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FIVE CENTS

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

There may be a truck strike in New York City after all. Last Sunday Local 807 met and accepted Mayor La Guardia's peace proposal—the old contract with the overtime clause adjusted, and one week's vacation with pay. On Monday both employer groups—the Merchant Truckmen's Association and the Master Truckers of America turned down the proposal. On Wednesday of this week there will be a final get-together of all the interested persons in Washington, D. C. Mayor La Guardia has called the meeting and is expected to lay down some pretty harsh demands on the union to avert a strike.

The consensus of opinion, however, is that all the drivers will strike unless the employers make some concessions. There is a possibility that the Highway Transport Association will agree to the mayor's terms, as two weeks ago this organization addressed a letter to the union asking that the expiring contract be renewed for two years.

New York's other big strike—the two-week-old fight called by the Painters and Decorators Council 9 against the Master Painters Association—is now in the hands of the State Board of Mediation. Conferences continue but so does the deadlock.

The American Federation of Radio Artists contract negotiations with the three big broadcasting systems were broken off here Tuesday. A strike call has been issued and the 10,500 artists in the AFRA will meet this week in Chicago New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles to vote a strike.

Union demands include pay raises of \$12 for a 15 minute broadcast, \$15 for 30 minutes and \$18 for hour programs. Rehearsal pay of \$6 for the first hour and \$3 for each additional hour is also asked.

This is trade union convention time. The membership of the Teamsters International Union, as reported by President Tobin in the Washington, D. C., meetings is very encouraging. The Drivers are now the biggest international union in the country. For the past few years it has been one of the most progressive.

The New York State Federation of Labor met in convention very recently at Niagara Falls. From reports of delegates it was a genuine red-baiting affair, without any real work done.

The New York Superintendent of Schools, speaking before the teachers' assembly last week before school began, asked the teachers to "teach Americanism above all else this year." He also said that high school courses would have to be made more practical and "less with an eye toward the student going to college" than was formerly the case. The youth are now in demand for war industry—the youth who are not yet unionized, who thrill at the idea of a job, any kind of a job just so there is some money at the end of the week. The bosses are practically ordering them from the schools by job lots. They want to be able to train their young bodies and minds to the speed-up before they get any other kind of training—unionization, for instance.

Stassen's Plan to End Foundry Strike Is a Real Phoney

Strike Leaders Predict Union Will Overwhelmingly Reject Unfair Proposal—Plan Would Actually Worsen Former Conditions—Daily Press Distorts Proposal—Company Thugs Attack Pickets—Financial Aid Flows to Strike Fund

The bosses' plan for settling the seven-week Minneapolis foundry strike is a phoney and doesn't come within miles of meeting the strikers' demands, the broad Strike Committee of 34 announced Wednesday morning. Leading members of the Strike Committee unhesitatingly predicted that the plan, advanced by Governor Stassen, would be overwhelmingly rejected by strikers at a special meeting Wednesday evening.

The daily press has completely distorted terms of the Stassen proposal for settling the dispute, strikers pointed out. Among the distortions are:

1. The proposal for an additional 2½c hourly for night shifts is a phoney, because all categories of workers are exempted.
2. The proposal for an additional 2c increase for every three-point advance in the cost of living is equally unacceptable, because under the proposal wages would be cut if the cost of living dropped.
3. Restricting molding to journeymen and apprentices would only affect about 50% of the molding. In certain shops the molding is done by machines, which isn't mentioned in the proposal. The union is vitally interested in this aspect of the work.

Stassen Fronts for Bosses
The entire Strike Committee of 34 met twice with Governor Stassen during the past week to discuss a strike settlement. At both meetings, Stassen talked to the strikers exactly as an interested employer. Strike Committee members believe that Stassen himself helped the bosses draw up the phony settlement proposal.

The Stassen proposal is so unfair that in some instances it actually takes away from the union conditions enjoyed under the recently expired pact, Strike Committee members charge.

Foundry employers still refuse to meet union negotiators face to face; instead they deal through Stassen and his labor conciliator.

Thugs Attack Pickets
Company thugs made a cowardly attack on unarmed union pickets. (Continued on page 2)

664 Adopts Change in Master Policy

At its general membership meeting Friday, September 6th, the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 adopted the recommendation of the executive board regarding the master policy governing insurance of union members.

The recommendation adopted follows:
"The master policy now carried with the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company be amended to provide that members who have been dropped from the union for non-payment of dues and whose insurance policy has been cancelled shall be, upon reinstatement to the union by the full payment of all dues, fines, and assessments, be provided with the insurance without physical examination but shall be subject to a waiting period of 90 days before being eligible for benefits. New members shall also be subject to a waiting period of 90 days before being eligible for benefits."

The attention of all Local 664 members is called to this important change. Previously, when members became delinquent in their dues and thereby had their insurance cancelled, it required a complete physical examination to produce evidence of insurability before the insurance could be reinstated, even though the member had reinstated himself in the union.

More Union FBI Victims Imprisoned

Three more Mid-west Drivers Union officials were placed in federal penitentiaries last week as the result of the FBI frame-up against International Brotherhood of Teamsters locals in the famous Sioux City bakery strike case.

Francis Quinn, organizer for the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90, was taken to the federal prison at Sandstone, Minnesota, last Wednesday. Quinn will join Jack Maloney, member of Local 544 and organizer for the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383, who is serving a two-year sentence. Like all the other union victims, Quinn was an active and effective union organizer, having been instrumental for much of the progress in organizing over-road drivers in recent years.

Fouts, Johnson to Leavenworth
Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson, organizers of the Sioux City Drivers Union, were taken to Leavenworth last week. Lou Miller, vice-president of the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 544, is already there serving his two-year sentence on the same framed-up charge. The disposition of the cases of Shorty Stultz and Carpenter, other Local 544 members, is not yet known.

Dutch Mill Uses Non-Union Help at Low Pay

The Dutch Mill Dairy corporation is employing non-union help at very low wages, an unfair act towards the Milk Drivers Union and every union household in this city. The Jaspersen Dairy is also unfair to Local 41. Housewives are asked to aid in protecting union wage standards in Minneapolis by patronizing only union dairies.

Tobin Makes Report to Convention

By A. M. Ogren
Washington, D. C.—Well, here we are in convention in the capitol of the U. S. A. A beautiful city, this, with many interesting buildings and points of interest. Washington has a population of about 700,000 and has, they tell me, 7,000 cabs. There's one every time you turn around. All busy, too. It has an average of one convention each day throughout the year. Three kinds of police to worry about here too.

The first day of the convention opened at 10 o'clock this morning (Monday). In the usual way of affairs of this kind, a soprano soloist sang the Star Spangled Banner and also God Save the King. Then the invocation by the Right Reverend James E. Freeman. Several other speakers were presented, after which opening chairman Robert C. Lester turned the meeting over to Daniel C. Tobin, president of the International.

