

C.I.O. Union Has Certification for Smallwood Plant

The Ontario Labor Relations Board last Thursday issued a certificate naming the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (C.I.O.-C.C.L.) as bargaining agents for employees of S. G. Smallwood Co. here.

Application for certification by the IUEW was made on May 24 before the Board. The IUEW, which at 400,000 members is the third largest international trade laboring in the C.I.O., was in 1949 declared by the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the Canadian Congress of Labor to be the official union for electrical and related workers in the American and Canadian congresses.

Official certification of the IUEW in the Smallwood factory climaxes a labor situation which, through the questionable tactics of the Communist-dominated United Electrical Workers of America which first tried to sign up the employees, drew in the Council, public and local and district press.

For several weeks the Red-led UE plastered pink and yellow pamphlets over the town's streets and porches, charging the local Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce, the Free Press and others who happened to be handy of being anti-labor, pro-capitalist or dictatorial—whatever happened to suit the propaganda requirements of the moment.

While the heat of the UE's frothy campaign rose, the reception of the Smallwood employees for the independent union grew proportionately cooler.

At this point the C.I.O. union, the IUEW, quietly entered the picture and without publicity or notice, carrying the endorsement of other union locals here, rode over the noisy UE organizers and gained the support of the Smallwood employees.

Monday night the first meeting to prepare for election of local officers and discuss types of contracts, was held in the legion hall.

Town League Matches Begin

First games of the Minor Sports League were played Tuesday when the Muckers downed the Jets 13-7 and the Hot Shots were victorious over the Wolf Hounds, 5-2.

Almost everyone on the Muckers line-up counted for the team, with Bob Marshall crossing home plate three times. Playing with the team were W. Ridley, P. Lawson, B. Marshall, Bob Cox, D. Lindsay, Shannon, T. Waterhouse, J. Lindsay, D. Woodburn, Walker and R. Paama.

Agnew and McPherson each accounted for two of the Jets' seven runs. Up to bat were Agnew, Stewart, Churchill, Kevin, McPherson, Fatt, Emmerson, Peel and Mason.

Wolf Hounds and Hot Shots each saw one run in the first inning and then none in the second, before Hot Shots rallied for four points in the third. Hounds counted with one in the fourth, to lose 5-2.

Wolf Hounds—Lambert, Ranney, Waterhouse, Marks, Denny, Andrews, Fleming, Beerman, Ruddick, McDonald.

Hot Shots—McCristall, Hoare, Johnston, Williams, Holmes, Kirkness, Halliday, Tripp, Fryer.

Dead Skunk Has Part in Accident

Police reported two accidents in this district, both causing considerable property damage, but no injuries were reported in either mishap.

Sunday night, cars driven by Frank Schofield, an O.V.C. student, and James Anderson, R.R. 1, Campbellville, were in collision on the Speyside side of the road. The first car swung to the left to miss a dead skunk and the second vehicle skidded on the loose gravel while travelling the opposite way. Total damage was \$275.

Tuesday night, a car driven by George Mitchell, Milton, hit guard rails on the left and right side of No. 25 highway, then landed on its left side on the road. Damage was estimated at about \$700.

33,429 Voters Eligible

Three Candidates Vie in Halton Race

Halton voters—33,429 of them if they all turn out—go to the polls today to play their part in returning or rejecting the provincial government which swept all but token opposition aside in the Progressive Conservative landslide in 1951.

Again leading the Conservative hopes for retention of the Halton seat is Stanley Hall, member since 1948, who last election entered parliament for his fourth term with a plurality of 530 votes and a majority over Dr. M. Deans, Liberal candidate, of 2,704 votes. William Anderson, Oakville, has the Liberal hopes riding with him



SECOND DECORATION DAY in Acton last Sunday drew a larger crowd and parade than the first venture a year ago. Four bands headed representatives of local organizations who marched to the cemetery, after a short ceremony at the cenotaph, for a service and decoration of graves.

