

222 Rep. to Can.-Soviet Congress

Hear Important Reports

Election of delegate to the Canadian Soviet Friendship Congress, the report of the Fifth CCL Convention, resolutions on Drew, Family Allowances, and a request for a special session of the Ontario Legislature and a report of the UAW-CIO Reconstruction Committee of Local 222, highlighted the membership meeting of Wednesday, Nov. 1.

An amendment to the motion to send one delegate led to a full discussion on the purposes of the convention and though some witch hunting was brought into the discussion by one of the members, the general feeling was that the Union must be represented. The amendment for three delegates was turned down however and Bro. Art Shultz was elected to attend. It was stated that any person from the Union would be welcome and could participate in discussion. The convention is on Nov. 17, 18 and 19, at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

It was announced that the Auto Workers District Council Meeting to discuss Reconversion had endorsed a brief on the matter which is to be presented to the Federal Cabinet by a ten-man committee representing all the sections of the UAW-CIO. Bros. Malc Smith, A. Elson and Robert Ireland are delegates from this area. By next issue we hope to have a full account of the brief.

A resolution condemning Premier Drew's stand on various progressive measures was adopted and the Family Allowance Act of the Dominion Government was endorsed, and just to make certain that Mr. Drew would understand that the members of Local 222 are keeping an eye on him, he was asked in another resolution to call a special session of the Legislature at once to deal with the pressing problems facing the province today.

Local 222's Reconstruction committee reported to the meeting and said they had forwarded the report to the city council for their perusal. They recommended 1) a creek crossing at Elgin St., 2) a creek valley project to make a park area there, 3) a school in the N.E. ward, 4) public lavatory, 5) public playgrounds, 6) new civic buildings, 7) sewage disposal plant, 8) indoor swimming pool, 9) improved street lighting and underground cables, 10) a new public library.

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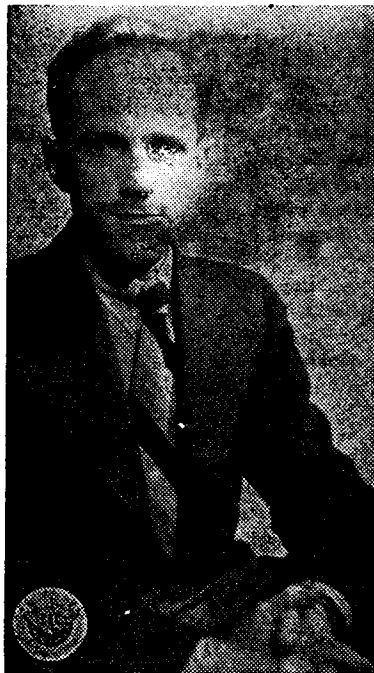
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Dyson Carter to Speak Sun. Nov. 19



Winnipeg born scientist and author. He entered the University of Manitoba when fourteen years of age. He has his Master of Science degree and has written extensively on science subjects. His "Russia's Secret Weapon" has done more than any other publication to bring about a greater understanding on the question of the Soviet Union to the people of Canada. His other books like "So Man May Prosper" have shown the great advances mankind can make if science is used by and is part of the people. His book "Sea Of Destiny" won him membership in the Canadian Geographical Society.

Mr. Carter is a dynamic speaker. Watch the local press for the place of the meeting.

The report of the delegates to the CCL convention is appearing elsewhere in this issue and also two of the most important resolutions passed there.

Urges Projects for Postwar To Give Jobs, City Beautiful

The report of the Reconstruction Committee of Local 222, UAW-CIO, adopted at the last members meeting of the Local, is the main points in the program that the forces of Labor in this community are pressing for as the postwar program that the city council in co-operation with the provincial and federal governments should be concerned with at the present moment.

The response of the members present at the meeting was unanimous endorsement of the proposals of the committee, and as the report is similar to that of the Oshawa and District Labor Council, being if anything more specific in its points it was stated that the various governing bodies concerned should now be aware of the desire of the majority of the citizens in Oshawa for a definite and progressive program for postwar reconstruction.

Contacted after the meeting, one of the Union leaders asserted that it was his opinion that if anything were to be done toward securing some worthwhile projects for Oshawa, it would have to be done by the Labor organizations in the city taking the lead and that Local 222 should, because of its position, be taking the lead in this matter. It was apparent he said that local Big Business and the majority of the city council had very few ideas and less inten-

tion of doing anything toward establishing a worthwhile plan that would aid in keeping our people employed and at the same time provide for those facilities that would lead to the finer, healthier life possible for our citizens.

