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and ... ON THE Other Hand ... By the Cynic

"In the past campaigns those who were trying to block the growth of the Farmer-Labor movement used to ask voters, 'Do you believe in reform or in revolution?'"

For those who are inclined to temper their utterances to suit their listeners, this becomes an embarrassing question indeed, for to be a reformist, one must be actively engaged in trying to patch up the existing system so that it may continue to flower for the benefit of privilege. If you are a revolutionist seeking the overthrow of capitalism then you are a thorn in the side of the reformists, the pseudo-revolutionists and the capitalists alike.

"A united and properly led labor movement will stop fascism."

Fascism is born of capitalism and when capitalism becomes endangered by the mass action of the workers it is brought into being and carried on under the iron hand of the military forces of the capitalist state. If we are to avoid fascism and war, capitalism must be first not only partly destroyed and allowed to grow again but every root and branch of that system must be utterly and completely eradicated. To that end we must strive for the emancipation of mankind.

Watertown Lock-Out Turned Into Drivers' Strike

Watertown, S. D. — Locked-out workers of the local North American Creamery system drove a solid blow at the enemy Tuesday when the Drivers Union moved into action to shut off the beer supply to the Watertown branch.

The North American plant in Watertown has the agency for Schmidt's Beer. Despite the fact that this creamery has locked out its workers and is seeking to operate non-union, the St. Paul brewery has continued to ship beer to the creamery. The Schmidt company had been notified of the existing conditions.

At a conference held Tuesday, attended by local union officials, the president of the S. D. Federation of Labor and representatives of the NCCDDC, it was decided that all beer held in storage by local transfer firms for the North American plant be shipped back to Schmidt's brewery. (Watertown drivers have refused to handle this beer since the lock-out.)

President Mogi of the State Federation of Labor in this state has notified the brewery by letter that unless all shipments to the North American Creamery cease, steps will be taken immediately to place all Schmidt products on the unfair list of the South Dakota Federation.

Miles Dunne, NCCDDC representative on the grounds, reports that the spirit of the locked-out workers is excellent. The union is carrying out continuous picketing of the plant.

V. R. Dunne to Speak On CIO-AFL Split

V. R. Dunne will speak this Friday evening, October 29, on "The AFL-CIO Split," at the Socialist Party hall, 669 Second avenue north. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. Questions and discussion will follow his address. He will deal with the activities of the CIO in this city and state, as well as with the national scene. Admission is 15c.

Winona Bosses War on Drivers

WPA WORKERS, CLIENTS DEMAND JULY 13 BUDGET

Unemployed Spokesmen Demand Board Rescind Curtailment

Nearly a thousand anxious relief clients and workers jammed into the Mayor's reception room and adjoining corridors Monday night while unemployed spokesmen described the necessity for compliance with the two basic demands. The unemployed are demanding that the Minneapolis Welfare Board rescind its entire "September 2 Curtailment Program" which made drastic relief cuts in the face of sharply rising living costs; and secondly, that the Board adopt "The July 13th Budget" as a basis for direct relief and supplementation of WPA wages.

Each Board member who was present (except McLaughren, who kept his ear on the Mayor's office) was put on the spot. Not one of them came out squarely for both demands. Farmer-Laborites were publicly denounced for campaigning on the issue of adequate relief to be paid by those best able to pay, only to now hide behind the flimsy excuse: "Where will the money come from?"

Joseph tried to buy off the workers with a proffered sop of reinstating last winter's coal supplement. It was pointed out by labor spokesmen that the function of the Welfare Board is to provide adequate relief, as laid down by the Attorney General in his ruling: "The responsibility of a city to care for its poor does not cease when the moneys in its poor fund available for such purpose have been exhausted."

It was further made clear that the Welfare Board does not have the responsibility for raising funds, other than to request the necessary funds of the City Council; and that, as Alderman Bastis pointed out, the Council has never turned down any request of the Welfare Board for funds.

On Monday, November 1, at 8 p. m., a mass meeting will be held at 257 Plymouth avenue north (subject to ratification by the Central Labor Union). If held, the meeting will survey the relief situation and prepare for a city-wide WPA strike against local and county public relief administrations, in the event relief officials still refuse to grant the two demands of the unemployed and relief workers.

Workers Trapped In Morris Fruit House Wreckage

Tragedy stalked the working-class quarters of Minneapolis Wednesday morning, when 18 persons were trapped as two floors of the Morris Fruit and Produce company, 210 Sixth Street N., collapsed without warning.

Volunteer rescue workers, policemen, and firemen, rushed to the scene and worked feverishly to free the victims. Within half an hour, six bruised and battered victims had been freed and rushed to General Hospital. It was doubtful whether those working in the basement of the building could be saved.

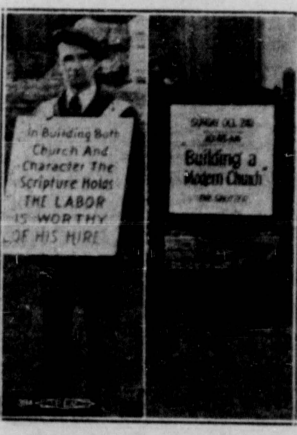
Debris was piled up in gigantic heaps outside the collapsed building; large chunks of flooring were seen sticking up here and there. The building, an old structure, was believed to have collapsed due to the weight of 10,000 cases of ginger ale piled on the second floor. A complete list of the dead and injured was not available at press time.

St. Paul Warehouse Union Strikes G. Sommers Firm

Strike Headquarters Established; Picket Lines Firm; Drivers Lend Support; New Workers Enthusiastic

For a period of many months, the warehouse workers at the G. Sommers company have been waging a persistent and courageous struggle for the establishment of a genuine trade union which could give them the job security and the union wages and working conditions that they need. This fight for unionism reached its crucial stage Thursday morning when the Sommers workers, organized in Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297, went out on a strike for their demands.

Pickets, Pickets, Everywhere . . .



... at the Church of the Redeemer, where the Rev. Shutter continues to judge the Laborer Unworthy of His Hire. The Chauffeurs' Union continues to turn the spotlight on the Reverend's Un-Christian stand.



... at the Minnehaha Dry Cleaners plant in St. Paul, one of the many St. Paul laundries where employees have been locked out since Sept. 16.



... at the main Sommers plant in St. Paul, where the Warehouse Employees Union is waging a militant fight for recognition and union working conditions.

Laundry Drivers to Negotiate New Pact

The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 is now in the process of negotiating a new contract to replace the present agreement which expires on Oct. 31. After two meetings with the employers, Local 131 reported to the Teamsters Joint Council on the status of negotiations. The Council selected Farrell Dobbs to be its representative in serving with Local 131's committee in negotiations.

