

"NARAMATA UNION LOCAL "REBLES" ELECTS OFFICERS"

- packinghouse workers at Naramata, members of the FFVWU met and elected a slate to replace those who disaffiliated themselves from the FFVWU and joined the Teamsters
- "eighteen persons were in attendance representing, officers said, about two-thirds of the permanent Naramata residents engaged in packinghouse work."
- the group is reorganizing in the valley,
- "Court action is pending in an injunction brought against the Teamsters by the FFVWU, seeking to recover books, records and some funds."
- the FFVWU maintains that they are the only certified bargaining agents for the workers in the eyes of the Labour Relations Board.
- at the meeting Murdo MacKenzie was elected president, Enid Rounds Vice-president, Perry Darling, secretary treasurer, Marthat Johnson, recording secretary.
- they will act as trustees until permanent trustees are elected in the near future. Regular meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each mth.

"UNION OFFICIALS SAYS 1955 WAS GRIM FOR VALLEY LABOUR"

- \*150 unionists from the Okanagan Valley were present in Vernon for the annual banquet of the Okanagan District Trades and Labour Council
- banquet Chairman William Fleck TLC president and interior field man for the Congress, also a member of the TLC policy committee and the executive of the IBT, Local 48
- Fleck said to the diners, "The past year has been one of the grimest in the history of organized labour in the Okanagan," since it was established here in 1942
- guest speaker deputy minister of Labour W.H. Sands called for a referendum as a solution to the present confusion.

"REFERENDUM PROPOSAL WELCOMED BY RIVAL FRUIT UNION SPOKESMEN"

- teamster Local 48 welcomes a referendum advocated by Labour Minister W.H. Sands as a solution to the present inter-union strife.
- "In my opinion, it should have been done months ago," TLC fieldman Bill Fleck said. It is the only democratic way to do the thing."
- "Deputy Minister SANDS suggested holding a referendum in an attempt to determine precisely what kind of representation the majority of packing-house workers favoured, with an eye to regaining solidarity out of the present five-way tangle."