

# MEMBERSHIP DISCUSS CONVENTION PROBLEMS

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### Union Wins Biggest Victory Since Bonus

#### Substantial Increases Won For Maintenance Tradesmen

By Malcolm Smith

The long awaited decision on the case presented to the Regional Board for increases to the Maintenance Tradesmen has at last been received. Increases ranging from 3 to 13 cents per hour retroactive to March 1st are contained in this decision, which brings our Maintenance Tradesmen up to somewhere close to where they should be. The new scale of rates for the different classifications is as follows:

#### Tinsmiths:

Layout man .....	.95
Journeyman .....	.90
Improvers .....	.82
Helpers .....	.77

#### Electricians:

Journeyman—	
Group Leaders .....	.95
All others .....	.90
Improvers .....	.82
Helpers .....	.77

#### Millwrights and Steel

##### Construction:

Journeyman—	
Group Leaders .....	.95
All others .....	.90
Carpenters .....	.90
Blacksmiths .....	.90

#### Pipefitters and Steamfitters

Journeyman—	
Group Leaders .....	.95
All others .....	.90
Improvers .....	.82
Helpers .....	.77

Electric and Gas Stock	
Truck .....	.82/.87
Machine Shop .....	.90
Welders .....	.87/.92
Trouble Repair Department	.90
Plumbers .....	.92

There may be some difficulty in establishing the various employees who should be in the

different classifications, as these trades have never been listed and agreed to by Union and Management. The case has been submitted on an agenda, and will be discussed until a satisfactory solution is arrived at. On the case of the female sanders, the Company have intimated that they are not satisfied with the Board's decision to grant a 5c increase, and they are going to either ask the Regional Board to re-open the case, and if this is not allowed, they are going to appeal the decision to the National Board.

### CONVENTION DELEGATES

Following members are candidates for election as delegates to represent the General Motors division of Local 222 UAWA.

UAWA Convention, four to be elected: H. Smith, Albert Elson, James Barron, G. S. Thomson, Marvin Linton, Thomas W. Metcalf, Richard E. Courtney, W. L. Grout, C. McIsaac, W. E. Noble, F. Crome.

C.C. of L. Convention, five to be elected: Thomas Bouckley, James Lownie, A. G. Shultz, Alfred J. Jones, James Smart, S. R. McNeil, C. B. Peel, Alex Christie, H. F. Benson, James H. Smith, A. J. Turner, Edward Simmonds, M. C. Bradley.

Voting will take place in the Union Hall, 17½ Simcoe Street North, Thursday, August, 17th, 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.; Friday, August 18th, 12 noon till 9 P.M.; Saturday, August 19th, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

### DELEGATES NOMINATED

The Membership Meeting of August 2nd disposed of a near record number of important items. This was due mainly to no meeting being held in July. Nominations were held for the election of delegates to the U.A.W.A. Convention which will be held the second week in September at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the C.C. of L. Convention which is being held in Quebec City during the third week in October. Those standing and particulars regarding voting will be found elsewhere in this issue.

#### Convention Resolutions

The meeting endorsed several resolutions presented by Bro. Shultz to be forwarded to the UAWA Convention. They dealt with constitutional amendments, and if endorsed by the convention our constitution will be changed so as to permit local unions to charge as low as \$3.00 for a first readmission. Another resolution if included in the constitution would permit local unions to waive the automatic suspension rule for a definite period where delinquent members are notified by a local union after two months arrears of dues. A further resolution would require the International Executive Board to take a referendum vote to the membership before an assessment could be levied.

#### Delegates Allocated

The meeting concurred in a recommendation of the Executive that the local send six delegates to the UAW Convention and eight to the CC of L Convention allocated as follows:

#### U. A. W. A.

Ont. Steel Products.....	1 delegate
Duplicate .....	1 delegate
Balance of Local.....	4 delegates

#### C. C. of L.

Ont. Steel Products..	1 delegate
Duplicate .....	1 delegate
Box Factories and	
Skinner .....	1 delegate
General Motors .....	5 delegates

#### Entertainment Committee

Recognition of the work of the members of the Entertainment  
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### WORKING MOTHERS!