The report, delivered for the committee by Bro. A. G. Shultz, is as follows:

1. That at least one more crossing be constructed over Oshawa Creek, preferably at Elgin Street.
2. That land adjoining Oshawa Creek be improved by building play grounds, parks, etc.
3. That plans be laid for the erection of a public school in the north east ward.
4. That a public lavatory be erected somewhere in the central part of the city.
5. That at least two additional public play grounds with swimming pools.
6. That one indoor swimming pool be considered.
7. That a new Post Office and City Hall be built.
8. That a modern sewage disposal plant be started at once.
9. Street lighting be improved to compare with modern and up-to-date systems.
10. That a new public library be erected, large enough in size to service the citizens of a 35,000 community and contain facilities for the appreciation of music and movies and an auditorium for discussions and promotion of cultural activities.
11. Also that consideration be given to the building of permanent quarters for Day Time Nurseries, additions to Oshawa Hospital and erection of central heating units for residential heating.

NOTICE

Will the holder of receipt No. JJ147245, Dated Monday, November 6th and in the amount of \$3.00 please present same at the Union Office for correction of the records.

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Editor Talks

Maybe you all know the old story of the man, observed by two of his fellow citizens, riding along the road in a peculiar style. He had the regulation saddle and bridle but sat his ass facing to the rear. Says one observer to the other, "Why is he doing that?" Says the second lad, "I guess he is more interested in where he came from than he is where he is going!"

Oshawa city council of this year has presented an appearance of being some close relative of that simple minded lad. Apparently their nostalgia for the "good old days" (with their bad old ways) has prevented them from taking any long range view of the future of this city of ours.

Labor organizations have requested planning for postwar on the part of our civic officials. The Canadian Legion here have made similar requests. Helpful suggestions as to what the citizens of this city expect have been made by all labor bodies in the city, other citizens groups have endorsed these ideas as being sound and wise. The council's own reconstruction committee met and endorsed the main ideas presented to them by both the labor groups and the other citizens of the city. And up to now the city fathers as a body have occupied the position of the young man described in our opening paragraph.

True, now in the dying months of this council's tenure of office, they are asking for suggestions and say they are going to do something. We strongly suspect that they are aware that their lethargy in attacking these problems may defeat them at election time and so now they wish to dig up some points for a program to use on January 1st.

It may be said that not all the council members are equally guilty, but to the knowledge of this paper only two of the council members have been actively aware of the needs and their pressure has not been sufficient to overcome the inertia of the balance.

Municipal authorities are prone to say that they are circumscribed in their powers. That is true, but it is also true that it is the "squeaky wheel that gets the grease," and where help is needed from the Provincial or Federal Government's that those

"I know not every candidate.—
Why not

Let others choose the man of
state?—What good,

My lonely vote, so blindly cast?
—Why should

There be this relic of the past—
This act,

So slight, so futile and so small?
—The fact

Now is, that one can choose for
all.—Let one,

All-wise, appoint the best of
men.—Let one.

Do this and peace will come
again.—But no!

I saw the war; how it began.—
And Lo,

It was by rule of single man.—
I saw

The lands where other men had
said—"The law

Shall flow from one all—know-
ing head. Let him

Appoint our mayors and our
chiefs.—Let him

Direct our learnings and beliefs.
—For we

Know not the why we live or
die;—But, he

Knows all, the wherefore and the
why.—I knew

What happened in those weak-
men states;—A few

Controlled the mass with blood
and hates.—Then I

Beheld the wonder of my land.—
Then I

who make the most noise get
the help. Our Council has not
even as yet made a whisper.

It is pretty plain that any pro-
jects for postwar are going to be
brought about by pressure and
active work by civic bodies, our
governments do not consider
themselves as some sort of
Santa Claus.

The answer seems to be that a
new type of civic representative
is needed, men and women with
vision, people looking to the
future who are willing to help
in making that new and untried
territory, the postwar, something
a lot better than the "hungry
Thirties" were.

In the ranks of the Unions
are men and women who are
head and shoulders above the
present type of administration,
bar the two or three who have
shown that they know the score.

"Where there is no vision, the
people perish." It is time the
citizens of Oshawa elected a few
more men and women of vision!

Poetitorial

The Voter—I Thought:

Began to deeply understand—
That here

Each man contributed to its fate.
—With pride

I raised my single civic voice.—
With pride

I marked my voter's vital choice.
—I am

The ruler and the ruled!
—ABM,

Kansas Government Journal.

Auto Workers Credit Union Ltd.

