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

Omaha Bosses Seek 'Harlan County' Regime

On the National Picket Line

A short item in the Tuesday evening papers to the effect that the War Department is "anxious" to militarize the CCC is indicative of the intricate plans being laid by the Administration to thrust this country into war at the slightest indication that "some totalitarian state plans to invade South America." The report also stated that the War Department is expecting much opposition to their plan for militarizing the CCC in the next session of Congress.

Senator Louis Ludlow, father of the Ludlow amendment for a popular referendum on war, won his reelection hands down. His Democratic fellow-campaigners lost in the Indiana congressional race.

Ludlow campaigned on one issue—referendum by the people before the declaration of war. His support and reelection on how the American people feel about war.

Said Mr. Ludlow—"If I am reelected, I will vote every dollar needed for the defense of our country but I will not vote to put our boys up against the bayonets, poison gas and the aerial bombs in any foreign war in which we have no direct interest."

And now we ask Mr. Ludlow—"Whose country? And where are the boundaries of that country? Are they in Chile, South America—or are they in the Philippines? And whose interests will you vote to fight for, Mr. Ludlow? Those of the workers here who exist miserably on a bare subsistence level and who are shot down and jailed when they strike for what is popularly supposed to be theirs—or for the interest of the Morgans and the Rockefellers and their millions, their precious world markets?"

Whom shall the workers fight for, Mr. Ludlow?

The strike against the Union Stockyards in Chicago which very effectively tied up trading for several days has been ended by a truce. According to the radio the strikers have returned to work pending the outcome of negotiations now in progress.

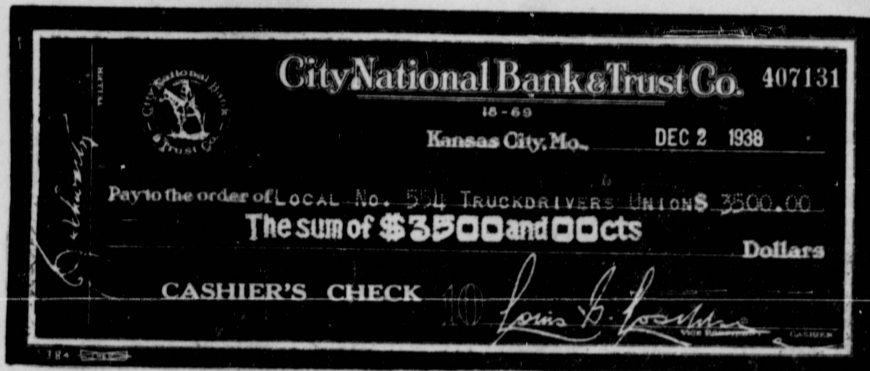
On December 2nd the Steel Workers Organizing Committee introduced into the Texas state convention of the CIO the following resolution which was adopted unanimously. The resolution expresses very well the support and solidarity of the American workers as a whole for the French workers who are struggling so valiantly against Fascism. The resolution follows in part:

"Whereas the valiant men and women of the French working classes are waging a determined struggle in defense of their living standards and for their civil rights and

"Whereas these struggles are an inspiration to all workers everywhere and

Whereas the effort of the Two Hundred families of that country are fundamentally the same as the efforts of the Sixty Families here to smash labor and bring us all under the vicious heel of fascist
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'Not Good Banking Practice' to Cash \$3,500 Union Check



That is what officials of the Omaha National Bank told officials of Drivers Union Local 554 last Saturday when they sought to cash this cashier's check for \$3,500. Local 554 is on strike, you see, and the membership needs aid. So the Omaha bank suddenly discovered that "it is not in accord with good banking practice" to cash checks for a striking union.

Through the cooperation of Drivers Union Local

41, the checks that were "no good" in Omaha have been cashed in Kansas City.

Labor attorneys are studying this case and are considering a protest to the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency, demanding he send an examiner to Omaha to determine why the bank can't cash checks. A suit against the bank for refusing to cash the check is also being considered. (See main story for further details.)

