

# BUILD A LABOR TEMPLE - A UNION RADIO STATION

# THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council  
MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE: 257 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.

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!

VOL. 4, NO. 9

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1938

PRICE 5 CENTS

# Warehouse Union Wins One-Year Pact From Sears

## Also Signs With Janney, Semple

A new one-year working agreement was signed early this week between the Sears, Roebuck concern and the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316. The pact is identical with that which has been in effect for the past twelve months.

The Warehouse Union thus joins the group of other unions—the General Drivers Union, the Ice and Coal Drivers, etc.—which has presented a united front against any wage cuts in the present depression.

On Monday night a large and enthusiastic membership meeting of Sears workers, held at 257 Plymouth Avenue, ratified the report of the negotiations committee. The new contract was signed the next day.

As a result of the campaign to resist wage cuts, the Sears, Roebuck section of the Warehouse Union today finds itself in a stronger position than ever before. The Sears victory was not the only one to be chalked up by Local 20316 during the past week. Late last week the union also signed a new one-year contract with the Janney, Semple, Hill company, agreement having been reached on all points of dispute.

## Oil Workers Union Gets New Charter

Late last week news arrived from Indianapolis that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters had granted a charter to the Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants and Helpers Union. With this development, the conditions of employees in this industry are well on the way to being solved.

The new union is to be known as Local 977, and will be a section of the Teamsters Joint Council. Headquarters for Local 977 have been established in the second floor of the Teamsters Joint Council building, 257 Plymouth Avenue.

A mass meeting for all filling station workers will be held this Friday, June 17, 8 p. m., in the third-floor auditorium, at which officials of the Teamsters Joint Council will outline the new set-up and present plans for organizing the industry and winning better wages and working conditions. All filling station workers, organized and unorganized, are invited to this meeting, which will be held under the auspices of Local 977.

## Rubber Concerns In Negotiations With Local 20316

Negotiating committees from the Warehouse & Inside Workers Union Local 20316 continued to meet during the week with the W. S. Nott and the U. S. Rubber companies, looking toward the signing of union contracts.

## 544 Meeting Nominates For President

A big turnout at the regular membership meeting Monday night nominated four members to run for the office of President of Local 544, vacated by the death of Bill Brown.

Earlier, the meeting had voted unanimously for a \$1 assessment, payable in July, on behalf of Bill Brown's family.

The four candidates accepting nomination were: Carl Skoglund, Thomas McCue, Frank K. McArdle and Peter Harris.

Five election judges were chosen by ballot. They are: Harold Beal, Vern Bennyhoff, Lee Gardner, John C. Rogers and Robert Bove.

The meeting heartily approved Kelly Postal's report on negotiations. Twelve industry-wide agreements (details and contracts published in full in previous issues of the Organizer) have been signed to date, with two others awaiting signature, and others still being negotiated. This year's agreements continued previous gains in wages and working conditions, with new gains added in many cases.

Secretary-Treasurer Dobbs' financial report was read in full and approved.

## Union Tug-of-War Champions



Above are pictured members of the championship tug-of-war team from the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 which last Sunday defeated the team from the Transfer Section to win the rubber. In 1936 the ITO's won the first match, only to suffer defeat last year at the hands of the Transfer heavyweights. Sunday's victory makes it two to one for the ITO.

## TJC Backs Benson For Re-Election

Endorsement of Governor Elmer Benson for re-election was voted by the Teamsters Joint Council at its meeting Friday evening, June 10.

After listening to speeches on behalf of Benson by Gene Larson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Milk Drivers, and Miles B. Dunne, Secretary-Treasurer of the Joint Council, the sixty-three members of the Council, representing all the driving crafts in Minneapolis, voted unanimously to back Benson.

The endorsement carries with it backing of the entire state ticket of the Farmer-Labor Party, as adopted by the Duluth Convention. The Council also approved a report by Harold Seavey, President of the Joint Council, on the es-

ablishment of an AFL Trade Union Committee to support the state ticket. Seavey is chairman of the committee, with offices at 408 Pence Building.

At a previous meeting, the Council had broken a long-standing tradition of abstention from endorsement of individual local candidates, and had endorsed Al Bastis, for Sheriff, and I. G. Scott, for County Commissioner, in consideration of their services to the labor movement.

In view of the poor contact now existing between the trade unions and the aldermen elected by labor support, the Council set up a committee which, together with like committees from the other joint bodies and the Central Labor Union, shall meet together with the labor aldermen to inform them of actions desired by the unions.

## Games To Enliven Milk Drivers Picnic

A picnic for all members of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 and their families will be held this Saturday, June 18, at Libby's Place on Bass Lake. Admission will be by current union buttons.

The following sports program has been arranged for picnickers: Tots' race, boys and girls under 40 inches. Girls under 46 inches. Boys under 46 inches. Girls under 52 inches. Boys under 52 inches. Girls under 60 inches. Boys under 60 inches. Young Men's Race. Young Women's Race. Sack Race for kiddies. Three-legged race for boys. Candy scramble for children under seven years. Wheelbarrow race for boys. Rooster chase for ladies. Shoe scramble for ladies. 100-yard dash for members of Local 471.

Tug of war between drivers and inside workers. Diamondball game. First and second prizes will be given to all winners. During the day refreshments will be served and a union dance orchestra will play for picnickers in the evening. Governor Benson and Al Bastis will speak at 4 p. m.

## Ice Drivers Pact Brings Wage Raises

The Ice and Coal Drivers and Helpers Union Local 221, following several weeks of negotiation, late last week ratified and signed a new working agreement with Minneapolis ice dealers, bringing wage increases to many workers.

Whereas last year only route drivers received 75c hourly, the new pact stipulates that all drivers now receive the 75c rate. A 2 1/2c hourly increase was won for all inside workers, tankmen, cold storage men and cube cutters.

A change in the one week's paid vacation clause defines the schedule for vacations as being from September 1 to December 1. The new contract is retroactive to May 1, 1938, and will run for one year to April 30, 1939.

Also signed was an agreement covering the independent ice and fuel men, defining working rules for such persons. This agreement supersedes the tacit agreement between the union and the dealers that has existed up to now. Both agreements are published elsewhere in this issue.

## Local 664 Members - A Reminder!

By decision of the recent membership meeting, City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting of the union will be Thursday night, June 23.

## 1140 Wins Close Vote In Garages

As we go to press, we are informed that CIO Local 1140 won the garage election from Local 382 by a vote of 355 to 305, out of 750 possible votes.

The election was to determine which union was to sign the agreement with the Automobile Dealers Association's 43 garages. A strike called by 382, supported by the Central Labor Union, had already secured the employers' signature to the agreement.

The election specifically provided that members of either union were to remain in the union of their choice, regardless of the outcome of the election.

## Veteran Laborite



I. G. Scott, Farmer-Labor veteran, who is candidate to succeed himself as County Commissioner. With Farmer-Labor candidates for other offices, Scott has been endorsed by the Teamsters Joint Council. Al Bastis, candidate for sheriff, has also received the specific endorsement of the Council in consideration of his services to labor.

## On the National Picket Line

Recently Federal Judge Oliver B. Dickinson granted vicious anti-picketing injunctions against AFL unions in the Philadelphia area. The judge based his rulings on an opinion which stated that the Norris-LaGuardia Act, which limited the power of federal judges to grant injunctions in labor cases, was "expressly withheld" from cases over which the National Labor Relations Board had claimed or established jurisdiction.

William Green, president of the AFL, ordered his chief counsel, Joseph Padway, to fight this ruling all the way to the Supreme Court. Said Padway, in a recent press release, — "The Wagner Act provides that the right to strike is inviolable . . . by these decisions this Federal Judge reverts to the old reactionary stand of Federal Courts in maintaining 'government by injunction' . . ."