(OSHAWA)

Credit Union members are to be privileged on **Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m.**, when Mr. A. C. Savage, financial organizer of the United Farmers Co-operative Company will be a guest speaker, at the monthly membership meeting of the Auto Workers Credit Union in the Union Hall. Mr. Savage has long been associated with the co-operative movement both with the Ontario Credit Union League and the United Farmers Co-operative Company. His topic will be both timely and interesting to all persons who see a growing need and great future for the co-operative enterprise.

It is the Board of Directors hope that all members will take special notice of this event and make it a worthwhile meeting for all concerned.

At the last membership meeting instructions were given to forward letters to those who have not carried on any credit union business in the past year—if you have received one of these reminders—your co-operation will be appreciated as well as being beneficial to everyone. We are pleased to mention that very few of these reminders had to be sent out.

Quoting from our September financial statement we find that there were \$936 in loans granted: August \$1,405, July \$1,142. Borrowers are finding it beneficial to loan from their credit union for doctor's bills, furniture, clothing, coal, etc., and at the same time keeping their savings in bonds, etc., intact.

Your credit union is in a fine, healthy position. You might well be proud of it.

Be sure to keep the special date on Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m.

Concerning CCL Convention

It was intended by the Editorial Committee to print the report of the CCL convention, delivered at the last members meeting, but since the Auto Worker has such a very excellent coverage of the convention in this issue it has been decided to refer the members of Local 222 to the material contained therein.

It may be briefly mentioned here that this year's conference and the decisions made, taken in conjunction with the trend of the conference to break new ground in discussion to an extent never before apparent, it was said, may make the convention just past one of the most important in the history of the labor movement in Canada.

One of the signs of the times, and a highly significant one in that it was unceasing pressure from the rank and file members of the Congress that brought it about, was the decision to establish a committee for closer and better relations with the Trades and Labor Congress.

The passing of the resolution on a postwar program and appearing on page three of the Canadian section of the Auto Worker and calling for jobs, security and health programs by our government and the foreign policy resolution submitted by the Oshawa and District Labor Council and also appearing in Column 1 on the same page, are an indication that the Labor unions are well aware of the necessity for immediate action if we are to continue to have some measure of stable employment after the war.

With the great amount of keen discussion and the very evident lengthy study of these problems by labor people, it should be apparent to our various governments that labor knows the score and will be satisfied with nothing less than the best that this country can afford in the way of a standard of living as the ultimate aim in winning the peace.

The best way of making this land fit for our returning men is to make it fit for anyone to live in and to love and work for!

In case any brother or sister is ill or injured report to the Union Office at once. The Union Sick and Welfare committee will extend them the Union cheer.

West Plant Tool Room Briefs

It was quite a shock to the boys in the Tool Room to hear that Brother Jim Turner is leaving us. It seems almost unnecessary to wish Jim success in his new venture for we feel sure that Jim will make a good job of anything he undertakes. We hope that this new position will help him regain his former health. We are happy in the thought that he will not be too far away for us to see him once in a while.

The two bowling champions, Mac and Pete were kind of subdued in the shop on Monday morning. Maybe their score was not so hot on Friday night.

We heard a remark that the Toolers and the Teasers are likely to go places this year but after seeing them the other night we think you will have to wait an awful long time before they get to the Hall of Fame.

Our dancing season started by a dance held in the Hungarian Hall, Friday, the 27th, and by appearances the boys and girls had not lost any of their artistry in stepping the light fantastic.

Some of the boys are quite curious to have a look see through that baby telescope.

Well boys, it won't be long now before we hear some tall stories about the Deers that got away. Most of us are quite satisfied with the two legged ones.

Full House for Union Sports UAWA Bowling League Busy

The Steel Workers team—U.S.A. (B)—continued to lead the race in Group 1 with 14 points, Paint Shop coming next with 11 points, Door Busters occupy third position with 10 points. Bill Fisher's Truck Line team still holds fourth position. (Maybe the bowling shirts will brighten this team up.)

Bob Tyson's Packers are still "packing" away the points in Group 2, they lead their group with 14 points. Export, another shipping room team, hold second place with 13 points; if these two teams can keep it up, they should have quite a tussle when they meet in the last week of the first section. "What's the betting on this game, boys?" "What's the matter with 'Pete' Wilson's Cards?" They seem to be in a slump lately. "Come on 'Pete' get that southpaw working again."

Peter Borrow's Welders hold top place in Group 3 with 13 points; 'Bus' Coppin's Boxers are next with 11 points, Freeman and Northey apparently can't stand publicity but these two will come through with the goods one of these nights. The Boxers still look like the team to beat if 'Bus' Coppin keeps them on their toes.