#### Where are your children this afternoon?

If they are at the Dominion Provincial Day Care Unit, you won't be worrying! You know they will be safe, well fed, and happy at supervised play. For information about the Government sponsored 2-9 year old children's day care contact

SELECTIVE SERVICE OR THE UNION OFFICE TODAY!

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## Editor Talks

Some weeks ago the Oshawa Daily Times made a statement in their editorial columns that wages would have to be lowered in the post-war period else the cost of financing post-war reconstruction in Canada would run up the National Debt to unprecedented heights. They stated that we could not expect to borrow \$2,500,000,000 per year and still remain solvent. Or such was their intimation.

There are so many ways of refuting their "reasoning" that it is hard to choose where to start. The one salient point at the moment is that despite the high cost of the war, Canada's debt interest payments have not increased to any such heights as is suggested by the people who decry full employment plans and say "It can't be done".

Mr. Ilesley has very recently given the House of Commons information on the national debt and the interest charges on it at March 31 in three different years, 1920, 1939, and 1944. We are quoting the totals as they appear in Hansard of July 11.

### Net Interest Cost On Debt

1920 — \$164,349,572.  
1939 — \$149,651,990.  
1944 — \$183,509,355.

It appears that the total interest cost has been reduced by returns on investment part of which is of course the C.N.R. debt that was such a burden but has now become an asset.

The reason for the fairly small increase under the present trying conditions is the greatly reduced rate of interest payable on the money borrowed and also that a very small portion is payable outside of Canada.

With these factors in mind, e.g. lower interest rates and a liability that has become an asset, it appears to labor people that the wise policy is one of maintaining our economic structure at a sufficiently high level to take these charges in our stride, and in the creation of goods for use we will find that the cost over all will not be nearly so great as the waste of our resources for war.

Canada has also been making

## Through the Dues Wicket

By A. G. SHULTZ  
Financial Secretary

It is regrettable but there have been cases of members being suspended for arrears of dues while not working due to sickness. However the responsibility to remain in good standing is that of the individual member.

Unemployed receipts, at no cost, may be had for any calendar month in which a member does not work more than forty hours. The constitution is very definite in stating that it is the members' responsibility to make sure that he or she receives such credit when it states—"provided, however, that such member must report in person, by mail, or otherwise to the Financial Secretary, either monthly or within the two month period. No 'out-of-work' credits will be issued unless the member has paid his dues up to and including the month previous to his layoff."

An unemployed receipt is just as valuable as one which is paid for and also it is just as necessary that they are secured during the two-month period otherwise a member is liable for suspension.

If you know of a brother or sister who has been out sick for a considerable length of time why not check with him or her regarding dues standing. You may be the means of keeping a member from suspension.

a present of around \$1,000,000,000 per year to our allies in the way of war material.

To do all this and maintain our solvency has required a high income tax level as well as the lowered interest rates. To pay off our debt and maintain the new social services that are being brought into existence will require that Income Tax of some sort should continue.

Most people would not object too seriously as long as they were sure that the tax was being used wisely and more particularly if they were assured of a decent job at decent pay.

To maintain decent rates of pay, it is necessary that everyone who wants work should have it.

We conclude therefore that only the attained rates of pay, or higher rates, can preserve us from the descending spiral of depression and achieve prosperity for all.

## Labor Council Have Busy Meeting — Set Labor Pol. Conference Date

Taking the Times Gazette to task for a "low wage" editorial, endorsing Family Allowances as proposed and passed by the present government, setting a date for a Labor Political Conference in Oshawa and completing plans for the Labor Day Committee, the Oshawa and District Labor Council had a busy session at its last meeting, Aug. 8.

Some time ago the times Gazette set itself in an editorial to tell workers in this district that they must expect pay cuts at the conclusion of the war. A resolution was passed that roundly condemned such an unwarranted attack on the standard of living of the people of Oshawa. It is maintained by the Council that only a continuing high level of employment and wages will make possible the permanent establishment of peace at the end of the present war.