However effective the Norris-LaGuardia Act was intended to be, Federal judges still find a way to interpret it to the advantage of the bosses. Just another proof of our oft-repeated contention that the only real power the workers have is their own organized might.

The Harlan County coal operators and "law enforcement officials" trial at London, Ky., continues to be headline news. Last week one of the government witnesses was killed in a fight with a fink who had been making disparaging remarks about the United Mine Workers Union. Verlin Lee, the killer, had also accused Leslie Smithers, the slain man, of being a "snitcher." When asked about the killing, the present sheriff of Harlan County who, by the way, is a nephew of the notorious Theodore Middleton, former high sheriff and present defendant in the government's trial, said: "All I know about it is that Smithers was killed in a fight." Justice—Harlan County style.

From Akron, Ohio, rubber capital, comes news that President Paul W. Litchfield of the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company is willing to sign a contract with the United Rubber Workers Union—BUT such a contract must be one which will "allow the company to live and operate on an efficient, competitive basis." In other words, the Goodrich company will sign any contract which will substantially reduce the workers' wages.

The manner and method employed by the War Dept. (Continued on page 4)



## Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

## 18,000 Rally At 544 Picnic

About eighteen thousand union persons flocked to Bass Lake for the General Drivers Union Local 544 picnic on Sunday, in a surging demonstration of solidarity against those reactionary forces who are seeking to undermine the union movement of Minneapolis.

According to the management of the picnic grounds, there have never been so many autos parked on the grounds as there were last Sunday. Picnickers were lavish in their praise of the outing, and

of the Picnic Committee which handled the program so efficiently.

Besides the big turnout of the membership of Local 544, many hundreds of members of other unions, together with many well-known friends of labor, turned out for a day of fun and play.

In the midst of the general merriment, the vast throng paused for a few minutes in the afternoon, while Vincent Dunne spoke briefly in honor of Bill Brown's decades of service to the union.

Despite the strenuous play of thousands of boys and girls, only one accident occurred—when the daughter of Rudy Novey, member of the Picnic Committee, suffered minor bruises while playing. Dr. Walter L. Taft, who was on the grounds, immediately attended her.

The program of contests got under way around noon, with hundreds of kids participating. Prizes included flashlights, watches, field glasses, dolls, pen and pencil sets, sporting equipment, compacts and other desirable articles.

Beauty Winner From among many beautiful girls, Elaine Roseland was enthusiastically chosen "Miss Organized

## Miss Organized Labor



Elaine Roseland, chosen "Miss Organized Labor" by the crowd attending the third annual picnic of Local 544.

Widstrom, second; Alice Cook, third.

100-yard dash, men 16 and over: Joseph Johnson, first; Bob Nelson, second; Vernon Budd, third.

100-yard dash, ladies 16 and over: June Granger, first; Elizabeth Forstick, second; Gwen Nelson, third.

Shoe scramble, boys under 10 years: Bill Bush, first; Donald Hohenstein, second; Dicky Johnson, third.

Ladies shoe-kicking contest: Kathryn Conkack, first; Mrs.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# Local 221 Members Win Wage Raises

THIS AGREEMENT between hereinafter called the Company and the Ice and Coal Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 221, hereinafter called the Union.

**ARTICLE I.** The Company at all times agrees to hire members of the Union in good standing. If the Union is unable to furnish such men, the Company may hire non-union men. In such event, said men shall make immediate application for membership.

**ARTICLE II.** Per Hour  
1. All truck drivers .75  
(Route drivers guaranteed \$6.00 per day for number of days worked).

2. Operators of Cube Machines, hand operated .75  
3. Operators of Cube Machines, Automatic .72 1/2  
(Man designated as Cube machine operator shall be paid the same rate for all work performed by him).

4. Tank Pullers and Cold Storage Men .72 1/2  
(Regularly employed tank pullers and cold storage men shall be guaranteed an average of 8 hours per day for the number of days worked).

5. All Helpers .65  
6. Harvesting and Packing, Ice House Men, Car Loaders and Unloaders, Cash and Carry Men Employed by Company, and All Unclassified Workers .60

7. Drivers of Wholesale and Car Iceing Trucks, if called for special work between 7 p. m. and 6 a. m., guaranteed 2 hours .90

8. Helpers on Wholesale and Car Iceing Trucks, if called for special work between 7 p. m. and 6 a. m., guaranteed 2 hours .85

Drivers and helpers on long distance shall be allowed any additional expense incurred. There shall be no split shifts and all time to be paid in full weekly.

**ARTICLE III.** The maximum work week shall be 40 hours. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all time worked in excess of the above weekly maximum hours. For all work done on Sundays, and the following legal holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, 90 cents per hour. Tank Men, Cold Storage Men and men whose regular shift assignments require them to work on Sundays shall receive straight time pay for their regular Sunday hours and another day shall be assigned as their regular day off. All employees to be guaranteed 4 hours work when requested to report for work with the exception in Article II covering drivers and helpers on Wholesale and Car Iceing Trucks.

**ARTICLE IV.** Employees who have been in the continuous service of the Company for a period of one year or longer shall receive one week's vacation with full pay at the rates set forth. Employees who have been in continuous service for 4 months or over shall receive 2 days' vacation for each 4 months of continuous service, at full pay at the rates set forth herein. The schedule for vacations shall be as follows:

**ROY'S BARBER SHOPPE**  
100% Union  
253 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.  
Next Door to Teamsters Joint Council

**DR. GEO. O. MOSS**  
Optometrist  
32 SO. SEVENTH ST.

**STANDARD CLOTHING CO.**  
DOWNTOWN STORE  
Nicolllet at Sixth

Tropical Worsteds Suits \$14.50  
Wash Slacks \$1.50  
Shirts and Pants to Match Complete \$2.80  
Shirt, \$1.15  
Pants, \$1.65

**McDivitt Funeral Home**  
2825 E. Lake St. DR. 3621

**People's-Lehman and McGlynn's Bread and Pastry**  
Bob Clausen  
622 HENNEPIN

**THE FAMOUS OLD HOME**  
Loaf and Cottage Cheese  
Serve Twice a Week!

**Al. Friedlund's Cafe and Bar**  
1231 Washington Ave. N.

**O. E. Larson**  
Rt. 1  
GRANDVILLE 4791  
2301 CENTRAL AVENUE  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**Wolk Transfer Co., Inc.**  
Commercial Hauling and Moving  
538 6TH AVE. N.  
Atlantic 2610 Main 4434

**R. M. Hansen Insurance Agency**  
Save on Auto Insurance  
Plymouth Building  
Phone Bridgeport 5537

**NOW OPEN**  
Plymouth Ave. Liquor Store  
Nationally Known Brands  
301 PLYMOUTH AVE.  
Next to Union Hall

**HENNEPIN CLEANING & DYEING CO., Inc.**  
First Class Work Only  
Good Service - Fair Prices  
W. N. PETERSON, President  
2520 CENTRAL AVENUE  
Phone Grandville 4313-4314

**THE DAY CO.**  
ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS  
Dust Collecting Systems  
2938 Pillsbury RE. 8384

**ICE COAL**  
Cedar Lake Ice & Fuel Company  
Henn. & Oak Grove MA. 8201  
100% UNION CONCERN  
COAL ICE

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

## TAXI TOPICS

One of the many fair lady drivers who infect our streets to the detriment of the traffic, triple-parked in front of the Nicollet hotel during the visit of the Schneckelfritz Orchestra. She was called by the cop who asked, "what's the big idea." She answered, "I was getting Freddie Fisher's autograph." "O. K.," replied the law, "as long as you are collecting signatures, this is mine on the bottom of this traffic tag."

