

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT - JUNE 2006

At Buckeye we have now agreed to a new Collective Agreement with the employer. We have set down ratification votes for Tuesday June 20th, Thursday June 22nd, and Friday June 23rd.

At Landmark Foods, I have met with the Plant Committee and come up with a draft agenda which will be presented to the membership this coming Monday June 19th. Once that process is finished we will set up a date to exchange agendas with the employer.

Our bargaining questionnaire sheets are now out at both Iron Mountain and Custom Paper. Once they are returned I will meet with the respective Plant Committees and then the memberships to come up with agendas for presentation to the employers.

At Crown the Company has now told us they will agree to a Norampac or Domtar type formula in place of the trigger payments. The Committee has rejected this and we are in the process of investigating our options on this, one of which is for the Committee to manage the fund themselves.

At Norampac, we met with the Company on Tuesday June 13th and dealt with a number of issues, one of which is a termination. The Company is to get back to us on this issue.

At Unisource, we continue to have our ups and downs. Just this week we had an incident where the Company wanted a long term employee, who is off on stress leave, to come in and take part in an investigation. The employee definitely did not want to come in. The Union stepped in and convinced the Company it was not necessary to conduct their investigation while the employee is off sick. I am told the Committee had a good meeting with the Company yesterday and they will be meeting again tomorrow. This relationship continues to present us with challenges.

At Pliant we have a number of issues that need to be resolved. We have discipline issues, duty to accommodate issues, and seniority issues. Some of these are fairly complex. In the last couple of months I have said I expect to see a number of arbitrations come out of this plant, and I see nothing on the horizon that would change my mind.

At Pioneer we have a couple of issues where employees have not been registered on the employers benefit plan. The employer changed benefit carriers and it looks like a couple of employees were not included on the new plan. We are looking into this right now.

At Montenay one of our long term Plant Committee members will be retiring. Roy Cook will be retiring effective July 27th, 2006. I'd like to wish Roy all the best in a well deserved retirement.

At Sonoco our Maintenance man in New Westminster has resigned and the Company is looking for a replacement.

In other news, please remember our Union picnic scheduled for Saturday July 15th at Deas Island park from 12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

As well, I will be on vacation the last week of July and the first two weeks of August. Tom Fulton will be filling in for me for the first week and Otto Wittenberg will be in for the last two weeks.

And finally, this is our last meeting before our summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a safe and enjoyable summer season.