George King's Inspection team

is also showing considerable improvement and should be in the fight with the rest of them. The Knox Glass team under the capable leadership of 'Larry' Burgess is now becoming a threat in Group 3. 'Larry' now has 9 bowlers on his list and he had to sit on the bench the other night.

"Why not let Tureski sit out? He is an experienced bench warmer, he even had to sit down to have his picture taken with the Bombers — Softball champs. Cheer up Mike!"

Now that each member of the bowling league has secured a rule book, it would be advisable to study the rules and make every effort to live up to them, especially the closing date for new bowlers which is Nov. 10th, permission must be granted by the executive after that date. The total membership is now 205.

The executive wishes to report that the purchase of bowling shirts has been completed and a meeting will be held in the near future to discuss plans for the distribution of these shirts to the teams concerned.

Below are the highlights for each group:

Group 1, Oct. 27

Red Demerse, Wheel & Tire, 452 for 2 games; Myrle Reeson, Reject, 514 for 2 games; Pat Jarvis, Truck Line, 510 for 2; Bill Sanford, Steelers, 506 for 2; Alex Donaldson, Truck Line 500 for 2.

Group 2, October 27

Bob Tyson, Packers, 524 for 2; Wes. Richards, Army Cab, 468 for 2.

Group 1, Nov. 3

Lloyd Hall, Reject, 553 for 2, 368 single; Chuck Heath, Steel-

The Oshawa Council has organized teams of canvassers. They are making that canvas NOW. When they call on you will you please try to have that bundle of clothing ready for them? If you can't please leave it at:

315 Simcoe St. S., 325 Simcoe St. S., 270 Franch St., 236 Bloor St. E., 242 Bloor St. E., 253 Arthur St.

Or you may phone, 3711, 2683, 2964-R, or 1778-J, at any time of the day and have it picked up.

For the Council To Aid Yugoslavia, Oshawa Branch,

—V. F. RUCIGAY,
Secretary,

315 Simcoe St. S., Phone 3711.

ers, 504 for 2; Myrle Reeson, Reject, 500 for 2; Dave Reynolds, Stamping, 582 for 2.

Group 2, Nov. 3

Deny Linton, Ont. Steele (A), 500 for 2; Bob Tyson, Packers, 493 for 2.

Group 3, Oct. 26

Clarence Keith, Boxers, 472 for 2; George Northey, Boxers, 460 for 2.

Group 3, Nov. 2

Willoughby Inspection, 473 for 2; Chuch Peel, Welders, 356 for 2 games.

—ALEX DONALDSON.

Film Nite Greatly Enjoyed Members Ask for More

Film night at the Union Hall, Nov. 5, proved to be highly entertaining and the Educational Committee have been requested to continue this type of show whenever possible.

Bro. Sharples showed a picture urging the people to buy bonds and including many Hollywood celebrities in the cast, a sing song followed in which hit songs of our men and women in the forces were sung. The main picture "Tyneside Story" followed and our own local boy, Bro. Bob Stacey chairs a "discussion trailer" to examine what the story of the picture means to us for the postwar.

The real highlight of the evening was the quiz program in which quarters given the successful participants and lemons to those not so successful, the audience answering the ones missed by the eight "brain trusters."

Miss Lillian Rombach of Toronto and Mrs. Ethel Thompson led the sing-song and Mr. Ed. Joseph from the WEA took over the quiz.

The speakers for the next two weeks will be Dyson Carter, on No. 19, and Wm. Levitt on the 26th of November.

Notices appear elsewhere concerning these persons and the place of the meeting will be announced in the local press.

YANKS ABROAD

A farmer in a remote corner of southern England said, I'm sure in all good faith, "I gets on well, I like these Americans over here, but I somehow can't get along at all with the white fellows they've got along with them."

—London Express.

An Appeal to Oshawa Citizens Clothing Needed for Yugoslavia

The Canadian Council of South Slavs to Aid Free Yugoslavia, Oshawa Branch has begun a campaign to collect old and new clothing for the people of Free Yugoslavia. The campaign, now on, will close November 30, 1944.

As you know, the people of Yugoslavia, under their leader, Marshal Tito, are fighting valiantly to free their country of fascism, many have been made homeless and destitute.

Free Yugoslavia has, in the course of the war united all the nationalities within its borders. Croatian, Serbian, Slovene and other minorities have united for final liberation of their land.

Jugoslavian people have gained the respect and esteem of all liberty loving people. They have earned this through their heroic struggles in this Peoples War to

rid the world of fascism. These men and women have refused to be enslaved and have from the beginning fought the German invaders of their soil.

