

Only 9 More Days to Teamsters Council Christmas Party for Kids at Armory

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As from this hour you use your power, the World must follow you

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

On the National Picket Line

Concrete evidence that the AFL-CIO battle is NOT a fight of the workers, but one imposed upon them by the hierarchy from above, comes with news of unity achieved between the warring United Mine Workers and the Progressive Miners of America in Illinois. The PMA is conducting a strike against the Superior Coal Company at Gillespie, Ill. The UMW local union has pledged its support. The agreement between the two local unions was greeted with dismay and indignation by the top leadership of both factions.

The strike was called after the Superior Coal Company locked out 2,200 workers, accusing them of conducting a slow-down strike. The company took this action without first appealing to the regularly provided courts of arbitration, set up in the contract. It was for this reason that the unity between the two unions was achieved. The UMW leadership in Gillespie realized that should the Superior Coal Company be allowed to set a precedent of this kind, they too would be helpless in defending their membership or of "maintaining the few good conditions which still exist in the coal mines."

In 1937 these same striking miners staged a long stay-down strike to gain a "division of work." Under the contract signed after the strike, low-paid workers are given more hours of work, during slack periods, to bring their incomes to within some parity with those workers receiving higher hourly rates. The company now wants to set up a system of hour-for-hour division of work, thus automatically reducing the incomes of 75 per cent of the workers.

Under other conditions, and in other days, the UMW and the PMA would each have acted as strike-breakers against the other. The unity agreement stops the possibility of such action here. Guarantees that this fight shall not degenerate into a union-against-union pitched battle, with many deaths and much destruction to life and limb. It guarantees that the company will not win its fight because the unions are too busy fighting one another to bother about it.

And how does the agreement look to the District leadership of the PMA? George Ritchie, vice-president of the District, said: "These men (Dave Reed, state president, and John Battuello, the two PMA leaders who negotiated the pact) are not vested with the authority to cooperate with the UMW in such a manner... these men do not express the sentiment of the district executive board... nor of the membership."

Said William Campoin, Local union president, in answer: "The question raised by Ritchie is a regrettable one... If he has the interests of the MEN at heart, how can he refuse help from anywhere?... if he REPRESENTS THE OPERATORS, it is well that the men know it, before the case comes before any court (of arbitration) in which he might be a judge... I invite Mr. Ritchie to come before a membership meeting of Local 1 and let the men tell him what they think of this case AND OF HIM."

Colonel Harrington Here, Won't Talk On Strike Verdicts

Military Man Says M-m-m When Asked About Indictments and Trials of Minneapolis Victims — Says European War Won't Bring More Jobs Here But We Knew That All the Time — Liberal and Labor Press of Nation Lashes WPA Strike Trials and Verdicts—AFL-WPA Defense Committee's Drive for Funds Forges Ahead

Monday morning Colonel F. C. Harrington, military head of the WPA, blew into Minneapolis for a two-day conference with WPA officials and local business men. The colonel talked glibly about every topic under the sun except the ONE topic that the workers of Minneapolis and of the nation are most interested in: the strike trials and convictions growing out of the WPA law of last July.

When reporters queried him for an opinion on the mass indictments, trials and convictions in Minneapolis, he parried the questions and stated: "We don't consider we have anything to do with that. That is fully in the hands of the Department of Justice."

The colonel admitted that the 18-months-layoff clause, one of the chief measures which provoked the nation-wide strike against WPA, would be "seriously debated" in the next session of congress. Of the 750,000 men and women laid off WPA under terms of that measure, less than 150,000 have got back on WPA, the colonel related.

No Date for Next Trial
No additional information was forthcoming this week from District Attorney Victor Anderson or the federal court as to the date for the next trial or the date for sentencing those thirty-three men and women who have so far been convicted for "conspiracy."

Tuesday evening in a radio address, Harrington warned the people against the illusion that the war in Europe would bring about any significant decrease in unemployment.

Few workers had any illusions on this score. The truth is, as Howard Hunter, another WPA official, has pointed out, that even if the present war boomlet reached great heights, there would be no decrease in the jobless total. If American exports to Europe were to increase 100 per cent in the next year, this would employ only about 600,000 more American workers, and 600,000 is exactly the number of new young job-seekers who enter the labor market each year.

Contributions to Defense Grow
During the past week a number of unions have acted on the suggestion voted at the special meeting of Minneapolis union officials, to vote assessments of \$1 to the AFL-WPA Defense Committee.

Last Wednesday evening the membership of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 voted overwhelmingly to approve the \$1 assessment. John Janasco, Local 1859 business agent, announced Monday that members can pay the assessment to their stewards, 25c each month for four months, or

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F-C-L Group To Meet at Northfield

The Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council will hold one of its most important meetings next Tuesday, December 19th, at Northfield, Minnesota. A supper in the community hall, to be served at 6:30, will precede the meeting.

Henry B. Anderson, member of the Farmers Union, the Farm Bureau, active cooperator and owner of a chicken hatchery, will be chairman of the meeting. Speakers will include Paul Rasmussen, executive secretary of the Council, who will speak on a program for labor and the co-ops; Frank Starkey, director of the Research Division of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, who will speak on labor problems; T. A. Eide, manager of the Franklin Co-op, who will speak on the cooperative movement, and others.

C. A. Melby and A. R. Burnstam, who head the economic departments of St. Olaf and Carleton colleges, will be present and participate in the discussion, as will a number of faculty members from both colleges. Over thirty farmers in the Northfield area will attend, as will a number of leading trade unionists from the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly.

4 Furniture Companies Sign With 544

Following a three-day successful strike at the Luger Furniture company, the General Drivers Union Local 544 announced this week it had renewed agreements with four local furniture companies: Luger, Brooks, Charles Manufacturing, and Northwest Upholstering.

The new agreement is the same as last year's except it provides for pay for holidays. Two other companies, Levin and Land o' Nod, had not signed at press time, but the union expected to sign these firms within the next few days.

Notice to All Local 471 Members

- On Tuesday, December 19, election of officers for the coming year will be held. Polls are open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.
- A special order of business at 8 p. m. in the membership meeting on December 19 will be the question of voting a special assessment for the AFL-WPA Defense Committee, in charge of defending those indicted in the recent WPA strike.
- Each member must be sure to fill out the questionnaire designating which of the two labor papers he wishes to receive. Each member must make his choice and fill in his name, address and button number. A questionnaire will be mailed you. Be sure to fill this out and return it to the union office.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Milk Drivers Union Local 471

977 Returns All Officers To Posts

At the nomination meeting of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 Monday night, the membership voted unanimously to return the entire executive board to office for the coming year, and the recording secretary was instructed to cast a white ballot for all officials.