There are two things that us mortals must watch for comfort: heat and cold. This early American, by name Ray Rainboldt, has both. He keeps a paternal eye on the Taxi-men which means lots of "heat." But then he also has control of the Ice-men which keeps him "cold." His main problem then is just to find the correct mixture.

Who killed cock-robin? We don't know. But "Salomey" Tripp found out who killed the screech owl. When starting work the other ante-meridian he noticed the remains of the bird wedged in the front fender of No. 61, whose nite-driver is Bill Rankin. So don't ever accuse him of not playing the "sticks."

Apparently Oscar can't transmit his power through space. We understand a telegram to a certain someone went phfft! phfft.

Looks from here like the romance of B. E. hit a snag. Well, don't pine "Benny"—the course of T. L. never did run smooth.

Ross Ryan would make a first class angler if someone would bait his hook. Maybe he's allergic to minnows. The "Judge" went along to take care of the bait. Ten high, eh, Ed?

Don't mind the dispatchers sending you to another stand. Remember what Caesar said, "his better to be first in a little Iberian village than second in Rome."

Get your orders in early for tomatoes. Brother Clyde Keddy sunk a lot of healthy looking plants this last week.

Mich Aboud is in the Hospital indefinitely. Will give you more information next week.

Mrs. Clara Tolen passed away June 7. Leaves husband and 11 children. She was the sister of Brother Kenneth Bronson.

**544-Camden Game Ruled 'No Contest'**  
On Monday morning the Park Board office informed the manager of Local 544's ball team that the Sunday muddle was to be considered "no game," and that the game between Local 544 and the Camden nine would be played at the end of the regular season's schedule. Local 544 is still tied for first place in the league.

For an unexplained reason Sunday's game at Folwell field was called off in the seventh inning, with several innings of play remaining. Camden was leading by a score of 13 to 4 when the game was stopped in the middle of the afternoon. The game will be played sometime in August.

At a meeting of the 544 ball team Monday night Ed Henninger, scrappy third baseman, was elected field captain of the team for the remainder of the season. The union team will engage the Margaret Barry team next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Parade 8. Neither team has been defeated so far.

**BUY UNION LABEL GOODS**  
EMPIRE WRECKING & SALVAGE CO.  
1422 Central Ave. GR. 3588  
NEW AND USED LUMBER  
PIPE, GLASS AND DOORS

**BUY UNION LABEL GOODS**  
DEMAND UNION CLERKS

**THE DAY CO.**  
ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS  
Dust Collecting Systems  
2938 Pillsbury RE. 8384

**HENNEPIN CLEANING & DYEING CO., Inc.**  
First Class Work Only  
Good Service - Fair Prices  
W. N. PETERSON, President  
2520 CENTRAL AVENUE  
Phone Grandville 4313-4314

**ICE COAL**  
Cedar Lake Ice & Fuel Company  
Henn. & Oak Grove MA. 8201  
100% UNION CONCERN  
COAL ICE

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

## Local Bosses Block Mill Settlement

On Monday a committee from the striking Sash and Door Workers Union Local 1865 met in the Central Labor Union with the AFL Policy Committee, and a committee representing the city's subcontractors, contractors, massive builders and building material men. The meeting resulted in the clarification of the union's position on several points.

Last week, the sixth week of the strike, the St. Paul Sash and Door Workers Union Local 1252, also on strike, had apparently reached a basis of settlement with St. Paul mill owners. The settlement failed to go through, Local 1252 accuses, because a small clique of Minneapolis mill owners stepped in and prevented the St. Paul employers from coming to terms with their employees.

The will to victory of the Local 1865 membership is as strong today as it was the day the strike began. Large mass meetings of strikers are held each morning at 7 o'clock in the third floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Pickets and patrols around the struck plants are maintained 24 hours a day. Each day from 11 o'clock to noon, luncheons are served pickets in the basement commissary in the Teamsters Joint Council building.

## Newspapers Re-sign With Local 544

Late Friday the General Drivers Union Local 544 signed a new working agreement covering the 40 newspaper drivers and helpers. The Minneapolis Star, and the Twin Cities Newspaper Service which handles the Journal and Tribune, signed the pact, which is identical with last year's agreement.

All drivers and helpers receive 85 cents hourly under the agreement. The contract is retroactive to June 1, 1938, and runs for one year.

## Work Under Way On 544 Suit vs. Daily Worker

Albert Goldman, the attorney acting for officials of General Drivers Union Local 544 in the suit for \$500,000 damages against the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, reports that preparations are nearing completion. Depositions from various officials from the General Drivers Union and from other union leaders in Minneapolis are being taken, to be introduced as evidence.

The suit arose out of the slanderous attacks by the Communist Party on the General Drivers Union following the murder of Pat Corcoran last November.

## V. R. Dunne Speaks at Workers Defense Meeting

The Minneapolis Workers Defense League has secured V. R. Dunne as guest speaker for its regular open monthly dinner meeting at the YMCA on Thursday, June 23.

Mayor Leach was also invited to attend and express his views. The subject of the discussion is "Labor Racketeering in Minneapolis—Fact or Fancy?"

In view of the widespread interest in this subject, everyone with a question to ask or a point of view to express is invited to attend. The Workers Defense League is a non-partisan organization formed to safeguard the civil liberties and welfare of the worker and farmer.

Diner is served cafeteria style for economy, and begins at 6:30. The lectures open at 7:15.

**BUY UNION LABEL GOODS**  
EMPIRE WRECKING & SALVAGE CO.  
1422 Central Ave. GR. 3588  
NEW AND USED LUMBER  
PIPE, GLASS AND DOORS

**BUY UNION LABEL GOODS**  
DEMAND UNION CLERKS

**THE DAY CO.**  
ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS  
Dust Collecting Systems  
2938 Pillsbury RE. 8384

**HENNEPIN CLEANING & DYEING CO., Inc.**  
First Class Work Only  
Good Service - Fair Prices  
W. N. PETERSON, President  
2520 CENTRAL AVENUE  
Phone Grandville 4313-4314

**ICE COAL**  
Cedar Lake Ice & Fuel Company  
Henn. & Oak Grove MA. 8201  
100% UNION CONCERN  
COAL ICE

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

## Eastern Reader Comments On Textile Union Fiasco

Editorial Note: The letter below is written by a well-known union organizer in the East who asks that his name and organizational connections be omitted. His unmaking of the cowardly policy of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee is most interesting and performs a real service for the movement.

We think the writer's criticism of our handling of the CIO is unjust. We have always been careful to qualify our criticism of the CIO. As to the Sailors Union resolution, Harry Lundeberg, in an article reprinted in last week's Organizer, has adequately answered the point raised.

To the Northwest Organizer—After reading the account of the Lawrence textile strike of 1912 in the "Organizer," I thought it might be in order to inform you of how well the textile manufacturers have drawn the lesson from that strike.

I am rather weak on my dates and figures but this is what happened. About eight months ago the Textile Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) won an election at the Lawrence plants of the American Woolen company.

It was about a 5 to 3 vote for the TWOC. This was after an intensive organizing campaign with about 25 full-time organizers on the job.

**Fooling the Workers**  
People familiar with the Lawrence workers were surprised at the slight majority of the TWOC and the large number of workers that didn't even participate in the voting. Some placed the blame on the Fred Beal leaflets. However the real reason was the manner in which the campaign was carried on. The campaign was centered around Roosevelt and the Wagner Act. Not once in the entire campaign were the workers reminded of 1912 or 1921-22; as a matter of fact they were told that their employers were in the "enlightened group" of capitalists.