President Tobin is a marvelous speaker, a trifle slow but very impressive. He announced that the membership was close to the 500,000 mark, having gained 135,000 members since the last convention. The International is the largest group in the AFL. Upwards of 1,500 delegates were on hand, he reported, to carry on the business of this, the 14th convention. Only about 700 were on hand at the 1935 convention in Portland, Oregon.

Since 1935 the average wage of the membership has been increased \$4.22 weekly, which brings \$104 million more purchasing power yearly. The weekly hours have been cut from 60 to 48. "By the next convention we hope to have obtained the 40-hour week," said Tobin.

The union's efforts have won a reduction of 13,000,000 days of labor, thus creating jobs for many drivers.

On Eve of State Federation Convention

Teamsters Council Calls for Repeal Of Slave Labor Law

471 Membership Meets Sept. 17

The next regular membership meeting of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 will be held at 7 p. m., Tuesday, September 17th. Delegates to the IBT convention in Washington will report back to the membership at this important meeting.

State Federation Convention Opens Monday at St. Paul—Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary of State Body—Minneapolis Central Labor Union Will Fight for Repeal of Hated Stassen Slave Labor Act—Minneapolis Delegates Asked to Register Saturday and Sunday

Unions in Minneapolis and throughout the state prepared this week to send full quotas of delegates to the annual convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor to be held in St. Paul beginning 10 a. m. next Monday, September 16th. The convention will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the state body.

WPA Strikers Welcomed Home by Friends at Dance

Several hundred members and friends of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, did honor to the WPA defendants Saturday evening at a "Welcome Home" dance held at Drivers Hall. Promise of the FWS, which sponsored the dance, that the affair would be the most important workers' social event of the year, was amply borne out. Tiny Thompson and his orchestra furnished the music and pleased everyone with their fine selections of old-time and modern music.

No Change in Bemis Strike

The CIO Textile Workers Union continued to maintain its 24-hour picket line around the struck Bemis Bag company, as the strike enters its fourth week. Negotiations are being held intermittently, but there is little change in the situation. The strike has the united backing of organized labor.

During intermission, Walter Frank, business agent of the Lathers Union, and chairman of the CLU-FWS joint strike committee which directed the famous WPA strike of last summer, acted as master of ceremonies, speaking briefly in honor of the defendants and introducing them to the huge throng.

Geldman Main Speaker

Max Geldman, organization secretary of the FWS, recently released from Sandstone federal prison for his part in the strike, declared that the government jailed him and the other strikers because they had become a thorn in the side of the bosses by their struggle to secure a decent living standard for WPA workers and relief clients. He said that his experience at Sandstone was really in the nature of a vacation whereby he secured renewed energy to carry on the fight for justice for the unemployed.

Other Prisoners Affected

He said that the incarceration of the WPA prisoners was an object lesson even to those jailed for other offenses against the boss system, many learning for the first time the real role of the government as the repressive instrument of the bosses against the workers. George Murk, business agent of the Musicians' Association, and chairman of the CLU Defense committee, which organized the legal defense of the strikers, stated that the Minneapolis labor movement is proud of its defense work, having battled the plans of the bosses all the way, even fighting to free the prisoners after they were imprisoned. He declared his satisfaction that the defendants are now free, and congratulated the Minneapolis labor movement in again having the sterling services of these men and women at its disposal.

Palmquist, Wachter Speak

Ed Palmquist, chairman of the FWS, and Leslie Wachter, both recently released from Sandstone, also spoke, evincing their pleasure at being free to resume their places by the sides of their fellow workers in the labor movement.

After the speaking program the huge gathering stood in silent tribute to the memory of Emil Bergstrom, who sacrificed his life in the strike, victim of the cruel and bestial cops.

After the dance the WPA defendants and their wives were guests at a reception in the basement of the Drivers Hall.

The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council No. 32 has sent in to the resolutions committee a resolution calling upon the State Federation to demand outright repeal of the anti-labor Stassen State Labor Relations Law.

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union has also instructed its delegates to stand for repeal of the hated Slave Labor Law.

Discussion on this question is expected to highlight the convention.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has been invited to address the convention.

Headquarters of the state executive council of the Federation will be in the Hotel St. Paul for the duration of the convention. All Minneapolis delegates are requested to register at the Hotel St. Paul this Saturday afternoon or Sunday prior to the convention.

Labor Law Has Weakened Unions
The full text of the Teamsters Joint Council resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the 1938 Republican state government which succeeded the former Farmer-Labor administration enacted into law an act known as the State Labor Relations Law; and

WHEREAS, this law was enacted by a reactionary anti-labor legislature over the objections of the organized labor movement and of the progressive farmers of this state; and

WHEREAS, the State Labor Relations Law was dictated by Governor Stassen at the behest of the national open shop employers' organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Labor Law has only operated to the detriment of the union movement and has served to weaken labor in its negotiations and efforts for union wages and conditions; and

WHEREAS, any effort to merely amend this oppressive law would only furnish the reaction an opportunity to make the law even more unjust and oppressive, to the still greater detriment of organized labor; now

WHEREAS, we proclaim that the only answer organized labor can give is to demand outright repeal, and that we call upon the State Federation of Labor and all other sections of the state labor movement to demand the outright repeal of the Stassen State Labor Relations Law.

Attention! All 221 and 544 Coal Men

A special joint meeting of members of Local 221 and of the Coal Section of Local 544 will be held Monday, September 23rd, 8 p. m., in the third-floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue North. This meeting will consider the new working agreement.

Signed: Executive Boards
Local 544, Local 221

U-235

An Editorial

The infinite possibilities of U-235, the amazing new uranium substance, have caught the public's imagination as has no other modern discovery. Cashing in on the universal interest and curiosity in this discovery, last week's Saturday Evening Post published an exceedingly interesting article on U-235.

The name U-235 is derived from the fact this uranium substance is 235 times heavier than hydrogen, lightest of the 92 elements that go to make up our world.

U-235 was first discovered by two German scientists, Meitner and Harn. Miss Meitner was expelled from Germany in January, 1939, because of her Jewish ancestry. Several American scientists, including Dr. Alfred Nier of the University of Minnesota, are seeking to develop the full power of U-235. Indeed, today there is a race between the scientific laboratories of Germany and the United States to see which can first devise methods to make possible the extraction of U-235 in practical quantities. The winner of this race will have at HIS disposal the most powerful fuel ever dreamed of.

The race, of course, is not motivated by an interest in mankind. The race is between the ruling classes of Germany and the United States. "Fortunately," says the Post article, "some of our leading industrialists and public-utility leaders are already taking a keen interest in the matter (of developing U-235)."