In view of the steady progress and record of achievements made by the organization under the present leadership, there was enthusiastic agreement to continue the present board.

Officers of Local 977 are Roy Sturdevant, president; August Jeppson, vice-president; Larry J. Davidson, secretary - treasurer; John Eidsvold, recording secretary; L. V. "Bud" Schima, three-year trustee; Clyde Salyers, Ray Schaut, trustees.

Wrestlers Set for TJC Card Friday

On Friday morning men will be at work erecting the wrestling ring in the third-floor auditorium at the Drivers Hall and Friday night at 9 p. m. the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will present its second wrestling card to the public.

The match most eagerly awaited is the main go between Young Dusek of Chicago and Jim Morgan of Kansas City. This match, with a one-hour time limit, is expected to bring plenty of fireworks. "Morgan's a nice guy. It's a shame to end his career in the ring," Dusek said Wednesday morning as he trained in a downtown gymnasium. Morgan could not be reached for comment, but it is understood he has told friends he plans to illustrate various sailor's knots to the crowd, using Dusek's anatomy as a rope.

Chief Little Wolf of Oklahoma will wrestle Curley McGee of St. Cloud in the half-hour semi-wind-up. A thirty-minute opener is also scheduled.

Admission for this bang-up wrestling card is only 40c. Children may get in for a quarter. Fans who like fast mat work are assured a satisfactory spectacle.

544 Stands Pat on Over-Road Offer

Several hundred 544 men engaged in over-road transport met Sunday morning at the Drivers Hall to hear their committee report on negotiations with employers. The bosses' counter-offer was rejected unanimously, and the committee was instructed to take all necessary action to win the Twin Cities rider to the area pact.

Minneapolis over-road members are demanding the same increase over the area over-road contract as has prevailed in the past. At Monday night's general membership meeting of Local 544, it was voted unanimously to endorse the demands of the Over-Road Section and any action it may be necessary to take to achieve those demands.

Troubadours for Christmas Party



Above are the Junior Troubadours, one of the many entertaining acts that will appear at the Christmas Party for children of members of unions in the Drivers Hall, next Saturday afternoon in the armory. These young musicians display a wizardry on the accordions that never fails to delight. Other entertainers who will appear are Jack and Elmer, ventriloquist; clowns; banjo player; birds and monkeys, etc.

The Christmas Party program begins at 2 p. m. Saturday, December 23rd and for all those who attend we promise it will be an unforgettable event.

Laundry Drivers Negotiations Still Hang Fire

Though meetings were held late last week between the Joint Union Committee representing the Minneapolis and St. Paul Laundry Drivers Unions and the employers, little progress was made toward reaching satisfactory agreements.

The Minneapolis boss committee has agreed to sign last year's contract and this proposal will be presented to the membership of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 at their meeting. The bosses' counter-offer was received by Local 131 last Wednesday.

In St. Paul the union and the employers are still far apart on the question of wages. No new meetings with the employers have been scheduled.

Master Pact Sought from Erickson Oil

Following meetings between the AFL Station Attendants unions in Minneapolis and St. Paul and the Teamsters Joint Councils in each city, negotiations were opened this week with the Erickson Oil company for a master agreement covering all company-operated stations in both cities, plus the drivers.

The unions are seeking the closed shop, seniority, a week's vacation with pay and the union scale of wages and hours.

The prospects seemed fairly good that such a master pact might be reached. If such a contract is not negotiated during the next few days, the Teamsters Joint Councils in Minneapolis and St. Paul plan to take decisive action against this company. Unions in both cities have had disputes of long standing with the Erickson Oil firm.

Son of FWS Leader Meets Tragic Fate

Friends of Louis White and all members of the Federal Workers Section sorrowed with Louis and his family at the loss of their young son, Gerald, who was drowned early last week when he fell through thin ice on a neighborhood pond near his home.

The funeral, held last Thursday from the Inga funeral home, with burial at Crystal Lake cemetery, was attended by scores of members of Local 544's Federal Workers Section.

Many Drivers Unions Balloting for Office On Eve of New Year

544 Will Ballot on January 5-6

Monday night at the monthly general membership meeting of the General Drivers Union Local 544, nominations for officers for the coming year were held. The following accepted nomination:

For President: Carl Skoglund (incumbent), Harold Haines.

For Vice-president: George Prosig (incumbent), Tom McCue.

For secretary-treasurer: Kelly Postal (incumbent), Paul Schwab.

For recording secretary: Ray Rainbolt, George Williams, Ray Berres.

For short-term trustee: Curt Zander (incumbent), Herb Palmer.

For long-term trustee: Miles Dunne (incumbent), Charles Cabana.

Nick Wagner is not up for reelection as his trusteeship does not expire until next year.

Grant Dunne, recording secretary, announced at the meeting that poor health would not permit him to stand for re-election this year. He received a big hand when he nominated Ray Rainbolt for his post, designating Rainbolt as one of the spark-plugs of the union.

From the slate for election judges, the following were elected: Vern Bennyhoff, Harold Beal, Steve Glaser, Bill Ambrose and George O'Brien.

Will Vote January 5, 6
Balloting will take place from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the main floor hall on Friday and Saturday, January 5th and 6th.

The election of committeemen to represent the Cab Drivers Union Local 958 for the coming year will take place Thursday, December 21st, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the union hall.

Those nominated at the special meeting held last Thursday afternoon are: Art Baxter, Roy Brown, H. "Slim" Freisen, Floyd Griggs, Ed Harlan, Frank Holt, Bill Humphreys, Pat Hurley, Emil Kariger, Howie Miller, Edgar Smith, M. I. Smith, Bill Warner and Joe Williams.

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Cab Drivers To Vote on Committee

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Parents having no other means to transport children to the Christmas Party and who wish free taxi service should fill out the blank and mail it to Ray Rainbolt, chairman of the Teamsters Joint Council Christmas Party, 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

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Warehouse Union, Bakery Drivers, Private Chauffeurs, Station Attendants Complete Balloting

Milk Drivers Will Vote Next Tuesday; Cab Drivers to Ballot Thursday; 544 Will Vote January 5th, 6th

With the end of the year approaching, most of the affiliates of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council are in the midst of nominations and elections of officers for 1940. More or less spirited campaigning is going on throughout the various unions.

