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## Workers Club Reconsider D. S. T

By HUGH K. JR.

Club meeting, Tuesday, May 8.—The item the most discussed at last night's meeting was that concerning the Daylight Saving Time wrangle, of which there have been many arguments pro and con, both by members and non-members.

The general feeling expressed by the men present at the meeting was generally against DST, although the members eventually voted to have a special meeting at the City Hall, Sunday night, to make clear the Club's stand on the matter.

President Legassie stated at this time that he felt the matter of DST to be a minor detail. He also added that some of the men felt there should be a reconsideration of the question by the Club.

The meeting to reconsider the Club's stand in regard to Daylight Saving Time will be held in conjunction with that to consider the proposal of paying a salary to the financial-secretary and treasurer, Mr. Ira Cole, and in President Legassie's own words the Club will be "killing two birds with one stone," by settling both matters at one meeting.

The President read a telegram received from Mr. Davie, the New Hampshire Labor Commissioner, stating he would meet the Coos County Workers Club's wage committee in the City Hall building, Wednesday, May 9th, at 10:30 A. M., Eastern Standard Time.

All the regular business was taken up as usual and bills approved were ordered paid. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M., Standard Time.

Blais and Aubin, local wholesale dealers, have secured the distribution of Ballantine's Bock Beer for Northern New Hampshire.

## Wage Committee Confers with Commissioner Davie

The Wage Increase Committee, Brown Company division, Coos County Workers Club, met with Mr. John S. B. Davie, New Hampshire Labor Commissioner, and presented to him the petition which had been filed with the Brown Company and which had been dismissed by the Company, at the time. The Commissioner agreed to request from the Company that they meet the Workers Club Committee to reconsider and eventually to accede to their demand of submission to the New Hampshire Arbitration Board if an agreement could not be reached with the Brown Company.

Mr. Legassie, President of the Coos County Workers Club, informed the Commissioner that the wages being paid in Berlin at the present time are not sufficient to maintain a decent standard of living.

The petition which was presented to the Company officials and which was refused, contained requests for an increase of wages to raise the wage level to the weekly pay of the year 1929, for emergency time and overtime to be paid time and one-half, for seniority rule in hir-

ing, discharge, promotion, etc., and for employee representation to apply in all cases wherever the employees were concerned. At the present time the Commissioner declared that it was beyond his power to side in with the Workers Club in their demands from the Company, but he added that he could ask the Brown Company to meet again with its employee representatives, or else submit the matter to an arbitration board.

The New Hampshire Arbitration Board is composed of one Labor representative, one manufacturer, and one public representative.

The Coos County Workers Club has already signed a petition to present their grievances before this Board, and if an agreement cannot be reached between the Workers Club and the Company in the near future this matter will probably be submitted to this Board.

Both the Corporations and Labor have a right to appeal to this Board of Arbitration but as yet no appeal has been made to the Board from the Brown Company on this question.

## C. C. WORKERS CLUB Mass Meeting

CITY HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 13

This meeting is called solely for the purpose of discussing the Daylight Saving Time Question.

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First Annual Birthday Ball of  
**C. C. Workers Club**

## RESOLUTION OF COOS COUNTY WORKERS CLUB

The Coos County Workers Club addressed, this week, a petition protesting the use of "relief labor," in the City of Berlin, to the state officials. This resolution had been voted at a previous meeting because of the tendency of this practice to lower the wages of employees.

Copy of resolution addressed to the Honorable John G. Winant, Governor, Henry W. Keyes, Senator, Fred H. Brown, Senator, William N. Rogers, Representative, Charles W. Tobey, Representative, by the Coos County Workers Club. The copy of this resolution follows:

Resolution of protest against the hiring of only people on relief for employment on government projects, because:

(1) This practice has a tendency to induce people "to go" on relief in the hopes of securing employment;

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## City May Secure I. P. Storehouse

Ex-Mayor O. J. Coulombe appeared before the Business Men's Association and described a plan whereby it would be possible to entice the Burtman-Rondeau Shoe concern to establish its proposed subsidiary.

From Mr. Coulombe's statements it appears that there was a misunderstanding between the Shoe Factory Committee named by the Mayor to investigate the matter and the Burtman-Rondeau Co.

Mr. Coulombe at the present time stated that the proposition had simmered down from the \$75,000 which it called for at first to one of at most \$50,000. A sum of \$25,000 would have to be put up by the City, and as the ex-Mayor points out, it could be readily obtained out of State relief funds to give the help a 6-week training course required to acquaint the new employees with their work.

The I. P. Storehouse can be secured and with repairs aggregating to about \$15,000 would be suited to the operations of the shoe factory. This I. P. Storehouse, it now appears can be secured by the City for any period for nothing. The I. P. suggested the City might consider them on valuation for taxes. Mr. Coulombe stated that he had received a letter to that effect from the officials of the Pulp and Paper Concern, and that this letter had been turned over to the present City Hall chief.

The Burtman-Rondeau Co. has modified their proposition further, demanding only a five-year period rent-free whereas before they asked free rent for ten years.

At this meeting the Business Men could not come to any agreement on the matter of closing the stores on Friday.

