

GAS LOG
By Bob Fitzsimmons

THIS IS IMPORTANT: We sincerely hope that every one of you and your families will have the brightest and merriest of all Christmases and I have it on good authority from Santa himself that he is not going to forget anyone this year. So to make it short what more can I say but "MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE."

It looks like old man winter is really out to set up some records before winter officially sets in, in fact, as I sit here writing this I have only to look out and wonder if it is ever going to stop snowing. The meter readers sure need a good humor man and lots of that GOOD NEIGHBOR snow shoveling this winter and of course not working today (Monday) means we'll be "naking up" the week Saturday.

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BOWLING HEADLIGHTS
It has been suggested that your writer select an ALL-AMERICAN team but life is too short for that, but I will give you the "ALL GAS LEAGUE FIVE" each week as determined by the total pins credited to the five highest in the league for that week. This week's all star five, Gibo 569, LeRoy Johnson 562, Kraft 535, Fahner 515, and Brandon 508. "Hermetal Flue Liners" won three from "Bryant Gas Heat." "Home Appliance" won two from "Murray Red Feather Cafe" while "Lee's Broiler" won two from "Minneapolis Gas Heat," and "Collis Electric" also took two games.

Jack Brennan, meter reader who was operated on about a year ago this time, has entered Swedish hospital for an X-ray check-up, and George Tripp of meter repair is confined at home with a bad cold, and of course Ray Garrison is out at the Vets hospital. Now here is a special wish to all members of the union, that all our members who are hospitalized or home sick realize that we are all thinking of them and pulling for their speedy recovery, and for their families may the continued improvement of their dear ones allow us all to say to them, may yours be a special kind of Merry Christmas.

Family Xmas Party At the Unity House
A family Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 20th, 7:30 p. m., at the Unity House, 250 17th Avenue North. The entire family may attend if any member of the family has a membership. Children should be accompanied by their parents.

Yankee Imperialism Is Forum Topic
"The Past of American Imperialism" will be the topic at the Sunday Forum this Sunday, December 22nd, at 919 Marquette Avenue. Speaker will be Dorothy Schultz. This is the first of a series of two lectures on Yankee imperialism. Admission is 10c.

Womens' Co-op Guild Will Meet Friday
The South Minneapolis Women's Cooperative Guild will hold its regular meeting Friday, December 20th, 1:30 p. m., at the Morris hall, 3002 27th Avenue S. A Christmas party will be held, with Archie Erickson entertaining.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"
By N. E. Carle KE. 4232

May I take this opportunity just to say "hello" to everyone and to reaffirm my thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you for your kind expressions, visits, cards, letters and financial assistance rendered me and my family during my confinement. Also, for the grand welcome received at the last meeting. It is with deep pride and satisfaction to know and to have such loyal friends.

News Items Wanted
You will note a telephone number listed at the top of this column. It will head each column from now on. Please feel free to call this number most any reasonable hour, day or evening, regarding any news at your respective plants. Let's make this column the newsiest one in the Organizer.

Penalties Rescinded
A huge attendance was on hand at the last regular meeting. Anticipated action was taken regarding penalties imposed at the previous regular meeting. All penalties were rescinded for non-attendance the week of the storm. Those having paid may step up to the counter and get your buck back or you can apply it on your next month's dues. Penalties were lifted for the meeting of the week of the snow storm ONLY.

6. Claire's waistline having taken on a slight bulge.
7. Inside workers with a renewed and better than ever contract.
8. Ross Plauda now wielding a whip (route foreman).
9. Artistic Cleaners' General Offices, St. Paul, Minnesota.
10. New blood in the "Royal Sanctum" in the form of Orville Hegdahl.
11. Al Johnson and Don Blanche with a few new gray (white) hairs on their nogginns.
12. Larry Dahl sitting in the "family man's" section at the meeting.
13. Marty Withrow conspicuous by his absence (131 today and Local 30 tomorrow).
14. Red Bachman on the plump side.
15. Pat Fource teaching his son the "business."
16. Schultz getting places with the aid of his trusty cane.
17. Hutchins making the "northern" route.

With the Limousines
By Home James

As we sit here in this lovely spot and take in the scenery, of course you understand I am on the job and waiting as usual. I want you to cut this bit of poetry out of the paper and pin it on the wall, some place where you can see it all the time, even if it is in the garage or the basement. Here goes:

Which Are You?
Are you an active member—
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meeting
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home and
"Critique and knock?"
Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard
about,
And we'll appreciate if you, too,
Will come and help us out.
So come to meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.
Think this over, member.
You know the right from wrong.
Are you an active member,

Or do you "just belong"?
"One for all and all for one!"

Well, we attended a banquet that anybody would be proud to attend. It was the 25th Anniversary of the Teamsters' Joint Council and Dave Beck, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, gave a talk on organized labor. We will say, after listening to Brother Beck, you can't help but know that organized labor is the one and only salvation for the working man. The Executive Board of Local 912 was well represented.

Don't forget the Christmas Party, the Teamsters' Joint Council is giving at the Armory for the kiddies. Be sure to bring all the kids. It's Monday, December 23, 1:30 p. m.

At the special entertainment meeting Tuesday, January 21, the General Tire company will show its special safety film. Both the facts and actual operation of this picture were approved under special sanction of the Automobile Association of America. The picture is in sound and we are sure that all of the members will want to be present at the meeting and entertainment afterwards. F. W. Kalton is the sales representative who is arranging the meeting for the General Tire company.

Oil Trucking Threatened By Railroads

Railroad interests in Minnesota have recently initiated a legislative proposal which, if adopted, would strike a severe blow at the transport of oil in trucks, and hence at the livelihood of oil truck drivers.

According to Local 977, the railroads seek to pass a state law which would limit the capacity of oil trucks to 2,000 gallons. The present legal capacity is 4,000 gallons, which is a lighter load than a pay-load of freight. This is not the first, nor the hundredth time that the railroads have sought to bolster their position—brought about by watered stock and antiquated equipment—at the expense of other forms of transportation.

Rex Bar to Stage Xmas Eve Party

The Rex Bar, corner of Washington and Plymouth, invites all its friends to be on hand Christmas Eve for one of Rex special parties. Attractive prizes will be available.

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We are glad to report that Harry Anderson of meter installation, who was off work for a few days with the stomach flu, is able to be back at work again. Frank Kessel reports that you ice fishermen are doing alright and that several boys are enjoying those fresh fish dinners quite regular.

Ken Smith, street steward, says the street department boys would appreciate some chains for the trucks for Christmas. If any of you boys get sick you are asked to cooperate by notifying the company as soon as possible, but in any event you are entitled to ten days' sick leave with loss of first day, in any one year.

Christmas Party at the Armory!
December 23, 1:30 p. m.
Hey, Kids! Remind Mom or Pop to take you down to the larger than ever Christmas Party. There will be a fine program with plenty of candy, nuts and presents for each boy and girl. Let's add to the youngsters' happiness and enjoyment by having them all there.

Noticeable Changes Since Last Writing:

1. A number of new faces at the meeting.
2. Emerson's bare upper lip.
3. "Union Consciousness" by a majority in place of a minority.
4. Bill Donahue "trucking" again.
5. \$15 a week sick benefits, increased dues (a sound investment).

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THOUGHT FOR NEXT WEEK:
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