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"THE '48 SLATE" BADLY CRACKED

10 CENT WAGE HIKE SOON? J.V. and J.P. Charge Contractor Finances Six In Council Race

Very Strong Rumor Runs Through Camp

Very strong rumors have been circulating in the Porcupine during the past week that a raise of 10 cents per hour will be given employees in district mines in the very near future.

Not only has this rumor reached such proportions that the international office of the IUMMSW has gone to the extent of issuing a bulletin concerning the matter, but considerable detail as to the proposed increase has been circulated through the district.

When and if the increase comes into effect, it will be retroactive till December 1. It is said that the raise may be announced before Christmas and may come in the form of a "Christmas box" to local miners.

raise is widely different in the two this year. union factions in the camp.

"If, this is true, it is a fine thing. I certainly hope it happens and the sooner the better," said a representative of Local 241. "It would be the best Christmas box the boys could possibly get."

However, the prospect of an increase of mine employees on council. appears to be regarded rather sourly in the international office of the union. Following are some excerpts from the bulletin on the matter issued by the International office ((Messrs.) Robinson, Kennedy, Wildman and

Horowitz.) "The operators may try this move because they failed to trick you into accepting a contract without any wage increase . . . now they hope to get off as cheaply as possible.

"Such a wage increase would be the first major victory of the union organizing drive. The fact that it is even being considered shows how strong the union has grown. But it must not be allowed to slow up our campaign to he declared. make the Porcupine 100 percent union. Nor should we let it kid us into giving up our full demands.

A Few Things to Remember: Remember how the operators keep telling us it is "absolutely impossible" to give any wage increase at all? If they try Advance Advertising this new maneuvre it will prove that they have been lying to the workers all along.

"If the operators decide not to try this new manouvre it will prove that cause they still hope they can get away without ANY increase:

"Remember, too, that the union has consistently maintained all along that the operators can afford to grant the full 22c demand today.

"The Union Position: Of course the union will accept such a raise. It has been long overdue. But it will not be accepted as a substitute for the full 22c or any of the other basic contract demands. Those demands still stand Any such raise will be accepted only as a 'down payment' on what we intend to win through strong organization."

EVERYBODY THERE

All of the 12 candidates for counci and both candidates for mayor appeared at last night's election meeting at Harmony Hall. Karl Eyre, can- slates." didate for the myoralty, was late due to a previous engagement.

are not acquainted with the locations

Central School is located at the

corner of Algonquin boulevard and

Foruce street. This school will be the

polling place for persons in the North-

Moneta School is located on Kirby

street between Cedar and Balsam. Re-

sidents of the southeast section of

Mattagami School is situated on Rae

street between Commercial and Man

town will cast their balolts here.

Voters from the Southwest portion of

Holy Family School is on Mountjoy

street N., between Algonquin boule-

vard and Fifth avenue. This school will

serve the Northwest section of town.

Voting hours at all poll booths are

from 10 in the morning till six in

the evening. To avoid congestion at

the booths, authorities advise house-

wives and men off shift to vote early

during the quiet morning or afternoon

For the benefit of new voters who the school board.

Holy Family School.

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hours.

A strong attack at what he claimed was the manner in which the water contract with Hollinger mine was bungled was made last night at Harmony Hall by J. Vincent Bonhomme, Reaction to the possibility of the who is again in the race for council

Mr. Bonhomme also attacked the presence of Hollinger employees on town council when the new contract with Hollinger is made. He charged that the waterworks system had slipped out of the town's hands in the first place in 1922 due to the number

When the waterworks problem was settled, the first need of the town was a filtration plant, Mr. Bonhomme

"Do you wish to continue to drink water with vegetable matter, leeches and I don't know what else in it?"