Could Change History
U-235 offers almost fabulous power. If developed and placed at the interests of mankind, it can change the course of man's bloody and tortured history. One pound of U-235 is the equivalent of 5,000,000 pounds of coal or 3,000,000 pounds of gasoline. One pound of U-235 has the explosive power of 15,000 tons of TNT.

"A five-pound lump of 10 to 50 per cent purity would be sufficient to drive ocean liners and submarines back and forth across the seven seas without refueling for months. And the technique that would be required for its utilization would be even more simple than the burning of coal or oil. . . . Just as coal needs a fire to release its energy, the U-235 would need only water. All that would be needed to start it would be to place it in water. The water would be turned into steam and the steam would run powerful turbines. When all the water had been used up, the process would automatically stop, until more water was supplied to start it again. A constant supply of cold water, well regulated, would keep

the process going on for months, or even years, depending upon the quantity of the U-235 present."

"Tremendous as the release of atomic energy from U-235 is, it must be realized that it constitutes only a very small fraction, less than one-tenth of 1 per cent, of the total power contained in the U-235 atom if its mass could be completely utilized as energy. . . . If all the mass of one pound of U-235 could be converted into energy it would yield the equivalent in power of 5,875,000,000 pounds of coal. Stated in other terms, one pound of U-235 contains a total energy of 10,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity. . . ."

The Fate of This Discovery

We live in a world in which mutual cooperation of all men for the progress of all mankind is impossible. The senseless national barriers, and the division of men into classes within each nation, precludes cooperation either on a national or international plane.

The class divisions within each nation are brought about by the private ownership of the means of production, with its consequent division of the population into exploiters and exploited, employers and employees, masters and slaves.

The further development of U-235 will be held within the confines of nationalism and private gain. It is instructive to note that the dozens of writers who have contemplated the future of U-235 can think only of its MILITARY advantages—it might furnish Hitler with a tremendous new explosive, or it might furnish Hitler with a new fuel—or these advantages might accrue to the United States.

RARELY, IN ANY ARTICLE, HAS ANY WRITER CONTEMPLATED THAT U-235 MIGHT PLAY A ROLE IN LIGHTENING THE LIFE OF ALL MANKIND, IN ACHIEVING THAT GOAL OF MODERN RESEARCH: CHEAP POWER.

Every writer, without exception, takes it for granted that if and when U-235 is developed, it will fall into the hands of private promoters to be exploited for private profit, or even perhaps to be suppressed in the vested interests of the coal operators and public utility corporations.

Indeed, capitalism would be thoroughly in role if it developed U-235 and then hid the plans in some corporation safe and withheld this potentially immense boon from the people.

It would not be the first nor the hundredth time that a wonderful new invention or scientific discovery has been suppressed to protect the investments

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Iowa Woodworkers Prepare for Action When Bosses Stall

Burlington, Iowa—Meeting in separate groups Saturday, September 7th, employees of the Northwestern Cabinet company and the Dahlin Bros. & Davis Manufacturing company set up negotiating committees and strike committees as the union prepared for resolute action to win the men's demands.

Following unsatisfactory meetings Friday between representatives of the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodworkers and the employers, determined employees packed the Saturday meetings.

At the Dahlin-Davis meeting at 10 a. m. the workers set up a negotiating committee of five members and a strike committee of five. A steward was also designated to collect dues and initiation fees.

In the afternoon employees of the Northwestern Cabinet company met and took similar action. A negotiating committee of ten and a strike committee of five were established, and two stewards elected.

Burlington woodworking employers are trying to challenge the union's claim to represent the majority of the men.

Union Prepares for Showdown
The union plans to settle accounts first with the Dahlin-Davis firm. Unless that company places a counter-proposal to the men's demands in the hands of the union before this weekend, the company will be given an opportunity in the very near future to see that the union represents the men. Because the men will all be outside the plant on the picket line!

The Dahlin-Davis management received rather a rude awakening a few days ago when it called its workers in and asked them about their union affiliation. An overwhelming majority of the 37 employees answered in this vein: "Yes, I believe in unionism, I'm a member of the union and I want a union agreement. So what?"

Will Meet Friday
A special meeting of the Dahlin-Davis workers has been called for this Friday evening, where full reports will be presented on negotiations and plans completed to win the reasonable demands of the men.

In the past month, hundreds of Burlington woodworkers have received hourly wage increases ranging from 2 1/2c to 5c—a rather crude play against the union.

"If we can get a nickel raise just by looking like we were going to organize, think what we can get when we have a strong union," is the typical reaction of most recipients of the bosses' "generosity."

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

It seems that we are "one up" on Detroit, Michigan, home of most cars and trucks. On all of their close-in routes, they are still using single horses and the old drop-bottom wagon. Possibly the car manufacturers have fallen down on salesmanship in their own back yard. Milk sells at a flat price of 11 cents a quart with no discount of any kind, in the city of Detroit.

Our next regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, at which time the delegates to the International Convention will be ready to make a detailed report on what took place at the convention. Since the International Convention is held but once every five years, there are naturally many different matters that come before this body at that time; therefore, the report given on the happenings at the convention should be of great interest to all members of Local 471.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:
To thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated.
Mrs. Thomas O'Hare and the O'Hare Family

Card of Thanks

To General Drivers Union, Local 544:
Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.
John Shugren and Family

What saves a man is to take a step. Then another step. — ANTOINE DE SAINT EXUPERY.

Proposal to Foundrymen Is a Phoney

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ets last Tuesday, September 3rd, around 4 p. m. The attack occurred outside the Paul Pufhal & Sons foundry, 33rd and Talmadge S. E.

The two thugs, Emil Schallow, 3755 Fremont avenue North (a former Chaska constable) and Roy Gennrich, 916 Hatch street, St. Paul, suddenly descended on a picket car and attacked pickets with beer bottles and iron bars. After the attack, the thugs fled into the plant. Herman Hayes, one of the pickets, was severely beaten.

The boss press has sought to distort what occurred by making it appear the pickets were the attackers. The truth is that the thugs were the aggressors.

Pickets recognized the flanks, and union leaders immediately swore out warrants for assault and battery. The trial is slated to be held this Friday at 2:30 p. m. in the court in Rosehill Township in Ramsey county. Ralph Helstein will represent the union. Attorney Pratt, identified with the St. Paul Associated Industries, will appear for the flanks.

Support Rallies to Strike
The tougher the foundry bosses become in the strike, the more support is thrown to the Machinists Union Local 1139 which is conducting the struggle. This week every CIO local in Minneapolis has pledged one hour's wages weekly to the strike fund. Hundreds of dollars will flow regularly into the strike fund. Ever since the second week of the strike, workers at the Crown and the C. W. Olson ornamental iron companies have donated \$1 each to the strike.