To get back to the election—immediately after the results were announced the workers of the other Lawrence mills started to move toward the TWOC. American Woolen workers planned a celebration of parades, mass meetings, etc. The spirit of 1912 was returning. The workers were ready for action.

Immediately the company saw the danger! They called in the local TWOC staff and asked them to stop any celebration; in turn, the company would "cooperate" with the TWOC.

The TWOC stopped the plans of the workers, even after the management HAD STATED that their objections were because they didn't want "another 1912."

**"Victory" Is Defeat**  
As a result, the "victory" has been turned into defeat. The workers accepted a 10 per cent cut in wages two months ago (via the TWOC) and today there are not 200 dues-paying members in the American Woolen company.

The above is no secret among organizers for CIO affiliates in New England. The Lawrence workers know it and that is one of the reasons the union has fallen apart. They can still be organized but surely not by an organization that tells them their employer is "enlightened" and "O.K."

**Criticizes Sailors' Resolution**  
While writing this letter I would like to criticize the article also in the May issue on the Sailors Union resolution of affiliation with the AFL.

The resolution states that the "AFL has adhered to the true principles of labor while the CIO," etc.

Granting that in Minneapolis and the West Coast the CIO has played a splitting role, I think that the "Organizer" should speak out against this clean bill given to the national AFL. If ever a national strike-breaking agency existed in America it certainly has existed in the past year and a half in the AFL; their Blue Card Union in the aluminum and copper industry, Ryan's fink seamen's union, Green's role in the General Motors strike and numerous other strikes. The "Organizer" has been altogether too lenient in reporting the fink role of the national AFL. I realize the "Organizer" is a local paper and an organ of a progressive AFL movement, but its

**INSURE WITH**  
A. H. Carlstrom Co.  
GENERAL INSURANCE  
Special Auto Rates to Careful Drivers  
1921 Emerson N. HY. 2200

**LOWEST PRICES ALWAYS**  
New and Used Office Furniture and Store Fixtures  
JACOBSON FIXTURE EXC.  
219 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, Ma. 8828

**BUY WITH CONFIDENCE**  
NORTH MINNEAPOLIS  
Leading LIQUOR STORE  
THE HYMAN CO.  
214 WEST BROADWAY  
Near Third Street, Since 1911  
FREE PARKING LOT IN REAR

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

**FRANK'S CAFE**  
New Location  
1402 PLYMOUTH AVE.

## Finks Attack Pickets from Musicians Union

The Musicians Union, Local 73, has been on strike against the Bottle Inn, 76th and Pleasant Avenue South, for more than five weeks now. The proprietor of this night club refuses to recognize the union as bargaining agent for its members.

Last Thursday pickets bannering the place were set upon by outsiders and were forced to defend themselves. As a result of this battle five of the pickets were arrested, charged with assault and battery and released on \$25 bail each. They are still awaiting trial.

All union people are asked to boycott this unfair night club. The owner claims that he has a big union clientele—but the pickets say that most of the buttons they have seen have been those which proclaim their wearers as members of Taylor's now notorious Local No. 1. We do not recognize any one wearing a No. 1 button as a union man.

This criticism of the "Organizer" has been made by many of its readers here in the East and I think it can be eliminated by open criticism of AFL affiliates as well as CIO, when they play the role of scabs in strikes mentioned in your columns.

Regardless of these criticisms, I still think the "Northwest Organizer" is America's best labor paper.

**MOLER BARBER COLLEGE**  
K. W. Krausmann  
215 NICOLLET AVE. AT. 9364

**South Side Lumber Company**  
Lumber - Shingles - Insulation  
1100-1110 SOUTH 3RD ST.  
Telephone Main 8657

**SMOOTH**

With sadness the Federal Workers Section learned Monday night of the death of Mrs. Anna White, mother of Louis White, FWS organizer. The funeral will be held Thursday 2 p. m. from the Enga Memorial funeral home, Lovry and Fremont. Mrs. White is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter.

**SURE . . . . . AND TRIPLE VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY**

**TYDOL GASOLINE**  
Available at 75 Service Stations in the Twin Cities

**DRINK KATO BEER**

**Cook ELECTRICALLY**  
.. it's Cheap!

**BOYD MOTORS**  
UNION SHOP  
EXCLUSIVE LAKE ST. PONTIAC DEALERS  
Our Used Cars will suit the most particular Truck Driver  
CO. 3166 Owned by Boyd Transfer & Storage Co. 420 E. LAKE ST.

**RYDELL CLOTHING HOUSE**  
Corner Hennepin and Washington Aves.  
Thirty-five Years in the Same Location  
SERVING QUALITY UNION MADE MERCHANDISE  
WHAT A RECORD!

**Central Furniture & Carpet Co.**  
Over 45 Years of Satisfactory Service  
Listen To Slim Jim, Vagabond Kid and Don—Daily at 1 P. M.  
Easy Terms Open Evenings  
312-314 WEST BROADWAY

**Fresh TWICE-A-DAY**  
HOLSUM BREAD  
HOLSUM RYE HOLSUM HONEY WHEAT

# Road Cleared for Over-Road Agreement

### AFL Teamsters Local 710 of Chicago Gets Over-Road Jurisdiction — North Central Area Negotiating Committee Meets Thursday in Omaha — Mayor Butler of Omaha Raises Cry Against "Outsiders" — Other News of the Area.

By FARRELL DOBBS  
Secretary, North Central Area Negotiating Committee

With the satisfactory settlement this week of the question of over-road jurisdiction in Chicago, the road is now cleared for the 11-state drivers' committee to confront the employers and secure a uniform agreement throughout the trade area.

With the unanimous agreement of all parties concerned, sole jurisdiction over all over-the-road drivers properly coming within the Chicago jurisdiction was vested this week in AFL Teamsters Local 710.

This clears up the situation in Chicago, a key point in our trade area.

As reported previously, the employers' ranks are pretty well shattered, so far as any 11-state fight is concerned. Key groups of employers have signified their willingness to negotiate for the uniform agreement.

The North Central Area Negotiating Committee will hold a special meeting this Thursday in Omaha, where the Omaha employers are trying to provoke a strike, hoping thereby to separate from the 11-state negotiations. Apparently these employers haven't gotten it through their heads that they will have to abide by the area agreement.

Mayor Butler of Omaha, stoogeing for the bosses, is raising the usual cry against "outsiders." The joker is that he is fronting, not for a set-up limited to Omaha employers, but for the "Nebraska Commercial Truckers Association" which, in turn, is of course tied up with other boss associations throughout the area.

Omaha Local 554 is ready to let Mayor Butler, like any other employer or employers' agent, sit in on the area negotiations which are to be held soon in Chicago. As soon as this fact was published in the Northwest Organizer, Mayor

### Aberdeen Drivers Subscribe to N. W. Organizer

Word has been received from Drivers Union Local 309 of Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the organization has taken a blanket subscription for the Northwest Organizer. A list of names of the members, together with a check covering the subscription has been received from Roy M. Wright, secretary-treasurer.

**MINNEHAHA GREENHOUSE**  
4254 40TH AVE. S.  
Flowers, Plants, Floral Designs  
Members of Tile Setters and Truck Drivers Union  
DRE-1 4402 DRE-2 0971

**CHIPPEWA**  
The purest, softest, spring water in the world  
NATURE'S BEST  
50c per case  
ATLANTIC 6361

Save \$3 to \$5  
Summer and Year 'Round  
Suits \$14.85  
• More Style  
• More Value  
• More Quality  
Larger Selection  
BON-ART CLOTHES  
Browns  
306-14 NICOLLET AVENUE

Come See and You'll Buy  
28 Buick Sedan \$19.50  
29 Hupp Sedan 29.50  
31 Graham Sedan 39.50  
32 Auburn Sedan 79.50  
31 Ford Tudor 139.50  
32 Ford Tudor 4 cylinder 189.50  
33 Ford Tudor 229.50  
33 Olds Coach 249.50  
35 Ford Sedan, trunk 359.50  
36 Ford Tudor, trunk 379.50  
36 Chev. Tudor 379.50  
50 OTHERS FROM \$19.50 to \$499.50  
**MOTORS INC.**  
2912 NICOLLET AVE.