The third meeting with the employers was held Monday evening. A special membership meeting of Local 131 has been called for Friday night, at which the union negotiating committee will submit a full report of its negotiations.

100 ORGANIZERS PUT FINKS TO ROUT THURSDAY

Delinquent Members Taken Off Jobs; Citywide Round-up Continues

About 100 organizers—many of them stewards and active unionists acting as volunteers—took to the streets last Thursday morning in a continuation of the city-wide fink drive being waged by the General Drivers Local 544.

Many members delinquent in their dues were taken off jobs and ordered to report to the Union headquarters and straighten out their dues. In various sections of the industry, non-union men were pulled off their jobs; such actions took place at Gamble-Skogmo, Winston-Newell, etc. Work was stopped at several firms who had not yet signed union contracts, and was not started up again until the management had signed contracts granting union wages and conditions.

Members who were paid up, but who failed to carry their dues books had to go up to the hall and get such

Three A. F. of L. Machinists' Locals Elect New Officers

Increasing Numbers of Members Stand Behind International; Dissatisfaction Grows in Minneapolis Moline

The weeks of sobering thought since the treacherous splitting votes were forced through the meetings of Local Lodges 382, 1037 and 1313 are showing that the confusion created is now rapidly being dispelled and the members in increasing numbers are signifying their intention of standing solidly together in their union. These three lodges of the International Association of Machinists have elected new officers and are again getting down to the serious business of looking after the interests of their members.

While the Mauser wrecking crew is working overtime getting out mimeograph sheets listing shops that have gone CIO according to their notion, the facts are that some of these shops with big sounding names actually employ only a handful of men.

The St. Paul Hydraulic Hoist, located in southeast Minneapolis on University avenue, is one of the production shops that was not disturbed by the dissolving propaganda and is solid for the I. A. of M. Many of the other plants are beginning to see the light and remaining with their AFL union. The Hopkins plant of the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co., is definitely remaining AFL despite the vicious barrage of disruptive activity conducted there by the disorganizers. There is a strong current of dissatisfaction in the Minneapolis plant over the bulldozing and deceptive tactics used in depriving

Lumber, Coal Drivers Win Two Week Strike in Superior, Wis.

NCCDDC at Work in Five-State District; Victory in Aberdeen, Progress in St. Cloud, Watertown, Sioux Falls

During the past week, the impact of NCCDDC work has been felt in many cities throughout the five-state district: in Aberdeen, Duluth, Fargo, Winona, Albert Lea, Willmar, Benson, Painesville, Watertown, Sioux Falls, St. Cloud, etc. Duluth reports a smashing victory in the two-weeks strike of General Drivers Local 346 in the lumber and coal industry in the city of Superior. The struggle ended in a complete union victory on October 25. The men involved went back to work

Bosses Begin Milk Price War in Duluth

Duluth, Minn.—A milk price war, precipitated by the anti-labor, anti-farmer, Bridgeman Dairy Stores, is now raging in this city. The Milk Drivers Union of Duluth is much concerned about the situation, as is the rest of the union movement and the surrounding farmers.

On Tuesday night in Pine City, the executive boards of the Duluth Milk Drivers Local and of Local 471 of Minneapolis met and laid plans for re-establishing standard prices for milk in Duluth, which would assure decent salaries to all milk drivers and decent incomes to the dairy farmers.

The trade union movement of Minneapolis heard the unpleasant news this week that the Bridgeman Dairy is contemplating setting up a branch in this city. Should this company attempt its chiseling practices here, it would draw to itself the hostility of farmers in this area as well as of the organized union movement.

Bosses Begin Milk Price War in Duluth

Prior to the strike, the bosses swore they would never sign a union agreement. The strike caused them to change their minds. This is the first signed union agreement that has ever been won in the industry in Superior. Heretofore, all agreements, such as those of the carpenters, bricklayers and building tradesmen, have been verbal only.

According to Fred Smith, Local 346 business agent, the renewed activity and growing strength of the drivers' movement is rapidly straightening out the labor movement at the Head of the Lakes section in true progressive principles.

A struggle of a serious nature is unfolding in Winona, where the

St. Paul Pulp Workers To Dance Halloween

The St. Paul Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 264 announces that it will hold a Halloween dance this Saturday evening, Oct. 30, at the Junior Pioneer Hall in St. Paul. Elmer P. Christiansen, chairman of the entertainment committee, is in charge of dance arrangements. Both modern and old time music will be played, refreshments will be served, and unionists in both Minneapolis and St. Paul are cordially invited to attend. Admission is 25 cents.

I. A. M. Lodges at E. Hennepin Now

The Headquarters of Lodges 382 and 1313 located at 501 East Hennepin Avenue have been re-located for use of these lodges. All future meetings of these locals will be held in the halls at this place on the regular meeting dates. The Financial Secretaries and office staff will be at this office from now on, and members should report to this place and resume their dues payments without delay.

CIO Offers 3-Point Plan; Coaldale Strikers Confer; Philly Barbers Demand More Wages

While the whole country waits for the outcome of the "peace" meetings now being conducted in Washington, D. C., between committees representing both the CIO and the AFL, the longshoremen in southern ports are busily engaged in keeping owners of more than thirty vessels from moving freight, the Newspaper Guild's strike against the Brooklyn Eagle continues unabated, strikers and the owner of the Jones Oil company at Ardmore, Okla., have an emergency truce, some two hundred former employees of the Northrop Aircraft Corporation signed "yellow dog" contracts and will return to work by next Saturday, the Governor of Pennsylvania called the stay-down strikers of Coaldale

and the owners of the mines into conference to try to settle the strike, five hundred barbers in Philadelphia are striking for higher wages, and the strike of former employees of the Edgewater Beach Hotel goes into its final half of the fourth year—an all time record, in this country and elsewhere as far as anyone has been able to ascertain. Brief news reports from Washington, D. C., where the A. F. of L.-CIO meeting got under way on Monday, October 25, are that the CIO has offered a three-point program for peace in the labor movement. The three points include (1) that a new autonomous department be formed within the A. F. of L. to be known

as the CIO; (2) that all present unions affiliated with the CIO be contained within this new department; (3) that a joint national convention of the rival factions be held and all internationals and locals affiliated within both groups attend. The conference recessed after the CIO had presented its proposal. A. F. of L. officials indicated that when the committees reconvene on Tuesday they would have an answer to the CIO's proposal. James P. Dewey, federal conciliator, was in the meeting, under instructions from Secretary Perkins to "do all in his power to promote harmony." He acted as go-

One of the reasons given by the bosses is that union demands cannot be met "under present competitive conditions." This is known to be a deliberate untruth. Last year the Benson Produce plant increased its business fifty per cent as compared with 1935. Business in 1937 has been extremely good, and there is absolutely no justification for the refusal of Benson employers to grant to their employees wages and working conditions such as prevail throughout the industry in this district. The drivers are determined to gain such conditions.