Membership Trophy Presented to Club

The District Governor's trophy to clubs topping their 10 per cent membership increase goal, was presented last week to Acton Rotary club. Rotary clubs in the Toronto district are the first in the world to pass their goal in this drive.

Ted Hansen acted on behalf of the district governor in making the presentation of the trophy to president Art Padbury.

Joe Jany spoke to the club on his trip to Ottawa, which was sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Friends, Relatives Honor Saturday Bride

Miss Pat Duval, a bride of next Saturday, has been guest of honor at several events held prior to her marriage. Mrs. Wilfred Duval Jr. was hostess to a group of friends and relatives at her home, on May 25. Miscellaneous gifts were operated by Miss Duval before the lunch was served.

Fellow employees of Mason Knit gathered on May 30 at the home of Mrs. Mel Jordan with gifts for the bride-to-be. Miss Pauline Taylor held a third miscellaneous shower on June 2.

Friends and relatives from Kitchener and Milton also attended these events.

Gifts, Tributes To Daisy Folster After 40 Years Teaching Here

School Board members, town officials and citizens—many of whom had once sat as pupils in her classroom—showered gifts and tributes on Miss Daisy Folster last week when a surprise party honoring her 40 years of teaching here was held in the public school auditorium.

Miss Folster, who retires this month after beginning her teaching career here 40 years ago, confessed early in the lively party arranged by the Board and teachers that she'd heard about the "surprise" but was none the less grateful and delighted with the gesture in her honor.

And as the evening progressed, the gestures took tangible form as the beloved teacher was presented with gifts, tributes and expressions of appreciation.

Forty Red Roses
Board Chairman W. Wolfe, who praised the "magnificent work for 40 years by Miss Folster", handed her a scroll. Trustee C. Bradley, on behalf of the Board and the citizens of Acton, then offered her a handsome bouquet of 40 red roses. Later, Miss Folster received a lazy-boy chair and a strand of pearls from the chairman of the evening. T. Jones, who asked the veteran teacher to accept these gifts on behalf of the people of Acton.

Inspector L. Skuce fastened the pearls about Miss Folster's neck, then spoke of the deep understanding which she possessed and exercised in her classroom. "It was good," Inspector Skuce said, "for anyone to go through Daisy's classroom."

Geraniums, Bouquets On Graves Of Loved Ones, Decoration Day

"God is working in the world and we can go forward in hope," Dr. T. H. Stewart declared to a crowd of about 400 gathered at Fairview cemetery Sunday afternoon for the second annual Decoration Day service. In speaking of the servicemen whose graves were shortly to be decorated, he pointed out bravery is never wasted.

He recalled, in his service overseas, seeing flowers soon grow up among the debris, and pointed out to his large audience a parallel for faith.

Dr. Stewart was guest speaker at the brief ceremony which followed a parade and ceremony at the cenotaph.

Actonians and visitors lined the streets for the lengthy parade with four bands. The group halted before the cenotaph when flags of the different groups were dipped and the flag on the standard was lowered as Charles Landsborough played the Last Post. Gordon Beatty gave the Legion charge and G. H. McHugh placed a wreath. Frank Fowke read the names of Acton men who had died in combat. Rev. Evan Jones led in prayer.

The parade then proceeded in the heat to Fairview cemetery. Seated on the grass, on benches and in many cars, the crowd heard the service which began with words of welcome by Mayor E. Tyler. Rev. R. H. Armstrong gave the call to worship and Rev. Jones read the scripture. Pastor Ray Costerus led in prayer.

Mr. Jones introduced Rev. T. H. Stewart, M.C., M.A., D.D., who was the guest speaker. Dr. Stewart has a varied military career which included service in the first World War, when he was wounded at Vimy; chaplaincy in the second World War and chaplaincy at Sunningbrook hospital. He has been the rector of St. Luke's church, Waterloo, for about a year.