He rapped the so-called "Harmony Boys" on the "Slate for '48", six candidates who are running together as

"What harmony means is doing the town's work behind closed doors. know all about harmony. I saw it in 1945 when all the town's surplus saved during the war vanished in harmony,

He said that it was the obligations of the electors to send men to council who were not tied to any group of

Said Better Value

A sharp tiff occurred last night at the election meeting at Harmony Hall between Councillor James P. Bartleman and candidate Les Bailey.

Mr. Bailey said that he was deter mined to take over Mr. Bartleman's seat on council.

After describing a talk concerning interest rates on which the town borrowed, which he said he had held with Mr. Bartleman a number of years ago, town at very reasonable cost such as he stated that Mr. Bartleman had approached him recently with the suggestion that he join a slate with several other candidates and spend \$500 in advertising in the Advance. This he would not do, he said.

advertising in the Advance for it's much better value for the money, but a slate never!" Mr. Bartleman replied. "I have no use whatever for

Then it is either his word or mine Mr. Bailey announced to the hall.



EXAMINATION: Here one of DP mine workers who arrived here this week to become employed by Hollinger Mine is weighed and measured prior to going to work. The man on the scales is Oleksa Klyntschuk, a Ukranian. He is being assisted by interpreter Lyon Chubay, of Timmins,

(Advance Photo)

Solid Program Advanced By Candidate B. Quinn

According to a statement made to Hollinger mine," he said: the Advance this week by Barney Quinn, well-known local businessman, it seems apparent that Mr. Quinn brings a constructive, practical and hard-headed outlook to town affairs. He is seeking election to council.

A resident who arrived here first in 1911, Mr. Quinn said that in opinion past councils had neglected one of the most important phases of civic planning-namely, provision for the erection of town buildings required to provide municipal services.

"Up to the present time, no effort has been made to acquire land centrally located for the very obvious requirements of the town's expansion in the way of a new fire hall, garage tration plant or medicall aboratory. Mr. Quinn said. "In fact, past councils have taken the very opposite course and have allowed private citizens to purchase very valuable land sites which could have been bought by the

the old Ball Park and Hockey Arena 'Moreover, they have sold hundreds of lots at tax sales which have subsequently become very valuable and which if purchased at the proper time by the town itself would have solved "I certainly say that I mentioned all these problems," Mr. Quinn said. He said that one of the immediate consideration of the new council would be a reasonable and equitable settlement of the dispute concerning water

> "We have to sit down and reach an agreement which would protect the town's interest as well as be fair to the people in Timmins happy.

between Hollinger Mine and the town.

Mr. Quinn stated that the town had a number of outstanding needs in the way of new public buildings, but that first things should come first.

"The two present essentials are sidewalks and sewers," he said. "Some of our streets have been built for twenty years and still persons must walk on the road. It is within the financial ability of the town to expand these services. When these items have been looked after, then is the time to go ahead with larger capital expenditures, but always conforming the latter to the town's ability to pay."

Mr. Quinn believes that every effort should be made to obtain a larger and now being collected by the government.

"The proportion we receive of this tax is, in my opinion, a serious injustice. The true facts in the case must to do with such a deal. The following council. be given the widest publicity with a view to prevailing upon the government to apportion these funds in an equitable manner," he declared.

the Timmins Kiwanis Club, is proprietor of a trucking business and dis- he had to do was go down to Mr. tributor of petroleum products in the Bannino's office and the suit would for their share of the costs. The single district. He is the employer of a con- be dropped. I said no." siderable amount of labor.

that I can't be too bad a sort of fel- have been reported to council when it low. The staunchest supporters and happened. Have you any witnesses?" workers I have are the people who "Yes," replied Mr. Brunette, "and I work for me," he said with a grin. | don't care if we go to court again over think I can do my share in keeping seven years and I am raising a family

said. "This year our department is He also warned pedestrians to watch | Councillor J. P. Bartleman and J. V. showing no mercy whatever for those their step in the rush of Christmas individuals who imagine they can shopping. drink and drive a car at the same, "This is one time of the year where | Z. J. "Zig" Ostrowski and Barney

menace on our streets today," the chief with everyone," he stated.