### Austin Union Loses Trials, Wins Pact

Austin, Minn.—Anti-labor elements in this town, fighting a losing battle against the well-organized forces of unionism, managed to deliver two foul blows during the past few days. Julius Shade, militant unionist, was sentenced to one year in a state penal institution and \$100 fine, in connection with the Montgomery Ward strike. Ray Hubbard, another leading unionist, has been found guilty of rioting at the Ward store, and sentenced to pay a \$200 fine.

Shade's sentence was suspended on condition he pay \$200 to the Ward store. Hubbard has won a stay of sentence.

At both trials, defense attorneys produced witnesses testifying that neither Shade nor Hubbard had done anything wrong. As the "Austin Unionist" points out, it is evident that the crowd at Wards was being tried, and not Shade or Hubbard. The selection of the jury, packed with labor-haters, was a farce.

Outside the courtroom, reaction met not victory but defeat. Following on the steps of the strike victory of the bartenders' union, the General Drivers Union Local 778 last week won a new closed shop contract with the Austin dairies. The new working agreement, signed in the face of the vicious open-shop drive, provides for wage increases of from \$2 to \$4 weekly, twelve days' paid vacations, six days' sick leave with pay, etc.

The General Drivers Union Local 116 has delivered an ultimatum to the Butler Brothers Construction company at Valley City and the Miller Construction company at Fargo, following the absolute refusal of these two firms to sign union contracts. Unless the companies recede from their anti-labor position before the deadline, strikes will be called against them.

The Carrington Section of the union is building up a fine organization. The drivers union is putting on a concerted drive to organize Bridgeman - Russell and North American Creameries throughout the state.

The twenty-five consecutive days of rain here have prevented 300 union drivers from going to work on the Highway 81 graveling job. The union is considering bantering Thor, God of Thunder.

The Bartenders Union Local 720 reports contracts have been presented to several Fargo establishments.

I. G. Scott Sends Coroner Jury Pay To Mrs. Corcoran  
I. G. Scott, County Commissioner, who served on the coroner's jury investigating the murder of Pat Corcoran, last week received a check for jury duty, and immediately turned it over to the Teamsters Joint Council for transmission to Mrs. Corcoran.

Scott stated that since he was being paid in any event by the county, he did not feel entitled to retain the money.

**FRIGIDAIRE**  
In A-1 Condition. Guaranteed. Looks Like new. \$2.56 Per Month  
1016 NICOLLET

**CY'S PLACE**  
5th and Plymouth  
CHOICE LIQUORS  
Music and Dancing Every Night  
Cy. Putz, Prop. HY. 9968

**EVERYBODY BUYS AT HASKELL'S**  
Liquors - Wines  
'THERE'S A REASON!  
39 S. 7th St.  
(Next to Radisson)  
Free Delivery AT. 2434

**Argus Publishing Company**  
Printers - Publishers  
Stationers  
Emmett L. Duesmke, Pres.  
Union Printers for 40 Years  
2335 Central Ave.  
GR. 3531

**JOHN MATHER**  
FANCY BUTTER  
WHIPPING CREAM  
1434 W. 31st St. KE. 4968

**Boots and Breeches**  
Men's or Women's  
H.C. Boots and Whippoor Breeches  
Your chance to get an outfit at half price.  
Both for \$4.95  
Mail Orders Filled  
**UNITED FEDERAL STORES**  
9 So. 3rd Street  
Between Home & 5th

**DEMAND UNION CLERKS**

### Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Large Meeting Anticipated  
Since receiving the proposal and the posting of the same "letters" in several of the plants a large number of drivers have declared their intention of being on hand this coming meeting to give their little say regarding any changes in our contract at the present time. By the time you have read this, some definite "action" will have been taken—we think!

"WHAT'S JUNE 26TH" has created quite a bit of enthusiasm and comment for our picnic. Our Publicity Committee deserves some credit for the idea. So put a sticker on your truck and car and help to make this picnic popular and as prominent as Hegdahl's pipe.

**Picnic Committee Further Plans**  
The picnic committee met again last Thursday evening and have just about completed everything but will have one more final meeting on Thursday the 23rd at 257 Plymouth Ave. All committee members are requested to be there without fail. Remember, Thursday, June 23, 257 Plymouth Ave.

**Another Victory**  
Our ball team has really been going to town. They piled up another win by defeating the Painters' Union 25 to 5. They're on top in the league now and with your attendance and support they hope to finish there. Games played every Wednesday at 6:30 at the Parade.

"Next"  
Call the junkman. It's being kicked around that the J and H is going to "trade" soon.

**A Good Idea**  
It was suggested that a box be put up in the office for suggestions, comments, criticisms or general news items. So when the shop steward or individuals turn in the ques they can drop the notes in the box for this column. It's not necessary to sign 'em unless you want to.

**Convalescing**  
Irving Weiner is still in the hospital with some improvement. We hope he is on the way to a speedy recovery.

**Aw Nerfs! No Fish?**  
We haven't heard of anyone catching any fish yet this year. Will somebody please send in a good fish yarn? We need it.

If any more move out of our office we'll be able to put on a dance there with the extra space.

There was a little fracas over at the Custom last week, but I guess it was settled out of "court."

George Cranbrook is going to visit his sister in Toronto, Canada for two weeks.

### Eau Claire Drivers Celebrate

Eau Claire, Wis.—One year ago, on June 7, the Eau Claire Drivers Union was reorganized and received a new charter from the International. Tuesday night, the General Drivers Union Local 662 held its first anniversary meeting in the Labor Temple, in celebration of a year of steady growth and achievement.

Vincent Dunne of Minneapolis was one of the guest speakers at the anniversary celebration.

**Laundry Drivers, Local 131, and Bakers Local 222 are now tied for first place with Painters Local 386 dropping into second place.**

**Union League Standings**  
Laundry Local 131 3 0  
Bakers Local 222 3 0  
Painters Local 386 2 1  
Local 289 1 2  
Sheet Metal Local 34 0 3  
Building Service Loc. 26 0 3

The above standings in both leagues are for the games played on Wednesday, June 8. Local 289 plays the Laundry Drivers next Wednesday at Parade 20.

**Peterson Funeral Home**  
1838 Central Ave. N. E.  
Clifford Peterson GR. 5186

### Valley City Drivers Win Brief Strike

Fargo, N. D.—The Valley City section of General Drivers Union Local 116 pulled a 2 1/2 hour strike early this week against the Butler Construction company, and came out with a closed shop contract under their belt. This is the second recent victory for the Valley City workers.

Local 116, whose main section is in Fargo, held an organization meeting last Friday night in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. A section of the union will be set up there in the near future.

Ninety-four truck drivers on Monday received their long-awaited calls to work on Highway No. 81.

Beauty operators of Fargo held a meeting Wednesday at which organization plans were approved. An intensive drive is pending to organize all operators in the city.

**The 289 Blab**  
NEXT MEETING: Please take special note. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—Thursday, June 23, 7:30 sharp.