A Labor Political Conference is being called by the Council for August to discuss a program to be submitted to the candidate whom Labor in this district will endorse. All labor unions and the two Labor political parties are being asked to send delegates to this conference to help in making it as broad as possible.

Preparations for a bang up Labor Day celebration are well under way and the committee in charge were to meet August 10 to lay all the plans and set up the committees in charge of the various departments of the day's activities, it was reported. The executive officers of the Council were endorsed as the delegates from the Labor Council itself to stand on the general committee.

On the matter of the endorsation of the Family Allowance recently passed unanimously by the Federal Government, it was recommended that the Council endorse such action with the proviso that the Allowance would not be used as a means of subsidizing sweat shop wages and conditions in industry. While the members of Council did not feel that such was the intent of the legislation at least it should be made plain that some attempt might be made to so use the act by unscrupulous and greedy persons.

## Reconstruction For Oshawa Vital

### URGE DISTRICT-WIDE SET-UP

The report presented to the Oshawa and District Labor Council by the Councils Reconstruction Committee, recommends a new City Hall, two fire stations, beautifying the creek valley and post-war use of Ajax.

Recognizing that the carrying out of these projects are of paramount importance to all the people of this district, the committee recommended that a district wide committee be set up to find out from industry what they plan to do in the post-war and how many they would employ and to learn from consumers the amount of purchases they would make in that period.

It was also recommended that plans be made to employ those displaced from industry, temporarily during the conversion period, to improve and beautify the city. This of course would be in conjunction with the Federal and Provincial governments and should concern the City of Oshawa and East Whitby Township. These plans would include a new sewage system, a trunk sewer along the creek, extension of the water system, and of course the major item would be the construction of a new city hall and fire stations, part of which could be done with such labor.

The Oshawa creek valley could also be turned into park and playground areas with swimming pools, tennis courts, badminton courts, baseball diamond, public bowling greens, open air rinks and toboggan slides and other recreational projects that might be of use. All this to be land-

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## G.M. STEWARDS

With the holidays nearly over a better attendance has been noted at the last two steward meetings. The first meeting in July gave Bro. Bouckley a chance to do his stuff as chairman in which he made an excellent showing, ruling without fear or favor.

Some of the noticeable absentees were the Smith Brothers, but you can bet they were busy some place else with union business. A night off from union work would seem strange to Malc or Jimmy. We also missed Bro. Lilley with his boost for the Credit Union.

Three awards were made for yearly attendance to Bro. Elson, Bro. Lownie, and Bro. Metcalfe. This is Bro. Metcalfe's fifth award.

The decision on rates of pay was received from the Ontario Labour Board for the Maintenance workers. These were not discussed by the stewards but it looks like another feather in the hat of the Bargaining Committee with special mention to Bro. Barron who worked long and hard gathering details to complete this case. It also gave another proof that it pays to organize.

To the stewards that have not been attending regularly we extend a hearty welcome to come on down. Under the capable chairmanship of Bro. Lownie you will find it is not an all-night session. The business is conducted in fairness to everybody and never allowed to drag. So come on Brother and Sister, let's see and hear from you.

The stewards have suggested a picnic to Rochester. Let's hear what the members think about it.

**Jas. Lownie, Chairman;**  
**Thos. W. Metcalfe, Sec'y.**



BUT IS IT ESSENTIAL DRIVING?

# A Message to GM Office Workers

By **MALCOLM SMITH**  
Chairman GM Negotiating Committee

The same basic need for organization exists today among the workers in the office as existed in the plant prior to April, 1937. That is the fact that in the office, as in the plant, the individual worker, standing alone and adopting the attitude of rugged individualism does not mean a snap of the fingers to the top management when it comes to bettering conditions or increasing wages. I firmly believe, for instance, that there are a great number of injustices existing among the office workers regarding workers doing similar work and receiving a wide variation of remuneration for doing that work. This is one bugbear that can never be corrected by the worker as an individual, but among the workers in the plant we have corrected dozens of instances of the same kind of injustice, and we can be safe in saying that had the workers not belonged to the UAW these injustices would still be in existence.