To help those who have given so much for the cause of freedom and humanity is the duty of every democratic citizen. Clothing and medical aid are sorely needed by the very valiant people. We must help alleviate their suffering.

This appeal is made for old and used clothing, all SPARE CLOTHING YOU MAY HAVE that is not being used. Children's, women's, men's, clothing of any kind will be gratefully accepted.

Let us remember this is not charity. It is a recognition of their contribution to FREEDOM AND THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE that will again be enjoyed by all once the Fascists are crushed.

DUPLATE DOINGS

Committee at Toronto

Victory Loan pictures were shown before the general meeting of October 26. Brother Jack Currie gave a report of the hearing before the War Labor Board held earlier in the day. The hearing took over two hours to complete. The Duplate Company was represented by a Mr. Adams a corporation lawyer. This was a new phase of bargaining for some of the committee but never the less they brought out the union's views and reasons for adjustments in wages very clearly to the Board. Doris Kelly, Les. Peck, Lloyd Stire, Fred VanNest, and Jack Currie presented the union's case and we should be very grateful to all of them. An answer from the Board in the future is expected.

Grievance Arbitration

On November 1 the bargaining committee and management met with Louis Fine as arbitrator to discuss long standing grievances. This was the first time in a long while that arbitration has been conducted in the Duplate Plant. The union claimed Standards on Fuse Body Line were unsatisfactory though the company has timed these operations several times. Mutual timing was urged and suggested by Mr. Fine. The bonus system of payment was also under arbitration. The union deemed this system as not covering all workers whose work should be covered by the bonus system. Mr. Fine rendered no decision as yet on this issue.

More Members

The need for more members especially in departments where membership is low was urged during the meeting. New stewards were elected for the Duplate Line and we hope they get down to business and increase the membership in that department. They are Margaret Pearson, Maxine Mullen, and Audrey Moss. John Sabo was elected as chief steward of the plant.

Convention Report

Betty Slater read a report of the Grand Rapids Convention. The main items on the agenda in our opinion was the necessity of President Roosevelt being

re-elected and the continuation of the no-strike policy.

Invite to Forums

Brother Noble, Chairman of the Local 222 Educational Committee, invited all members and friends to attend the Sunday evening forums to hear and question outstanding speakers on the problems of our time. Time, place, and date of these forums will be posted on bulletin board.

Old Faithfuls

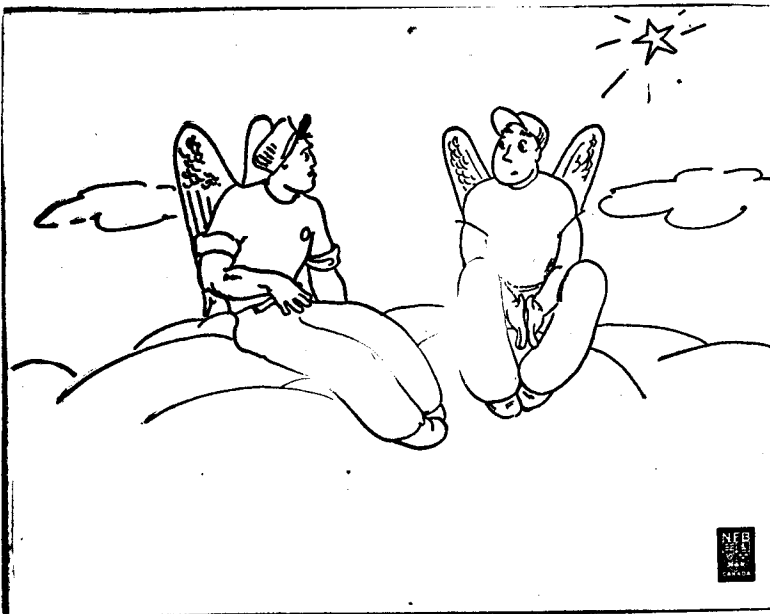
We have heard the saying "old soldiers never die," etc., and how truthfully these four words fit the members who attend union meetings. This is all very well to the good—but how is our union going to be active, democratic and respected if large numbers of members persist in staying away from meetings. One night a month is not too much to sacrifice for the welfare of yourself and fellow members. With these thoughts in mind please make it a date to attend union meetings.

Union Youth Club

How about some more members joining the Union Youth Club? The club is arranging a program for the coming winter. Dances, films, games, etc. Belong to this organization and take a share in the direction and fun of the club. Sam Sheps of the Shipping Room will explain details to any interested member.