Retail Clerks Reopen Leader Negotiations

Retail Clerks Local 1086 announces that it has reopened negotiations with the Leader Store. The union held a special meeting of all Standard Clothing Store members on Tuesday evening to discuss and ratify the contract to be presented to this concern.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Three A. F. of L. Machinists' Locals Elect New Officers

(Continued from page 1) raids upon the membership of unions will be disastrous to the welfare of the workers. The main condition for gains by workers against exploitation is a solid front, and anything which destroys this is detrimental.

No Justification for Split
The alleged advocates of industrial unionism and "no splits" cannot justify their present splitting activities on any grounds. The I. A. of M. locals in Minneapolis and Hopkins followed a policy of organizing all workers in a shop or plant and all workers connected with the operation of garages. There has been no change in this policy. This is the way in which many successful locals in other districts have been built up, and there is no reason to suppose it will meet with any interference here. The only people interested in cutting I. A. of M. lodges to pieces are the William Mauseh's, the Hilliard Smith's and of course the unscrupulous employers.

The same campaign of confusion and splitting is being instituted among members employed in the shops of the state highway department—with no success however. The latest information is that Dillon Peterson, John Gabriel Soltis and Chester Watson have been placed as sign equipment inspectors and are busily engaged in nefarious disruption in the highway department. The highway employees have a good organization that the Communist party does not control, and that is too bad.

One Front Against Bosses
The danger to the members of the International Association of Machinists is that the present confusion might continue till the employers think they are sufficiently weakened morally and organizationally to start a wage cutting program and indiscriminate layoffs of active unionists. The same results will surely come if any considerable numbers desert their union as a result of the honeyed words and promises of the splitters who are trying to stampede them into the CIO. The members of the three locals—382, 1037 and 1313—should come to a realization of what really is going on and attend the meetings of their local and resume their dues payments. This is the only way for the metal workers and automobile mechanics to practice unity. Continuing to be confused by all the "unity" talk can only result in disorganization and the inevitable wage cuts that always follow destruction of a union. Workers must understand that merely changing names of an organization will not work miracles. They are being told that if they will only go over to the CIO everything will be fine. Workers join unions because they expect to improve wages and

First Union Radio Workers Initiated

While the broadcasting station owners are trying frantically to resist the unionization of their employees by every means they know, the first group of radio employees were initiated into Local 292 at the general membership meeting of the union last Friday evening.

Edward Hoffman, manager of WMIN, has proclaimed himself right up there among the big shots, with a big picture of his new yacht in the St. Paul press. His cruises are liable to be rough in the future.

The Radio section contract has been whipped into shape, and will soon be presented to the broadcasting companies.

shorten hours and win other favorable conditions. These things are accomplished in proportion to the solidarity and fighting spirit of those who make up the membership. Having had a sound organization with powerful affiliations locally and internationally, with a responsible leadership, workers stand only to lose by being pushed over into an untried set-up with irresponsibility in control of its policies. Mauseh betrayed every confidence placed in him by members of the I. A. of M. by violating his pledges. With such a record behind him, how are workers now to trust him and his immediate associates with the running of a union? Do workers want a repetition of the tricky maneuvers and worthless results of the strike of automobile salesmen? It requires a sound understanding of the problem in hand, the relation of class forces and the circumstances surrounding a labor struggle to insure success. Mauseh and his associates lamentably lack this understanding. Cunning, trickery and maneuvers cannot take the place of sound, determined leadership.

The maneuvers, tricks and treachery which has resulted in the deplorable situation among the metal workers and automobile mechanics in Minneapolis are a typical example of the trade union policy of the Communist party carried out into practice. Wherever the mildew of Communist party influence has come into contact with the trade union movement the results have been the same: uniformly disastrous. The country is strewn with the wreckage of labor unions wherever these misguided and incompetent misleaders have been at work. They cannot point to one real achievement for labor anywhere. The recent disastrous strike in Little Steel is a glaring example of their reckless adventurism applied to the bread and butter problem of workers.

The situation in Minneapolis is not lost for the workers. The workers themselves can and must save their organization, and prevent the betrayers from making the wreckage complete. The automobile mechanics and metal workers of Minneapolis and Hopkins must stand by their AFL union, the International Association of Machinists. They must not permit themselves to be betrayed by hypocrisy. Only their employers would gain by their desertion of their union. These workers must awaken to a full realization of their own best interests.

COUNCIL PLANS DRIVE ON FINKS

All Drivers' Locals to Conduct Gigantic Campaign in Near Future

Last Friday night the special meeting of the Teamsters Joint Council of Minneapolis voted to conduct a gigantic fink drive in the near future, in the name of the council. Co-operating in this organizational effort will be the eight locals of the council: The Milk Drivers Local 471, City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664, Ice and Coal Wagon Drivers Local 221, Tea and Coffee Drivers Local 275, Laundry Drivers Local 131, Bakery Drivers Local 289, General Drivers Local 544, and Taxi Drivers Local 125.

A representative committee has been placed in charge of planning the drive. Committee members are Pat Corcoran, J. F. O'Hare, Joe Lear, Ray Rainbolt, L. Claire Johnson, H. C. Larson, Ray Sawyer, Harold Seavey, A. B. Christianson and Farrell Dobbs.

The coming fink drive will be conducted by a force consisting of all union organizers, volunteer job stewards and active members from all the unions. Volunteers for the drive will meet in the third floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8 p. m., to organize for the sweeping affair. All driving unions hereby appeal to job stewards and active union members to volunteer for this drive.

Also, warning is hereby given all union members to have paid-up membership books with them on the job. Members of unions not using such books must be sure to have the official union credentials.

All workers in the driving industry are asked to co-operate to the fullest extent with this drive. The most immediate task is to turn in leads right away to any of the above committeemen.

I. A. M. Mike Measurements

William Z. Foster, one of the big wigs of the Communist party and head of the Steel Workers Organization Committee, in 1927 in his book, "Misleaders of Labor," says this about John L. Lewis:

"Lewis has betrayed the miners in every district... Formerly the Miners Union was the most progressive organization in the American labor movement. Under Lewis it has degenerated into one of the most reactionary... Lewis' master betrayal was in the great strike of the 600,000 miners in 1922. On entering this historic strike the union found itself in a most difficult position. But the situation was saved by a glorious strike of the unorganized miners, 50,000 strong, in Western Pennsylvania, home of the Steel Trust. This wonderful incident turned the tide in favor of the union. But Lewis, in signing the agreement upon the conclusion of the national strike, shamelessly betrayed these loyal miners. He made no provision for them whatever in the national and district agreements."

Maybe Mauseh will try to explain that interesting characterization of Foster's, too.

