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On the National Picket Line

Members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 and their wives are getting out their dancing shoes for the union's annual Spring Ball...

Milk Drivers Spring Ball Next Tuesday

The Spring Ball is open only to members of Local 471 and their wives. Members may secure tickets either from their stewards or at the union office.

Carstater Takes Case To Court

Once again the Stassenites on the state board of education are being haled into court, this time to show cause why they should not be held in contempt for failing to reinstate Eugene Carstater and to pay him the wages due him.

471 Mourns Death of Lester Wold

Brother Lester Wold, member 471 employed at the Lincoln Milk of the Milk Drivers Union Local company, died April 11th.

Strike Pending at Clark Oil Stations

Men Meet Tuesday Night, Ratify Final Union Proposal—Vote to Take Strike Action if Not Accepted Within One Week — Clark Workers Ask 48-Hour Work Week, Closed Shop, Gains in Vacations and Wages—Negotiations Have Dragged for Two Months

Employees of the Super Service Oil company (Clark oil stations) met Tuesday evening in Local 977's hall and voted to take strike action within one week unless the company accedes to their demands.

Bakery Drivers Free To Strike on May 3rd

Thursday morning a final meeting is scheduled between representatives of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Bakery Drivers Unions, the state conciliator and bakery owners of the Twin Cities, 9 a. m. in the Schubert building, St. Paul.

Hotel Strike Effective in Mason City

Mason City, Iowa.—Since March 16th the majority of hotel and restaurant workers in this city have been on strike for the modest demand of a weekly wage of ten dollars.

Correction! Over-road Men Meet April 20

Due to an oversight, the regular meeting for over-road drivers was scheduled for April 13, which fell on Easter Sunday.

Excess Profits Law Quietly Amended To Give Big Business Higher Profits

Hardly any of us ever has any excess income, so the Excess Profits Tax does not seem to have any meaning for us. This is an illusion, however. The Excess Profits Tax, a tax on the huge profits of the great corporations of America, has this meaning for all of us—

Labor Candidate In 10th Ward



A strong campaign to elect Robert F. "Bob" Fitzsimmons, alderman of the Tenth Ward was launched this week by his neighbors and friends in the union movement.

Boyle to Join NSP Negotiations

Mike Boyle, representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will be in Minneapolis late this week to sit in with the joint union negotiating committee now bargaining with the Northern States Power company.

\$19,193 Back Wages Won by IBT Locals

Back wages totaling \$19,193.99 have been won by the Chicago Drivers Union Local 710 and the Detroit Drivers Union Local 299 for a group of 200 employees of the American Carloading corporation.

Chicago Conference Airs Program for Highway Council

Representatives of drivers' unions from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming and Washington will attend a conference to be held in Billings, Montana, April 18-19, to further the organization drive against the anti-union Nash-Finch wholesale grocery chain.

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State League of Credit Unions to Meet May 16-17

The Minnesota League of Credit Unions will hold its 12th annual meeting at the Nicollet hotel on May 16-17. Saturday evening a banquet of about 1,000 will be held.

Gillespie Named Secretary of IBT

John M. Gillespie has been named secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to succeed the late Thomas L. Hughes.

This Is the LABOR SLATE

- Here are the candidates endorsed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union for the coming municipal campaign. These men are pledged to support the labor platform drawn up and approved by organized labor.

300 Union Delegates from Over-Road Drivers Unions Hear Dave Beck Speak on Need for Permanent Mid-West Highway Drivers Council—General Secretary Gillespie Praises Ground-work Done by Farrell Dobbs—Union Area Committee Will Draw Up Plans for New Council, Call New Meeting

About three hundred union delegates from over-road drivers' unions in the Eleven State Area, plus Texas, Oklahoma and Kentucky, attended the conference in Chicago last Wednesday, April 9th.

Head of School At Wisconsin 'U' Praises Paper

The following letter has been received from E. E. Schwartz, director of the School for Workers at the University of Wisconsin.

Police Chief Amendment On Ballot

The boss-backed move to place the police chief amendment on the ballot at the June 9th general election was passed last week by the city council.

Treasury Dept. To Sell War Bonds to Public

According to the weekly newspaper, LABOR, the U. S. Treasury Department on May 1st will launch a drive to sell \$2 billion of war savings bonds to the "little fellow."