Following the service, geraniums were planted at the graves of servicemen in Fairview cemetery and St. Joseph's cemetery. The lengthy parade was headed by the Acton Citizens' Band, with marshal Max Storey. Marching in the group were the mayor and members of council, clerk, J. McGeachie, Acton Fire Fighters, Stan Hill, M.P. and Acton Cubs.

Dr. A. J. Buchanan, mar-halled group two, with the Guelph Pipe Band playing. With the group were members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.G.E., the Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E., the Acton Women's Institute, Girl Guides and Brownies.

The Guelph Sea Cadets' Band accompanied the third section of the parade with marshal Gordon Beatty. The Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion followed.

The Canadian Legion Band from Port Credit provided music for the fourth section. Marshal was Henry Shepherd of Georgetown, and with him marched members of visiting Legions from Port Credit, Milton and Georgetown.

Response again this year was impressive as many brought their own flowers to decorate the graves of loved ones. The cemetery was beautiful as family groups wandered under the tall trees, recalling the past.

Scouts were in charge of parking and handing out programs.

Court Denies Bail In Assault Charge
Bail was denied Donald Crispin of Rockwood when he appeared in court in Guelph Wednesday on a charge of assault occasioning bodily harm. He was remanded until later in June when the case will proceed. He was charged in connection with an alleged assault against a 65-year-old Guelph woman who is still in hospital.

A varied program was enjoyed throughout the evening. At the outset the teachers sang an introductory song, composed for the occasion, later followed by two violin solos by Sheila Paul, accompanied by Ted Hansen.

Lunch After Program
A chorus of teachers later sang three selections, followed by a balloon blowing contest among ex-teachers, conducted by Mrs. J. Black. R. McKeown led a sing song and Miss Anderson read a "wedding account" which was a contest on hidden names.

Miss Barnard sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. N. Turner. Mrs. F. Ganley sang several selections, at the same time playing the piano and leading the audience.

An amusing balloon shaving contest between four former school board members, under the direction of E. Smith, ended in a burst of balloons and shaving lather.

At the conclusion of the program a lunch was enjoyed by the group.

Loss of Water Blamed on Lack Of Enough Reservoir Storage

High Water Mark

Consensus of the need for more water in order to pace the growth of the community, town officials have been keeping a keen eye on the quantity of water pumped through the local mains to homes and industry.

At Monday night's council meeting Mayor Tyler told members that during May seven and a half million gallons of water were used in Acton—the highest consumption figure for any month in the town's history.

Loss of water—as much as a quarter of the main spring's daily flow—through insufficient reservoir space has set Council agitating to add to the town's water storage facilities while at the same time pursue plans laid last winter to drill for water on property owned by the Beardmore Co. Ltd.



REV. R. GROENEBOER, new resident minister for the large local congregation of Dutch New Canadians who hope to build a Christian Reformed Church here.

Water Skiing Answer To Heat Wave Blues

Various methods of cooling off were used by the many picnickers who took advantage of the shade and water at Acton park during the hot spell. Some were water skiing on the lake; others swimming and others sleeping in the shade.

For the energetic, there were ball games, bicycling and playing around the large area. For the serious, there was fishing.

Certainly the sport that combined all aspects—desire to get cool suddenly, energy and seriousness—was the water skiing. It had many spectators.

The Breezes, Sonny Jocke's park on the other side of the lake, has also had quite a few groups, although the attractive spot begins the season officially this week-end.

Acton Park is becoming noted out-of-town and many make the trip here to enjoy its beauty.

Gray Visits Niagara Falls

All the famous sights at Niagara Falls, as well as the Whirlpool and Brock's Monument, were visited by members of the Y.M.C.A.'s Royal Star Gray-Y club last Saturday. The 11 boys, parents and Bob Brayshaw left Acton early in the morning and had lunch at the falls. A tour of the caves under the Horseshoe Falls was one of the highlights.

After shopping and seeing the gardens, the group drove down the gorge to the whirlpool. From there they went to view Brock's Monument at Queenston. They arrived home late in the afternoon.