Four unions — the Warehouse Union, the Private Chauffeurs, the Filling Station Attendants and the Bakery Drivers — have already completed balloting.

The Milk Drivers and the General Drivers have held nominations during the past week, as reported elsewhere in this issue. Local 471 will ballot next Tuesday, December 19th. The General Drivers will vote on Friday and Saturday, January 5th and 6th. The Cab Drivers have nominated for committeemen, and will do their voting next Thursday, December 21st.

Reports of plans of the other unions for nominations and elections will appear in next week's paper.

Results of 289 Vote Announced

Last Thursday the membership of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 balloted for officers for the coming year, and elected the following men:

For President: Harry De Boer. Vice-president: Sam Ash.

Secretary-treasurer: Joe O'Hara. Recording Secretary: Gregory Helwig.

Three-year Trustee: Chester Ryan.

The union polling booth was open for voting from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the main floor hall at the Drivers Hall. The two trustees who were not up for re-election supervised the balloting.

1859, Casket Firms Open Negotiations

Negotiations got under way this week between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and local casket manufacturing concerns. The present agreement will expire January 9th.

The Casket Section of the union has drawn up a new agreement calling for the closed shop, a straight 10c hourly wage increase, holiday pay and two weeks vacation.

Solicitor General Exposes Reactionary Nature of Government's War on Labor

Solicitor General Epstein of New York State Supports Labor's Contention That Unions Are Exempt from Anti-Trust Prosecutions—If Murphy and Arnold Continue Their War on Unions, Will End New Deal, Says Jurist—Warns That Government's Interpretation of Anti-Trust Law Would Outlaw Strike for Shorter Hours, Says Such Matters Must Be Left to Field of Economic Combat, Not to Courts—War of Department of Justice on Organized Labor Threatens Unions and Their Only Weapons

In the November 30 and December 7 issues of the Organizer we traced the growing drive of the United States government against the union movement, the defense of this drive by Attorney General Frank Murphy and Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold, and William Green's answer.

Now from an unexpected source, from the Solicitor General of the state of New York, there has come a detailed exposure of the reactionary nature of the government's campaign against the unions under the guise of "anti-trust" violations. The contention of this outstanding Eastern jurist that labor is exempt from the operation of the anti-trust laws carries especial weight because it comes not from a trade unionist but from a law official of the largest state in the nation.

On November 26th Solicitor General Henry Epstein wrote the following communication to the New York Times:

Permit me to set down a few observations on the recently released letter of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold on the applicability of the anti-trust laws to labor unions and on your editorial on the same subject. ONE MUST READ AND REREAD MR. ARNOLD'S LETTER SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE ITS TERRIFIC IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS CAN BE FULLY APPRECIATED. Sugar-coat it how you may, it remains a throwback to the Danbury Hatters, Duplex Printing cases.

While attempting to soft-pedal through specific mention the Duplex Printing Company and Bedford cut-stone cases, the attempted proscription of certain hard-won labor rights stares us coldly in the face. It seems almost incredible that the long struggle culminating in the Wagner act, the Wagner act cases . . . aided and abetted openly by the Administration, should now, by one of its own law officials, be set down as in large measure a vain struggle . . . Clayton Act Meant to Shield Unions

Sections 6 and 20 of the Clayton act were designed, or have been construed liberally to accomplish what New York State has frankly set down in Section 340 of the General Business Law: That human labor is not a commodity or article of commerce and that labor unions must not be subjected to the crushing application of anti-trust laws. Mr. Arnold by his proposed action would restore to the courts the decision in the struggle Brandeis and Holmes:

"It is not for judges to determine whether such conditions exist, nor is it their function to set the limits of permissible contest and to declare the duties which the new situation demands. This is the function of the Legislature which, while limiting individual and group rights of aggression and defense, may substitute processes of justice for the more primitive method of trial by combat."

Congress had in Sections 6 and 20 of the Clayton act (as we had hoped they would now be construed) freed the labor union from the effective application of the anti-monopoly statutes, which never were intended to strike at them. It is well known that the calamity of the collection of the judgment in the Danbury Hatters' case by sale on execution of workingmen's homes found answer in this promise (the amendments in the Clayton case) of no possible recurrence. Analysis of some of Mr. Arnold's "restraints" may well cause doubt as to the fulfillment of that promise. It is my disregard his specific examples, because others may choose other examples and apply his principles. It is the principle that matters, not Mr. Arnold's example.

Challenges Arnold's Claims

The most flagrant instance is the record of "types of unreasonable restraint" chosen by the assistant attorney general:

"2. Unreasonable restraints designed to compel the hiring of useless and unnecessary labor."

Who is to determine the uselessness or lack of necessity? The employer, the workers, the courts, or perhaps Mr. Arnold or his successor prosecutor? The teamster

example is one. Is not that a struggle between labor and capital to supply greater spread of employment, which, barring "violence, deceit or misrepresentation," the courts must leave to the field of economic conflict?

But let us take a more striking possibility: Suppose the employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company had been well organized in the period of 1929-1935, when about 185,000 workers were dismissed by that corporation. In those years, despite a 5,000,000 increase in shares, despite maintenance of the famous \$9 dividends, of \$52,000,000 increased dividend payments, 185,000 workers were discharged. Efficiency, mechanical improvements, etc., all contributed.

By Mr. Arnold's test a strike to compel the retention of some of these "unnecessary" or "useless" workers, even at the expense of shorter hours for all, or at the expense of less dividends, would constitute, a violation of law. Is this the province of the courts under the law today?

Take the first of Mr. Arnold's types:

"1. Unreasonable restraints designed to prevent the use of cheaper material, improved equipment, or more efficient methods."

Should Be Left to Economic Combat

Mr. Arnold's example is "factory-glazed windows" or "factory-painted kitchen cabinets." Is it the purpose of the law or the courts to determine from what method best results will accrue to society? Is this not the very field of economic combat into which, with the absence of violence, deceit or misrepresentation, the courts should not tread without legislative or constitutional mandate?