NSP Workers Plan To Set up Council

Utility Workers Council Would Cover Workers in Four States—Would Enable Unions to Solve Common Problems—Closer Cooperation Planned for Utility Unions Dealing with Northern States Power Firm

A proposal for a permanent Utility Workers Council covering all Northern States Power employes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota, was unanimously endorsed Sunday at a conference attended by officials of six utility workers unions and J. Harris Igou, international representative.

The meeting, held in the St. Paul union's headquarters, was attended by the executive boards of Minneapolis Local B-160 and St. Paul Local B-110; by B. E. Schilling, business manager of Red Wing Local B-928; S. H. Preston, business manager of Eau Claire Local B-953; C. Wetchen, business manager of LaCrosse Local B-749.

To Meet Common Problems

After a lengthy discussion of the common problems confronting the members of the utility workers unions in this area, the following resolution was drafted and voted on by each local representative, and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the membership of Locals B-749, B-949, B-928, B-953, B-160 and B-110, I.B.E.W., is mostly composed of employes of the Northern States Power Company, and

"Whereas, The membership of bring about a mutual cooperation between these locals for the purpose of a better understanding of the respective problems and proper interpretation of and collective enforcement of the individual contracts with the Company, therefore:

"Be It Resolved, That a joint meeting of representatives of all these locals does hereby recommend to their respective memberships that a committee of not more than three be appointed by each local for the purpose of meeting together at least once each sixty days for the purpose of discussing all questions pertaining to the problems of their locals and make report and recommendation to their respective locals."

Would Represent 2,800

The union locals referred to in the resolution are those in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Austin, Red Wing, Eau Claire and La Crosse. They represent over 2,800 Northern States Power company workers.

In addition to the resolution endorsing the idea of a permanent council, Sunday's meeting passed a resolution that "before the sign-

ing of any agreement with the company by any local, a meeting of the representatives of each local be called to acquaint each other with the various agreements."

George Hale, business manager of the utility branch of Local 110 in St. Paul, was chosen as temporary chairman of the Utility Workers Joint Council.

3,500 Independent Truckers Strike WPA Throughout Ohio

The six-weeks fight of union independent truck owners throughout Ohio against the new competitive bidding system established by WPA came to a head last Friday, December 2nd, when 3,500 drivers laid down a state-wide picket line aimed to tie up WPA projects and force the WPA to revert to the old contract arrangement.

When the WPA in Ohio announced in October that henceforth the competitive bidding system would replace the contract system, independent truck drivers immediately attacked the new plan as one that would discriminate against independent truck owners and work to the advantage of fleet owners.

65 Delegates Vote Strike

At a meeting in Akron last Wednesday, attended by 65 representatives of independent truck owners throughout the state, delegates voted unanimously for a state-wide strike after hearing the report of John Rohrich, business agent of the Cleveland Teamsters

Joint Council. Rohrich reported that Aubrey Williams had said in Washington two weeks ago that pending a settlement of the Ohio dispute, no more bids would be taken. Williams had also stated that state WPA representatives had authority to speak for WPA. Neither of these promises was kept, said Rohrich.

An apt picture of the cause of the strike is given in the December 2nd editorial in the Akron Beacon:

Mooney Has Plea Ready For Governor

When Governor-elect Culbert Olson of California is inaugurated on January 2nd, 1939, he will find awaiting him an application by Mooney for the latter's freedom.

Mooney's attorney declared last week: "We will file our application January 2nd, immediately after Governor Olson takes the oath of office; beyond that everything will be in the hands of the Governor. Any hearing he may order, any method of procedure he outlines will be all right with us, because we see hope for the first time in all the years Mooney has been imprisoned."

Though it is true Olson has expressed his conviction that Mooney is innocent, we'll believe the new governor will act on his conviction when we hear that Mooney is a free man—and not before.