It appears that some of the merchants wanted to close Friday evening instead of Wednesday afternoon as in years past, but after much discussion the matter was left open for further consideration without any action being taken by the Association.

We hardly find any person of good sense, save those who agree with us.—La Rochoncauld.

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## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

At the special meeting called by the Workers Club to consider the demand of a wage increase at the Brown Company, the question of daylight saving time was also taken up. The motion was made whether the Club should favor having the city go on daylight saving time or not. The opposition to daylight saving time at that meeting was surprising. Hardly ten men failed to favor it and so the vote was almost unanimously against daylight saving time.

The question should have been more thoroughly studied and debated it seems. There had been some discussion of the matter at the previous meeting when it came up in connection with the baseball league. At that meeting an appearance was made by a representative of the baseball league to solicit the sympathy and support of the Club for that undertaking. It was also brought out that daylight saving was practically essential to a successful baseball season. Yet the opposition to daylight saving appeared also at that meeting to be in the majority.

The Club's action on this particular matter has caused disappointment to a lot of people in the city. In the first place the people interested in reviving baseball on a larger scale wanted "fast time" for the evident reason that more people would attend ball games and more daylight would be available to play. It appears that the office people for the most part favor daylight saving. The merchants of the city seem to want it. There will undoubtedly be a lot of gardening done this summer due to hard times and "fast time" is an additional advantage for those so engaged. The Brown Company is also most likely inconvenienced by having this community stay on normal time. Business is transacted with the railroads, outside concerns, and the outside offices of the Company and the latter are for the most part on "fast time." The discrepancy of an hour in the business day makes some difference especially in mail, telegraph, and telephone communications.

It also appears that there is some dissention among the men in the mills on the matter. It is reported that petitions have been signed in some departments requesting operation under daylight saving time. The reason for the Club's vote is we believe that the matter was not sufficiently discussed. The matter was not explained from all angles and viewpoints. The feeling outside the Club was not known nor made known. It also seems that the younger element in the Club favoring daylight saving was not present. The younger people do not attend meetings as a rule while the older men do. The latter being opposed and present carried the motion.

We are not siding on the question but we feel that in a matter affecting the whole community and not primarily the Club that the majority of the City should decide the issue. Although it is not legal for the municipality of Berlin to go on daylight saving, we would favor polling the voters at the spring election on this question.

## LABRIE'S 1931 BOND

Although fresh discoveries have brought to light more defaults of Mr. Labrie as tax collector for this city, the public has not forgotten the shortage of 1931. Due to the closing of the Guaranty Trust Company bank, Mr. Labrie was unable to withdraw over fifty thousand dollars of city funds deposited by him in that bank. The administration of the city at the time brought suit on his bond to recover the amount of his bond which was

less than the shortage. A succeeding Democratic administration after considerable effort to accomplish its purpose voted to drop the suit. It was taken up by an association of taxpayers when the latter filed a motion to intervene in that suit, prosecute the action that the City was giving up, and bring the matter to trial. The superior court granted the motion, but the Bonding Company excepted and the motion was transferred to the Supreme Court of the State. It is now in order for a hearing at the June session and a brief must be prepared. The taxpayers petitioned the City Council to stand the expense which the City Solicitor advised would not be over one hundred dollars. Yet after some discussion with the attorneys involved, the council voted the petition down without remorse. Councilman Rumney, voting first, gave the old members their cue, and save for the Labor Councilmen, the voting was straight no. The Councilmen could offer no more valid reason for their action this time than they could when the suit was dropped last year. They "did not know how many members were in the Taxpayers Association"; they "do not like law suits," but above all they seem to fear having that case tried. There is involved here an unnatural opposition on the part of the old Councilmen to the trial of that suit, and the opposition is not based on party lines as is often the case in politics. It may be that City Solicitor Warren W. James, now on the Superior Court bench, did not "know all the facts" when he brought suit against that Bonding Company. The Councilmen or the "key men" in the Council possibly may know more facts in the nature of a defense on the part of the Bonding Company. It may be that the statement used in defense of dropping the suit that the "City has no case" is so. We can surmise something now that Mr. Labrie is supposed to have "irregularities" dating back to 1928. Knowledge of the facts now known to the public concerning John A. Labrie on the part of the Council or some of them when bonds were secured for the ex-tax collector would mean, we fear, that the City "has no case." If that is so we feel that the City will not only lose the default of 1931 but also the money alleged to have been actually embezzled by him.

The proceedings of the Taxpayers are going ahead and that will either get the City the money or the public the truth. As one taxpayer put it "in either case it is worth the hundred dollars." Contributions will therefore be solicited to pay only the actual expense of printing a brief. That is the best that can now be done.