From all reports, the 544 picnic last Sunday was a howling success. Cars were as thick as flies for blocks around. Let's put our picnic over just as big. Don't forget the date and place: Eagle Lake, Sunday, July 24. All day. The picnic committee has done its share and it is now up to you. Get your friends and kiddies and come out for the day. We guarantee a good time. Ask your steward.

Harold Phipps, Purity South Plant steward, was late to the Stewards meeting last Tuesday and was bawled out for it. But he got an immediate apology from us when he told us he had just come from the hospital where his wife had presented him with a seven-pound baby girl.

Earl Besplace, Regan's, is back hiking again after a ten-day illness.

Bill Peterson, Purity North Plant, is a nice fellow. On his vacation last week he was seen doing the housework and washing, so I wonder who got the vacation.

Jerry Stanchfield, Monahan's, surprised all and sundry by appearing at the last meeting. Thanks, Jerry.

Jimmy Diskos and Joe Lindsay, formerly with Regan's, are now punching their clocks over at Rafter's Bakery. Regan's have transferred their restaurant business to that bakery.

Hurrah and a couple of tigers. Our local diamondball team crashed into the win column with a bang, sinking Building Service to the tune of 21 to 15. Not a close game, but it's on the left side of the win and loss column and that's what counts.

**New 7th St. Market**  
100c. WE DELIVER  
2 Hours Free Parking - Relief Orders Accepted Same as Cash  
12 North 7th St. MA. 0529

**GOOD YEAR**  
HITS THE BULL'S EYE WITH SENSATIONAL NEW TIRE  
It's a regular man driving - the price is low - the tires are good - LOW PRICES EASY TERMS  
**R-1**  
59c  
1 WEEK  
**GOOD YEAR SERVICE STORES**  
1027 HARMON PLACE  
Main 1524

**GILL BROTHERS**  
Funeral Chapel

**TWIN CITY LUMBER AND WRECKING CO.**  
New and Used Building Materials  
Main Office and Yards  
3233 E. 40TH ST.  
Telephone DU. 2358

### Bar Notes Local 346

The position of Local 346 in relation to attempts of the so-called CIO to create a dual union situation in our industry is perfectly clear. As far as our local is concerned, we intend to do everything in our power to smash such an unscrupulous move on the part of irresponsible persons. Until we see a revoking of this CIO charter and no more CIO buttons in our industry, we shall picket any place that displays the fake house card of the CIO.

The Bar-Ett cafe, 626 Hennepin Avenue, has been guilty of chiseling on the union. The Joint Board intends to see that union conditions prevail in this place, or else.

The situation at Howard's Tap Room, 1501 E. Lake Street, has been settled to the satisfaction of the union. Good work.

The State Federation of Labor convention will be held in Mankato this year. The Joint Board, taking cognizance of this fact, is moving into Mankato to organize the hotels and restaurants in that town, so that delegates can patronize union places. Prospects at this time look very good, and we might yet have 100 per cent organization in the industry in Mankato by fall.

The Grand Opening Monday night was very well attended, and everyone had a good time.

The Entertainment Committee is making final arrangements for the picnic. The date is Sunday, August 7, and the members greeted with an ovation the announcement of a holiday on that date.

Don't forget your next meeting Monday, June 27, at 1:30 p. m. Let's have a big attendance.

**Sports Group To Hold Night Hike**  
All the husky athletes in the labor movement are turning out for a big evening hike on Thursday, June 23, sponsored by the Minneapolis Union Sports Council. Hikers will leave the city limits at Victory Drive and West Broadway at 8 p. m. to hike three and one-half miles to the "Green Mill." Refreshments and dancing will be in order following the hike. Transportation back to the city will be furnished.

Bob Claseny, Monahan's, says that the reports of his sudden demise are most highly exaggerated.

**Olson's**  
Clothing, Furnishings and Tailoring  
100% Union Merchandise  
West Broadway at Lyndale  
Tony Olson HY. 2222

**DRINK MODERATELY**  
MINNESOTA WINE AND SPIRITS INSTITUTE, Inc.  
(Comprised of Minnesota Wholesale Wine and Liquor Dealers)

**UNITED WAREHOUSES INC.**  
(United Furniture Forwarding)  
STORAGE  
FIREPROOF WAREHOUSE - RUG AND DAVENPORT ROOM  
Local and Long Distance Moving - Packing and Crating, Shipments

**Western Badge & Novelty Company**  
Bro. John A. Lethrop, Prop.  
ST. PAUL, MINN.  
90% of all the Union Buttons used in Minnesota are made by us. Telephone Cedar 7035.

**FOR REAL COMFORT HEAT WITH GAS**  
**MINNEAPOLIS GAS LIGHT COMPANY**  
TELEPHONE MAIN 5133

**Fidelity State Bank**  
Place your Federal Housing Loans and Auto Finance with us. The only bank controlled by Labor and business men.  
INDEPENDENT

**Pickwick Tavern**  
Corner Broadway and 2nd St. North

**S. J. READER CO.**  
Road Contractors  
325 KASOTA BUILDING  
Atlantic 4667 Minneapolis

**Gluek's BEER**  
ENJOY

**Henry W. Anderson**  
MORTUARY  
Funeral Director  
1839 EAST LAKE ST.  
Dupont 2331

# Northwest Organizer

Published every Thursday under the auspices of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council

OFFICE OF PUBLICATION, 257 PLYMOUTH AVE.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES  
One year in advance \$1.50  
Six months in advance .85  
Bundle copies (10 copy minimum) .02 1/2

Electing second class matter May 1st, 1935, at the Post-office at Minneapolis, Minn., under Act of March 8, 1879

EDITORIAL BOARD  
MILES DUNNE, Chairman FARRELL DOBBS  
JOE O'HARE CLAUDE JOHNSON HAROLD SEAVEY

Business Manager DANIEL BURKE Editor MILES B. DUNNE

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

## Vote for Governor Benson— Defeat the Reactionaries!

At its meeting on June 10th, the Teamsters Joint Council, the body constituted by all of the members of all of the Executive Boards of the drivers' unions in Minneapolis, voted to give its support in the primaries on June 20th and in the fall elections, to secure the re-election of Governor Elmer Benson.

Officially, the Teamsters Joint Council can speak only for its own organization. In view, however, of the leading role which the Minneapolis Council has played and continues to play in the organization of the drivers' movement throughout the state, it is to be expected that the Council's decision will spur the local unions in every other community to do their utmost to secure the re-election of Elmer Benson.

The Council, and its organ, the Northwest Organizer, have never given uncritical allegiance to the Farmer-Labor Party and its candidates. First and foremost, the allegiance of a trade union body or organ is to organized labor. Nor do we view that allegiance as a special interest or a narrow one, for in our view the workingclass movement is the destined leader of all humanity. There have been instances when, for reasons of expediency or mistaken judgment, the Farmer-Labor Administration or the Farmer-Labor Party, have made decisions which have not accorded with the best interests of the workingclass movement, and in those instances we have not spared them with our criticism. Precisely because of our critical attitude, our present insistence on the necessity of re-electing Governor Benson should receive the necessary response from the labor movement for which we speak.

We have fought Governor Benson hard on the question of the AFL Civil Service Bill. We have fought him to a finish on the proposal of his "friends" for state liquor dispensaries which would provide cushy jobs for some but undermine the hard-won gains of the organized workers in the industry. We have fought him on the question of his "friends" who are persecuting the progressive State Department of Education and its pro-labor head, John G. Rockwell. We shall fight him whenever and wherever he does not act in accord with the interests of the workingclass movement.