544 Men-Nominations On Dec. 12th

All members of General Drivers Union Local 544 are urged to attend the membership meeting this Monday, December 12th, at which nominations will be taken for officers for the new year.

Special notices for this meeting have been mailed to all members. If you didn't get your notice, call the union office and give them your address.

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S. Claus Gets Wage Raise, Promises SOME Party

Brother S. Claus has written Ray Rainbolt that the 544 Christmas Party for the kids of 544 members will be bigger and better than ever. "I'm working under the standard over-the-road pact that all reindeer operators in this area have signed," says Santa, "and this has just about doubled my wages."

A colorful full-length program, with movies, vaudeville, candy and all sorts of good things will be given by Brother Santa Claus to the Third Annual Kids Party.

Remember the date, kids—Saturday afternoon, December 17th, at two o'clock, in the union hall.

Guardsmen's Dance Gets Wide Support

It seemed that the only workers who weren't buying tickets this week for the Union Defense Guard's Turkey Raffle and Dance were those who were themselves selling the tickets.

The widespread enthusiasm for the Union Guard was shown by the ease with which tickets moved. A second batch of tickets has already been printed by the Dance Committee and went on sale early this week.

The dance will be held Saturday night, December 17th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. All money over expenses will go to the Union Defense Guard. The tickets, costing 25c each, entitle one to a chance on the many door prizes.

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On Monday picket squad cars toured WPA projects. Carl Hayman, secretary of the statewide group, said there would be 3,000 pickets on duty before the end of the week unless the strike was settled.

The deputy state WPA administrator threatened that arrests would be made this week if pickets continued to halt trucking operations.

The United Labor Defense committee, made up of representatives of AFL and CIO unions in Akron, met Monday to consider the strike.

Wage-Hour Big Shot Won't Talk

Several weeks have elapsed since the Warehouse Union addressed a communication to Elmer C. Andrews, Wage-Hour Administrator, regarding contract circumventions by the Sears Roebuck Company. Information was requested on the procedure for unions to follow in cases where the employer interpreted the Wage-Hour law as he saw fit, which is of course, at the expense of the workers. Andrews' office requested copies of the contract with the company in order to give their opinion on the matter, and this was sent to Andrews.

When Andrews was in Minneapolis recently at the request of Minneapolis employers to discuss the Wage-Hour law, no opportunity was given the union to discuss the matter with him. The question therefore rests in limbo, but the Warehouse union promises action in its own way in the future if the difficulty is not settled.

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160 Auxiliary to Prepare for Kids' Christmas Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of Local 160 will meet December 15th at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Ernie Kline, 1027 23rd Avenue S. E. The ladies will make pop-corn balls for the Christmas party to be held for the kiddies December 21st at 23rd and Washington Avenue North.

This is an important meeting and all members and friends are urged to attend.

That the plight of the independents is extremely serious may be seen from the statement of T. C. Dethloff, business agent of the Akron Teamsters Joint Council: "There are 725 truckers in Akron and 200 jobs available. In Cleveland 200 jobs available. In Cleveland 650 available jobs."

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Omaha National Bank Openly Aids Operators in Fight on Strikers—Refuses to Cash Union Checks—Authorities Function as Though Omaha Were "Company Town"

"The Harlan County of the trucking industry"—that is what union men all over the country are calling Omaha nowadays, as the rulers of Nebraska intensified their repressive measures against General Drivers Union Local 554, now in the thirteenth week of its strike.

Truck bosses, the Business Men's Association, the banks, the newspapers, the relief administration, the police—all have combined against the fighting drivers in a manner that can only be compared to the infamous regime of the feudal coal bosses of Harlan County, Kentucky.

From Omaha this week came news of the latest outrage against the rights of the union: the refusal of the Omaha National Bank to cash a cashier's check for \$3,500 presented by Local 554.

"It is not in accord with good banking practice" to cash a check intended for the use of men on strike, intimidated Mr. Flowers bank official.

Three previous checks presented by the union were cashed without any difficulty.