Women's Co-op Guild

The South Minneapolis Women's Cooperative Guild will hold a meeting Friday afternoon, April 18, at 1:30 p. m. at Morris Hall, 3002 27th Ave. S.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

Ho, hum! I got a touch of spring fever, so it's hard to get going. Guess I'll lead off with a word of commiseration to Brother Mosseau who is having a heck of a time keeping his lawn spruced up...

Soviet-Japanese Pact at Forum

"Behind the Russian-Japanese Pact" is the title of a talk by Carlos Hudson to be given at the regular Sunday Forum at 3:30 p. m., April 20th. Admission is 10c...

Relax! Fear can ruin the best of us. We have nothing to fear. That propaganda we hear from the paid stooges is all eye wash, especially when it comes from members who accept the benefits of the union and rely on it for the protection...

To the Brothers of the Park Department: After carefully perusing the copy of the by-laws of the proposed "Association of Park Employees" I am of the opinion that it is merely the start of a "company union" fostered by the powers that be in the office of the commission...

Brother Al Mlynec and family spent the Easter weekend visiting in Wisconsin. Brother Charles Martin, noted collector of freak birds and animals, recently acquired a genuine Manx cat, black and bob-tailed. Charley has a fighting duck, name of Oscar, with whom he spars daily...

The 289 Blab

By "Sweet Roll"

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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.

Local Newspaper Carriers Tell of Their Grievances

Carriers' Jobs Seen Steadily Worsened in Recent Years—Too Many Meetings Take Children Away from School Work—Pressure of Companies on Carriers to Get New Subscriptions Is Intense

For decades one of the most scandalous examples of unfair labor relations on the part of the employer has been the relationships of the publishers of the boss papers to their youthful news carriers. The record of the Minneapolis Star-Journal and Minneapolis Tribune is probably neither better nor worse than the situation existing in most cities today.

Due to the present ferocious circulation war now being waged by the Minneapolis daily papers, a war which bears hardest on the news carriers, this whole problem is ripe for an airing.

Not even Henry Ford maintains a more unfair labor policy than do the Minneapolis newspapers in relation to their carriers. Adult newspaper employees, being well organized in unions, can protect themselves to some degree from the newspaper management. The carriers, being children and practically unorganized, can do little for themselves and must depend upon public opinion to protect themselves.

Child Labor The nation's newspapers have always been among the most bitter opponents of laws which would protect and curb child labor. This is because the papers together employ tens of thousands of children whom they exploit mercilessly.

For instance, there is a Minnesota law dealing with hours of employment of children under 16 (Section 4100) which reads as follows: "No person under the age of 16 years shall be employed, or suffered or permitted to work..."

Yet a copy of a carrier's contract with the Minnesota Tribune company reads (point three) that "The carrier agrees to make such distribution to such subscribers..."

Carrier's Job Steadily Worsened The writer of this article, in his youth, carried routes for all Minneapolis daily papers. Despite the usual unfair treatment at the hands of the management, it was possible twenty years ago for a Minneapolis newspaper carrier to build up a substantial route and make from \$30 to \$50 a month.

But "them days is gone forever." Today, in their greed for circulation, the papers put heavy pressure upon the carriers to bring in new subscribers. As soon as a route becomes substantial and the carrier begins to profit from his labors, the route is split up and he is right back where he started from.

A few years ago a survey of conditions among newspaper carriers was made by the Minneapolis Public Schools. It is fairly certain that conditions today are as bad or worse than they were then discovered to be.

Earn Less Than \$15 Month The average route on Paper 1 earned between \$14-\$15 monthly. On Paper 2 the average route earned between \$14-\$15 monthly. On Paper 3 the average route earned only between \$10-\$11 monthly.

Turnover Terrific Labor turnover among the children who work as carriers is terrific. On one paper the average boy carried his route for 3 months or less. On another paper, the average was 8 months; on another, 7 months.

Why the turnover is so great may be seen from the following. Some 377 carriers were asked the question "If you fail to get the required subscribers, what happens?"

On Paper 1 24 1/2% of the boys stated that they were given a chance and then fired. On Paper 2, 47% of the boys were given a chance and then fired; 14% were simply fired. On Paper 3, 40 1/2% of the boys were given a chance and then fired; 9% were simply fired.