Here, There and Everywhere

Every once in a while former Duplate workers at present in the armed forces visit the plant. During the past month "Danny" Dale, Ray "Poison" Mann, Ted Stewart and Ray Cowan renewed acquaintances. Freddy Johns formerly one of the union's active members, was home for a few days leave from the army. Sorry to hear that John Semeniuk is on the sick list. Don Anderson of the stock-room suffered severe burns from acid. Tough luck Don. June Parker has returned from the hospital after a serious operation. Glad to see Merg Fleming, Doris Glene and Fred Hobbs from Plastic Finishing back again. "Sy" Lang of the Press Shop has been keeping close watch on Duplate Doings for any of his doings the past three issues. We are keeping it a military secret "Sy". ?? received a few lemons on Sunday's Nov. 5th forum.



"Say, Joe, what IS safety rule number 6?"

Union Youth Club

Due to many of our present and prospective members attending night school on regular meeting nights, the next meeting is to be held—

Friday, November 17th, 8 p.m.

We have attractive membership cards to issue—please come and pick yours up and at the same time give a hand in helping to build the structure for your Winter's entertainment—dancing—bowling—skating parties—with an odd dash of educational programs, pictures, quiz programs, etc., now and then.

Our meetings are short—simple and friendly.

Hope to see you at the Union Hall.

Friday, November 17th, 8 p.m.

National Film Board Film to be a feature.

Prayer of an advertising man's child: "Give us this day our daily, golden crust, slo-baked, vitamin-enriched bread."

—Lincoln AM.

G. M. Stewards

Our regular Stewards meetings are being very well attended and will soon be up to the bumper ones we used to have.

Mr. Ford Brandt one of the CCF organizers addressed the meeting, urging more direct action in the political field by the Union.

Bro. Benson urged the members to attend the Open Forums which are being held every Sunday night. Some of the best speakers on important and timely subjects are to be available during the winter. Besides the education feature, there will be National Film Board movies and other kinds of entertainment.

Bro. Orien Pearsen asked for a big turn out to the Sick and Social meeting to be held November 14th. Do not forget this is your club—give it your support.

At the opening of the meeting, Bro. Lowney, Chairman of the Steward body asked everyone to stand in silent tribute to Bro. Harry Lyons of dep't 90J whose sudden passing so shocked his very many friends.

YOUR BLOOD CAN SAVE HIM



Thousands of blood donors are needed each week to supply life-saving serum for the Armed Forces. Give a pint of blood to save a life. For appointment call Red Cross Blood Donor Service.

UNITY IS ESSENTIAL

To the Oshaworker:

On the air, through the newspapers and magazines, comes the welcoming news of victory on the battle fields. City after city is fast falling into the hands of advancing allied victorious armies; this has only been accomplished by the united efforts of those in the firing lines working and planning in conjunction with the millions of people producing and delivering the material to knock out the reactionary foe.

Leading people of the allied nations, including Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt, met and agreed upon a commonly accepted plan and program of action to deliver a sledge hammer blow at our common enemy, and further decided to continue such overdue unity into the postwar era.

The weaving of this unity came about at no small cost to the people, therefore, must be maintained and further extended in Canada, Ontario, Oshawa, in order to first, win the war, the peace, "which means jobs, social security for all, pork chops, etc., and legalize through the medium of our government representatives the right to use and consume at least part of the fruits of our own work, in order to assure a high standard of living for the people," and finally guarantee world peace.

These are some of the truths of life and we must face them with full honesty and sincerity in obligation, if we are determined to solve the problems confronting us; this means the casting aside of the petty differences in opinion, re race, colour, creed, and political beliefs.

This unity in practice will lead us to a better life in Oshawa.

(To be continued in next issue.)
S. HARKIN.

SALLY'S SALLIES



"Why, doctor, I never threaded a needle in my life!"

A. C. SAVAGE

of the United Farmers Co-operative

GUEST SPEAKER

AUTO WORKERS CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, November 19th, 2 p.m.

Important for all credit unionists
to attend.

Your Equipment Best in the World Says American in Canadian Army

Discharged from the U.S. Marines for ill-health, winner of the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his service in the Yankee Leathernecks, Trooper Andrew Kosmic, now of the Canadian Army, just couldn't sit around and see things happening to freedom without fighting. In 1941, he went to Victoria, B.C., nearest Canadian city to his point of discharge, and joined the Canadian forces. Later that year he was taking commando training in England.

Kosmic saw action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, taking part in the bitter fighting around Mount Enda with the Seaforths, the Royal 22nd and the Princess Pats, proudly landing with the very first group in Sicily.