The Reason Why
The reason for the bank's change of policy is not hard to find. Last week in Omaha meet-

Good Foods Firm Deals With 20316

Don Penwell, organizer for the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, reports that negotiations are near completion between the Good Foods Company and the Union.

Wage increases have been won for the workers in several classifications. Seniority difficulties have been ironed out, under a plan that is far more satisfactory than that of last year. Irregular hours, a bone of contention last year, are being adjusted. It is expected that the contract will be signed at the end of the week.

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544 Attorneys to Ask Reed to Modify Order

Acting on the procedure suggested by the State Supreme Court in its decision denying a review of Judge Reed's order in the fink suit, attorneys for the General Drivers Union Local 544 will appear before Judge Reed next Wednesday, December 14th, at 9:30 a. m. to ask: (1) That the general inspection order be postponed until the action is tried on its merits, and (2) That the issues in the case be irrevocable in parts.

The union's attorneys, John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson, will bring up the question as to whether the plaintiffs are members of Local 544, and whether they seek inspection of the union's books in good faith.

Attached to the motion to be made by 544 will be affidavits signed by four members of Locals 544 and 221, testifying that Adolph Svenddal, one of the plaintiffs, came last spring to the coal yard where they are employed, threw down before them buttons in the fink Local No. 1, and asked them: "How would you like to join a good union?" Upon their refusal to join, Svenddal made hostile remarks about their membership in Local 544.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Competitive Examination for Hospital Head Asked by CLU

With the death of one of the civil service commissioners, working to further delay the selection of a head for the General Hospital, the hospital committee of the Central Labor Union took steps Friday to urge the civil service commission to hold a competitive examination for the post before a suitable examining board of responsible citizens in the immediate future. The request, which has foundered the reactionary opposition to the selection of Dr. A. J. Herbolzheimer for the post, was contained in a letter to R. Mangni, vice-president of the civil service commission, from Tom Ammerman of the CLU hospital committee.

In a supplementary public statement, Ammerman said: "The confidence of the Central Labor Union's committee in Dr. Herbolzheimer is unaltered. His knowledge of medicine, his experience as a teacher for many years in medicine, his past executive experience, and his three-and-a-half years on the welfare board should place him in an advantageous position for public service as head of General Hospital.

For Civil Service
"The labor movement always has supported civil service and the merit system and fully believes in it. We fully appreciated the requirements of civil service when we urged selection of Dr. Herbolzheimer by waiver, which under given circumstances is a proper and legal civil service procedure.

"Under the existing situation, however—the fact that a waiver required the affirmative vote of all three commissioners and it is difficult to tell how soon a third commissioner will be qualified and ready to assume his duties—we believe that a competitive examination would provide the quickest solution of the present problem."

The Central Labor Union committee feels that the problem of securing a competent hospital director is too urgent to permit of the question being further used as a political football, and believes that its proposal points out the quickest and surest road to a solution.

Warehouse Union Organizing at Firestone Rubber

Warehouse employees of the Firestone Rubber company are being organized by Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316. One year ago, when the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company was organized by Local 20316, Goodyear workers received wage increases, shorter hours, and seniority.

In an effort to keep Firestone workers out of the union at that time, the company granted wage increases. As soon as the unionization threat blew over, Firestone reduced wages 10 per cent and this wage cut has never been made up.

Dayton Employes Meet Dec. 12th

After issuing a statement to employees of the Dayton store making clear the inability of the union to accept the counter-proposals of the company, Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 has called another meeting of Dayton workers for Monday, December 12th, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Porters, who work nights at Dayton's, will meet at 3 p. m. the afternoon of December 12th.

Persons believed to be agents for the company will not be permitted to attend. Those members who wish to act on the proposals to be presented Monday must be paid up in dues and in good standing.

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Turn or Go With Omaha 554

(UPSTREAM OR DOWN)
Tom "hatchet-face" Sexton is gr-grring and growling these days. Tom says "No likum finkum. Um. Ugh. Catehum finkum. Makum finkum good finkum."