Many AFL unions have also responded to the strikers' appeal for financial aid. If the bosses have the idea they can starve out this strike, they are due for a rude shock. The demands of the strikers are moderate and just and organized labor means to see that the demands are won.

Former 471 Man Opens Skelly Station

Clifford Shanks, former member of the Milk Drivers Union, has opened a Skelly gas station at the corner of Minnehaha and East Franklin where he will be glad to service cars of trade unionists. The station is organized by the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 97.

Our sympathy and condolences go to Otto Oberfeld of utilization who lost his mother, and to Mike Becky, also of utilization, whose sister passed away.

Sports Dept. I am informed that the bowling league is off as no alleys could be scheduled. It seems that Howie Bjork of the shop who had his high hand one and that night crawler wrinkle of his working last weekend when he pitched the Anglesey Cafe team to a win can't get his cap on now, you know "did you ever see a dream walking" type.

HAPPINESS DEPT.: Ken Faye, Lyle Guise, Louis Graton, Russ Swanson and Don Cartwrights are all smiling and there is a reason, thanks to Bill O'Donnell, and they are all from the meter reading department.

We are glad to report that Oscar Hall, who has been home sick for two weeks, is now back to work in the meter repair.

Frank Nelson of meter repair classes himself as a No. 1 fisherman, claiming he catches the limit of sunfish, all over one pound, at Wayzata right along. The gang hasn't seen any yet and suggest that he put up or—up.

Wonder what the answer is to this one? Bill Cowan of meter repair comes to work every Monday bandaged up. Can it be that same swinging door week after week or has the other utility turned off the glimp?

Attention Road and Bridge committees: Russell McAvoy of utility is on the loose with his new Olds, and has found that the roads and bridges don't stretch, but is in favor of rubber expanders on all bridges. Drive carefully and live but not alone.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: I wonder how many would like to turn the clock back three and a half years and swap the benefits in wages and working conditions for that little sum of a buck and a quarter a month?

GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

By this time the smoke of the primary election will have cleared, and now the battle of the general election will get under way to determine whether we are to maintain the gains that have been made in the past seven years, or whether we are to be led into a realm of elect those who have made it possible for us to achieve the success sweet Republican promises. Let us all take it upon ourselves to help and comfort us now enjoy. Look at the records and then support all candidates who are supporters of the organized labor movement and its program.

John Pollak of the works is happy to return to work after being off with injuries for about six months, and were glad to see him back.

Robert Smith and Lewis Burnett of the street department have resigned to return to school and to coaching duties respectfully.

Things keep humming in utilization with more new men as follows being hired: Mack Hunt, Earl Hochstetler, Norman Olson, Lewis Nash, Jack Robinette, Paul Frank, Frank Montbrand and Joseph Kozacz. We also have Bob Melcher returning from a leave of absence.

Armin Sommer, cadet engineer, has been transferred from the works to the street department and Richard Campbell is a new permit man in the street.

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Mrs. Hook, wife of Roy of the main office janitors, filled in for Mrs. Overbeck while the Overbecks were enjoying their vacation.

Collections must be good. Emanuel Dick, one of the collectors, is building a new home out on 68th and Humboldt S.

THINGS THAT REALLY HAPPEN? CONGRATULATIONS DEPT.: It's a girl for Kermit and Mrs. Faye of the meter reading department and mother and papa are both doing well. And your roving reporter received a cigar on this one. C'mon, you new "dads," kick in.

The Thos. Cosgroves can sing "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier" now that they are the proud parents of a Labor Day boy, which should give junior the right start for a good union man. We understand that Mike Cosgrove is mighty proud of his first grandchild and now rates the title of grandpa. The boys on the third floor were wondering why Bill Olsen didn't get to the last meeting. Well, it seems as if Bill was doing a little floor walking down at the hospital hoping for a boy, which it was and now they have a girl and boy. Congratulations to you, Mrs.

Bob Minton of the street has gone back to Indiana, Evansville, in fact, to visit with his old school pals and go over old memories. Sig Bergquist of the street must

Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

- Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
- Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

On this, the last day of my vacation, I've come to the conclusion that I've worked harder trying to enjoy it than I do ordinarily on the job. Betcha life, my vacation won't include Fair Week next year!

Brothers Horner, Barck, Nylander and Carlson are on vacation at present. By the way, has anybody seen Brother Joe Knight? Saw Brother Clarence Samuelson at last meeting and he's looking good. Says he's feeling better all the time, too.

Brother Andrew Wallik is back on the job. Says he feels a little shaky at times. That's only to be expected after a spell of double pneumonia, Andy, so be thankful you aren't pushing up daisies and in the meantime, don't dero.

Brothers Erling, Gust and Chris Bredeson were much surprised a couple weeks ago when an elder brother whom they had not seen in 42 years paid them an unheralded visit. He is a ship captain, sailing from Norwegian ports, who can spill a mean yarn and lots of them, too.

I saw in Saturday's Star-Journal Alderman Burgum's slap at the chiselers who have moved outside the city limits to avoid paying taxes. These people still send their kids to Minneapolis high schools without paying one cent to the city, to help defray their share toward the education of their children. The average cost per child in our schools last year was \$103. There are about 1,100 such pupils who come from outside the city. According to my kind of arithmetic, this amounts to \$113,300, which is a tidy sum in any man's language. How long are the taxpayers going to stand for it?

How would you guys like to get your lunch-hooks on the amount of dough that Stinky Stassen has spent on transportation and hotel bills during his recent travels over the country in behalf of Willie and his mob? I'll bet he goes through my annual salary every couple of weeks. And don't forget that he's the lad who, in the name of government economy, cut everybody's wages except the Republicans' and fired the rest of the state employees.

Take notice: All members of Local 664 and their wives. Your insurance will be dropped, except in very extenuating circumstances, if you become delinquent in your dues. Not only that—it will be three months after reinstatement to good standing before you will

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Local 289 Leads Union Bowlers

Monday night the Bakery Drivers started out right where they left off last year. The wood was new but didn't make any difference to them. They took three games from Local 359. Hy Hawkinson led with 601. H. Taylor had 591. They also had a game 1,021. Perry's Market, a new team, took a double from Local 958, also a new outfit. A. Chapman has 527 for Local 544 but they lost the odd game to Whirlpool Bar which was Soft Drinks last year. Meat Drivers took the odd game from Kenzie's. D. Curran led for Kenzie's with a 580.

Union bowlers invite everyone to come down on Monday nights and give their favorite team some support. Minneapolis Recreation is the place, the time is 8:45 p. m.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Otto Krenke is back on the treadmill after an extended sick leave.

Attend your next regular union meeting; we will hear reports from our delegates to the national and state conventions of the A. F. of L.

Run of the week: Julius Cesare of the B. & W. Cab company had a trip in his taxi clear down to the state of Iowa.