Take the instance of the A.T. & T. Company herein cited, the relative social deficit in the destitution of 185,000 families as against the social value of improved gadgets and the cash dividends to a few. Is this the province of the Attorney General or the courts to decide? Rather is this not the economic battle into which we trust our government will not rush, without developing an institution of industrial evaluation?

Government Has Assailed Unions

So, too, we could go on with regard to Mr. Arnold's Type 5, where he impliedly threatens both AFL and CIO for invasion of one another's chosen fields. The Types 3 and 4 are adequately met by the criminal statutes dealing with extortion and criminal conspiracy. It would seem—with capital exulting at the wedge being driven deeper and deeper between labor's two great units, with the Wagner act and its labor relations boards assailed before their true worth can be appraised, with war hysteria and witch hunts again on the threshold — that the government has now assailed the organized trade union movement on both flanks.

THE WARNING TO LABOR SHOULD NOT BE LOST.

It is earnestly hoped that Mr. Arnold's blast does not represent Administration policy. It is the very negation of the Roosevelt New Deal and its great contributions to the forward progress of the American trade union movement . . .

ONE FINAL WORD. THIS WARNING OF MR. ARNOLD'S GIVES EVIDENCE OF SOME CAREFUL PLANNING. SCARCELY HIDDEN, HOWEVER, IS ITS ACTUAL THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS AND THEIR ONLY EFFECTIVE WEAPONS. THE DANGER LIES IN THE FACT THAT LABOR CANNOT KNOW WHEN ITS ACTS WILL RUN INTO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, TO SAY

NOTHING OF CIVIL DAMAGE SUITS.

The warning is equally applicable to AFL and CIO. Here is an issue on which they can unite, to combine forces and prevent the nullification of labor's gains through distortion and misapplication of anti-trust laws. They have not long to wait.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Don't forget that next meeting night comes election of officers. Turn out and vote.

A firm stand was taken by the Grievance Committee against putting WPA men in charge of Windom Park rink this winter. Meanwhile, we are awaiting the next move on the part of B.P.C. and won't be caught unawares, whatever that move may be. We hope for the best but are ready and able to deal with the worst.

The recent conviction of 25 WPA strike defendants should clear up all doubt as to the objectives of the enemies of labor in Minneapolis. It strikes me that these conspiracy trials were concocted for a two-fold purpose—to jail as many labor leaders as possible and to bring down on the New Deal administration the wrath of organized labor in an attempt to defeat the democrats next year. If the New Deal is beaten, the lost votes of labor will be responsible for that defeat. The present administration leaders would do well to protect labor in general from such frame-up trials as are now conducted in our local federal court. Such farces should not be tolerated by the American people.

Thomas Dewey, the mustachioed mouthpiece of money masters, fired the opening gun of his campaign for the presidential nomination in our city last week. According to the daily swindle-sheet it was a "masterpiece." From their angle, perhaps it was. Personally, I feel that Thomas is making a serious mistake when he persists in wearing that Hitler-ish mustache before the American public, which has a very active dislike of Hitler and everything pertaining to him. Dewey made his rep as a racket-buster by prosecuting the rackets which originated and were maintained by the "underworld." These prosecutions made a big hit with the upper crust and the daily newspapers. If he will now start prosecuting the biggest racket on earth, the Wall Street gang, his election will be assured. Here is a chance for Mr. Dewey to add the jewel of consistency to his hero's crown.

Brother John Carlson of Glenwood Nursery, is a pretty trapper of rabbits who chews up the seedlings and shrubs every winter. John uses a box trap. It was with a never-failing sense of elation that he approached the closed trap last week. As usual, he tipped it up on end, lifted the door cautiously and took a peek at the "rabbit." This one had numerous black and white stripes lengthwise and crosswise of its back, so Brother John dropped the box and departed from there right sudden. However, the civet cat restrained himself admirably until Brother Olen put a .22 through his head. The atmosphere promptly turned blue and even to this day every body stays upwind from the scene of the tragedy. Brother Carlson is making a new box-trap.

Brother "Gravy" Davy Shea, was indisposed one day last week after dipping honey the day before. Davy is a self-professed failure at that job—and who isn't?

Brother Henry Poisman, night service man, is laid up in General Hospital with an infected ankle. Brother Al Mlynec is substiting for Henry. Take care of yourself, Hank.

An attempt is being made to get a decent locker and lunch room

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Walter Bednarski is in the hospital with a broken ligament in his shoulder. Good luck, Wally.

Two men approached the Puffer-Hubbard plant one day last week. One of the men on the picket line spoke to them.

"Where are you going," sez the picket.

"We are going in here to get a job," one of the strangers replied. "There is a strike on here," sez the picket. "Don't you know that?"

"Sure," sez the would-be fink, "but we got to get a job. We gotta have money for groceries."

"Well," sez the picket, "why don't you go and swipe your stuff from a grocery store?" At which the stranger seemed real put out and didn't answer. So the picket continued.

"The reason you don't rob a store is because the police would get you and if you go in there and steal our jobs then we will get after you."

"Ya," sez the stranger, "I know, but we gotta make a livin'."

"So!" sez the picket, "Well, then go out and try to make your living like an honest man and don't come around here trying to steal our jobs."

And the two strangers trudged sadly but wisely on their way.

Brother Frank Eull has eight children and he knows what he is talking about when he sez:

"I am thankful that I can take my boys down to the Armory for a Christmas party where the union will hand out bon-bons (Latin for candy) for them to poke in their belly instead of going down there and getting a hand-out of bayonets for them to poke in somebody else's belly."

Brother Herb Stoltz went to the hospital Tuesday for an operation. Good luck to you, Herb.

What brother was seen carrying a pink pillow and three empty beer bottles away from the dump pile back of the J. R. Clark plant and how come Brother Suomala was resting his head on the pink pillows of his peers? These and other questions have us baffled?

Ed Norgren went to the hospital Wednesday for an operation. Good luck, Ed. Now you can tell the sewing circle all about it.

Have you heard about the feetal dilemma and vexatious predicament of John Lapata whose two

rigged up for the B.P.C. employees. Brother Barney Knutson says he'll be dad-blasted if he'll clean it up. Don't blame Barney too much, boys. He, like the tumblebug, has all he can handle now.

Our candidates for the pension board were elected 100 per cent and there is no reason, now why immediate action should not be forthcoming. Watch their smoke!

Brother Otto Johnson is said to be a darn good dancer. You can't always tell about these gray-haired lads.