Say Karch, who's the Indian around here anyway?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:
I am a working man. I love to work for my boss because he is so nice to me and my wife. My boss calls me Mr. Bendover. He pays me good wages. It is very wonderful to support a family on \$12 a week when I only work 62 hours some weeks and other people don't have any work at all.

I don't like people who strike, because my boss told me they are socialists, anarchists, communists or something. Strikers are awfully rough people. I don't think the truck drivers should get relief from Mr. Margaret who is such a lovely man. It's all right for truck drivers' families to be deprived of the things they need, because if they get them the bosses might lose and if the bosses lose my boss will lose, and if my boss loses he might cut my wages.

Yours truly,
MR. I. BENDOVER

Now why do they call him Tommy "T Bone" Smith? Ho, ho. Keep me away from those tempting steaks on Tenth Street.

Captain Karch almost got scalped, tarred and feathered, and burned at the stake when he was found moving "my own stuff in my own truck," for Tommy.

It is pretty damn despicable for these bosses who drive big cars they own, patronize the Fontenelle all through the year, who would not eat a two-bit meal on a bet, and who have pretty damn nice homes, if you please, (paid for by their employees) to be spreading the lie that the Executive Board is living high and royally. They know damn well that the officers of Local 554 have not drawn wages since the lockout started.

Bowling Team Standing
Won—15. Lost—12.
Marty Withrow was high man, rolling 559. These games are rolled at the Lincoln Alleys on Tuesday evenings.

Large Meeting Anticipated
By the time this issue reaches you a large meeting will perhaps have been held, with some very important issues settled one way or the other.

Leif Anderson of the Minneapolis Industrial Towel leads a large church choir and he sez that none other than our own Louis Clair warbled under him.

Sunday Forum to Hear of Struggle for South America

"The Good Neighbors Take Machine Guns to Peru" will be the subject of a talk by Tex Norris to be given Sunday at the Social Forum, 919 Marquette Avenue, at 3 p. m.

Norris will discuss the Pan-American conference which opens Friday, and point out its significance to Minneapolis workers. Admission is 10c.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man

Scissorbill Sam, who forgets that most every boss belongs to several employers' "unions," says: "I don't see why I should belong to the union."

Gassing With 977

By Jon Conder
Davidson is informed by the Direct Service generalissimo that he has signed a contract with the CIO. Isn't that something?

Taxes are that which the RICH are assessed, and the POOR pay. Or are we just imagining those increases in prices whenever a tax is levied? I guess we must go on having children, but do the rich have to get RICHER? At our expense?

Our 285 pounds of picket, Tiny Kellerhals says "Why argue with a fink?"

The workers in France are really going on a strike! More power to them. It's just like the World Herald to state "Strike Broken." Remember what they did last year in Omaha?

The Business Men's Association is making rapid progress. "Just fifty-eight cents more and they can all buy a ticket back to Arkansas." So says Pres. Jim Frum.

After they found out how old Fritzie Jeffreys was they started calling him Punk. But beware. There's a hell of a lot of Punk there.

These finks must be ashamed of something. Why do they try to hide in tar barrels when they see a Union man? Harve Mohr tried to hide behind some spare tires. Somebody lend him a cork-screw.

The columnists wish to thank the boys for their cooperation. And thanks to dear old Carlos. He is such a dear. Such a dear. DONT YOU DOUBLE-CROSS US, Carlos, and slip something in here for Tom Smith!

Doing Nicely

The unemployed workers will be glad to know that last week the U. S. Treasury Department reported there are 61 persons in this country who enjoyed incomes of \$1,000,000 or more during the year 1936. Eight of these had incomes from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. One unidentified individual in New York reported a net income of more than \$4,000,000.

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Bill Carlson left Petroleum Service and is now driving for McGlynn.

Greig at Northern Tire has the exhausted appearance of a new father—a son at that.