Now that the primaries are over, put some effort into finding the right man to vote for. The Northwest Organizer will show you who are fair to labor.

George Reed is spending his vacation by favoring St. Paul and Anoka with a visit and renewing friendships at Dusenka, Fla.

Charlie B. spotted a St. Paul taxi, Plymouth No. 120, yellow body, silver top and fenders.

Don't forget that Local 958 has been eligible to again obtain the insurance. This action was taken at last meeting and is effective immediately.

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Our Local 958 bowling team is decked out in new shirts and will soon be piling up the "strikes." Spend an evening watching this popular sport and we think you will want a fling at it too.

What happened to the boo-ya parties this fall?
W. Crandall and Marty "The Fox" are hanging around ambulances to contact an able student of Blackstone to help them collect for "breach of contract." They were deprived of their annual part in the roller derby which stymied their chances for glory, prizes, a few bumps and the usual cash for entering to which they have been accustomed. We want to see justice done even if the rumor is true that all the roller skates extant are too small for them.

The Liberty Blue and White drivers have speeded up their phone service at the Curtis. We note the drivers can take a "hot light" on the run without getting out of their cabs.

Shortest run: Chet Anderson after eating at his favorite restaurant came back to his supposedly empty cab to find a "stew" stumbling out of it protecting between hicups that he'd settle for cash, right now, rather than ride that way again.

Caught Cruising: The first night Sydney M. went "on the wagon" his dog bit him. . . The reason E. K. is fanning his pockets, he quit smoking. . . Believe it or not, Floyd "Landlord" Anger got \$26.65 on the clock trying to find a lug a boarding house.

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977 Finally Loses But Fans are Proud Of Oiler Players

Three thousand fans, the largest crowd to witness a park game this season, saw the hitherto undefeated Local 977 Oilers bow out of the city baseball race Sunday before the more experienced Anglesey Cafe nine. The Angleseys packed too many bats for the Filling Station Attendants, and except for a typical Oiler rally in the seventh inning, the winners maintained a comfortable lead throughout. The final score was 10 to 4. In the seventh inning a triple by Kelly Roth highlighted a three-run rally which pulled the Oilers almost even to the Cafes; but the latter garnered five runs in the next two innings to win handily.

Nash Finch Caught with Rates Down

The labor-hating Nash-Finch wholesale grocery company received a new jolt Friday when it was permanently enjoined from continuing to violate the Wages and Hour law, and was ordered by the government to pay approximately \$25,000 in back pay due 750 employees.

The principal violation involved non-payment for overtime worked by resorting to manipulation of wage rates. In order to get around observing the law, the Nash-Finch company had made phony contracts with its workers setting up fictitious rates of pay. Caught with the goods by the Fair Labor Standards Act administration, Harold Finch, company president, stated the firm "was anxious to get into compliance with the Wage and Hour Law and to rectify any errors made in the past."

The Nash-Finch company has persistently refused to sign a union agreement with its workers in Ottumwa, organized in the Drivers Union. Nash-Finch operates 58 branches in ten North Central states, being one of the largest wholesale grocery firms in the country.

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Gassing With 977

The progress of Local 977 during the summer months was given in detailed reports to the membership at the first meeting of the fall season last Monday evening. Bro. James McCarthy (Clark Service, 2217 Lyndale Ave. S.) won the door prize of a month's dues.

The Lessee section of the Local will hold its regular general membership meeting next Wednesday night, September 18th, at the Union Headquarters.

There have been so many requests for the establishment of a Hospitalization group, that a committee is again being set up to make a survey of the membership to find out if there are 25 fellows to start the group. With that number, we will be permitted to charter a group under the Group Health Mutual. The cost of hospitalization is 60c per month and 75c for dependents. Call the office of the Local, Ge. 4691, and give us your name and address if you want to take out hospitalization.

President Sturdevant and Organizer Eidsvold will be in St. Paul next week as the official delegates to the Minnesota State Federation of Labor; among the speakers at the convention, will be President William F. Green, American Federation of Labor.

A long distance call from Secretary-Treasurer Larry Davidson in Washington, D. C., where he is attending the International Convention of Teamsters, was received this week. Larry sent his greetings to the membership and said the attendance at this convention is the largest in history. He attended a meeting of all gas retailers on Tuesday evening in an attempt to work out an area program which will benefit all workers in the industry throughout the country.

A report of the finances of the baseball team and their splendid playing throughout the season, was given before the membership meeting last Monday by Bro. Carroll Melloy. We all feel proud of our team and the way they came through their division undefeated; the team will receive a trophy for winning the championship of their division, and each player will receive a medal. Melloy reports that there will be a team next year, and if plans work out, they will play both Saturdays and Sundays.

Bro. Jerry Rivet (Pure Oil, 3601 Lyndale Ave. S.), is in St. Barnabas hospital with an infected foot; the report is that he will be out within a few days.

There will be no executive board meeting Monday evening, September 16, as many officers are attending labor conventions. The next board meeting will be held Monday evening, September 23.

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Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

Natchery, there will be no cracks about Dick Hornig in this column; natchery! And, of course, now would be as good a time as any to hop onto Mr. Zander. But it is no fun giving him the heat when he is not around, so we'll let it pass.

After a summer's layoff on this business it feels good to be taking a whack at it again, but the joints are a little rusty.

The Independents really put on a three-ring circus every first Thursday evening of the month. It reaches a new high in entertainment and shows the boys just one more reason why they should keep in good standing. Free shows do not come very often these days.

Only objection the boys have is that too many of the principals have been in the acts for years and are getting a little stale with their stuff. Let's have some new men with a fresh bag of tricks.

Those boys operating on that \$1.85-95 scale don't have to work full time to make our pension checks look like pocket money.

We have heard of jobs and rumors of jobs in the making but most of the summer has slipped by and it seems that too many of us have made very little. Truly things are in a bad way. There HAS BEEN much criticism tossed around, some of it just, most of it way beyond the point, but very little getting down to earth for a systematic approach to our problem of continuous employment.

The newest shovel owner around town is Earl Doty. Strom is reported to have a new General. Westerlahl's University avenue job of roadside development all went on contract haul. S. J. Peterson's twelve miles of graveling on highway 18 called for five ITO trucks besides his own fleet. Craig's plant mix black top job on the Belt Line will be contract hauled.

The park board died. The city has been buried. The county boys say it is a mighty sick deal now. The Belt Line is reported to be in its death agony. . . What is this, anyway, a column for the national undertakers' weekly?

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Bowling for the ITO is out for this year. Unless one of you can scare up an alley for a four team league. Jim gave away our reservation to another league when he found out we could have only four teams. Those of you who might want to bowl can get in touch with Ralph M. or me not later than Sunday. Jim has a couple openings on Wednesday night and room for a team on Tuesday.