Another thing is that in the past there must have been unjust dismissals, and also lots of cases of shabby treatment by supervisors when lay-offs came along. These are also things that can only be successfully fought through a strong organization backed by a good seniority clause in your agreement. Promotion to higher paid jobs is another point which I am sure must have caused a lot of heart-burning at one time or another among office workers. We have lately been able, through negotiation, to work out a plan in the plant whereby the senior man in the lower paid bracket gets the chance to step up to a vacancy on a higher paid job when one occurs, and all newly hired employees are starting in on the lower paid jobs. All these things are the result of belonging to an organization like the UAW, and could never have come into being without that organization.

I also believe that there is a certain hesitancy among office workers to join the union because of the fear that if they do, they will lose any chance of promotion that they may have. This idea has been disproved in the plant, and I do not believe it would hold water among the office workers, either, because in the plant lots of prominent Union

men could be named who have been promoted when they had the seniority and ability to do the jobs they were promoted to.

In conclusion, I would say to the office workers, now is the golden opportunity to join the ranks of the largest and finest labor union in the world. Don't let it slip. Join the UAW-CIO now, and let your elected committee fight your grievances.

## To Seek Lost Time

A letter has been received from the U.A.W. District Council requesting the names and addresses of workers who have been called by the Mobilization Board for medical examination, if, in doing so, time has been lost from work. The Council are making this survey so as to support a request that such lost time be paid by the Mobilization Board. Information of such cases should be left at the Union Office.

## Duplicate Doings

A meeting of Duplicate members was held on August 3, 1944. The main purpose of the meeting was to nominate and elect persons to the various union jobs open. Nominations were also held for one delegate to attend the Canadian Congress of Labour Convention in Quebec City, and one delegate to attend the Auto Workers' Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Members in good standing will be allowed to vote on August 24th for their favorites to these conventions.

### Seven Nominated as Delegates

The following allowed their names to stand as delegate to Grand Rapids: Doris Kelly, Betty Slater, Les Peck, Bill Turpin, and Sam Sheps. Bill Baird and Freddy McKnight will fight it out for the Quebec City delegate.

In addition to the above nominees Doris Kelly was elected to fill Mrs. Sayers' place on the committee. Betty Slater will take over the secretary's job and Freddy McKnight will represent Duplicate at meetings of the Compensation Committee.

The Union members and for that matter the non-union employees join the writer in extending to Mrs. Sayers, better known as "Dot", our very grateful appreciation and thanks for the wonderful job she has done in improving wages, working conditions, and the satisfactory handling of the many grievances that occurred. She was a tower of strength on the committees she served on and always did her best. Regretfully, we say goodbye to a wonderful and self-sacrificing member. Best of luck and many thanks "Dot".

Brother Currie informed members on the progress of the petition to the War Labour Board. He expressed his desire for a larger and more active membership as the war will not last forever and the test of a union will be its ability to improve and even maintain existing conditions after the war is over.

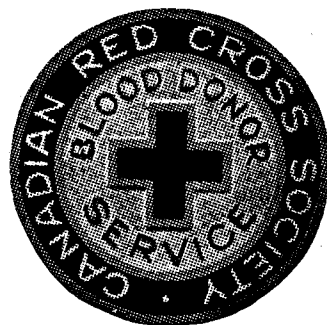
School Days Here Again! Well folks, school days are here again. At least the remarks of one of the foremen conveys that idea. Especially when you say a word or two to the girl that sits beside you. The foreman, sitting at his desk, yells down to you, "No talking". Pretty good, eh!

### HELP KEEP REST ROOMS CLEAN

We could keep the rest rooms much cleaner during the rest periods and noon hour if we put our waste in the waste basket and the bottles in their cases.