Local 977 extends a welcome to Neil DeVries, who transferred from the Laundry Drivers Local 131; Neil is working at the Sinclair station at 26th and Hennepin Avenue.

Joe Richards, Shell Service at 3rd St. and 3rd Ave. N., is passing around solicitation cards, one of which found its way to the office of your Local.

Latest word from Northern Tire is that Clarence Harrington's mother is slowly recovering from her prolonged illness. We take this opportunity to wish her a speedy recovery.

Watt Notes

Tough going, Clunis—Rheumatism and deer hunting don't go together.

Congratulations to the two new firemen at Riverside.

Riverside had five lay-offs to be added to the list.

Are you God fearing men, or are you men fearing mice?

How are the mustache growers at Riverside?

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Phillip Perrault

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Overheard at Riverside:
"Say, Harry, when you gonna bring us around a deer steak?"
"Lissen, Brother, when all my damn friends get thru dividing up that buck, I'm gonna take the little piece I have left, also the feet and head and part of the hide n' tail and cook it up with dumplings and invite the whole doggone Union up for a venison stew."

Well, it looks like a new organization may come into being. How about calling it "The Northwest Utility Workers Council?" See article on page one.

January 1st takes on a new significance as December passes in review.

Several members of the Union who were laid off left a forwarding address at the Union Office "to be called in case of a strike."

Special Construction boys are hoping Santa Claus will leave new pipes in the homes of Carl Lockner, Tommy Tighe and Rube Weckland. The boys say the old ones are "really strong."

Mr. and Mrs. Lindgren (of the Land and Tax) are to be congratulated. We said last week they were pulling for a boy. "They were twins"—a boy and a girl. The proud father was initiated at the last membership meeting.

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Warehouse Union Makes Change in Office Hours

Beginning Monday, December 12th, offices of the Warehouse & Inside Workers Union Local 20316 will be open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m. All members are asked to take special note of this change in office hours and attempt to transact all union business during this period.

On meeting nights the offices will be open until any meeting in progress is adjourned.

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42 Unions Attend Area Pulp Council

Another strong new area council of unions came off Sunday in St. Paul when 56 delegates from 42 locals met at the quarterly meeting of the Tri-State District Council of Pulp and Paper Industries of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Upper Michigan.

The highlight of the conference was the report of the Committee on Standardizing Agreements, whose recommendation for a survey of present working conditions and wages in the three-state area was endorsed. The district will be divided into five sub-districts, with a committee member assigned to each sub-district, with authority to visit all local unions to make the wage and classification survey.

International Representatives Present at Sunday's meeting were Raymond Richards, vice-president of the Pulp, Sulphide and Paper Mill Workers International; Rasmus Anderson, representative of the International; and Pop Noreen, representative of the Paper Makers International.

On Sunday night a banquet was tendered the delegates at Hanson's Cafe, and was followed by a dance in Local 264's headquarters. The next Council meeting will be held three months hence.

Meinz of St. Paul has assisted the workers at the Van Vick Paper Box company, in West Duluth, to draw up a contract, and will aid the union there in negotiating with the firm. The Pulp and Sulphide Unions work closely with the drivers' movement in this area.

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By A. M. Ogren
NEXT MEETING—Coke, Pie and Yeast Drivers, Thursday, December 15th, 7:30 p. m.

The election will be over by the time you read this but I have to make it official, so here are the nominations:

President—Harry DeBoer (unopposed.)
Vice-president — Sam Ash*; Frank LaGrave; James Hanna; Leonard Haggen; John Olman.
Sec.-Treas. — Joseph Francis O'Hare (unopposed.)
Recording Sec.—A. M. Ogren (unopposed.)
Trustees, two — Ed Skelly*; Chester Ryan*; Mel Edstrom; Joe Lindsay; Gregory Helvig; Rudy Hagenson (declined); Harvey McKinney (declined); Earl Ditzler (declined).
* Denotes incumbent

Al Peterson, Referts, is very happy to report the birth of a baby boy. And right on his heels, Don Trestrail also reports a similar gift from his wife.