Brother Ray Clark has had a chance to practice up on his famous dog-bark imitations during the past week in the vicinity of Lake of the Isles. Since Brother Clark never was a guy who passes up such opportunities, he has been the source of considerable annoyance to the portly pedestrians and the pampered pooches parading the Isles sidewalks daily. If looks could kill, the brother would have died nine times last Friday.

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Nash-Finch Drivers Out At Ottumwa

Monday morning drivers at the Nash-Finch plant at Ottumwa, Iowa, went out on strike following unsatisfactory attempts to negotiate an agreement with the company. The Ottumwa drivers are demanding the same conditions enjoyed by hundreds of union fruit and produce drivers in Iowa and the surrounding area.

The drivers, organized in the General Drivers Union Local 888, are asking wages of \$26.25 weekly for country drivers and \$25 for other workers, seniority, vacations, etc. This is the union wage scale in effect with Gamble-Rob, Hoxie and other competing firms.

Carl Nilsen, business agent of Local 888, is directing the strike. Nilsen is well and favorably known to readers of the Northwest Organizer. He has a long record of achievement in the union movement of the Northwest. He was the founder and for several years the editor of the Austin Unionist in the best days of the union movement in that city. He was an active leader in the Austin Drivers Union and has also functioned in the labor movement of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

A bedbug doesn't reach maturity until it has taken five bites out of a human being. Which reminds me: bosses don't get rich until they have at least five men to work for them.

Tom McCue will again be on the slate for election as a vice-presidential candidate. Zander comes up for trustee and there will be contest for all offices open. A surprisingly large membership attended the nomination meeting.

Members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 844 wish to extend their sympathy to their brother member, Ralph Mengelkoch, and his family whose mother passed away recently.

Christmas trees? Look up A. C. Hubbard at either 14th and Portland or 1723 Washington Ave. N. I feel somewhat ashamed for

Symposium on FLP Next Tuesday

The Socialist Union Party study class will conduct a symposium on the Farmer-Labor party at its next session to be held Tuesday, December 19, 8 p. m., at 1416 Second street south. Mr. Howard Y. Williams will speak for the FLP. There will be questions and discussion from the floor. The public is invited. There is no admission.

Puffer-Hubbard News

The workers at this plant wish to thank Otto Arnold of the Sanitary Sausage company. Mr. Arnold gave the boys a ten-pound sack of wienies and they came at a time when they were sure appreciated.

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Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

A lively December meeting that everyone expected to be a young riot, turned out surprisingly well. Potential arguments did not go beyond the stage of sensible discussion and every piece of business on the agenda was given full consideration.

Past experience has repeated itself in our recent encounter with the city council good roads committee. Brother Seavey still holds the candle as master strategist with the politicians. Only Alderman Hoppes of the committee stood by his guns and refused to sign the report. The council voted for it without a roll-call. A compromise agreed to as a parliamentary procedure to gain a delay at the first meeting was given by the aldermen as an alibi for their vote. A letter went out from Local 544 protesting the purchase but to no avail. It can be a matter of wonder whether the council pays as much attention to their letters sent out by the union. And on the day the council acted not an ITO was working for the city and seventeen yellow trucks were working no WPA.

A warning: Play safe and bring up all grievances and seniority disputes while they are still hot. Delaying action gets no better results than pulling a punch.

A Belt Line special demonstrates that a contractor dislikes the idea of an idle shovel just as much as the ITO does an idle truck. But shovels are bigger political bees than trucks. Catch on? If only snow came along, couldn't we bother the engineering department and the councilmen both? If it means anything to you, look for \$20,000 less in ITO payroll this year from the city.

Add to other woes: Three men laid off Olson Highway and the park board is down completely.

It seems as good a time as any that right now the damper ought to be put on the idea that the ITO are a bunch of quarrelsome sourpusses with a perennial squawk and a murderous jealousy of every other member's good fortune. You have heard of the sour apple rotting the barrel-ful and I think that is our trouble. Let us forget the dissenters. I would like to point to the Belt Line crew. When it comes to the helping hand they are never short. Tolerance and consideration among those boys have promoted some very fine friendships. And that goes ditto for our new bowling league.

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Swanson	7	26

Members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 844 wish to extend their sympathy to their brother member, Ralph Mengelkoch, and his family whose mother passed away recently.

Christmas trees? Look up A. C. Hubbard at either 14th and Portland or 1723 Washington Ave. N. I feel somewhat ashamed for

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To All Friends of Organized Labor—In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list.

Relief Crisis Is Forum Topic

"The War Boom—Relief Crisis" will be discussed by Max Geldman at next Sunday's Forum at 3 p. m., December 17th, 919 Marquette avenue.

The speaker will discuss the effect of the second world war on American economy and its effect upon the millions of unemployed. Is there any other way than war for the unemployed to get jobs? And if war comes in America, will there be jobs for the jobless? These and other questions will be answered by the forum speaker.

The pliable and floppy Panama hat of J. P. Morgan cost \$450.

being so lax at reporting your bowling scores. Last week, however, was a real strikeroo with Eddie Toohy finding the groove to the tune of 230 and Herby Paulson popping off a 222. Tony Palaia bought a new ball and has crossed the 500 line three times in league competition. Pennington, Hughes and Carlson are also rolling their won. Who's next?

Here are the standings of the ITO-544 Bowling League:

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The Hell Dictionary By Art Young

For rich people to laugh at—for poor people to respect. That's LAW. About money and the way to acquire it. That's CONVERSATION. The joy of mating made miserable by fear of its money consequences. That's LOVE. A fortune made in a single fight by a prize-ring champion, while a family of four—father, mother and children—struggle all year 'round for a bare existence. That's THAT. Sitting with all the power of government behind him, he sentences sinners to confinement, debt, or annihilation, who may be no more sinful than he. That's a JUDGE. One who works at something he doesn't like because he must have a weekly wage. That's to be SENSIBLE. One who works at something he likes, but can't make money at it. That's a POOR SIMP. The man who gains some leisure, although too late to appreciate it. He's a LUCKY DEVIL. When the unemployed want higher wages, it's GREED—when the employer wants more profits, that's a JUST RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT. Muddle the people's minds, iterate and emphasize things of no importance until they become big issues. That's STATESMANSHIP. Spending millions annually to make people buy things they cannot afford or do not need, with competition between hundreds of brands, almost alike, but made to appear different by the skill of writers, artists, and radio coaxers, paid to work up enthusiasm over things that do not interest them. That's ADVERTISING. Those who are the most greedy, the most cunning and have the thickest hide, whose natures embody the characteristics of pig, fox and rhinoceros to the exclusion of humane qualities— That's the SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST. Romantic emphasis on the lowest instincts in human nature: fighting, revenge, luxurious ease, and narrow notions of honor and duty— That's a MOVIE. Ten per cent for the poor and ninety per cent for the overhead— That's the COMMUNITY CHEST. If a woman sells her body— That's DISGRACEFUL. If a man sells his mind— That's ALL RIGHT.