Don't let death take your holiday! drunk drivers and on the families of

Chief of Police Albert Lepic, as the "It is a very sad affair when a man, Christmas season with its plethora of a woman or a child is struck down at

drinking and celebrations draws near, this season of the year, when happi-

"The drunk driver is the greatest ness should be prevailing sentiment

That is the message this week from these victims.

time. Any man who drinks and drives the old rule of stop, look and listen | Quinn, stated flatly that they were is going to get what is coming to him, before crossing the street really ap- paying their own advertising explies. Pedestrians must remember that penses, but they did not deny that as far as we are concerned." He said that the tragic part of holi-drivers cannot stop as quickly when the charges laid by Messrs Bartleman day accidents was the needless sorrow the streets are coated with ice and and misery inflicted on victims of snow," he saids

Finale To Pension Suit 1945 Council Must Pay

Pinale to the long-drawn wrangle of the Rocco Bamino pension suit came Hollinger Reaffirms at Monday's meeting of Timmins town council, when after charges of attempted bribery by Mayor Brunette, council Of Waterworks System decided by a two to one vote that all parties concerned in the suit, would share equally in the costs which had been awarded Mr. Bannino and that each of the seven members of the 1945

council be billed for \$139.50.

Previously, when billed by Mr. Banning's solicitor, the town of Timmins had paid the full amount of the plaintiff's costs: Now the town will ask payment of their relative shares in the costs from each of the interested parties These persons are Mayor J. Emile Brunette, Councillor Bill Roberts, Ellen Tepry, Mike Karol, J. V. Bonhomme, W. McDermott and Karl the state of the state of

In ropposing payment of the costs Mr. Brunette said that he was acting on a matter of principle and that no effort had been made by him to avoid payment. He said that if he had wanted to avoid payment he could have nipped the entire law suit in the bud by stooping to accept offers which had been made to him by persons interested in selling land to the town when purchases of land were about to be made for the erection of Wartime

Abandoning his chair of chief ma gistrate and taking the floor of the council chamber, the mayor said:

"A member of this group came to and machine shop, public library, fil- fairer share of the Mines Profit Tax me and said that, if I could get the town to buy 72 lots at 18 cents a foot, he would see that the suit was dropped. Of course I refused to have anything the situation. This was granted day we made arrangements for other purchases. Then the day after this, the same member of this organization met me on the street. He said that they Mr. Quinn, who is president elect of | would cut the price to 15 cents a foot if we would take the lots and that all

"I know nothing about such a mat-"I want to point out to the public | ter," said Mr. Bartleman. "This should "They seem to have confidence in the | this. I want this dirty matter cleaned boss and if I can keep them happy, I up. have been mayor of Timmins for

It Is Rightful Owner

The current dispute between Hollinger and the town of Timmins on the town waterworks system was mentioned in council again this week, when a letter was received from P. C. Finlay, legal representative of the mine;

Mr. Finlay's letter stated that the mine would be prepared to negotiate a new contract at once if all points in dispute were conceeded to Hollinger, including ownership of the pumping station which Caldbick and Yates, the town solicitors, argue is the legal property of the town. The letter was filed pending the

decision of Judge R. A. Danis after the inquiry which was compelted here recently.

"This is a terribly one-sided letter," said Mr. Bartleman, "All Hollinger wants is everything."

"We should have left the waterworks as it was," said Mayor Brunette. "It was a mistake to start the matter in the first place."

body pointing their finger at me and saying I tried to get away with any-

When the matter came to vote, it in their own interest." Councillor Leo Del Villano asked to be excused on the grounds that he was not acquainted with the details of

Brunette and Mr. Roberts were prohibited from voting. A poll was taken and Messrs. Bartleman and Chateauvert voted that all defendants be billed dissenting vote was cast by Councillor

which caused a nine-day wonder in the newspapers, hawled the town's aged employees out of their homes and back to work and cost the town of Timmins and all persons concerned here in Timmins. I don't want any- considerable time, worry and money

Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday - Chief Positive charges which went unrefuted directly that the "Slate for 48". a group of six candidates for council, were being financed in their election campaigns by a "large construction firm which hadn't liked the recent treatment it had received at the town hall with regard to contracts" were made last night at Harmony Hall by

Two representatives of "The Slate" and Bonhomme were false.