# NOW!

## More Than Ever



## Give Your Blood

# R.C.A.F. NOSE OUT TRUCK LINERS; BOMBERS AND STAMPING STILL IN THERE

The league schedule is now in the final stages, only one game remains to be played namely — Bombers vs Stamping Plant. This game will decide which of the two teams will finish in first position. The other play-off contenders are Ontario Steel and R.C.A.F. The airmen nosed out the Truck line for the last play off place by defeating them 12-2. The truck men made quite an impression, after losing their first four games but they finally dropped out of the running due to the lack of reserve power. Bro. Freddy Parsons had to pitch 3 games in a row, and that was a little too much.

Play offs start at Lakeview Park, Thursday, Aug. 10th, at 6:45 p.m. and by the time this issue of the paper is published, we should be in the thick of it. Plans for the Softball Tournament on Labor Day have yet to be drawn up and it looks as if the Softball Executive officers are going to have a busy time of it in the next few weeks. It should also be mentioned that the winning team from the Union league will stack up against the winner of the O.K. Billiards and G.M. Office in the Intermediate A Playoffs (O.A.S.A.). It will be very interesting to see how the boys will shape up against the "Big Shots". They should make a fairly good showing, in fact they might even do better than that—"We hope."

Have you got your ticket for the \$100 or \$50 Victory Bond Draw? If not, get one now or they will all be sold—any member of the Softball League will be glad to sell you one or more.

### STANDING

	P	W	L
Bomber	12	9	3
Stamping	12	9	3
Ontario Steel	13	9	4
R. C. A. F.	13	7	6
Truck Line	13	6	7
Shippers	13	5	8
Body Shop	13	3	10

—A. Donaldson.

### FRONT PAGE STUFF!

Reporter: "I've got a perfect news story."

Editor: "How come? Man bite dog?"

Reporter: "No, but a hydrant sprinkled one."

—Modern Digest.

## KOHEN'S BOXES

Arbitrations of two grievances held recently in Kohen's Box Factory resulted in Syd Smith, saw helper receiving 5¢ per hour increase from January 1st to June 28th, and 10¢ per hour increase from June 28th up until the present, being classified as a saw helper.

Earl Chadwick, who is now in the army will receive a cheque for \$25.00 retroactive pay, the difference between the rate he received and the top rate for saw helpers.

It was also agreed that where there is a range of rates for a classification that the following will prevail, when there is a 5¢ spread, the minimum rate for the first and second month, 2¢ per hour increase for the third and fourth month, after fourth month the maximum rate.

Where there is a 10¢ spread: 2¢ for the third and fourth month; 2¢ for the fifth and sixth month; 2¢ for the seventh and eighth month; after eight months the top rate with an increase of 4¢ per hour.

Mr. Ainsborough was the arbitrator.

"Do you smoke?"  
 "Nope."  
 "Drink?"  
 "Nope."  
 "Kiss?"  
 "Nope."  
 "Then what the devil do you do?"  
 "I tell lies."

—Modern Digest.

# Tool Room Holds Picnic

## Rugcutters Go Native

An enjoyable picnic, arranged by the Rug Cutters Committee, was held Sunday, July 23rd, at Stevenson's Point, Lake Scugog. Ninety per cent of the Dept. along with their families turned out to really make the day an outstanding success.

Swimming, races, ball games, along with free pop and ice cream, contributed a great deal to the enjoyment of the youngsters, while the old folks really let their hair down. Here are a few highlights of the occasion.

The Males were a thirsty bunch the way they downed the liquids. Stan Rice was there, taking movies by the dozen. Maybe he is working on the side for Paramount: watch out girls. Stan also showed that he can run by winning the men's handicap race.

The busiest man there was the dynamic Mr. Walett, his nice shining head bobbing up and down all over the place; incidentally, folks, Stan worked hard to make the picnic the outstanding success it was.

About 2 p.m. along came Tony with his bevy of beautiful girls; the excuse was that they were lost. You can't pull that one, Tony.

Then Mike and his car developed a dislike for each other. Maybe you put some of that Tokay wine in the gas by mistake Mike.

We were very glad to have with us two charming members of the Drafting room. We were sorry that other members of that Dept. were unable to attend; however, Ella and Phyllis con-

tributed to the success of the ball game. The curves being very much in evidence. Mrs. Jack Harvey showed that streamlining is of great value by winning two ladies' prizes and nearly copping a third.