With the Limousines

By "Home James" This week, the old man of the opinions has laid aside the affairs of the world and taken up matters close to home, and so here we are. "THE GALLOPING POLL" Chauffeurs Institute of Public Opinion, Galloping Gallop (ND) Director Question: Do you think the five million domestic workers such as maids, cooks, housemen, gardeners, caretakers, chauffeurs and others should be entitled to come under the Social Security Act. Answer: 1/4 %—Why they work mostly for those wonderful wealthy people so they will be well taken care of. (Apologies to Scissorsbill Sam). 99 3/4 % — Says; secin' as their wages are smaller than most workers, they should have had first consideration, but don't think they will ever get anywhere till they all get together and organize. Again we say, ain't it wonderful how that old Gallop gets around without the aid of a national party, yes even without a horse.

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such insurance, that the Federal Workers Section has set up a special department to deal with this problem. All workers seeking unemployment insurance are asked to get in touch immediately with Ed Palmquist before applying for such insurance. Palmquist will be in the office of the Federal Workers Section from 8:30-10:30 daily except Saturday and Sunday.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren Next meeting will be Cake and Pie drivers meeting Thursday, December 21, 4:30 p. m. At the last meeting held there were eight Hostess men there and no other bakery represented. Let's get a full house this time as you should get a report from your contract committee.

289 Bowlers Still Ride High

Local 289 went on a rampage Monday night by knocking down a lot of maples. They took a double from Oasis bar. Also set a new high single of 1034 and a new three high of 2851. F. Stanley had 600, W. Borseth 567, N. Hawkinson 562, Richardson 544. Kenzies blanked Local 544. D. Curran had 548. Soft Drinks took a double from Local 221. T. Murphy had 559. Local 359 took three from the Meat Drivers. C. England had 544.

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts The Ladies' Auxiliary of Local Union 160 invites all the wives of 160 members to attend the quilt raffle sponsored by the Auxiliary. This event will be held on December 21, 1939, at 2301 Oliver Avenue North, in the basement auditorium of Leonard's Clinic.

for the committees and the excellent work they are doing.

All out to the next meeting Thursday, December 21st, and before coming, take your wife up to see the motion pictures being put on by the Auxiliary the same evening, as mentioned at the beginning of this column.

O-h-h-h-h Sherman, and all the time we thought it was a girl.

Don't forget the Christmas party for the kiddies on Saturday, December 23rd, at the Minneapolis Armory.

The Voluntary Organizational Committee set up at the last membership meeting is growing by leaps and bounds. Two enthusiastic meetings have been held in which methods of procedure were outlined.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson There is nothing new to report on the contract at this time except that the employers have agreed to renew our last agreement. This proposal will be submitted to the membership Thursday of this week.

At the present there is no one on the sick list. Slegald and Krieger went back to work last Monday.

November was the lightest month on the treasury for sick benefits this year.

From the rumors floating around, there promises to be a lively election in 131 this time.

Don't forget the big Christmas party for the kids at the Armory Saturday, 2 p. m., December 23.

Will Play World's Largest Harp

Gust Beck, inventor, wood-carver, musician, composer and owner of Gust's Liquor Store, 705 Cedar Avenue, will play the world's largest harp in the yard of his home at 9:15 p. m. the nights of December 21st and 22nd. Gust lives at 5204 36th Avenue south. He constructed the harp himself. Gust has also built a wooden gate in his backyard upon which he has carved innumerable religious symbols.

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When forks were first introduced in civilization, many preachers ranted against their use on the grounds that God had provided human beings with hands and it was impious for man to substitute artificial fingers of steel for his own fingers.

That guy Stein gets better and better every time he gets up to speak. Kind of a nice feeling to be cooperating with the boys across the river.

Johnny Williams looks much more prosperous and satisfied than he did a couple years ago. Must be married life does something to a guy.

A labor union, like any organization, athletic or otherwise, depends on team work. A few men can't do everything. And right here we want to say a good word



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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.

No Comment Necessary

The California Animal Defense and Anti-Vivisection League has wired Secretary of State Cordell Hull urging an embargo on shipments of animals to warring nations. Making horses and mules go to war is cruelty, the League argued.

Hollywood Isn't Minnesota

The movie "Dust Be My Destiny," starring John Garfield, is good entertainment. Garfield plays a dead-end kid role, a fellow who is accused of a crime he did not commit. All through the picture he runs away from trial until he is finally caught and confronts a jury of his peers. The district attorney, the type who is out for a conviction regardless of the innocence or guilt of the victim, and who knows all the tricks to play on the backward superstitions and prejudices of the jury, is capably portrayed. Garfield's lawyer pleads for a verdict in the spirit of American democracy and tells the jurors Garfield is "a nobody" who typifies millions of other American "nobodies" who will watch the verdict with great interest, as an indication of whether THEY will ever have a chance in life.

Well, you know Hollywood. The jury frees Garfield, the flag waves, and the picture ends with Garfield and Priscilla Lane riding into the sunset. That is the way it happens on the screen. That is NOT the way it happens in America, in Minneapolis. Here twenty-five unemployed men and women, "nobodies" to the masters but brothers and sisters to the rest of us, go on trial for a crime they never committed, a crime that can't even be defined in any but a fuzzy manner: "conspiracy."

Helped along by the United States district attorney, the jury goes to work and finds all twenty-five guilty, subjecting them to verdicts of two years in the federal penitentiary and fines of up to \$10,000 each. Tom Davis pled for the rights of the oppressed, just like the defense attorney did in "Dust Be My Destiny," only it didn't work. It didn't work because in Hollywood they pick their jurors from the casting office and in this federal district they pick their jurors from lists submitted by government bureaucrats and employers' groups, in such a way as to exclude union men and women.