## On and Off The Main Stem

With Dr. B. U. L. Connor

Due to the imminence of the baseball season, the Guardian, unable to secure the services of Bill Cunningham as its sports reporter, has invested in a new fountain pen, and Dr. B. U. L. Connor nominated to give the fans the dope during the coming season. Well, let us devote some of this week's space to a sports broadcast.—It looks as if the projected Northern New Hampshire League is out due to the inability to secure two more entries into the league fold. As we understand it Gorham, Groveton, Lancaster-Gilman, and Berlin had already given their assent to the project with Littleton and Lisbon pending. It now appears that the two latter teams figure that Groveton, Gorham, and Berlin are too strong for any entry they could possibly put upon the field and as a result have dropped out.—Which leaves the others holding the bag, and an empty one at that.—The Berlin nine is rapidly rounding into shape and the locals open the season at the LAP park, next Sunday, against the strong (?) Lewiston Buccaneers.—The opening line-up could not be ascertained at this time but it seems a certainty that

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Next Sunday's game will be a spring training trip for the locals with all the candidates slated to oppose the Buccaneers.

The baseball club is sponsoring a dance to be held at the Berlin Mills Fire Station, this coming Saturday night. As an attraction they have secured Malou Lavoie's Band of a

Thousand and One Melodies; the proceeds to be used to purchase necessary equipment for the coming season.

See you there!  
The local high school nine seems to be headed towards a successful season on the diamond, despite the whitewashing handed to it by the Alumni.

The Mountaineers were unfortunate in that they faced the masterful pitching of Pete Gagne who allowed them but one hit, a three-bagger made by young Louie Cryans, a freshman at the local secondary school, and an inhabitant of the East Side.

The Mountaineers showed batting power in their game against Pete Herrmann's Gorham High nine. The local schoolboys obtained eleven hits and six runs from their suburban rival pitchers, allowing them but seven hits and four runs.

**Pleasant St. Project to Start Next Week**

The Pleasant Street Contract has been awarded to the Central Construction Company of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and it is to be started within one week.

According to word from the Re-employment Committee, composed of Mr. George Richter, chairman, and Messrs. Harold C. Sullivan, Eli J. Marcoux, and Mayor Daniel Feindel, the men employed on these jobs will be taken according to their qualifications and not primarily because of their being on relief rolls. A minimum wage for both skilled and unskilled labor will be established and will have to be adhered to by the contractor.

The contracting company is an out-of-state concern and no definite date could be ascertained as to the exact time of the start of the project.

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men are that veterans with dependants will get consideration as well as men who are in need and are qualified for the work to be done.

The contractor is to employ all local men, that is, outside of keymen: men who are especially skilled in certain phases of road work such as machine operators.

**WORKERS CLUB BIRTHDAY BALL**

Today is the anniversary of the foundation of the Coos County Workers Club, and for the purpose of observing fittingly this event, the Club is sponsoring a ball to be held at the Armory, from 8 to 1 P. M.

Pisani's Legion Orchestra, an ensemble of 11 musicians, will furnish the music for the dance lover. All members of the Club will surely make it a duty as well as a pleasure to attend.

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Dear Friends:

Today is the first anniversary of the birth of the Coos County Workers Club. In the short space of one year the Coos County Workers Club has grown to a membership including practically every worker in the City of Berlin; it has helped materially to ameliorate the conditions of Labor in Berlin; it has founded the Labor Party and has successfully led the fight against the local political machines; it is at the present time pursuing a general wage increase for the Brown Company employees; it has sponsored the Guardian devoted to its interests, and for four months now that the Guardian has been published it is still as strong as ever despite predictions that it would die immediately after the municipal election.

Today we are writing a letter to you who buy the Guardian at the newsstands as well as to our subscribers; we are addressing all the members of the Coos County Workers Club and our other friends.

Those of us who are working on the GUARDIAN—building an informative and militant publication for the WORKERS CLUB and the LABOR PARTY—are wondering what you as a reader of the GUARDIAN think of your paper.

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Fraternally yours, THE GUARDIAN.

**RESOLUTION OF COOS COUNTY WORKERS CLUB**  
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(2) This practice causes hardship to worthy unemployed who have succeeded in maintaining themselves and families without resorting to relief;

(3) This practice has a tendency to lower wages as "relief employees" are generally paid only enough to exist; and

(4) This practice is not in keeping with the N. R. A. basic principles.

Resolution voted by the Workers Club with order to forward copy to New Hampshire officials and Federal representatives.

Coos County Workers Club.  
By Edward J. Legassie,  
President.

**City Council Awards Fence to Berlin Ball Club**

At the regular meeting of the City Council, Tuesday, May 8, the Berlin Civic Federation presented a petition to have an information booth installed on Green Square at the cost to the City of \$200.00. It appears that the State will furnish an equal amount to give the information service to out-of-town tourists during a ten-week period. This report was filed and referred to the committee on public buildings.

After much discussion a permit to erect a fence on the YMCA baseball field was granted to the Berlin Baseball Club. Much opposition was offered to the proposition on the grounds that it would divide up the field, it would be unsightly, but it was finally awarded after a close vote.

The Business Men's Association next petitioned the City Council to resume the discontinued investigation of the Shoe Factory. The Council voted to delegate the Mayor, Councilmen Barnes and Sullivan to meet with the Business Men's Club.

**Rates 40 and 50 cents**

According to word received by the Re-employment Committee the rates for labor to be employed on the Pleasant Street Contract will be 40c an hour for common laborers and 50c an hour for skilled help.

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