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Offer 100,000 Shares at \$1 Par

Initial public offering of 100,000 common shares, at \$1 parity value, was made this week by the Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd. group of Acton who have been drilling on leased properties in Esqueping for the past several months.

To date the company has four natural gas wells in production with a cubic footage of 600,000 available. Prior to formation of the company there were two wells in production and one undeveloped.

President of the company is Tony Seynuck, Acton, who has been exploring oil and gas potentialities in this district for 25 years. Drilling is continuing on the same Esqueping township farm where early last month the largest well to date, No. 4, metering over 332,000 cubic feet, blew in.

An officer of the company said this week that as a result of gas drilling successes to date, three clay products companies have shown interest in the district.

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It was revealed at Monday night's regular session that after the present reservoir and tank fills up in the evening, as much as 25 per cent of the spring's daily flow is lost through the night until water is drawn again the next morning. The figure varies, depending on the demand and time the reservoir takes to fill up at the end of the week.

During the week-end, when demand is low, the loss ratio increases.

Council discussed the problem at length, agreeing that a reservoir of about 1,000,000 gallons capacity was needed. The finance committee was delegated to bring in a report.

As well, arrangements are to be made to drill on land owned by Beardmore's, where it is believed there is a high potential.

Turn Down Petition
Clerk J. McGeachie, early in the meeting reported that council may, in receipt of a majority-represented petition, pass a by-law regulating the number of service stations and garages in town. At last week's meeting, all garage operators in town signed a petition which asked no more stations be allowed in Acton.

Council briefly debated the request. Reeve J. Hargrave said he was in favor because the petition represented 100 per cent of the wish—local business group, Councillor C. Lindsay and Deputy-Reeve E. Foutitt opposed, contending such a by-law would be restrictive and discriminatory.

A motion that the petition be filed and no action taken on the request at present was carried.

Later, S. McIsaac, with a Mr. Ord who said he was representing the local garage operators, appeared before members about the same matter. Mr. Ord made a plea for the merits of station regulation, also outlined the section of the Municipal Act which permits passage of such a by-law.

The motion defeating the request, was read by Mr. Ord who before he left asked for the names of the mover and seconder of the resolution.

Town to Sand Street
Other business arising from the minutes took much time in Monday night's meeting. A letter is to be sent to owners of property on Wallace Street, seeking position on installation of sidewalks along that street. No word was reported from Erin township about acceptance or rejection of the fire agreement with Acton.

Reeve Hargrave reported early arrangements have been made to lay hot macadam mix on Willow Street, in August. Some grading and drain work will be completed on this street before it is paved, however it was said to be in "reasonably good shape" now.

After reviewing three tenders for oiling and sanding of local streets, members decided to accept the tender of K. J. Beamish Construction Co. at 22 cents per gallon, for oil and to do the sanding by town equipment and employees. Necessary grading and patching to be completed before oiling was also discussed.

Minutes of the last Urban Board meeting were read. It was noted the next meeting is in Milton, June 16.

Will Install Gutter
On advice of the town solicitor, council decided to install a curb gutter on Main Street past property owned by S. McIsaac, who has claimed water washing from the road carries gravel away from his service station drive area.

T. Brankiewicz appeared before council with another proposition for sale of his property to the town for a road into the proposed Lakewood subdivision. Council told Mr. Brankiewicz the subdividers would have to be contacted before any answer could be given.

Mayor E. Tyler reported arrangements are being made to dredge the creek bed on the Bower street side.

A new schedule of county equal-

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Opening Night For Tennis Club

Refreshments and a business meeting followed the opening night of the Tennis Club on Friday. Members enjoyed matches on the two courts, playing later under the lights.

Junior members were served refreshments first and then senior members. During the business meeting, the annual program was announced. The outline of the inter-county league games was read. Club fees were posted, with special rates for junior members.

George Elliott is president of the Tennis Club this year.