Steve is getting too old for the rough stuff. Watch out for that leg at the wrestling match this month Steve.

Frank did a splendid job as umpire, but all he could say was "strike". I guess Ella had him captivated. You should keep your eyes on the ball Frank.

It was noticeable that Jim Turner hasn't lost any athletic ability and some one says he has taken up golf. Good work Jim.

One spectacle to see was our friend Tommy rolling in agony after his big meal of KOLBASZ, trying to show off that big stomach of his.

Well, folks, be on hand the next time and don't forget that we can have more of these outings if everyone co-operates as we did with this picnic.

We are glad to hear that Everett Cheetham is feeling 100 per cent better after feeding the fish in Lake Ontario. You want to look after that stomach of yours Ev.

## SHIPPING SHORTS

A. S. P.

The vacation is over and the boys are all back none the worse. Dan McDonald spent two weeks near Cornwall pitching hay, horseshoes and stews. Wilf McCauley is back on the job after recuperating from an operation. Vern Sanders will spend two weeks on the shores of Lake Couchiching near Orillia. Geo. Laing is slowly recuperating as he recently had an addition to the family. Bud Browse went and dood it. He spent his vacation on a honeymoon. Many of the shipping boys took in the big boat trip to Pt. Dalhousie. No outstanding incident was reported though a good time was had by all. Gus Munroe spent a week in Hamilton and, Niagara District. Red Craig put in three weeks in the Ottawa and Montreal sector. Many of the boys who are taking in boxing shows at the arena are talking of Dept. Boxing Shows. Frenchy Beauvair spent part of his week picking berries. Pomery and Kemp made several lawn mower deals. Frank Bryce is celebrating the acquisition of a new limb by spending his vacation in the Iroquois Falls District.



## Membership Discuss

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Committee took a tangible form when an honorarium of \$100.00 was made to the members of last year's bingo committee. The committee plan on opening this season's schedule on the first Saturday in September. In the meantime members were urged not to forget the Ladies' Auxiliary Saturday Bingo in the Union Hall.

### Summer Schools

The recommendation of the Executive relative to scholarships for those wishing to attend summer school was concurred with. The unused portion of the amount set aside for members to attend the UAW Summer School is to be granted to members wishing to attend the W.E.A. School at Port Hope during the period August 12 to 26th. Three similar scholarships will be granted to members who may wish to attend the Institute on Public Affairs at the Y.M.C.A. Camp on Lake Couchiching, August 19 to 26th. Additional information and registrations at Union Office.

### Compulsory Savings

A letter from A. R. Mosher, President of the C.C. of L., with reference to a statement issued by the National War Finance Committee regarding the discontinuance of compulsory savings was discussed by the membership. The letter suggested that, if possible, all employees should save that portion of their earnings, which previously had been deducted, to purchase additional war savings certificates or for the purpose of buying bonds when the next Victory Loan Campaign takes place. The meeting was unanimous in endorsement of the suggestion.

Next Membership Meeting  
WEDNESDAY — SEPT. 6TH

## TO HOLD WEINER ROAST

The Youth Committee of Local 222 are sponsoring a weiner roast and dance at Geneva Park, Saturday evening, August 19th. This is the first effort by this newly organized group and all indications point to an entertaining affair. A donation has been made of four complimentary tickets to the Biltmore Theatre by George Norris' Orchestra for spot dance prizes. Tickets are on sale at the Union Office at 50c each.

# Credit Union Chat

By T. McMULLEN

It is well in the evening, and the scene is the home of Helen and Charlie. Mary and husband Bob are their guests, and all are seated in the living room after a light lunch.

"Say Bob", said Charlie, "Helen wants to ask you something about the Credit Union."

"Good for you!" exclaimed Bob, "At your service Madam," he continued, bowing stiffly, and Mary unable to resist, toe'd him neatly behind his stiffened knee-joints and ruined his pose of grave respect. The laughter having died down, Bob turned his eyes on Helen inquiringly as she said:

"Well, what I want to know Bob, is this—supposing a member of the Credit Union borrowed money and then died, what would be the effect upon the rest of the members? I mean would they all have to share the loss or something like that?"