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Bill Brown Says—

The General Drivers in Fargo—and throughout the Northwest, for that matter—have come an awful long way since the winter of 1935, when the Fargo drivers strike died of slow strangulation. This time, the Fargo transfer strike is going to be won.

BILL BROWN
President of 544

Lumber, Coal Drivers Win Two Week Strike in Superior, Wis.

(Continued from page 1) town's employers have organized and launched a vicious and coordinated drive against unionism. At present, this union-smashing move is directed at the General Drivers Union; if successful, it would of course embrace the rest of the union movement, including the railroad unions.

A week ago, the Drivers struck the retail firm of M. Libera & Son, whose head is also leading the employers' association. This firm had called a meeting of its 33 delivery boys, at which it served beer and refreshments, and high-pressured 26 of them to sign a blank sheet of paper which was later filled in to signify their satisfaction with working conditions and their willingness to quit the union. The firm was then struck by the union.

In answer, Winona bosses have attempted to boycott all union deliveries. Deliveries by union drivers are refused if it is discovered that the drivers are also refusing to deliver at Libera's.

The struggle broadened a few days ago when the Consumers Ice and Fuel fired a man out of seniority. This firm is now attempting to operate with scab drivers. The General Drivers Union, with the support of other Winona workers, has mobilized for the struggle and is determined to resist and smash the anti-union plans of the bosses.

Victory in Aberdeen
The General Drivers Local 309 of Aberdeen, South Dakota, reports a seemingly small but very significant victory in that town. Some weeks ago, Roy Wright, secretary-treasurer of the union, was fired from his job with the Aberdeen Wholesale Grocery company because of his union activity. Under pressure of the fight put up by his union—and with the full support of the officials of the South Dakota Federation of Labor—Wright was reinstated on his job on October 19. He was not only reinstated, but won back pay amounting to \$300, plus \$60 for costs involved in fighting the case. With this victory under its belt, with this demonstration that the Aberdeen Local can protect its members, the union is forging ahead in this town.

Clarence Schwab, organizer for the North Central District Drivers Council, has been active in the western part of Minnesota. He has been General Drivers Union, and has also been carrying on organizational work in Benson and Panesville.

Progress in Granite City
Karl Skoglund spent last week-end in St. Cloud, where he joined local drivers union representatives in meeting with the milk industry and with Raymond Brothers Transportation. The indications are that General Drivers Local 329 of St. Cloud will soon have agreements in the dairy and transfer industries. On Monday night, Skoglund spoke at a meeting of coal and lumber workers in St.

one of them, then wanted to discuss whether he would get the other three or you got your one back, what would you say?

That's what we told Mauseh, Any way, the business end of the mule may give the final answer.

They don't say so much about the strike of the steel workers any more. It was one of those things manipulated by great strike strategists, and conveniently forgotten by everybody but the workers involved—and they can't forget it.

The desperate tone of the splitter's circulars indicates they are a bit worried lest they did not get away with it. After all, the workers have some judgment. They will want to know why.

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St. Paul Laundry Bosses Fight Union

St. Paul laundry bosses have been carrying on a campaign of propaganda ever since the lock-out of the industry on September 16, and are seeking to create the impression that the unions are holding up settlement of the dispute in the dry cleaning and laundry industry.

Though the Laundry Association asks the public to believe that union leaders are withholding knowledge from their members, the fact is that the only proposal made by the Association was read at a special membership meeting held October 21. It was discussed freely and openly, and indignantly and unanimously rejected by the union membership.

The Association proposes lower wages, poorer hours, less security and a bad method of settling disputes; its proposal, far from protecting unionism in the industry, would leave the field wide open for company unionism. In a statement issued this week by Laundry Workers Local 150 of St. Paul, the union announced that "when the Association gives up its plans for a contract under which it can effectively wage war against the Unions, we can arrive at a settlement in a hurry. The lockout was an attempt to smash the unions. The Association plans will have to give up that plan."

15 Initiated Into Omaha Drivers, 554

Omaha, Neb.—General Drivers Union Local 554 of this city initiated fifteen members last week. Shorty Stoltz was recently elected union president to fill the post left vacant by Leonard Johnson, who has moved to the west coast.

All driving unions are carrying on a vigorous organization campaign at the present time. The General Drivers are making a drive on the 1,000 ice and coal drivers and helpers. The Milk Wagon Drivers Union is growing in membership by leaps and bounds, and has already signed an important closed shop contract. Bak-

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ery drivers have reached the point where they are drawing up contracts for presentation. The laundry drivers section is gaining members each week. In a short time, all of the driving crafts will elect delegates who will set up a Teamsters Joint Council, according to "The Wheel," bi-weekly organ of the General Drivers Union in Omaha.

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books. The General Drivers Union again calls to the attention of all its members that they MUST carry dues books while working. Organizers will refuse to recognize buttons alone.

Thursday's drive marked one in a series which is being planned for the fall months. All union workers can cooperate with their officials by giving information about non-unionists who are working. All information should be given immediately to stewards or relayed to the union headquarters. As a result of such cooperation, non-union workers at the McKesson Drug and the Walgreen Drug have already been pulled off jobs.

General Drivers Local 120 and 544 cooperated on a fink drive on over-the-road haulers Tuesday night. Full information was not available at press time. Local 544 is planning a drive on the coal yards in the near future to check members, seeing that they carry dues books and have their dues payments up to date. The union is determined to see that complete unionization is the rule in the industry.

SOMMERS STRIKE IN ST. PAUL FIRM

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For victory, the union must hold to its firm and unyielding position. It must not relinquish for a moment the grip of its picket line.

The Strike Deserves Support
A victory for the Sommers workers will be a victory for the entire St. Paul labor movement. A victory at Sommers will open the way to complete unionization of the entire warehouse industry in the very near future. All workers, and particularly all warehouse workers, must rally to

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Fifty dollars in cash will be given away each night at the Minneapolis Auditorium, when the Harvest Festival and Industrial Exposition shows there from November 19 to 27. On the last night of the affair, a new sedan will be given to the lucky winner.

The Harvest Festival is sponsored by the Minneapolis Labor Temple Association, an organization that was organized and incorporated in 1924 for the purpose of erecting a Labor Temple in Minneapolis. In 1925, this group purchased a lot on Seventh street and Fourth Ave. S. Now all it needs is a building, and the purpose of the great festival at the Auditorium is to swell the building fund.

The Harvest Festival with its carnival atmosphere, will take place in the basement of the auditorium, with the Industrial Exposition being held on the main floor. Display space is rapidly being disposed of to local manufacturers and distributors. Booster meetings for the festival are held nightly at 24 South Sixth street. Delegates from labor organizations interested in promoting the festival are urged to attend.