The four remaining members of the "Slate for 48"-Philip Fay, Fred Quesnel, Urbain Aubrey and Leslie Bailey, sat in silence on the hall platform when, during and after the charges were made.

It all began when a member in the audience rose during the question and answer period after the speeches of the candidates and that he had heard a rumor that

Construction Company and Bus Line were financing the campaign of the "Slate for '48."

(Previously J. V. Bonhomme had made passing reference in his speech to "somebody financing someone - a firm of contractors I am told. Rest assured that this firm of contractors will now get no business at the town while I am there.")

"I would like to ask Mr. Ostrowski a question," the member of the audience said, 'are these people paying the expenses of your group."

Evidently surprised at the turn of events. Mr. Ostrowski rose to his feet and paused momentarily.

"I'll admit there is a group of public spirited citizens backing us financially and morally," he sad. "But personally I am paying all my own expenses. Why, to date I have spent more than \$100 on the campaign. There are more than fifty people backing us."

"Would you mind telling me the names of these fifty people?"

Why. I couldn't remember the names of all fifty people. It is impossible to remember all these names.' "Then will you give me the names of all of the 50 you can remember?"

Mr. Ostrowski paused again. "No. I can't say that I will."

Voice from the centre of the hall: 'I think Mr. Ostrowski should tell us who is putting up the money, because it is obvious these people are doing "All I've got to say is that I'm pay-

ing my own way", said Mr. Ostrowski. At this Mr. Bartleman rose to join by the questioning. "If I mention two names to you,

Due to the fact they were interest- will you tell me whether these names ed financially in the vote. Mayor are among those backing you?" Mr. Bartleman asked. "No. I won't," replied Mr. Ostro-

Mr. Quinn rose.

"I am paying my own expenses entirely", he said deliberately and with conviction. "But if 40 or 50 people, are dissatisfied with the way In this manner winds up a case the town hall is run, they are entitled to assist those whom they think can run it properly". Leo Lalonde spoke from the back

> of the hall: "I think that this is setting a good precedent. But next year, instead of businessmen getting together it will be workers. I would like to see the workers of the town do the same thing." Another voice form the audience

> asked Mr. Quinn if he would reveal the names of the persons backing the "Slate For 48".

> "I don't consider it my business to give their names".Mr. Quinn replied. "And I repeat that as far as I am concerned I am paying my own expenses entirely."

> General discussion moved the subject to another topic, but the question of who was financing the "Slate" was resumed by Councillor Bonhomme a few minutes later.

> "This campaign these people are putting on is costing a very large sum of money and I am scrupulous about having someone spending money like this to get someone else elected to council.I know the name of this construction firm and if I get on the town hall this firm is on the blacklist from now on. Evidently this firm wants to put these people in so it can run things the way it likes at the town hall." Mr. Bonhomme said.

> "And I'll help you to put them on the black list, for I know who they are too," Mr. Bartleman declared. "Council wasn't as receptive as they liked this year so they are trying to put thesepeople in so they can tell them what to do."

No reply to these charges was made by any member of the "Slate For '48".



Pictured above are the graduating class of the Timmins High and Vocational School who received their diplomas and certificates of merit in a colorful and impressive ceremony held at the school Friday evening The school auditorium was filled to capacity with parents

and friends of the student body. Valedictorian for the occasion was Murray Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K Brown, 5 Patricia Boule-Photo by Dessane

pusiness is this: It is important that you mark your ballot properly. There are ela persono GET OUT AND YOTELL

your ballot is no good.

may betray your identity as the voter.

But the big thing about the whole