He has seen every kind of warfare, been shot through the thigh by a bullet, had a bayonet run through his left bicep in a hand-to-hand struggle. He doesn't remember what happened to the German who did it—"everything was moving so fast"—but he doubts if he'll stick anyone else with a bayonet.

"I've used and travelled in every kind of equipment," Kosmic says, "Bren gun, Sten, Lee Enfield rifle, assault landing craft, jeeps, everything,—and the stuff we get for the Canadian army from Canadian factories is the best in the world.

"The Army may have lots of complaints; that's a soldier's privilege. But there's hardly ever a squawk about the fighting gear Canadians make for us. As long as we get enough of it and ammunition on time, we can

take any objective we have to and lick anybody who threatens our freedom.

"There is nothing wrong with the small arms department. That I know for sure, because my life and effectiveness depended on it so often!"

Art Show By B.C. Labour Guild

Organized by the recently-formed Labor Arts Guild, a competitive art exhibition under the title, "British Columbia At Work", is being held in the Vancouver Art Gallery from November 21 to December 10. All entries in the competition are to depict some phase of British Columbia economic activity.

The Labor Arts Guild was organized in July to develop latent artistic ability among workers, to encourage art appreciation among labor groups and to foster closer relationships between artists and the labor movement.

Because of its close association with the labour movement, the newly-formed group has been requested by the Allied Arts War Service Council to organize and administer the competition.

Substantial cash prizes are being offered while special prizes are being donated by Vancouver trade unions. Oil paintings, water colours, sketches in any medium, wood carving and sculpture are invited.

Shipping Shots

By A. S. P.

Congrats to Neil Morrison of the Army line on his \$750 award. He now believes in Santa Claus—nice work Neil.

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We have in our midst an artist of note, none other than Geoffrey Sykes. In the past he got a big write up, pictures and all in G.M.C. paper, at present he is doing some work for the G.M.C. bond campaign. His specialty is portrait painting. Why not get in right with the "frau" and have Jeff do a portrait of the little woman.

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Geo. Northey got his name up as one of the high scorers in the Union bowling league. He was all puffed up.

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Quite a few of the boys attended the Roseneath Fair. It is reported there was no scarcity of the potent liquid refreshment.

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When all those deer hunters return home, we'll hear some tall tales.

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Our sympathy goes out to Angus Cameron in the loss of his infant child.

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The big Victory Bond drive is now over. The Shipping room as usual did well. Bert Weir was in charge. The following live wire canvassers took part: E. Peebles, W. Young, D. Sheppard, G. O'Regan, C. Keith, H. Palmer, H. Hicks, T. King, R. Saunders, E. Coppin, E. Pomery, H. Valteau, C. Dempsey, E. Mackie, S. McCole, H. J. Weir.

GUIDE FOR BRAND NEW PARENTS

When giving the baby a bath, a thermometer is unnecessary. If the baby turns red, the water is too hot. If the baby turns blue, the water is too cold; if the baby turns white, you will know he needed the bath.

—Ketchikan Lookout.

FLASH!

7th Victory Loan news from Ontario Steel Products (100% Union shop by the way) — were over the top on the bond drive objective on the 4th day of the campaign. Good going boys.

P.A.C. Uncovers Talent

CONTEST WINNERS

\$10.00—C. Cunningham, 332 Oshawa Blvd. (G.M. Dept. 52).

\$6.00 — Joseph Mason, 196 Court Street (G.M. Dept. 52).

\$4.00 — J. V. Burrige, 124 Tyler Crescent (Ontario Steel Products).

Local 222 Political Action Committee commend the above members for their efforts and contributions in the Essay Con-

test sponsored by the committee on—"Why should Unions Take Political Action."

The committee realize that there are many more points which could be made on the subject and feel that no doubt additional articles would be welcomed by the editorial board of the Oshaworker.

The winning articles:

Advocate Use Of Voting Strength

Of the eligible workers in Canada only a minority are members of Trade Unions. This means that a large group of workers are without the benefits of organization. The majority of this unorganized group, which is a threat to the unions, would organize, if they could assure themselves that their representations to the Departments of Labor in the government were to be considered by a body on which were genuine labor representatives. The establishment of such a body would only be possible, following the decision of trade unionists to elect a government committed to the principle that labor must not be considered only as a commodity, and only just incidental to the creation of capital but rather as the true wealth of the nation which increases or decreases according to the manner in which it operates.