Officers of the Labor Temple association are: Nels Christian, of the Plaster Tenders, president; Robert L. Short of the Fire Fighters, secretary; Thomas Jordan of the Bricklayers, treasurer; other board members are Austin McInerney of the plumbers, Nels Anderson of the City and County Employees, Pat Corcoran of the Milk Drivers; J. D. Williams of the Typographers, Rudy of the Police Federation, and Gormley of the Steamfitters.

Woodworkers Will Hold Dance Nov. 6

A dance, with old-time and swing music, will be held Saturday, November 6, under the sponsorship of Woodworkers Local 1859. This affair is being arranged jointly by the Entertainment and Athletic committees of the union. It will be held at the Okzlak auditorium, 19th and University avenue southeast. All unionists are cordially invited to attend.

the cause of their brothers in the present strike—by coming on the picket lines—by material and moral support.

General Drivers Local 120, in particular, is giving enthusiastic support to the Sommers struggle, as is the trade union movement of the Twin Cities in general. In the present situation, the Sommers strikers have everything in their favor. The strike could not have been called at a more opportune time, right in the busy season of the year.

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Milk Drivers' Union Marks 25 Years of Methodical Progress

"I came to work on that cold day of December 21st, 1920, and saw a bunch of the boys just standing around. I asked them what the h— was going on. They told me we were locked out. I was the shop steward, so I walked into the boss's office, and asked him what the idea was. He said, 'Well, you're all fired. Come back at ten o'clock and get your money. We'll hire back the men we want at \$135 a month. Those we don't want are done.'"

"I told him, 'You aren't going to hire back a d—ed man.'"
Thus began one of the most crucial and significant labor struggles in the history of this state. When the milk bosses of Minneapolis, without a moment's warning, locked out the industry in December of 1920, they hoped to smash the Milk Wagon and Dairy Employees Union Local 471, and to stop for good the move of the union to build a cooperative creamery in this town.

When the lockout went into effect, the union had 342 members. Three years later, when Local 471 negotiated with the employers, the union had over 1,000 members. It was in a strong enough position to submit a contract calling for a wage scale of \$35 a week for all drivers, with the closed shop; for one day's rest in seven; for one week's vacation with pay, etc. Every year thereafter the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union has received gains, until today Local 471 can boast of the finest conditions enjoyed by any union in the milk industry throughout the nation.

The story of Local 471's achievements in building their union back to a formidable strength ten times that of 1921—and to do this building without any union agreement and working under the yellow dog contract, to boot—is truly considered one of the local epics of the Minneapolis labor movement.

But we are ahead of our story. No union is ever born full grown. The first seed has always to be planted and tended.

Twenty-five years ago this month, a small group of milk drivers met in Hall B of the building at 104 South Washington, then occupied by the Trades and Labor Assembly of Minneapolis.

The drivers first defined their objective—the creation of a Milk Drivers Union—and then chose officers. The first executive board consisted of C. A. Preston, president; Nels Knudsen, vice-president; R. A. Berglund, secretary-treasurer; R. A. Car-gill, recording secretary; Al Peterson, conductor; H. Taylor, warden; and Jack Nelson, William Ford and Andrew Nelson, trustees. Original dues were \$1 monthly, 25c of which went into a sick benefit fund.

At the head of the central body at that time was Ed A. Hauck, the president. Leslie Sinton was recording secretary. Sinton addressed that first meeting of the milk drivers, and impressed upon them the importance of their first step. Carl Gustafson, business agent of the Barbers Union, spoke. Mrs. Sinton gave a talk on the Women's Label League. The meeting adjourned.

Recruiting began slowly enough, and the bringing in of each new member was somewhat of an achievement, cause for celebration. At the third meeting, committees were elected to visit the various creameries in town. To protect their jobs, no union member sought to recruit at his own plant. Instead, he did his organizational work in some other creamery. The first creameries selected were the Cloverleaf, the Model, the City Dairy, the Quaker, Rice County, John Berg's.

For five years the organization grew, but without achieving a union contract. In September, 1917, the first strike was called. The union asked for a wage increase of \$20 monthly, for a closed shop agreement for the drivers; for a vacation. The strike lasted only one day. The stumbling block to a settlement was the inside workers, which Local 471 was now taking in for the first time, its charter having been expanded to include this classification.

In giving the history of any union, the shadows must be drawn in, together with the highlights. Otherwise the picture is not lifelike. Here it is recorded that Local 471, by disregarding the inside workers, was able to win its other demands. The companies refused to negotiate the right of the union to represent the inside workers (reminiscent of 1934?). No doubt the union felt it was the best strategy under the circumstances to give in on the point of the inside workers, for the sake of gaining a foothold in the industry.

Two Strikes in 1918
As September, 1918, rolled around,

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W. SINNOTT

William Sinnott, business agent of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local 471, doesn't always look as dour as the picture indicates. The artist caught him in a despondent mood, while he was brooding over the previous night's bowling score. Sinnott is the leading bowling enthusiast around the Teamsters Joint Council, and is a good anchor man on anyone's team.

Bill is really noted for his smile, his appetite for milk, and his habit of stopping to engage in conversation when he is wanted urgently elsewhere. Brother union officials are constantly saying, "Come ON, Bill, we gotta get going."

pal targets was Milk Wagon Drivers Local 471.

On December 21, 1920, by pre-arrangement, every dairy company in the city declared a lockout against its workers. The union did not receive one minute's notice. The campaign was a crystal-clear violation of the "no strike, no lockout" provision in the union contract. But when did a contract ever mean anything to an employer, when he saw an opportunity to gain an advantage by breaking such an agreement?

As was reported at the beginning of this story, the men were permitted to get their belongings out of the wagons in the barns. The crucial battle was on hand.

In groups the dairy workers drifted down to their hall at the Central Labor Union—then housed in the Richmond Hall, at 225 South Fifth Street. They soon saw what they were up against—a lockout of the entire industry. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters was immediately notified. Vice-President John Geary tried to reach a settlement with the bosses, but they were in no mood to negotiate.

The union's strategy committee went into a huddle to deal with this crisis. It was decided to concentrate the fire on the Metropolitan Dairy, the largest company in town. The local saw that if all its members were held out, the organization might be cracked. It therefore ordered all drivers and helpers to go back to work—to sign anything, but to get back on the job. With the exception of the Metropolitan company, that is. For ten days, not one milk wagon rolled in Minneapolis. Out of boss solidarity, no other company would begin operation until the Metropolitan had its hands free. After ten days, the other creameries again began to operate. Every worker had signed an illegal yellow dog, pledging himself not to join a labor organization. The Metropolitan remained closed.

The International recognized the situation as a lockout, and paid strike benefits of \$10 a week as long as even three workers were picketing—right straight through to July, 1921.