"No, Helen," replied Bob, "our Credit Union is fully protected against loss resulting from the death or full disability of a member and owing the Credit Union money. You see the Auto Workers Credit Union of Oshawa insures its loans, and in the event of the death of the borrower, the insurance company would make it good. The Credit Union would then make a present of a receipt for the full amount owing to the next of kin. Should the borrower be unfortunate and become fully disabled, we would collect from our insurance company, and then make a present of the fully paid receipt to our unfortunate member."

"Gosh, that's pretty darned nice—I didn't know about that part of it", said Charlie.

"Yes," answered Bob, "you can call it nice, and I guess in a way it is nice, in not having to go dunning a deceased person's people for a debt just when they need money more than ever—but you must remember it is also good business to protect the savings of the members."

Helen spoke up again saying "that answers my question very well Bob, but tell me, what protection is there against a person who borrows and then refuses to pay?"

"Well," said Bob, "in a case like that, the protection is the full force of the law that is used in the collection of any debt. You see all this is our right, and is provided for in the Credit Union Act of Ontario and our books—business transactions or what

have you, are inspected from time to time by an especially appointed government agent."

"Well, I guess we'd better be going, 'old timer'," said Mary, "it's getting late. How about you and Charlie coming to see us tomorrow night?" she asked looking at Helen.

"Sure," said Helen, "we'll be glad to, I want to hear some more about the Credit Union."

(To be continued)

## NACELLE DEPT. 90J

Welcome back Fred, what no fishing stories?

We understand girl caddies are very promising this season, according to the boys from the maintenance department. Watch your step Stan, Ken, Dutch and Whitey.

Who is the gentleman from this department who paid a visit to the Blood Donors and came back with the strong odor of shaving lotion.

Sorry to hear Helen Ferguson is on the sick list for a while. We hope she will soon be with us again.

We wish a speedy recovery to Bill Woodhouse's daughter who has been quite ill in the hospital.

To the matron, Mrs. Naylor: we are sorry you are leaving us. But the best of luck to you from the girls of 90J.

Try your bathing shorts the next time, Fred.

## ONTARIO MILL AND LUMBER

Organization of this plant in Whitby has taken place within the last week.

On Thursday, August 3, International Representative James Smith had a conference with Mr. Donald, plant manager, on the question of negotiating a contract, and the company has agreed to negotiate.

This plant does work of a similar nature to Kohen's Boxes and Oshawa Box and Lumber.

## Compensation Committee

All members are requested to contact the Compensation Committee as soon as compensation forms are filled out or upon receiving injury. If this is done, the committee can follow the case and delays may be avoided.

## DEFEND FREE SPEECH

Resolutions protesting the treatment of Senator Bouchard of Quebec have been sent by Local 222 Executive to the Quebec Government and to the Federal Government. The Executive concurred with a recommendation of our Political Action Committee which expressed the understanding that Senator T. D. Bouchard was removed from the Chairmanship of the Quebec Hydro Commission due to charges he made in the Senate relative to the Jacques Cartier organization. The resolutions protested "the treatment of Senator Bouchard as an infringement of free speech and civil liberties and a violation of the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

## Tony, The Fish Peddler

"A Son of the Beach"

*I sella da feesh, an I sella da crab,  
I am notta so good, an' I notta so bad;  
I leev on da shack vare da sea gull he screech,  
I am Dago Paroni—a sonna da beach.*

*I guess maybe you teenk I'm purty beeg fool  
'Cause I never been go to Canadian school.  
An' I don't know so good da Canadian speech,  
I'm just Tony da Dago—a sonna da beach.*

*Dey say to me Tony, wat for you stay here?  
You maka more mon' if you sella da beer.  
I say I don' care if I nevair be reech,  
I rather just be—a poor sonna da beach.*

*Lasta week I hear two feller talk on da san'  
About feller called "Hitler", a beeg crazy man.  
I don' hear so good wat dey say in da speech,  
But it soun' like he, too, is—a sonna da beach.*

*Now I don' teenk dey mean he be feller like me  
'Cause he don' leev here on da beach by da sea,  
So I don' onerstan'; maybe him an' me each  
Be two different kind of—a sonna da beach.*

*Vell I'm just Tony da Dago, an' damn glad I am,  
I'm glad I ain't wot you call "Dictator" man,  
'Cause some day wen I die an' heaven I reach,  
Dey'll say, Hi Tony! Come in—  
you sonna da beach.*

—ANONYMOUS.