Many Meetings A chief grievance of news carriers is the large number of meetings they are required to attend, some at their own expense. At Paper 1, 41% attend 2 meetings weekly, 28% attend 3 meetings weekly, and 13% attend 4 meetings weekly.

At Paper 2, 48 1/2% attend 3 meetings weekly and 18 1/2% attend 4 meetings weekly. At Paper 3, 49% of the children at-

Is Tobacco Auctioneer Kidding?

Have you ever listened to the tobacco auctioneer on that certain radio program and wondered what in blazes he was gibbering about? We have too.

So have the tobacco farmers, it seems. Just recently the Senate Committee on Agriculture heard the president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation complain that tobacco growers are being robbed by the big tobacco companies.

That is so strong and powerful that no farmer or association can deal with them." The president, J. F. Porter, told how tobacco marketing was made to order for buyers and was rigged against growers. He specifically referred to the unintelligible chant of tobacco auctioneers.

Congressman Beverly Vincent characterized tobacco auctions as a subterfuge for robbing farmers. While tobacco growers are not getting even a living wage for their labor, President George W. Hill of the American Tobacco company receives a yearly salary and bonus of \$500,000. His company made profits last year of \$28,311,782.

ON THE BOSS PRESS Journalism is buying white paper at two cents a pound and selling it at ten cents a pound.—CHARLES A. DANA.

Organized labor for the conduct of its affairs. Everything that is rotten and unfair in the history of labor exploitation has been practiced by the Minneapolis daily newspapers and the press of this nation.

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PEACH GRADUATION DRESS, worn twice, size 14. Red coat, size 14; green coat, size 10. Also 2-burner gas plate and victrola records, 15c dozen. Pa. 2324.

GIRL'S BICYCLE, blue, almost new. Cost \$289, will sell for only \$14. GR. 2868.

1938 FORD DUMP TRUCK, 8-ft. box, good shape. A. J. St. Martin, LO. 7218.

GIRL'S BICYCLE, excellent condition, \$10. Hy. 2529.

TWO BOY'S BICYCLES, Heat-rola, two evening dresses, one brand new, children's clothing to size 16. GL. 1617, 1609 7th St. S. E.

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Truck Rodeo Prize Money Rises to \$2,400 The White Motor company putting up \$1,200 to be divided among winners in the tractor-semi-trailer class in the National Truck Rodeo, and the American Trucking association putting up an equal amount, at least \$2,400 in prize money will be hanging on the line for champ drivers from 31 states to shoot at.

99% of Students At Illinois 'U' Vote Against War A recent campus poll at the University of Illinois conducted by the Graduate Guild among the 440 graduate students revealed that 99% of the students opposed sending troops abroad. About 35% believe all countries equally guilty of creating conditions leading to war; 40% blame England; 9% blame Germany solely. About 18% believe the Lease-Lend bill is a step toward dictatorship; 52% believe that Roosevelt will use the above bill to drag the country into war; 60% favor conscription for the protection of America only.

With the Limousines By Home James God gave man five senses—Touch, taste, sight, smell, and hearing—The successful man has two more, Horse and common.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471 By George Bergquist Thousands of families who need and want more milk than they can buy with limited incomes are the dairy industry's greatest opportunity for a wider market. O. E. Reed, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Dairy Industry, declared in his annual report sent to the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Reed pointed out that while the dairy industry can do very little to directly increase family incomes, it could accomplish somewhat the same result if all milk were produced with greater efficiency and the services thus affected were passed on to thousands of potential customers. The greatest need for efficiency and the place where the most improvement is possible is on the average dairy farm, according to Mr. Reed, who added that, "thousands of farmers need to breed better cows—higher producing cows—to reduce their costs of production." Development of a process for making syrup from sugar and skim milk was listed as a new food devised by the Bureau's experimental work last year. Once more we urge each and every member to attend our Local 471 dance next Tuesday at Marigold Ballroom. Let's attend, one and all to make the affair the finest get-together we have ever had. If you do not dance, come anyway, have a beer and play marbles. Our 471 girls have promised to be there en masse, bowlers likewise and the widely scattered Blacks.

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