The milk employers of course had the solid backing of the Citizens Alliance. For the first time in the city's history, so far as is known, outside strikebreakers and gunmen were imported by the Citizens Alliance. The chief rats were Hamilton and Willets from Texas, though there was a plentiful sprinkling of Chicago gorillas. (Concluding installment next week)

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CIO OFFERS 3-POINT PROGRAM, BARBERS STRIKE

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between, shuttling back and forth between the two factions.

AFL Counter-Proposal
On Wednesday, the American Federation's three-man peace committee submitted the following proposal to the CIO committee:

1. Return to the Federation of the ten CIO unions that were once AFL members in good standing.
2. Conferences between all other dual CIO unions and the corresponding unions in the Federation, to work out a program for bringing the new CIO unions into the Federation upon mutually agreeable terms.
3. Settlement of all outstanding differences at the next AFL convention.
4. Immediate dissolution of the CIO.

It was reported that the CIO committee rejected the AFL counter-proposal.

St. Paul I. A. M. Signs Hoist Firm

St. Paul Lodge 459 of the I. A. of M. continues to forge ahead with organizing work. After putting to flight an ingenious company move at the American Hoist and Derrick company in a campaign which lasted for months, the union has signed an agreement with this firm providing for seniority rights, greatly increased wage rates and paid vacations. This firm is one of the largest employers in the metal manufacturing industry in the Twin Cities and has been notoriously non-union. This is an impressive victory for the hundreds of workers in this plant.

The auto mechanics of Lodge 459 had been served with notice of intention to chisel certain classifications of employees out of their Saturday afternoon off. This would particularly affect those who service cars for winter use. The dealers association claimed they were losing business, but the mechanics rightly saw in the proposal an entering wedge which would be used to bring the automobile maintenance men back to the long hours which they have fought and eliminated.

The proposal was unanimously rejected and the enthusiasm and understanding displayed by the large meeting should leave no doubt among the garage employers as to what the St. Paul mechanics intend to do with any further propositions of that kind.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

A Commentary on Community Funds

H. S. Sommers, an official of the Sommers Company in St. Paul, is head of the St. Paul Community Fund. He is appealing to the citizenry for contributions to relieve the misery of the poor. He stands for CHARITY.

The warehouse workers of the Sommers Company are today on strike for recognition of their union, for job security and union conditions. These workers take their stand for decent wages, for job security, for self-respect.

The Community Fund gives workers charity—and that begrudgingly. As a rule, the millions of workers who contribute to such funds throughout the country are never mentioned—only the names of the firms are mentioned, as being 100 per cent contributors.

The Unions give workers such decent wages that they don't need charity. The Unions give workers self-respect. The problems of the poor will be solved by workingclass organizations, not by Community Funds. Build the Union Movement!

Men of America, Incorporated—Blah!

During the past few weeks, thousands of union workers in Minneapolis have been submitted to a bombardment of reactionary anti-union literature through the mails. A great part of this matter consists of expensive printed matter bearing the name "Common Sense Talks," and purporting to issue from the Men of America, Incorporated, with offices in Chicago. Members in every state—over 90 per cent employees," advertise the Men of America.

Knowing what we do about employers' associations, and open-shop drives, we can safely charge that this is part of a nationwide drive on the part of the organized bosses of America to undermine unionism and restore the low-pay open-shop conditions flourishing in the depths of the depression.

The propaganda of the Men of America, Incorporated, is calculated to make the worker-reader believe that his interests and the interests of his employer are identical; that "protecting property from theft and usurpation is the first principle of human law"; that a worker should forget about unionism and be a rugged individual; that "in the ball game of business it is generally understood that the company and its workers together make one team. They are always on the same side. They are never playing against each other," and a dozen other gems of a similar nature. The main idea behind the whole campaign is to make every worker believe that in the fight for justice and higher wages and security his natural ally is not his fellow workers, not the other workers in his industry, not the labor movement, but—the boss. In support of this theme, the Men of America quote such friends of the working class as Woodrow Wilson, Ray Lyman Wilbur, W. J. Cameron (Ford's general manager), etc.

The life experience of every worker will immediately cause him to laugh right out loud at such boss-inspired sentiments. If the boss is the worker's best friend, why does it take a union and a strike to force him to grant decent wages and job security?

If the boss is so friendly, why does he always seek to work his men at the lowest wages and the longest hours he thinks he can get away with? If the boss is such a staunch friend, where do labor spies and open-shop employers' associations, and gun-men, and company unions, and Tom Mooney cases, and the murdering of strikers, come from?

The Men of America, Incorporated, don't say anything about such facts of life. But no one will take their falsehoods seriously.

What is significant about their campaign is that, combined with the growth of vigilante movements, a renewed drive for company unions, and movements such as the Johnstown Citizens Committee, this forewarns us that the employers of America are initiating in dead earnest a new drive throughout the country to break the union movement and seek to saddle on the backs of the working class the burden of the new depression into which the country is heading.

The answer the Union Movement will give to this campaign is: Build the Unions! Organize the Unorganized!

Below is reproduced "The July 13th Budget," which the unemployed, with the backing of the Minneapolis labor movement, are demanding city and county relief administrators put into effect.

THE JULY 13TH BUDGET

July 13, 1937

To the Board of Public Welfare, Minneapolis, Minn.

Below you will find the minimum budget for relief clients arrived at by the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, as approved by the membership July 9, 1937:

No. in family	Groceries (month)	Clothing (yearly)	Clothing (yearly)
		Men	Women
1	\$15.00	\$ 68.00	\$86.50
2	24.00	154.00 for two	
3	35.10		
4	43.20		
5	47.62		
6	52.02		
7	56.90		
8	63.25		
9	72.80		
10	81.75		
11	85.56		
12	92.26		
13	103.62		

MILK: One pint of milk per day per person in addition to milk allowed in grocery allowance.

RENT: No limitation on rent. The landlord's statement to determine amount of rent. No discrimination on amount of rent, with regard to either employable or unemployable clients.

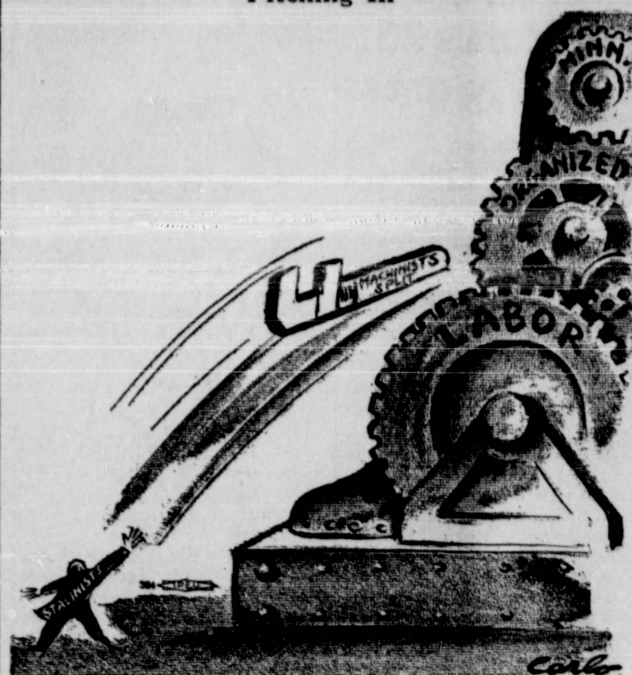
NECESSARY HOUSEHOLD GOODS

CLOTHING: Children of one month to five years of age: 30% of adult's yearly budget; children five to 12 years, 50% of adult's yearly budget; children 12 or more, full adult budget if in school; if not in school, 80% of adult's budget.