In Hollywood, democratic ideas and justice sometimes triumph. But not in America, not in Minneapolis, not in 1939.

The masters are crowing about the verdict in the third WPA trial. The St. Paul Pioneer Press, for instance, says it likes the verdict and wants more victims, especially more union leaders. In their horrible self-righteousness, the masters crow about the fact that fourteen women and eleven men—among them four grandmothers and many mothers and fathers—are found guilty, are to have their citizenship taken away.

The crime? These men and women of the working class of people, most of whom have known nothing but bitter toil and suffering all their lives, refuse to starve in silence.

We have no gift of prophecy. Nevertheless we shall venture a prediction. We predict that History will pass a verdict on these WPA strike trials that is different than that passed by the government and the juries and the bought-and-paid-for press. We predict that History will decide that these Minneapolis WPA strike trials mark a turning point in the life of this nation.

Harrington Won't Discuss Verdicts in WPA Trials

(Continued from page 1) can pay the assessment in a lump sum.

Tuesday night the regular meeting of girl members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 voted to donate to the WPA Defense Committee an amount equal to \$1 per member.

The Milk Drivers Union will vote next Tuesday on the question of a blanket assessment to the Defense Fund. The Utility Workers Union Local 160, which has already voted one assessment to the WPA Defense Committee, will consider further donations to the defense at its next meeting.

The Cabinet Makers Union Local 1865 has turned over a sizable sum to the defense fund during the week, as has the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, it was reported by L. Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-WPA Defense Committee.

"Funds are coming in in liberal amounts," said Johnson Tuesday, "but a great deal of money will be needed to properly defend those already convicted and those indicted. We hope every union local in Minneapolis and the state and nation will donate as generously as possible to this worthy cause."

Labor Press Scores Verdict Labor and liberal papers throughout the nation were so

in bitterly castigating the atrocious verdict in the third WPA trial. Typical of the comments on the Minneapolis strike verdict found in the labor press of the nation are the following:

"The brutal conduct of the Department of Justice is as senseless a blunder as Hoover committed when he drove the bonus army out of Washington."—From the Racine Day.

Said Labor, weekly organ of the railway brotherhoods:

"As practically everyone expected, a jury in the (Minneapolis) federal court has returned a verdict of guilty in the conspiracy case involving 25 poor men and women accused of participation in the WPA strike last summer. The jury was practically handpicked... Victor Anderson, U. S. district attorney, closed proceedings with an intemperate address in which he attempted to hang the 'red' label on the defendants..."

Stated the Des Moines Federationist:

"One of the most outrageous persecutions of the labor movement of which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been guilty is the Minneapolis WPA 'investigation.'"

Making Moneys Wholesale The New Republic wrote in its current issue: "Minnesota is going ahead and

The Average Man's Epitaph



... the last word

By B. and G.

We've noticed that some of the organizers around the Drivers' Hall have been sporting good-looking gabardine shirts. They look smart with or without a coat. We found one down at the Open House that the Card and Label League held last Saturday night at the Central Labor Union. Of course, it had a union label. This one comes in several shades of tan, maroon and green. If you want to spend \$2.50 for your husband's Christmas present and save yourself some washing, this is a good idea. The shirt we saw comes from Eklund's where you can get union goods from union clerks.

Do you know where to find the union label in men's and women's clothing? We didn't know either until Albert Swoboda, financial secretary of the Retail Clerks Union, helped us to locate them in all the articles on display. This is where to look: men's shirts: on the tail; men's hats: under the bow; suspenders: on one of the reinforcements; socks: on the toe; undershirts: on the armholes; leather belts: stamped inside; suits: in the inside breast pockets; trousers: in the hip pocket; ties: attached to the lining; shoes: usually on the insole.

When you are buying men's clothing, remember that both Brown's and Rothschild's carry apparel bearing the union label. All the clerks in Brown's are union and there are some in Rothschild's.

All women have a right to a job, whether married or single, reports the committee which was assigned to a study of this question for the Building Trades Council.

If those interested in ousting married women from their jobs in order to provide employment for the jobless would look into the matter of the 30-hour week they would find a much more practical solution to the problem. For the last six months the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has been waging a campaign for a six-hour day and a 30-hour week, so we talked to Bill Heizer, Business Manager and Financial Secretary for Local 160, and George Phillips, Assistant Business Manager. They gave us these figures:

There are today approximately 42,700,000 workers employed at 42 hours per week. There are 10,600,000 workers unemployed. There is expended every week 1,898,800,000 work-hours. By working everybody but 30 hours per week there would be 62,000,000 jobs available which would save several million jobs open for our school and college graduates each year.

Our next meeting (No. 958) is Thursday, December 21, this also is election day for our local. You can cast your vote from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. at the Union hall. Attend either night or day-drivers meeting.

Syd McNeil (the North Ireland porch climber) is back working nights; he claims that the hoot-owls kept him awake at nights way out there in Johnsville.

Frederick Settrum, the Sage of Seventh Street, gets refills twice-a-day on his coffee-thermos and expects a half-gallon size from Santa Claus.

Frankie Miles wants it known that his pal Bob Brown will hereafter be known as the "Buttermilk Kid."

Ed Harlan will give instructions at our next meeting in regards to hauling the kids to and from the Armory for their big Christmas party. Get set to do your part to make this a merry day for the children.

This column on behalf of the drivers wishes to offer condolences to our super, Jack Daly and family, at the recent loss of Mrs. Daly's mother.

Ask Ted Scott who does his laundry now. The laundryman doesn't look Chinese but then, who can tell?

Reward offered for information leading to apprehension and extinction of the guy responsible for this mid-summer weather.

Lost and found. Sorry to inform you of C. C. (Smitty's) loss. It seems his lil white dog, "Penny," had the misfortune to lose himself near the outskirts of south Minneapolis. Anyone lucky enough to get around that far, please keep an eye peeled for him.

Butcher the fatted calf, the prodigal, has returned, in the person of O. B. Hanson, better known to some as Field-and-Stream Hanson.

Wonder why Coy comes to work looking like an epitome of sartorial perfection. Could it be that if he doesn't work, he goes courtin'? Could be.