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1859 in Box, Wicker Work Negotiations

The Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 is engaged in negotiations with the city's three box companies—Glazer, Flour City, and Cooperative—looking towards a new working agreement to replace the present pact which expires September 21st.

The union is also negotiating with the American Wicker Workers. Present pact here expires September 13th.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You
By Richard B. Gilmore

Attention! American Excelsior Workers! Because of the shifts now working it has not been possible to have a meeting of all the workers at this plant. Therefore, a special meeting for this section will be held Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 a. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. This is important. Be there.

Executive Board, Local 1859
John Janosco, Organizer

Brother Arvid Fern, who was at first thought to have been only slightly injured in an auto accident near Hamel, was more severely injured than he thought. Arvid was unable to report for work all last week.

Brother Charles Bunting became a blushing bridegroom August 31, Saturday, when he was united in marriage to Miss Lorraine Sillampa. This gives the Brothers Edward and Roy Sillampa at the Clark plant a new brother-in-law. Congratulations and best wishes from Local 1859 to Mr. and Mrs. Bunting. Brother Fred Bunting, father of the groom, in a special statement to the press, sez, "Hyva onni!"

Editor's note: This is Finnish for "Good luck."

The well-known and popular Brother Wally Fern motored to Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, August 24, where he was united in the bonds of holy matrimony. Congratulations from Local 1859 to Mr. and Mrs. Fern.

Correction on Mahr-Bufton news. The report on Brother Kennelly, who has been absent from work, was an error. It should have read: Sister Ann Kennelly is now back to work and, by the way, Ann, your fellow workers really missed you.

Notice to all 1859 Credit Union members: The loan committee meets every Friday from 7 to 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. This is the only time and place that you can get a loan.

We are sorry to announce that Brothers Russ and Vern Johnson lost their father who passed away late last week. Interment was last Saturday, September 7. Local 1859 offers its deepest sympathies.

Brother Mike Nelson sez: "Don't bite the hand that is feeding you." Mike was out strolling in Loring park last Sunday, sort of taking his morning's morning and looking for Adam Lazonga and stuff like that and to while dull care away he bought a sack of peanuts at the whistle wagon by the entrance. He sat down on a bench in the leafy shade and a squirrel came up and sat down by his side. Mike offered the squirrel a peanut and the squirrel bit Mike's finger. So help me, that is how come Mike had his finger wrapped up last Monday morning when he came to work. Brother Nelson should not go out alone any more for the squirrels are after big stuff this year.

At the union election of officers last Wednesday, September 4, all of the old officers were returned to office with the exception of one. Brother Brad Morrison was elected to fill the unexpired term of Brother Pete Worthingham.

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New York Solicitor General Flays Old Parties for Stand On Persecution of Unions

By Henry Epstein, Solicitor General of New York (Reprinted from AFL Trade Union Courier)

Before the Sherman Act became the Thurman Act, the facile pen of Professor of Law Thurman Arnold described that failure of the law among other incidents of the mythology and folklore of capitalism. In no uncertain terms he has attributed the failure to jail a single wealthy officer or director of a large corporate defendant found guilty, to the "respectability" which the Act gave to large corporations. Since they were given legal respectability by the Act you couldn't send respectable people to jail. Thus 50 years of statute law has done little to remove the basic abuse.

Labor, however, never having been the intended aim or victim of the original Sherman Act, never attained such "respectability" as was acquired by the large corporations. Not being thus sanctified with statutory respectability, the perversion of the Act in the form of the Thurman Act

Big Business Sees Draft as Step to Fascism

What America's 60 Families really think of the Burke-Wadsworth bill is indicated in a circular issued by the Wall Street brokerage house of Shields & Co. This circular was not meant for the eyes of the working class, and is extremely interesting.

"While most of the legislators in Washington voting for conscription are doing so as a measure of defense, those who were most instrumental in writing the bill admit that a large standing army is a prime requisite for a dictator. They also admit that it is but a short step from conscription of soldiers to drafting of industry and labor. They stress that even should the war end suddenly the need of a large conscript army would not be lessened, for subsequent hard times would bring unrest that would have to be controlled."

Old Parties Snub Labor
The AFL adopted a program which was presented to both major political parties. On that program was a positive resolution on the abuses resulting from the distorted application of the Sherman Act. Both Democratic and Republican national platforms have snubbed you on this vital issue. Were this 1932 or 1936 you know they would not have dared do so. Today they feel no need for listening to labor's united voice. What are you going to do about it?

I trust you will continue the fight in which labor cannot afford to relax—to attain the goal of free union activity.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
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U-235

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of some corporation. Good cheap fuels, economical motors by the score, are today so suppressed.

Rulers Can't Organize Peace and Plenty

Historians of the future will unquestionably look back with great curiosity on the period through which mankind is now passing: the period of the death agony of capitalism which unlooses war after war on humanity, which is incapable of organizing the life of peace and plenty for all mankind that is now within our grasp. Future historians will wonder that the world's workers took so long in grasping the idea that if humanity is to continue its forward march, control of the world's affairs must be wrested by the workers from the governments and corporations whose abject failure to lead the peoples is marked by the bleaching bones of tens of millions of people in all the continents.

The world's workers today constitute the vanguard of humanity not so much because they have the capacity to see further and clearer than other classes. No, the working class is the vanguard because capitalism has made the workers the largest class, because capitalism has been forced to arm them and because the pressure of capitalism has organized the workers and given them the possibility of using their power to take control of society.

Tortured by yet another World War, the workers are sooner or later going to revolt against playing the role of cannon fodder in a meaningless struggle between rival slaveholders.

Then you will see the workers hammer down the silly barriers between nations, you will see the workers abolish private property in the means of production, and really organize and liberate the world's productive capacities.

Then discoveries like U-235 can indeed be utilized for the good of ALL people.

Cheap power!

In ancient days the alchemists sought the means to transmute baser metals into gold.

Today we are wiser. Humanity has progressed to some degree. (To be sure, the United States has most of the world's gold, hidden in a cement basement down at Fort Knox—and the nation is not a whit the richer.)

Today's scientists are on the trail of cheap power. The goal is now in sight, with the development of U-235.

Readers, brothers and sisters, think what a sane society would do in such a situation. Would it not set aside all the necessary funds and apparatus and scientific personnel to conquer the secret of U-235 and make it available for ALL the people?

Then what a change could be wrought.

Then we could call out to the coal miners: "Come up, brothers, come up out of the murky bowels of the earth, come up into the sunlight and live like men. We've got a cheaper, a better source of power, now, and we can produce an abundance of all good things for ALL the people."

We could use U-235, and the other splendid inventions that today lie idle in the files of the great corporations, to eliminate or greatly reduce the grinding toil and filthy forms of work that now exist. We could use U-235 to help liberate the housewife from her present monotonous and backbreaking labor.