Respectfully submitted,

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION, 544
Edw. L. Palmquist, Vice Chairman

Pitching In



Machinist Split Results Only in Utmost Confusion

The net results of the splitting program of the emissaries of Stalin has been the utmost confusion among members of the International Association of Machinists in Minneapolis and its vicinity. The workers find it difficult to understand the strange meaning applied to the word unity as exemplified in the activities of the "Unity Committee."

Workers in the machine shops and manufacturing plants and the automobile mechanics must recognize the attempt to disrupt their union and split off sections of it and carry them over to the CIO as endangering the gains in wages and working conditions already achieved. The excuses offered for this treacherous activity are of the flimsiest kind, and employers will surely take advantage of the lack of solidarity by beginning a drive to force the worker down unless this condition is speedily corrected.

One of the chief reasons for the situation in the machinists organization is the splitting program of the Communist party, so called. In a recent document of the Minnesota branch of the party, they assert their intentions of carrying over to the CIO all federal unions, and also locals of international unions wherever they can maneuver themselves into positions of influence. No regard is given to how this will affect the worker, but the C. P. crowd would tear members away from their international affiliations which are best able to protect and advance their interests. Their main purpose is to gain control over workers rather than to give them the best possible form of organization.

With the Limousines

(From the front seat)

The Shutter case is getting warm. More strange faces appear at church every Sunday. We saw "Tiger" O'Hare of the Bakery Drivers on deck, also a good showing of our own gang. Anyhow, that's one way of getting them to church, says Joe Lear.

Be sure to be at the next meeting November 2. We hear there is to be a movie shown, and the sponsor is going to put out a case of Scotch and a barrel of beer. (What!!! No sandwiches!!!)

Brother Thompson's case has been settled by paying the scale from August 1. Thanks to Mr. Smith of the Cedar Lake Ice for his timely cooperation.

Our new candid cameraman made some good shots last Sunday—thanks a lot, Johnny.

Who in h--- had that lipstick last Tuesday?

A large group of new members is expected at the next meeting. Last Words: . . . "It's only Coca-Cola and Rum! They drink it in Cuba." (Logan avenue drivers, please note!)

Keeping Step With 544

By MICKEY DUNNE

It is a Fact
That the CIO is organizing office workers in Minneapolis. Organizer Hilliard Smith has promised full cooperation with the C. L. U. Executive Board but says that he intends to continue the CIO campaign. That is what we call full and complete cooperation.

This week, Brown to Fargo; Skoglund to St. Cloud; G. Dunne to Winona; Davidson to Albert Lea and M. Dunne to Watertown and Sioux Falls, S. D. Travel broadens one.

Ray Dunne is getting a physical check-up at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Raymond Bros. have been served a union agreement in St. Cloud.

John Dickerson, the Canary King, is out of the bird business.

It's a Small World
There is a CIO organizer in Duluth who, only a few years ago, was known by an entirely different name.

The last meeting of the printing drivers section was very poorly attended. There is going to be a check-up in that industry soon.

Alas Poor Yorik
Flowers and slow music for the "Unity Committee."

And then there is the school of thought which says that the way to build is to tear down, the way to be safe is to take chances and the way to create unity is to foster splits.

At press time it looks like the Fargo Union is on the verge

of a splendid settlement of their strike. Our hats are off to that militant gang of truck drivers who have staged a real comeback.

Well, Leander?

Boerbach, of the Painters, who has charged that Karl Skoglund is being guarded by a "Gunner," is going to be asked to publicly explain the whole thing and to identify the "gangster."

Smith and Skogy are the agreement experts.

The exchange of telegrams between Lewis and Green would be funny if it did not involve the economic destiny of millions of American workers.

The Union club will be much larger when the remodeling is completed.

Right Down the Center

The position of the centerists is probably a comfortable one. They say that both contending forces on the right and left are wrong and raise the cry for "Unity." But it is an historical fact that no struggle has been ended by the adoption of the Centerists program.

Thoughts in a Church Yard

Here lies a trucker, Hugh McNigh
Who thought the Union Dues too high.
He died, and now his Wife must face A McLaughern, Joseph Pearson case.

"Close the door quietly, after you pay that \$25 fine."

Warehouse Union Meets with Sears Clerks on Nov. 2

Preliminary to a vigorous organizational campaign to bring all mail order and retail employees of the Sears, Roebuck company into the union, the executive board of Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 has called an open meeting for all Sears workers to be held Tuesday night, November 2, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

The campaign is launched at this time as a result of negotiations with the Retail Clerks Union international organizer, which has granted the Warehouse Union jurisdiction over all retail clerks at this mail order company.

The Union feels it now has its greatest opportunity to consolidate itself within the plant. The first step, that of breaking the company union and forcing the company to come to an agreement with the Union after last spring's strike, has already been accomplished. This marked the first time in history that any large mail order establishment anywhere in the country had recognized such a union.

It is now necessary to complete the job. All eligible workers must be brought into the union. Negotiations for a new contract will bring further wage increases and better working conditions next year. At the Tuesday meeting, plans will be outlined to organize the remainder of the mail order department and the retail clerks. All Sears workers should turn out without fail and do their bit to achieve 100 percent organization at the Sears, Roebuck company.

The experience of war like the experience of every crisis in history, of every misery and catastrophe in the life of man, stupifies and breaks down some, but at the same time hardens and enlightens others.

Sioux Falls Drivers Are Now 100 Per Cent

Sioux Falls, S. D.—As a result of a campaign by the General Drivers Union here, the local transfer industry is now organized 100 percent. Progress is also being made in the coal and packing house sections.

On Tuesday morning one of the last firms, the Munce Transfer, was brought into line. This firm was handling the hauling job for the Mordkin Ballet, which is showing in Sioux Falls. The Drivers Union, with the full cooperation of Stage Hands Local 220, held up the job until all drivers and helpers had signed up with the union.

An open mass meeting sponsored by the General Drivers Union will be held next Monday night at the Woodmen hall. All workers are invited to attend.

