

especially the stained glass window. Carol & Mary think it was a priority. Nevertheless, the importance of production meetings at the right time was stressed so that this kind of breakdown through divided interest would try to be avoided in future.

- 6th - The overhead lights we have now are ancient and decrepit, and need replacing. Mike C has information on special lights which are supposed to be less damaging to eyesight and possibly to general health, but which may be far more costly than the regular ones. Using special lights would cost us about \$200 to fit out the whole shop. Mike C will check into the price of the regular ones and if there is a large discrepancy in the price of regular and special lights will use his discretion in buying. The old lights will be put into the annex. Mike C also suggested acetate for the light-tables, but nobody could think of a place to get it from, and lots of people have searched high and low. Bob hasn't had a go yet and will do so.
- 7th - The next general meeting was fixed for this Friday afternoon, and the Union meeting for Monday afternoon.
- 8th - Kavay: is generally regarded as an undesirable because he wants jobs done in 15 minutes and always goes to the men and ignores the women and is wholly unpleasant. A debate ensued on how to deal with this nastiness in the shop and it was eventually agreed that we all be Very Firm with him about our deadlines even if they don't suit him, and he can take it or leave it. Nothing was decided upon as regards his selective attitude to women and men in the shop.
- 9th - The Vacuum Cleaner. It is broken, and the plot to abscond with one from Donna's parents' collapsing business fell through as it didn't collapse. Bob thought the brushes were broken but Brenda has heard loose-sounding noises in the motor. Well Bob and Jane are going to investigate the vacuum cleaner and if it isn't repairable we will get another one. Ken reckoned one like the present one isn't up to much and we need a heavier duty cleaner.
- 10th- Ah yes, the Collection Agency, Nasty business. Mike C has talked to a fella from it; it costs \$49 a year and they'll hunt down anyone we request them to, though don't guarantee wringing the money out of them. Mike C has two marauders in mind. The general feeling about the collection agency was one

of distaste and a reluctance to resort to this technique. Sue suggested we try and keep in more contact with people who owe us, and try to do the collecting ourselves. It was agreed we make an attempt to hunt down the present fiends and since Mike C asked that it not just be left to the financial committee, Brenda offered to do the tracking-down and Bob offered to make a nuisance of himself to them when they are found.

11th- Kodak Course. It seems that they won't take more than 2 people from here so <sup>we</sup> will have to go from the chevron, free press etc. Ken suggested 2 of us go initially and check it out anyway. Carol's going to get in touch with them about the course.

12th- True North, the ~~new~~ Sudbury labour paper, have just started ~~up~~ up, are short of funds and hoped that we could do their paper at the same price as they were getting up north - which means that we would knock the price of paste-up (which they are going to help with) and about \$25 off the commercial price. In the course of this meeting however, Carl Dow the editor phoned from Sudbury to say they haven't enough funds and want his wife to come and do all the typesetting and they'll also do the pasteup. Mike C told him they'd need our help anyway to get it done on time, and it was arranged that Benita Dow come down on Friday to do the typesetting, with our help, and that we also help with the pasteup over the weekend, and we charge for our help at an hourly rate, commercial price. It was also suggested that we get them to send a few people down to learn typesetting if they intend to continue as non-commercial. We will also stipulate that we are hoping that they'll go commercial eventually.

<sup>3</sup> 13th- The new shop keys are being lent out already to people like B.F.P., Womens Press, Bill Aird and John Stafford. Is this a good idea? Anyone borrowing keys with some kind of subversion in mind could get a copy made. Rather than having to traipse over to the shop to open it up for people all the time we decided to leave the arrangement as it is now and make it clear to borrowers that we're now tight about our keys. And we'll have no more extra keys made for ourselves.

<sup>4</sup> 14th- The univers font is still unfound although there are rumours ken has it at home as a bookmark. Brenda is going to look in the chevron books we stood on to do the window and if it isn't

there we'll order another font fairly soon - Doug E is going to do it - a font similar to univers.

15th- Brantford Free Press: a couple of them, Steve and Eva, want to come and work with us for a bit to learn the skills, as they are going to publish every two weeks. This brought up the question of bills, since although they are going to a 25,000 circulation and so will have more ads, we still have to cover the printing cost. It was suggested that they pay the printing cost beforehand to avoid accumulation of their debt. It also means that they'd be using the shop A Lot, more often than we can fit them in. It was arranged that they come up on Wed. ~~at~~ next at 2 or 5:30 pm, ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> anyone who wants to talk to them. ~~at~~. We should discuss with them the matter of bills and whether they will pay regularly; how they intend fitting into the shop and whether they are now thinking of going commercial; and to suggest that Steve and Eva come to the shop one at a time on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays to learn things. Gary is going to set up the meeting.

16th- Whats On isn't publishing for a month. They are reorganising before the march issue, trying to bring in more people and get more ads. They'll be going to cheaper stock - newsprint ~~p~~ and are going to try and pay off their bills more regularly. Bob also brought up the matter of their attitude to us and ours to them, since although Dennis had no complaints about the quality of the last issue he found the atmosphere in the shop very negative and ~~was~~ left so upset that he thought we hated them and is thinking of not coming back. He asked that even though we think the paper is shit we needn't say it to their faces. Mike C explained his position during the last issue, the misunderstanding over deadlines. There followed a discussion on the merits of Whats On, its possible contribution to the cultural front, ~~to the~~ its' position in competition with the Record & Shoppers News.

The complaints coming from the Whats On people were to the effect that people put down the publication pretty crudely to their faces which ~~was~~ upset them, that people weren't helpful when they came in the shop and that they were virtually ignored. All this was talked about for a long time and it was finally

agreed that 1) we be more open to discussion with the Whats On people about our criticisms of it, since they are, and 2) that as Dennis requested, we have just a few people taking care of Whats On for 3 or 4 months so that there is more continuity and communication, and 3) that we make our own financial position clear to them when we discuss their bills with them. Bob is going to get to them when the new quotes are ready and see what they want to do. So is Brenda.

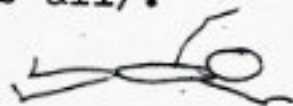
17th- New organisation of committees - Gary reminded us that we decided to do a re-shuffle of committees after xmas. We were a bit wiped out after all these things so far and decided to ~~leave~~ leave that point till Friday afternoon meeting.

Sue also wants to have a meeting for anyone interested about union organising and whatever else, so that we can talk to Serge about stuff on Monday when he comes up. *Arranged meeting for 8pm Thursday*

18th- The Waxer exploded. Mike C will try and fix it and if his efforts are in vain we'll have another waxer. Which we already do have by now.

19th- Brenda left us with a thought: that people who aren't going to be here for the summer months should go on a higher rate of ~~pay~~ pay now so as to get a decent amount of UI come the summer.

That's all/.



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