Chet Ryan has seemingly gotten into legal difficulties with the St. Louis Park traffic police. Anyone having a pull with the minions of the law out there, for land sakes get in touch with Ryan.

Ask Sam Ash what was in that box of candy he gave his wife.

Sanford Sathre, Emericks, is in the hospital appendicitis (that word reitais at \$2.25). Seems like he picked a swell time to go, just before the sales meeting.

"Little Al Ribbi" Stanchfield of Monahan's is another guy who likes the country. He's taking over Monahan's Paribault trip.

Beginning right now, Joe says sky, Russian Premier up to the working-class revolution of October, 1917, said in the New York Times that Coughlin's story was "a mass of distortions and misinformation. The Jews occupied no more prominent part in the Russian liberation movement than did Russians, Letts, Poles, Estonians, Georgians, Armenians and other nationalities comprising the people of Russia." Mr. Kerensky said. In the interest of political sanitation, the Northwest Organizer is glad to publish this repudiation of Coughlin's fake story.

Plumbing Supply Workers' Gains Reported by 20316

Workers in the plumbing supply industry, members of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, met Monday, Dec. 5, where progress of the union during the past year and a half was reviewed.

A special warning was made against any illusion that the gains the workers have won through organization is due even in part to the generosity of the bosses. It was pointed out that gains have been the result of the workers' loyalty to their union; that the bosses will jump at the opportunity to weaken the union and regain former profits; that eternal vigilance is the price of union conditions.

Starting immediately after the first of next year, more regular sectional meetings will be held to permit preliminary discussions on contracts to be presented to the bosses next spring when present contracts expire.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde
CURLY'S LAMENT
Snow, snow, beautiful snow; Why don't we get it, We really don't know. For snow means good business, Good business means dough. So why in the blank don't it snow, snow, SNOW.

Frank (Moby-Dick) Riley, is on the mend. Be on the job for the cold weather we hope to have sometime, "fella."

Bill Dakin is home from the hospital and will soon be working.

Our sleuths have uncovered the reason Bro. Pearson lives way out there where the air is fresh: he raises an animal of the genus capra, (goats to you).

Grampa "Snazzi" is anxiously waiting for Santa Claus: he needs a pair of union-made skis to go with that snappy mackinaw he's wearing.

We welcome a large number of new drivers this week. We have talked to some who drove in the old days. For one it was fifteen years between flag-pulls.

Joe Wise thinks this pin-ball and slot machine complex can be cured by letting the addict play with a cast off taxi-meter, lots of wheels and numbers, you know, and you always lose in the end.

We have been informed that a self-appointed committee is at work counting unnecessary horn tooting at the depots. The driver with the silliest "honks" will receive a bottle of nerve tonic in fancy Christmas wrapping paper.

Looks like one of Ali Baba's forty thieves is in our midst; Walter Powers cash-in envelope was filched from the cashier's chute.

Red Nelson's Swedish appetite got the best of him.

Chuck Younglove (the Columbia Heights papa) says, "When your imagination skids a half block ahead of you, you're driving on winter's slippery streets."

Dizzy directions to a driver—"It ees going straight by University to Snellink but don't stop at Snellink, I want you shoud take me to Dale." However, it paid good American cash.

John Esler became a proud papa; I know he isn't out of the coma yet because I got a cigar from him, boy, that was the first one I got.

I wonder what became of Archie, he has deserted his friends and doesn't even show up at the greasy spoon for breakfast. Archie, even Dave misses your dunking, better come over because it just isn't the same, even Rosy misses you.

Here is one that wins the brass lined finger bowl, Bud White and John Bird from Kemps went deer hunting. Bud got pleurisy and John got buck fever; after a week of this they came home. Then Bird's 12-year-old son borrowed the poppa's gun and was gone one day and came back with a five point buck.

Buck Simpson and Dick Burns

On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusinco
Well, gang, only about 14 more shopping days until Christmas, and boy, I hope the old dime store doesn't sell out before I get in to do my shopping.