Our record of critical watchfulness of the Farmer-Labor Administration entitles us to far more weight in advising workers how to vote than are those entitled to who have been continuously and uncritically adoring. Our voice should be listened to when we say:

**Every adult member of every workingclass family, every friend of labor, should cast his vote for Elmer Benson in the June 20th primaries!**

**Immediate Task in the Primaries**  
The immediate task is in the primaries. Not a single member of a workingclass family should go outside the Farmer-Labor fold in the primaries, no matter what reason of sentiment, personal friendship or other motive may tempt him to cast a vote for some other individual running on another slate. By all reports from the rural areas, the vote in Minneapolis and St. Paul will be decisive. If the decision is ours, then let us see to it that the Farmer-Labor ticket gets a resounding majority, and thereby demoralize the reactionary forces long before the fall elections.

**Defeat Petersen**  
The Northwest Organizer's editorial of May 19th dealt at length with Hjalmar Petersen's program. Suffice it to say again here that Petersen, in appealing for Republican and Democratic votes and promising to consult with the Republican and Democratic leaders on policy if elected, has read himself out of the Farmer-Labor Party. The only substantial reason Petersen indicates for running in the Farmer-Labor primaries is that the Farmer-Labor Party is the majority party in the state! By this token, every capitalist politician in Minnesota should climb on the bandwagon. We don't want them, and we don't want anybody who talks and thinks like them.

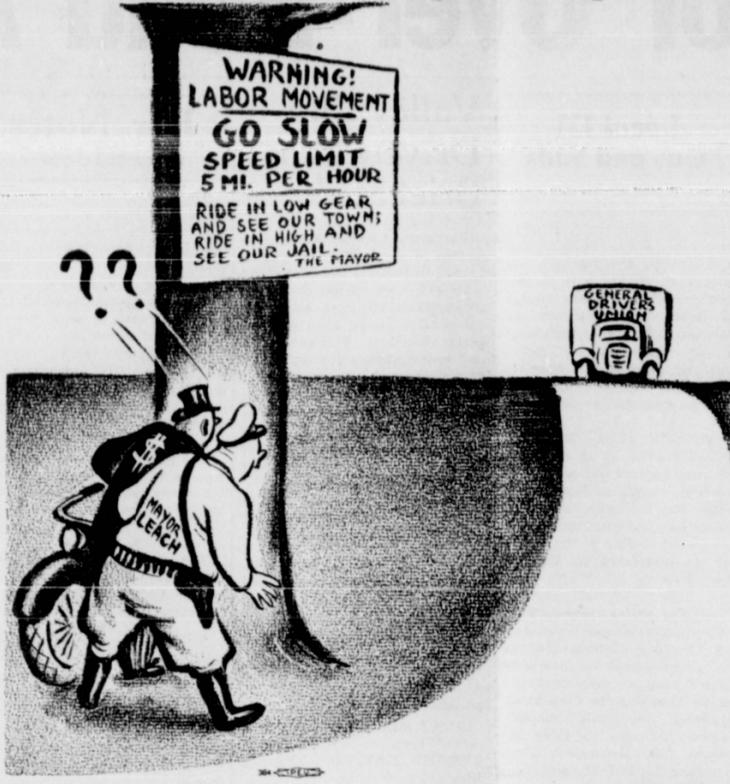
**The Real Situation**  
Let every trade unionist understand the real situation: Reaction everywhere is rearing its head. Minnesota is no exception. The raging economic crisis impels the employers to seek ways and means to shift the burden onto the backs of the workers, primarily through wage-cutting and taxation devices, but already planning for storm troop formations—both official National Guard and police, and "private" strike-breaking armies of thugs and Fascists. The political instrumentalities for this program are the Republican and Democratic parties. A heavily-financed attempt is being made to incite the farmers against the trade unions, and to organize anti-labor groups of deluded farmers.

The primary weapon of organized labor against such reactionary moves is the might of organized labor itself. But in the struggle against reaction, we need allies. The economic organizations of the farmers are such allies. In the political field, the Farmer-Labor Party is today such an ally. Let us, therefore, join with our allies in the June 20th primaries in defeating reaction.

In a number of ways recently—notably in accepting the AFL Civil Service Bill and in disassociating himself from further moves for state liquor dispensaries—Governor Benson has shown an increasing awareness of the demands of the trade union movement. We trust that this tendency will continue to develop, although no word has come from him to halt the persecution of the Department of Education. Meanwhile, it is clear to any labor observer that Governor Benson is incomparably the best candidate in the Farmer-Labor primary. For these reasons, we call upon the whole trade union movement of Minnesota to back him to the hilt in the June 20th primaries.

**Elect Bastis and Scott**  
The Teamsters Joint Council went outside of a long-standing tradition against endorsing individual local candidates, in order to endorse Al Bastis, for Sheriff, and

## The Would-Be Speed Trap



## How Minneapolis Workers are Housed

### IV

The housing picture in Minneapolis presents a none-too-pretty view of the sharp division between the classes. You can draw a dividing line across the map of the city, indicating one area in which live the wealthy and well-to-do, and another where the poor and penniless manage to exist.

Just as the poor (the more fortunate among them, to be sure) must be satisfied with the broken down, second hand autos cast aside by the well-to-do, so must they crowd into the shacks and shanties long ago vacated by the rich, who can afford to live in newer, better homes.

#### Two Wards

An accurate picture of the wide gap separating the housing standards of the two classes may be seen by a comparison of two typical wards in Minneapolis, the 13th Ward, and the 3rd.

There are approximately 40,000 families in each of these two wards. One, the 13th, is recently developed, and is in all ways an exception in the city. The 3rd ward is an aged ward, thickly populated, located in the oldest section of town, close to the central business district. It is the type of ward in which live most of the citizens of the city.

In the 13th ward, rents average \$41 a month, while the average rent in the 3rd Ward is \$21, slightly lower than the city-wide average.

A comparison of the ages of the homes in the two wards reveals that in the 3rd Ward, where the population is overwhelmingly made up of workers and their families, 3,295 homes are over 35 years old. In the 13th Ward, however, only 381 homes are over 35 years old, and 50 per cent of the homes in this "well-to-do" area were built between 1921-1933. Only 14 per cent of the homes in the 3rd ward were built in that twelve year period.

The 13th Ward is one of the sections to which the higher income groups have moved, leaving behind their broken-down dwell-

I. G. Scott for County Commissioner. Among the Farmer-Labor candidates—the county primaries unfortunately do not record the party affiliations—Bastis and Scott are particularly outstanding, indeed, in a class by themselves, as supporters of organized labor. Labor's vote should see to it that these two men come out of the primaries on top of the list.

Everybody out for the primaries!

## The 544 Picnic

The 544 picnic was a lot of fun to the 18,000 who participated. But it was also much more than that. It was an answer to the enemies of the union. In the clear light of day, all their whispered and shouted slanders shriveled and died away.

Picnics are fun, but seldom indeed does a picnic witness such a turnout. It was the largest picnic ever held on the largest grounds available. More than the justifiable search for a little laughter in these critical times brought those thousands of unionists and their families. They came out on this particular Sunday to this particular place, because it was a way of signifying their solidarity and loyalty to the trade union movement of Minneapolis.

ward. By no means. The old homes vacated by a single well-to-do family are divided up into small, badly ventilated, thinly partitioned, poorly equipped apartments. But the landlord rakes in more money in this tenement than he did when it was a stately aristocratic single dwelling. By collecting from six families instead of one, he makes more in the aggregate than he ever did. Small wonder that plans for low cost, low rent housing are fought tooth and nail by the real estate interests and mortgage holders. They thrive on slums.

#### Shacks

To get back to the 3rd and 13th wards: over 66 per cent of the homes in the former need repairs to be safe for occupancy; but in the 13th ward, where the rents are far out of the reach of the average worker, only 2 per cent need repairs.