Ward Workers Hold Organization Meet

Workers employed at the Montgomery-Ward plant met Tuesday night in the St. Paul General Drivers hall in a continuation of the organizational drive now being waged at that large mail order and retail concern. The meeting was held under the auspices of the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union. Speakers were Ray Lind of Warehouse Local 20316, Minneapolis, Tom Wolf, chairman of the strike committee at Sommers, and Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the Minneapolis General Drivers Local.

The union is continuing to recruit members at the M-W plant, and is furthering its intensive drive for membership. The Montgomery-Ward workers are watching with eager interest the progress of the Sommers warehouse strike in St. Paul. The next M-W meeting will be announced in the near future.

DEMAND A UNION CLERKS IN ALL MINNEAPOLIS STORES
Retail Clerks Union Local 1086 asks all workers to look for their monthly dues button on all store employees. Each month, the dues button changes color. The November button color is blue. See that the clerk who waits on you wears this blue button.

NOT by Edgar Guest

THE MILKMAN
Who is it gets up at three?
Yes, it's the milkman;
Grabs one toast and one coffee.
Yes, it's the milkman.
Down the street he runs by gum
Waits for a street car to come,
Climbs aboard and says ho-hum,
Yes, it's the milkman.
Reaches plant and gets his load,
Good faithful milkman;
Pulls right out and down the road,
Yes, the poor milkman.
Got to get down to the shop
Through the traffic—By the cop,
Over roads all slush and slop,
So goes the milkman.
Can't take time to stop for chow.
No, not the milkman,
Some house wife is raving now,
Raving at the milkman.
When at last he hits third floor
Madam opens wide the door,
"I got my milk at the store,"
Lord help the milkman.

Takes a look now at the sun
Poor tired milkman,
Thankful that his day is done;
Who is glad? The milkman.
After climbing up and down,
Back and forth all over town,
Enough to make an angel frown
Tough job of the milkman.

Back to the plant at close of day,
So goes the milkman.
Got to put his truck away,
And check up, a milkman.
Gosh all fish hooks, such a day,
Think he's earned a lot more pay,
Hope the head boss feels that way,
About the milkman.

Now once more he's on the car,
Poor tired milkman;
Nodding head with ever jar,
Weary, weary, milkman.
Car stops, off he gets and, gee
He comes home to dine with me
Cause he's my husband, you see,
Sure—he's my milkman.

NELL OGG

Minn. Wine, Spirits Signs Union Contract

On Monday a negotiating bloc representing the drivers' unions and the warehouse unions in the Twin Cities dealt with the Minnesota Wine and Spirit Institute and reached an agreement covering all workers in Minneapolis and St. Paul. When present contracts in other cities expire, the new working agreement will automatically go into effect, eventually covering the whole state.

Drivers will get 70 cents hourly under the new agreement; platform men and helpers, 60 cents; shipping clerks and receiving clerks, 75 cents; and inside workers, 60 cents. The contract provides for time-and-one-half for overtime, seniority, etc.

A contract covering wages and working conditions at the distilling plants is being negotiated separately, and will later become a part of the larger agreement.

Representing the unions were Art Hudson for Local 120; Frank Duprey for Local 20297; Walt Hagstrom for Local 544; and James Bartlett for Local 20316. There are about two hundred workers in the state who will be covered by this agreement.

Local 125 in First Place in Bowling

Local 125 held first place by taking three from Local 20316. Meat Drivers took three from the Teamsters' Joint Council to go into second place. They also rolled a new high single, 927, and high three games, 2,565. The Ice Drivers took a pair from the Consolidated with E. Brennan rolling a new high single for a 228. The Phillips Liquor took a pair from the Soft Drinks. Next week a ball and five pairs of shoes will be drawn for, so everybody be there. The new rogues' gallery that was taken Monday night will cost 50 cents and the only chance to get it will be next Monday, so don't forget your money.

Team	W.	L.	Avg.
Local 125	11	1	916
Meat Drivers	9	3	750
Phillips' Liquor	8	4	667
Teamsters J. Coun.	5	7	417

Strike at Venetian Blind in Second Week

The strike of Woodenware Workers Local 1859 against the Vogue Venetian Blind company finishes its second week with the plant closed down tight by the picket line, and the owner threatening to fold up business. The strike began Wednesday, October 13, when the management refused to grant the demands of the union. Local 1859 is asking for prevailing union wages and working conditions; that is, union recognition, seniority, and the 55c hourly minimum.

Last week, the owner told a union committee he was mailing \$10 to each striker to "help tide them over." Strikers upon receiving the \$10, were not taken in by this soapy deal. "If he felt like doing us a good turn, why didn't he add the ten bucks to our paychecks?" is the questioning sentiment of the workers.

The following patents were issued October 19, 1937, to Minnesota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Hess, Stanley J., Minneapolis, Minn., measuring device; Denny, William M., Minneapolis, Minn., hydraulic pressure tool; Gilles, Willis H., St. Paul, Minn., temperature measuring apparatus; Lundquist, Gust, Hopkins, Minn., motor tender; Stoves, Jerry S., Rochester, Minn., auxiliary glare shield.

INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCAL 20316 MEMBERS
In conjunction with the ink drive now planned by the Teamsters' Joint Council, Warehouse Workers Local 20316 is despatching committees and organizers to the various warehouse plants throughout the city, to check up on dues payments and dues books of members.
Members who have not yet received dues books should notify the union office immediately.

ATTENTION—ALL LOCAL 221 MEMBERS!
Ice and Coal Drivers Local 221 has called a special meeting for Thursday, Oct. 28, at 8 p. m., to determine the course of action to be taken by the Union in regards to vacations and seniority in the industry. All workers must be present.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Local 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	Local 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
Local 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	Private Chauffeurs The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
Petroleum Drivers The Petroleum Drivers will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.	Local 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Utility Section—First Thursday Full Membership—Third Thursday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Advisory Board—Every Tuesday
Federal Workers Regular Membership Meetings—Second Friday in each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	Local 131 The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
Local 1859 General Membership—Nov. 3 Casket Industry—Nov. 9 American Excelsior—Nov. 16 J. R. Clark—Nov. 17 Local 1859 Executive Board—Every Friday night. Local 20481 Executive Board—Nov. 1, Nov. 15. Twin City Stewards—Nov. 6, Nov. 22. Local 20481 Membership—Nov. 15.	Local 125 The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first and third Tuesdays, at 4 a. m.
Local 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.	Local 544 Monday, Nov. 1—Package Deliveries; Department Store; Coal. Wednesday, Nov. 3—Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, Nov. 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, Nov. 5—Job Stewards. Monday, Nov. 9—General Membership. Wednesday, Nov. 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor. Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2. Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.
Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.	