Some of the Clover Leaf boys heard that Erny Ohleen is quite a bowler. Well they have a few iron horses to bet that H. Newline can take Erny to the cleaners in a three game series. Boy, let's hear from some of Ohleen's backers and have a big game.

Talking about bowling, old Uncle Mike Lavery, or better known as old "89", is quite a bowler; his average is just one point below that of the Old Soldiers home.

Here is quite a coincidence: Warry Olson and Ralph Ewald both became proud fathers on the same day, both got boys and both weighed about the same.

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Laborers' Union Withdraws \$500 Corcoran Reward

The last regular membership meeting of the Construction and General Laborers' Union Local 563 voted to withdraw the reward of five hundred dollars which was posted one year ago for the capture and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Pat Corcoran.

William Williams, local secretary, notified the Organizer of the action taken by his organization.

The Teamsters Joint Council again thanks Local 563 for the fine spirit shown by their reward offer.

544 Moves Into Second Place

Nick Wagner came down to watch his team bowl and they sure went to town—Local 544 blanked the Gold Bubbles to move into second place. The General Drivers also won the weekly prize put up by the Bubble boys.

Local 221 took the odd game from the Soft Drinks. R. Hedin had a 552. The Meat Drivers took a pair from Local 289. Gillespie rolled 523, and F. Stanley had 541. Liberty Cab took two from Minkins. Richardson had 563 and 7. Bandy, 539.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig
On the third Thursday of this month, December 15th, our Ways and Means committee will discuss certain regulations on seniority which were proposed in a resolution by Art Karlen on the floor at the monthly meeting. Due to the short and varied nature of work in many lines of industry covered by our setup, our greatest protection on the job lies in our union security and in the closest possible cooperation with our sectional organization in Local 544. All of you who are interested are invited to attend this meeting and help us along with your opinions.

All members who signed up for the MHSA insurance at the last meeting should see Gene for their policies or call GR. 4217. Our secretary has no money for mailing these to you. Your insurance went into effect December first. All those who have signed up since then will not be covered until January.

Nominations for our officers on the Ways and Means will be made at the January meeting. . . . Last week we were treated to what we might call a review of "five-ton fireworks" . . . Does the park board operate a grapevine? . . . or did some of our men who delight in jumping the gun with an inside fix, spill the beans in their haste to be first up? . . . Anyway they did us a favor: never have we had such quick action. . . . And for dumb, why didn't we think of this in 1937 when all of us did plenty of time on the curbstone?

Why is it nothing is heard from those men who are the subjects of those stories of \$500 months and \$3,000 seasons on the jobs they held this year? Look for a banner year in 1939 for the ITO. Hard work makes smart management and that is what does it. If you love yourself, your first thought should point out to you that your best bet lies in pitching in with the rest of us and push ahead together.

Rotation is the order of the day at the WPA barracks. The sixty high boys on the cashier's list have their choice of vacations first. January will see the next group take their places.

Plenty of excitement out on location with Lud Swanson's outfit every time his driver on that high green Ford plays at "bull in the china shop." The only way the boss can get rid of him is to shut down the shovel until he goes away. His latest mis-delivery (Art's first) was a black topping on somebody's paved alley out south.

Ed Toochey collected his election bets finally from Quick and Gene, but thinks he is still on the short end. The next time he asks for his own brand he is going to put his bets in writing. . . . We connected with 54 on the postoffice this year. Not many of our trucks were taken because no dump bodies were passed.

Paul Buckley has a 1933 4 cyl. Ford truck for sale. \$225. Coal box, chutes, forks, shovel and all. Hy. 6228. 1400 25th Avenue north.

Wholesale Drug Pact Presented

A new working agreement has been submitted to the wholesale drug industry by Local 544. The present pact covering the Wholesale Drug Section of 544 expires on December 21st, 1938. It is expected that negotiations will be under way before the week is over.

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