Were the workers to organize and run the world, poverty would quickly be banished. Where there is no poverty, where there exist no property barriers and state barriers between people, where everyone has an abundance of all good things, there you will need no cops, no judges, no jails and penitentiaries, there you will need no armies, no navies, no battleships, no bombers or flame-throwers, no poisonous gas laboratories, no kings or Congressmen or lying politicians.

Between that future beautiful society and us lies the brutal reality of today, capitalism in its death throes, bringing hideous death and destruction and poverty and starvation to mankind.

The gravedigger of this unworthy society will be the workers—of Minneapolis, of the United States, of the Western hemisphere, of the world.

Carstater Hearing On September 23

The state board of education, which has been so reticent about divulging its reasons for ousting Eugene V. Carstater, state vocational director and unionist, finally became extremely voluble at its meeting last Thursday morning.

The Stenaites on the board divulged not one but five reasons for removing Carstater, each one a lie. Misfeasance, malfeasance, insubordination, falsifying his civil service record, playing politics with his job—that is the bill of charges presented by the state board of education.

It is one thing for the reactionary board of education to make these charges. It is another thing to prove them.

Public Hearing Asked

The very next day Mr. Carstater and his union, the Minnesota State, County and Municipal Employees Union Local No. 10, filed request with the state civil service commission for a hearing on the charges.

On Monday the state civil service commission met. Officials of Local 10 represented Mr. Carstater and requested that the public hearing be set as soon as possible. The commission agreed to hold the hearing on Monday, September 23.

Union to Consider Legal Aid

Local 10's executive board is scheduled to meet this coming Saturday, when it will consider developments of the Carstater case and furnishing legal aid for presentation of the case before the civil service body.

If Governor Stassen and his anti-labor machine thought the trade union movement of this state would take the Carstater ouster lying down, these enemies of organized labor are due for a heavy shock.

The civil service hearing is expected to uncover the whole revolting conspiracy against Carstater and the matter of trade union control over the national defense training program.

Carstater's successor, the strike-breaker Harry Schmid, is seeking to establish a state program to train men and women for national defense work.

The undersigned firms, partnerships and corporations, hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 544, A. F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

- The Employer shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation. All employees covered by this agreement must be members in good standing in the Union.
- The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.
- The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.
- The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.
- The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in this agreement.
- Penalty for Chiseling
- In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or deliberately violates any of the provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority rights, wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time and overtime rates; if ordered as provided under Paragraph 7.
- In the event the Employer makes individual agreements with any employees in regard to wages and hours of work of which wages are less and hours are more than what the contract provides, the Union will have the right to remove all such employees and replace them with men furnished by the Union, and, also, to collect the difference between wages received and the wage scale provided by the contract and enforce the double penalty clause as provided in Paragraph 6.
- Any controversy arising over the interpretation of and/or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the Union and the Employer. In the event that such controversy cannot be settled, it may be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the Employer. In the event that these four (4) fail to reach an agreement within five (5) days, a fifth neutral member shall be selected by a majority vote of the first four (4). The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.
- The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strikes or lockouts without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.
- The Employer shall not request or instruct an employee to go through a picket line of a striking Union. However, the Union agrees that in the event the Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union, the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.
- The term "Individual Truck Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motor cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four wheel trailer, taxicab horse-drawn vehicle, or any kind of other vehicle used for transportation purposes.
- Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials, and general working conditions for Individual Truck Owners shall be as follows: Who says women don't pay and pay? *

... the last word

By B. G.

To prove that equality reigns supreme in the United States of America, the daily press reports that Barbara Hutton must register her fingerprints with the federal government and report to the bureau of immigration whenever she travels about the country—because she is not a citizen. The same article also reports that Babs made a present of \$20,000 to the American ambulance corps of Great Britain for the addition of 10 ambulances to its fleet. The 20,000 bucks is just a drop in the bucket compared to the millions Babs inherited from her father's 5-and-10-cent store fortune, so it's an easy way of staying in the good graces of the United States government. Most other "aliens" have all they can do to keep their jobs and pay their rent. Aside from that, they're all equal to the Countess Hauwitz-Reventlow—Babs to you. *

Christmas toys for 1940, already being produced in American factories, include miniature submarines, tank traps and air defense games and gas mask equipment for the "educational" toys. Children should learn very young about the horrors of war. It's just a game they'll have to play some day, anyway—unless we do something about it now. *

Silk stockings are the most necessary, most expensive and yet the most perishable of women's wearing apparel. The following advice is designed to save wear and tear on 'em: Be careful of sharp fingernails, jewelry, calloused skin when you put on or take off a stocking. Roll the stocking before you put it on, then slip it over the foot and gently draw it over the calf. Wash stockings as soon as possible after each wearing; use a mild soap and lukewarm, soft water. Press or squeeze out suds and rinsing water—never rub or scrub. Roll in a soft towel to absorb moisture, then hang over a line rather than fasten with clothes pins. Don't hang in hot sun or near hot radiators. Best place is a warm room with circulating heater. Never iron silk hosiery. *

These are the things you must do to make your stockings wear just a little longer—until some of the big industrialists let loose on a few of those patents for making hosiery that won't wear

Excavating Contract Brings Gains to 544

Local 544 recently signed a new two-year working agreement with the city's 28 companies engaged in excavating work. The contract includes provisions for the preferential shop, one week's vacation with pay starting next June, a war clause, etc.

Below is the full text of the new agreement. All workers affected are urged to save this contract:

- The Employer shall not arbitrarily charge employees for any loss or damage. The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged negligence resulting in excessive loss or damage. The Union will make immediate investigation of charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.
- Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds the premium on same shall be paid by the Employer.
- The Employer agrees to cooperate in securing prompt payment of injury compensation claims by the compensation insurance carriers as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.
- Seniority Rights shall prevail in all matters relating to employment. A list of the employees arranged in the order of their seniority standing shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the job.
- Any controversy over the seniority standing of an employee on this list shall be referred to the Union for settlement.
- The senior employees shall have first preference on the job, provided however that the present assignment of the employees in the various classifications of work shall not be disturbed in any manner other than that set forth below:
 - When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification, the employee having the longest seniority shall be called for first. If there are more than one employees in that classification, the one with the longest seniority shall be called for first. Any employee who has been employed more than 200 hours and less than 416 hours shall be granted one vacation day for which he will receive eight (8) hours' pay for his classification of work. Any employee who has been employed more than 416 hours and less than 832 hours shall be granted two (2) vacation days for which he will receive sixteen (16) hours' pay for his classification of work. Any employee who has been employed more than 832 hours and less than 1,248 hours shall be granted three (3) vacation days for which he will receive twenty-four (24) hours' pay for his classification of work. Any employee who has been employed more than 1,248 hours and less than 1,664 hours shall be granted four (4) vacation days for which he will receive thirty-two (32) hours' pay for his classification of work. Any employee who has been employed more than 1,664 hours and less than 2,080 hours shall be granted five (5) vacation days for which he will receive forty (40) hours' pay for his classification of work. Any employee who has been employed more than 2,080 hours shall be granted six (6) vacation days for which he will receive forty-eight (48) hours' pay for his classification of work. The vacation days so accumulated in a contract year starting June 1, 1941, and ending May 31, 1942, shall be given the employee in the next succeeding contract year. Accumulated vacation days shall be granted to run concurrently and vacation pay shall be paid in advance. Senior employees shall be given first preference.
 - Employees shall not suffer any loss in their seniority standing by reason of their enlistment or induction into any branch of the Military or Naval Service of the U.S.A. in event of an official declaration of war by the United States of America.
 - The term "driver" shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motor cycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service by foot, on bicycle or by similar methods.
 - All employees shall be paid in full each week.
 - The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications on all private work:
 - Truck Drivers75c per hour
 - Teamsters75c per hour
 - Dumpster and similar equipment85c per hour
 - Blade Operator90c per hour
 - Dump Trucks 2 1/2 Tons or more\$2.50 per hour
 - Blade Operator, less than 12 ft.75c per hour
 - Dumpmen85c per hour
 - No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer.
 - The Employer shall pay the exchange rate charged for cashing out of town checks.
 - In the event that the maximum work week is reduced by

Seeger Workers Pull the Pin In St. Paul

Getting exactly nowhere in its negotiations with the labor-hating Seeger Refrigerator company, the AFL Refrigerator Workers Union Local 20453, a federal local, walked out on strike Wednesday morning, following an overwhelming strike vote Tuesday night.

The union is asking an 8c hourly increase for all classifications and a union agreement. The company proposes a 3c increase in the base rate for piece workers, but also wants the right to readjust all piecework rates at will; that is, the company wants the privilege of cutting wages whenever it thirsts for higher profits.

The men said nix to this and showed up Wednesday morning on the picket line.

Laundry Workers To Stage Benefit For Joe Winorsky

Due to an auto accident some time ago, Joe Winorsky, member of the Minneapolis Laundry Workers Union Local 183, lost his left leg, and has no funds to purchase an artificial limb. His union will stage a benefit dance Thursday evening, September 26th, at the Margold ballroom to raise enough money to help this unfortunate brother.

Tickets are 25c each and may be obtained from union officials or from Mary Lewis, treasurer, Local 183, at 703 Third Avenue South. The benefit has been endorsed by the executive board of the Central Labor Union.

Recommended Reading for Unionists

(At the suggestion of several readers, the Northwest Organizer will recommend interesting and worthwhile books for union readers.)

- JACK LONDON AND HIS TIMES
- By Joan London
- Jack London's daughter, Joan, has recently written a great biography of her father, one of the best pioneer socialist writers of the United States. Jack London differed from the common run of socialist writers of his period in his militancy and prophetic insight into the future. But he harbored many of the illusions of the times, and his daughter brings this out clearly.
- Joan London's book is infinitely superior to Irving Stone's biography of Jack London which recently appeared in the Saturday Evening Post.
- Joan London sums up the good and bad points of her father and finds that Jack London did not write in vain. She shows how highly Eugene Debs, Bill Haywood, and others thought of "The Iron Heel" and "People of the Abyss."
- The best feature of this biography is the economic and political background drawn, and the effect of these forces on Jack London's life and writings. Get this book at the nearest public library or bookstore, read it and pass it on.
- This war will soon be followed by other wars, unless a series of successful revolutions takes place. The fable of "war to end war" is sheer, noxious myth.—LENIN, Nov., 1914.
- 4 yd. box without driver 1.05 per hour
5 yd. box without driver 1.20 per hour
THIS CONTRACT shall take effect from June 1, 1940 and be in full force and effect up to and including May 31, 1942.

- Independent Truck Owners
40. All work done by Independent Truck Owners to be on an hourly basis. There shall be no piece work.
41. Two separate checks shall be issued; one for driver time and one for truck time.
42. The Employer shall furnish each driver with time sheets at the end of each day.
43. Trucks to receive scale according to water level of box.
44. Wage Scale:
2 yd. box without driver75 per hour
3 yd. box without driver90 per hour

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<p>LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m.</p> <p>Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)</p> <p>Milk Drivers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.</p>	<p>LOCAL 131 Second Tuesday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.</p>	<p>LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month.</p> <p>Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays.</p> <p>Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 160 General Membership—Third Thursday.</p> <p>Seniority Board—Every Monday.</p> <p>Executive Board—Every Tuesday.</p> <p>Stewards—First Thursday.</p> <p>This schedule will be maintained from August to October.</p>	<p>LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month.</p> <p>Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 1859 Membership—September 4. Box Section—September 10. J. K. Clark Section—September 18.</p> <p>Stewards—September 9 and 23.</p> <p>Executive board—Every Friday night.</p> <p>Notice The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the third Thursday of each month) until further notice.</p>	<p>LOCAL 20481 Grain King—September 17, 4:15 p. m.</p> <p>Twin City Lumber—September 17, 4:45 p. m.</p> <p>Twin City District Council Hall, Hastings Section—September 17, 8 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL NO. 544 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Monday, September 2—Package Delivery; Department Store</p> <p>Wednesday, September 4—Sausage; Petroleum</p> <p>Thursday, September 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners</p> <p>Friday, September 6—Job Stewards</p> <p>Monday, September 9—General Membership</p> <p>Tuesday, September 10—Lumber; Raymond Bros., 9 p. m.</p> <p>Wednesday, September 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor</p> <p>Friday, September 13—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers</p> <p>Monday, September 16—Furniture Stores; Coal, Paper and Printing</p> <p>Thursday, September 19—Tent and Awning; Newspaper 10 a. m.; ITO Ways and Means</p> <p>Friday, September 20—Job Stewards</p> <p>Monday, September 23—Spring Water</p> <p>Tuesday, September 24—Building Material</p> <p>Wednesday, September 25—Sand and Gravel and Excavating</p> <p>Thursday, September 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug</p> <p>Friday, September 27—Cold Storage and Produce</p> <p>Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall 3</p> <p>Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local No. 544 office, first floor.</p> <p>The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor.</p> <p>All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.</p>
<p>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m.</p> <p>Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m.</p> <p>Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.</p>	<p>FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m.</p> <p>Stewards—First and third Wednesdays</p>	<p>LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.</p> <p>Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday.</p> <p>General Membership—Fourth Thursday.</p> <p>Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 8 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month.</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting on call.</p>	<p>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.</p>		