The majority of the low income families concentrated in the 3rd ward, in other words, live in constant jeopardy, while on the other side of the tracks, the overwhelming majority live in clean, safe homes. Could there be any clearer class division?

In the 13th ward an average of about two people share every toilet; in the 3rd ward four people share each toilet. The hazard to health is doubled in the 3rd ward. Your health is valued in how many dollars and cents you can afford to pay in rent.

Almost six times as many families in the 3rd ward have no baths as in the 13th. While 4,177 families in the 13th ward have mechanical refrigeration, only about 900 have this convenience in the 3rd ward.

There is no need to go on. The inequality is all too obvious.

#### The Leavings

Private enterprise builds only enough homes to house the well-to-do families who evacuate their old homes. Workers' families are crowded into these abandoned substandard dwellings, left behind by their former occupants.

The inequality of housing conditions in the 3rd and the 13th wards is only a mild example of the housing situation prevalent throughout Minneapolis.

#### First Ward

An even greater contrast is made evident by a survey of the 1st ward, where rents average \$16.65, where 78 per cent of the homes are unsafe, where in a survey of 5,065 dwellings there were found to be only 3,955 bathrooms, and only 1,280 toilets, one toilet to every five families!

Of the dwellings that rent for \$10 a month and less, and plenty of workers live in them, only 5 per cent are in decent condition. The rest ought to be scrapped and replaced. The figures are those of the City Planning Commission.

## 292 Utilities Elections This Saturday

Elections for officers of the Utilities section of Electrical Workers Local 292 will take place this Saturday, June 18, at the union's headquarters, 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

Balloting booths will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Absentee ballots, for those absent from the city or otherwise finding it impossible to vote on that day, may be obtained any time prior to Saturday by applying at the union office.

A list of offices and the candidates, who were nominated, at a special meeting of the section on Thursday, June 9, follows:

- Business Manager (1)**  
William Heigel  
George Phillips  
**Chairman (1)**  
G. Baldus.
- Vice Chairman (1)**  
K. C. Gerdin  
L. M. Stauffer
- Recorder (1)**  
John B. Williams
- Advisory Board (9)**  
E. U. Muller  
L. Therrien  
F. C. Stetler  
W. W. Teasdale  
C. R. Middleton  
H. Thomas  
George Solberg  
E. A. Burkhart  
R. McGowan  
C. B. White  
Emil Bastis  
Jud Caldwell
- Examining Board (2)**  
Charles Martin  
R. True  
M. D. Lee  
L. M. Stauffer  
H. A. Kjos

Since the nominations meeting, the following have sent in their declinations in writing:

For Advisory Board, Howard Locke and K. G. Gerdin; for Recorder, W. W. Teasdale; for Examining Board, J. C. Nevins.

All members are urged to vote in order to make the election as truly representative of the will of the majority as it is possible to obtain.

## Watt Notes

Members have not been sending in news for this column lately. That is the reason no column has appeared in the last three issues.

Your columnist would like to have a column each week without fail. How about a little co-operation?

Mail all news items to Watt Note Column, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, care of Electrical Workers Local 292.

Have you got your book yet for the Brother C. T. Taylor Benefit? They have them in the office. Be sure and get one so you have a chance on the three valuable prizes.

Our St. Cloud brothers have us stumped—we are wondering, as they are, just why a truck driver's helper has to be able to run a typewriter and calculating machine, and why a typist has to be husky enough to qualify for a truck driver's helper's job.

It is getting to be a habit in the Meter Department—the cigars have been passed around again twice recently. Brothers "Dusty" Rhodes and Bill Eliason are the proud fathers of baby girls. Congratulations and best wishes to the new born babies and their mothers.

Brother "Shorty" Soderholm is known as a speedy little fellow, and he evidently instilled the same idea in his dentist. "Shorty" went in the dentist's office the other morning around 10 o'clock and came out before noon minus his uppers and wearing a new set of teeth.

## Sensational Series Begins Next Week!

With next week's issue, the Northwest Organizer will begin a series of articles on the most sensational book of the year, Ferdinand Lundberg's "America's Sixty Families."

Exposing to view the real rulers of America, Lundberg tells, for the first time in full detail, the story of how they let us vote while they really run the country.

Tom Jarvis, Minneapolis writer and trade unionist, has written a special series of articles for the Organizer on "America's Sixty Families." Don't miss next week's Organizer!

## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1)  
partment in using the movies for building up war spirit is exemplified by recent events in Hollywood. The picture "Men of Wings," now in production, originally ended with the heroine giving a stirring, fervid talk against war.

When the Army discovered this, they issued an ultimatum to Paramount that unless the ending was rewritten the army air service would withdraw its cooperation and technical advice.

The ending was rewritten. Now the heroine's final speech "generally personalizes her own emotions" and "a general denunciation of war was avoided."

From Bartow, Florida, comes news that the five police officer defendants on trial for the kidnapping of Eugene Poulnot were acquitted for the third time. These men were accused of kidnapping three members of a group known as "Modern Democrats." Eugene Poulnot, Joseph Shoemaker, and Samuel J. Rogers were kidnapped on November 30, 1935 as they left police headquarters after being questioned for alleged "communist activities." The men were taken outside of town, flogged unmercilessly, tarred and feathered, and left to die. They were found some time later, but Joseph Shoemaker died a few days later.

The defendants were tried for Shoemaker's murder. And typical of so-called Florida "Justice," they were acquitted. They were tried for the kidnapping of Poulnot, convicted, appealed the verdict, received a new trial and now, for the third time they have been turned loose to continue their nefarious activity.

This case is not the only one in the country during the recent period where persons known to be guilty of murdering labor leaders and unionists have gone scot free. In many southern states where union organization is weak, the life of anyone who dares to pioneer in the field of organization in order to better the conditions of the workers is concerned a very cheap price to pay.

## 544 Picnic Committee Wins Praise

The executive board of General Drivers Union Local 544 takes this opportunity of commending members of the Picnic Committee who organized the splendid annual affair held Sunday at Bass Lake. It was due to the hard work and careful organization of the picnic that such a successful day was had by the thousands who attended.

Helen Hanifan, secretary of the Picnic Committee, was particularly singled out for praise for the many hours of work she donated to making the picnic a success. Chairman of the Picnic Committee was Harold Beal. Other committee members who share responsibility for the outing's success were Walter Hagstrom, Fred Casey, Phil Gagnon, Jerry Johnson, Clarence Hamel, Rudy Novey, Carl Sandell, William Sarempa, Don Bain, Moe Hork, John Rogers, P. W. Amo, Art Carlen, Shep Phyle, Dick Atherton, George Viens and Steve Glaser.

The union and the Picnic Committee wish to thank the many volunteers who contributed their time and work to the picnic's success.

## Today Makes 8,094 Days ...



## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
<b>LOCAL 131</b> During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Day Workers—May 9, 8:30 p. m. Night Workers—May 23, 1:30 p. m.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 544 MEETING SCHEDULE</b> LOCAL NO. 544 Wednesday, June 1—Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, June 2—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners. Friday, June 3—Job Stewards. Monday, June 6—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal. Wednesday, June 8—Market; Wholesale Liquor. Sunday, June 12—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m. Monday, June 13—General Membership. Thursday, June 16—Tent & Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, June 17—Job Stewards. Sunday, June 19—Over-the-road Drivers, 10 a. m. Monday, June 20—Building Material; Furniture Stores. Thursday, June 23—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug. Monday, June 27—Spring Water, Excavating and Sand & Gravel. Tuesday, June 28—Taxi; Night Drivers, 1 p. m., Day Drivers, 7 p. m.