# Reconstruction For Oshawa Vital

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scaped, drained and properly lighted to make that which is now an eyesore, a thing of beauty for Oshawa.

It is also being urged that Ajax be continued as a food processing plant at the end of the war with the object of making a better balanced Industrial area and providing employment for the larger number now resident in the district. It was believed that it would be of tremendous help to the farmers and businessmen who would inevitably profit from the sale of farm produce to the plant and the supplying of the needs of the people who would be employed there.

## UNION DRAW

Brother Bouckley and his committee are putting on another Draw. If you haven't purchased tickets yet, plan to do so.

By supporting this draw you are helping your organization and you also have the opportunity to share in the \$115.00 in prizes.

If your steward hasn't tickets for sale they may be had at the Union Hall.

## WEA Lifetime Home Can Be Yours!

Books of tickets are now available at the Union Office for the Draw to decide who will own this beautiful and well constructed house.

You may get your tickets at 17½ Simcoe N. or ask your Union Steward for them.

### THAT'S TELLING HER!

Then there was the tramp who knocked at the door of the George and Dragon Tavern.

An acid-faced lady appeared. "Spare a sandwich?" the tramp asked.

"No," she snapped, slamming the door.

A few minutes later he knocked again.

"What do you want now?" she demanded.

"Could I have a few words with George?" the tramp enquired. —Windsor Star.

## Educational Column

# The Housing Program

By DRUMMOND WREN

The Federal Government has just passed a Bill providing \$275,000,000 to aid home-building



DRUMMOND WREN

and slum clearance in Canada. An arrangement has been made by the Government for an additional amount which will raise the total to \$740,000,000 to be made available through lending companies which will include insurance, trust and loan corporations, building societies and cooperatives.

Of the total Government allocation of \$275,000,000, \$100,000,000 is for loans to prospective home-builders. If you want to build a house worth \$2,000, you can borrow \$1,900 of it, and if it is a \$4,000 house, you will be able to get \$3,600 on loan. If you are going to build a house worth more than \$4,000, you will be able to borrow ¾ of the additional amount required. No one is going to take issue with the fact that the Government has seen fit to make this money available, as it will undoubtedly be badly needed because of the chronic housing situation that does exist, and will exist after the war. The minimum

requirement for Canada will be about ¾ of a million houses. In spite of the fact that the Housing Committee Report stresses the value of good town planning and the multiple communal housing, it seems that the Government's hands are tied. There is a danger that this will result in thousands of small cheap houses without any proper community planning being related to them, being built in industrial sections in Canada. The cost of building materials, when they are available, has increased to such an extent that a house that could be built before the war for \$4,000 will now cost approximately \$6,000. Just imagine, then, what the \$4,000 houses are going to look like, and even if they look good when built, in a few years time numerous slum

areas will have been created. The housing law gives practically no consideration to the needs of low income groups for good housing at rents they can pay. Thought, therefore, should be given by the unions to placing emphasis on slum clearance and the construction in these areas of modern, multiple homes. This will require the total cost being met by the Government and rents established at a rate that can be met by the low income group, even if, as it undoubtedly will, necessitate substantial subsidies by the Government in the initial cost, if not on maintenance.

The low income groups cannot take advantage of the provisions now made by the Government unless it were to build homes valued at \$2,000 which requires only a \$100 down payment, and most communities have restrictions against homes of that type being built. Communal housing, on the other hand, could be planned to meet all the requirements of decent living including proper playground facilities for children, and nurseries.



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"Welcome back",

**Next Deadline — Monday Noon, August 28th**