative Labor group.



LIEUT. PRATT
Commander of H.M.C.S. Oshawa, is from our sister Motor City of Windsor.

HMCS York Navy Band to Give Concert

Will Lead Parade

Welcome news to those who have heard the Navy Band of H.M.C.S. York is the fact that this up and coming Band has been secured by the committee for a Band Concert to open the party at the Arena.

It is stated also that they will lead a parade from uptown to the Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m. Other participants in the parade, it is learned, will likely be our own boys of the local Sea Scouts and other organizations of a similar nature. Announcement will be made otherwise in that regard.

Considerable trouble and expense have been incurred in order that the Band could be secured. The Women's Auxiliary of Local 222 have kindly offered to provide a dinner for the boys of the Band and, knowing young men's need for ample food, will see that the boys are well looked after.

The fact that this is a thirty-five piece band, led by an excellent conductor and well trained to provide the best in music insures that a treat is in store for those who wish to hear their concert.

The members of the committee

Labor's Aid to HMCS Oshawa, Fun for All

The committee set in motion by the Labor organizations in Oshawa for the benefit of the crew of the H.M.C.S. Oshawa have completed arrangements for one of the outstanding events in the life of the community.

Dancing, variety acts, band concert, parade, bond draws and door prizes for the party to be held at the Oshawa Arena make the coming event on Thursday night of this week one to be remembered by the people who will be lucky enough to be in attendance.

With the reception being given the advance sale of tickets it looks as though the lucky ones are going to be those who get their tickets early. However, a number of tickets will be held in reserve for those unable to make their purchase at an early date.

The committee in charge of decorating have made the Arena, already attractive, a place that will be remembered for color and tasteful arrangement.

Hannigan's Band will be on hand to give out with the modern music or to provide the old favorites of the days of yesterday, pleasing any or all those who wish to attend.

A number of snappy and fast moving variety acts have been arranged for the program that will be spotted in at intervals and that will provide a novelty for this type of party. Side splitting fun and a real frolic for the people of this town is the judgment of an old entertainer of the city who has had a hand in securing some of the features for the show.

Not the least of the attractions will be the Bond Draw at intermission. This is for a Victory Bond the tickets for which have been on sale and some will no doubt be available at the Party. Also a number of door prizes are being donated that are really worth while and these will be disposed of in the same manner.

The committee members have spared no effort to insure that the event will provide enjoyment for all. It only remains to come along and have fun.

were greatly pleased at the fine response of the leader and his ready acquiescence to the request for a visit to Oshawa again for this occasion. They were here for another event some weeks ago and everyone was impressed by the very fine showing they made on that occasion.

A REMINDER!

Will those who have tickets out, either for the draw on the Bond or for admission to the Arena for Thursday, June 1, please get their returns in at their very earliest opportunity.

M. J. Fenwick is the treasurer of the Committee and will be found at 377 Simcoe St. S. or the office of the UAW at 17½ Simcoe St. N. will receive the returns from the vendors.

Fur Vest Drive Huge Success

Labor Committee Become Fur Traders!

Furs of all sorts and sizes, of all kinds and shapes, all in very good condition, have flooded the Labor Committee who asked for two dozen from the people of Oshawa. This number or even a few less would have provided two dozen fur vests for the men on watch aboard the ship.

Now however, with the receipt of better than forty fur coats and practically all in very good condition, it is possible to make a better type of vest and a larger number can be assured for the comfort of the men on watch.

These vests are designed to be worn under sea-going clothing to help provide the warmth needed in the sea lanes of the North Atlantic. It is said that despite all the clothing worn, it is never possible to say that one is completely comfortably warm while at sea. These vests will bring that comfort to the boys that they cannot find in any other clothing.

The furs are sent to Toronto and after thorough cleaning by a fur cleaning firm they are remodelled by members of the Fur Workers Union into the vests that are on display in the windows of some of the merchants' stores in Oshawa.

The expense of linings and other incidentals relative to the conversion to vests of these furs is being borne by the Oshawa Local of the Fur and Leather Workers who are the employees of the Robson Tannery.

The Committee is greatly pleased with the very fine response of the people of the city to their request for the disused furs that they might have about. That the response has been so great and the condition of the furs so good is a happy omen indeed for the success of the whole venture.

No doubt many a lad aboard the H.M.C.S. Oshawa will bless the kindness of the donors on some dark and dirty night at sea.