Dodgson Bowls 735 in Union Milk League

John Dodgson of the Cloverleaf team sent the maples flying last Thursday night when he bowled a total score of 735 in the Union Milk League. Dodgson paced his team to a league record of 3,109 for three

Finks Are Chauffeured By Police

The Puffer-Hubbard strike entered its fourteenth week Monday, the only new developments to report being efforts of the Minneapolis police to aid the management in breaking the strike. On Monday and Tuesday cops used their squad cars to chauffeur a couple of scabs to and from the Puffer-Hubbard plant through the picket line.

The management made a gesture towards submitting a new counter-proposal to the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, but nothing came of it. Strikers vow they'll keep the plant shut down until their demands are met.

A. M. Ogren Will Still Write "Bakery Blab"

Though A. M. Ogren was defeated for the post of recording secretary in the annual Bakery Drivers Union election, it was learned this week he will continue to write his "Bakery Blab" column for the Organizer. "Bakery Blab" has been one of the best-read columns in the paper, bringing news and gossip of that industry to our readers.

Greg Holwig succeeded Ogren as the new recording secretary of Local 289 for the coming year.

Roofer from West Gives to WPA Defense

A few days ago the Minneapolis AFL-WPA Defense Committee received a one-dollar contribution from Los Angeles, California, given by a worker who signed himself "A Brother Roofer."

The thought that a brother two thousand miles away could understand the basic workingclass issue involved in the government persecution of the Minneapolis unem-

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UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 7 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 180 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	LOCAL 1859 November 15—J. R. Clark November 20—Casket Industry November 21—Box Industry December 6—General Membership Nov. 16, Dec. 7—Grievance Board Nov. 27, Dec. 11—Twin City Stewards Every Friday night—Executive Board	LOCAL 20481 December 6—General Membership	LOCAL 544 DECEMBER, 1939 Friday, December 1—Job Stewards Monday, December 4—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, December 6—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, December 7—Greenhouse, ITO Friday, December 8—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, December 11—General Membership Tuesday, December 12—Lumber Wednesday, December 13—Market, Excavating Drivers, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, December 15—Job Stewards Monday, December 18—Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing Thursday, December 21—Tent and Awning, Newspaper (10 A. M.) Friday, December 22—Cold Storage Monday, December 25—Spring Water Tuesday, December 26—Sand and Gravel Thursday, December 28—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Local 544 Office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise designated.			

Keeping Step With 544

Perhaps It's the Weather Five men of the Gamble-Rob Company walked the plank last week. The WPA bids, which were sent back to the state office because of attempted non-union delivery, came to the union office yesterday by MAIL! The over-the-road meeting held Sunday brought a good turnout. The gathering attracted many friends we have not seen for some time. Many letters have been sent to members advising them of back pay that is due them under the Wages and Hour Act. It seemed like old times to hear Farrell Dobbs make one of his extra fine speeches before a large membership meeting Monday night. The nominations meeting, by the way, was one of the largest and most orderly gatherings held this year. Union elections in T.J.C. locals have brought about few changes in elective officials. If your children turn on you and disown you in your old age, it will probably be because you failed to take them to the kids Christmas party at the armory on Saturday, December 23. Erickson Brothers gas and oil might make your car run but it is hard on your union principles. Let's throw a big Christmas party for the WPA Defendants!

TAXI TOPICS

By Lunde and Hubbard Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bronson, Wednesday, December 6, a baby boy. Papa thinks the guy is going to be a good union man as he's already yelling for his "rights." Bill Ellison is on the sick-list but expects to be back on the job soon. Our next meeting (No. 958) is Thursday, December 21, this also is election day for our local. You can cast your vote from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. at the Union hall. Attend either night or day-drivers meeting. Syd McNeil (the North Ireland porch climber) is back working nights; he claims that the hoot-owls kept him awake at nights way out there in Johnsville. Frederick Settrum, the Sage of Seventh Street, gets refills twice-a-day on his coffee-thermos and expects a half-gallon size from Santa Claus. Frankie Miles wants it known that his pal Bob Brown will hereafter be known as the "Buttermilk Kid." Ed Harlan will give instructions at our next meeting in regards to hauling the kids to and from the Armory for their big Christmas party. Get set to do your part to make this a merry day for the children. This column on behalf of the drivers wishes to offer condolences to our super, Jack Daly and family, at the recent loss of Mrs. Daly's mother. Ask Ted Scott who does his laundry now. The laundryman doesn't look Chinese but then, who can tell? Reward offered for information leading to apprehension and extinction of the guy responsible for this mid-summer weather. Lost and found. Sorry to inform you of C. C. (Smitty's) loss. It seems his lil white dog, "Penny," had the misfortune to lose himself near the outskirts of south Minneapolis. Anyone lucky enough to get around that far, please keep an eye peeled for him. Butcher the fatted calf, the prodigal, has returned, in the person of O. B. Hanson, better known to some as Field-and-Stream Hanson. Wonder why Coy comes to work looking like an epitome of sartorial perfection. Could it be that if he doesn't work, he goes courtin'? Could be.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist Our first membership meeting this month was grand; it was well attended, very orderly and we transacted a great deal of important business. We take this opportunity to print a new By-Law adopted by our union. Chiseling has been at a maximum. Possibly we can blame this epidemic on our nice weather; the going has been so easy that we find extra time to steal customers from our brother workers. We expect the new By-Law to eliminate many misunderstandings. It reads: "Before leaving Dairy Products to any customer but his own, a driver must verify the account by seeing and talking to the party." Local 471 expresses its deepest sympathy to Brother Sinnott who lost his father, December 2. At last we found a nickname for John Case, (410) we can call him "Lucky." On the first drawing he carried off the prize, free dues and assessments for next month. If making Saccos, Vanzettis and Mooney's wholesale. Another twenty-five defendants have been found guilty of "conspiracy" under the WPA law. As we said in our issue of November 8, the only real crime of which these people are guilty is that of protesting, like other WPA workers all over the country, against the terrific reduction in WPA wages on July 1. Any disturbance they created would be amply punished by a \$5 fine. Instead, under a curious misuse of the WPA, which makes it an offense to interfere with the right of a relief worker to his job, the defendants are subject to a possible fine of \$10,000 and two years in prison. Minnesotans admit this is a political trial, intended as a lesson to radicals. The chief lesson we see in it is that this is an extremely poor way to administer justice in a democracy. Tuesday, December 19, is election day again and every member is urged to vote for officers of our Union for 1940. To vote is a democratic right and a fine point for sound unionism. The polls will be open all day and by casting a ballot a member is credited with attendance.