Resolutions, petitions and delegations are used by unions as a method of expressing their desires; but satisfactory and permanent results can only be assured when representatives of working people in all spheres are elected to parliament. Year after year the two Congresses of Labor in Canada petition the governments for favourable legislation with little or no results; a clear indication of labor's lack of political strength as at present constituted in the legislative chambers.

Here is a different picture. A news item from Winnipeg re-

ports plans announced by the Premier of Saskatchewan that will be of interest to all trade unionists throughout Canada:—

1. Company unions will be declared illegal.

2. Employers will be required to give employees the right to collective bargaining.

3. Annual vacations with pay for all employees after some fixed period of services.

4. An increase in the minimum wage.

4. Provisions for maintenance of membership and compulsory check-off of dues.

6. Provision for a vote for recognition when a union can show 25 per cent support in any industry or plant.

A peoples government in a farming province makes this law. As to whether unions should take political action the only logical answer is—Yes, when so much more can be accomplished by political action, individually and collectively.

—C. CUNNINGHAM,
Dept. 52 G.M.,
332 Oshawa, Blvd.

Why Should Unions Take Political Action

There are many reasons why Unions and all Labor organizations should combine in political action. To completely cover the subject it would be necessary to write a large volume. Two hundred and fifty words can hardly scratch the surface.

Past experience has demonstrated that political parties, as we have known them, have not been interested in the welfare of

Labor. Rather, their attitude has been that Labor constitutes a nuisance value, the magnitude of which depending upon the number of delegations sent in to register complaints or requests and the number of strikes and their effects upon production and profits. Therefore, it may be concluded that Labor should not expect favorable legislation while those political parties are in power.

Industry, as we have known it, is seldom concerned as to the economic welfare of the worker. The concern of Industry is solely whether or not it is making profits, and how much. Under the present political and economic set-up, Industry may be considered to be within its rights when it acts as it generally does because, after all, it also must follow jungle laws, constituted and unconstituted, in order to keep in the struggle.

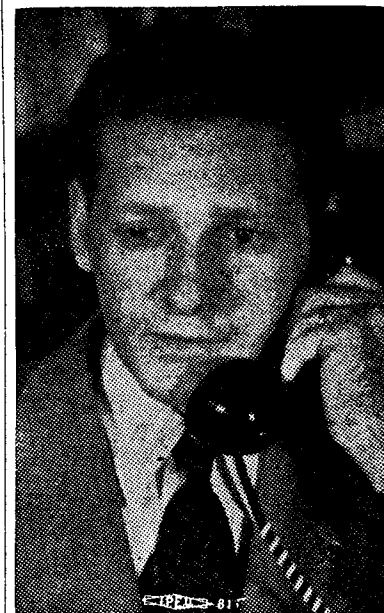
It is therefore imperative, if Labor wishes to make permanent gains, that it institute and propagate a political policy designed to give to the Worker the rights and the protection to which he is entitled. Such a policy should be carefully formulated, with much thought and deliberation, and should thoroughly cover all phases of national life, with the ultimate purpose in view of giving a just share of the good things of life to those who do the nation's work.

Should Unions Take Political Action?

Trade Unions have hitherto functioned with the conception that all obstacles to their welfare and progress could be removed, by their economic strength and unity of purpose and action; while this may be possible if all labor was organized, it has been shown very clearly, that there are other forces at work whose purpose conflicts with the aims of trade unions.

These forces are well organized and well represented in the political and governmental au-

William Levitt To Speak Sun. Nov. 26



Wm. H. Levitt has been for some time the International Educational Director of the UAW-CIO. Under his able guidance and that of his progressive and clever staff members, the Educational Dep't of the UAW has come to be recognized as the leader in the field of adult education in North America.

A young man, University trained, Bro. Levitt has the habit of making a success of his projects. Under his guidance the UAW's educational magazine "Ammunition" came into being. He has had the faculty of attracting to his staff such persons as Elizabeth Hawes and David Erdman, editor of Ammunition.

Wm. Levitt is a hard headed educationalist endowed with vision. He is an excellent speaker. Watch the local paper for further announcements.

thorities. Industrial and financial organization alone are realized as not sufficient to accomplish control needed, in order to assure the profit motive, unlimited, but well guarded. If the full employment of labor jeopardizes that profit motive, action is readily forthcoming, as we well know. Unions realizing this, endeavour to salvage what they can from this onslaught, which places property and privilege before human and National Welfare, by having Seniority clauses inserted in their agreements. This makeshift, while necessary under the present unplanned economic system, condones the partial employment plan or policy, to weaken the bargaining power of labor. It is therefore quite evident that only political strength can remedy this.