

BUILD A LABOR TEMPLE - A UNION RADIO STATION

University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.

As from
this hour
You use your
power,
The World
must follow
You

THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

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

Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council
MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE: 257 PLYMOUTH AVENUE NORTH

VOL. 3, NO. 6

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1937

PRICE 5 CENTS

and ... ON THE
Other
Hand

... By the Cynic

"The paradox of relief and recovery at any rate is a challenge to the whole country. With 6,000,000 families receiving government aid in a year marked by many substantial evidences of recovery, it is high time we take the paradox apart and see what makes it tick."

—Editorial, Minneapolis Tribune.

Now let's see—in order to accumulate capital, the boss class must first exploit workers. Exploitation is unpaid labor power. Longer hours, speed-up systems, and labor-saving machinery simultaneously accelerate both the accumulation of profits and the unemployment of workers. Thus you have the paradox of want in the midst of plenty under the capitalist system. Only after the workers take over the tools of production under world-wide socialism will unemployment and war cease.

"Trouble at the Saginaw Chevrolet plant was termed a 'flare-up' by union spokesmen. The plant was moved to Saginaw recently from Toledo, Ohio, where labor trouble made operation difficult."

—Detroit

Here is one plant that actually did move out of town to get away from a union. But it appears that the union treed him just the same.

"Anglo-Jap Gold Interests Win Grant in China; area to be exploited with cheap labor."

—Peiping, China.

First the Japs stage a war to get the territory from China. Now with merry old England as her partner she intends to mop up by exploiting labor. But that is the kind of news that causes the capitalist mouth to water.

"We expect 30,000 WPA workers and their families will look elsewhere for support by July" said Leo Lyons, executive secretary of the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission. "If they find private employment, well and good."

—Chicago Tribune.

We can imagine just where these people will look for support and that is at the relief stations. Many of them are not aware that recovery is here. WPA workers are lax in reading newspaper reports on bank clearings.

Drivers Ball Team Loses to Jefferson

The General Drivers ball team continued its unbroken record by losing to the Jefferson Bus boys last Sunday, to the tune of 16 to 8. The winners got 14 hits to 10 for the 544 boys, but the hits were better bunched and the Jefferson team was able in three different innings to tally four runs. Horn, Nash and Joseph each rapped out two hits for the losers. The game was called in the eighth inning because of the six o'clock law.

When Athletic Director Nick Wagner was approached by the press and asked for a statement on the game he rocked back and forth on his heels, stared moodily out of the window and whistled an aria from "In Africana," but refused to talk.

There are no games scheduled next Sunday because of the Memorial day weekend. On June 6 the General Drivers team plays the 12th Ward club at Bottineau, at 2:30. On June 13, the Drivers clash with the Fitwell nine on Parade Six, at 2:30. The first round of the season's play will end on June 20, when the Drivers match the North Ends team at Bottineau at the usual time.

Bosses Lose at Star in One Hour

Eau Claire Drivers' Strike Solid at Gamble-Robinson

North Central Council Organizes Drivers in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Unions Advance

Eau Claire, Wis., May 26.—The strike of 17 employees of the Gamble-Robinson Company remained solid here today as employees of this concern throughout the district watched with keen interest the progress of the struggle. The strike was called last Saturday when the company refused to accede to the demands of the drivers, organized in the General Drivers Union. It is felt that the settlement effected in Eau Claire will have an important bearing on the future working conditions in all branches of the Gamble-Robinson wholesale fruit company throughout Minnesota and the surrounding territory. The Eau Claire workers understand their responsibility and are determined to stay out until their demands are met.

Fargo, North Dakota.—With sixteen towns in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin either organized or in the process of becoming organized, the North Central District Drivers Council continued its campaign during the week. On Tuesday night Farrell Dobbs, council representative, met with the drivers of Grand Forks, who have applied for a charter in the Teamsters International.

A city-wide organizational meeting was held Wednesday night, May 26, in Fargo under the auspices of the Fargo Trades and Labor Assembly. The meeting attracted hundreds of workers in various local industries, and demonstrated that the labor movement in this city is creating renewed interest among the workers.

St. Cloud, May 23.—Patrick Corcoran and Kelly Postal, representatives of the North Central District Drivers Council, met with drivers of the Gamble-Robinson firm from Willmar, Brainerd and this city on Sunday for the purpose of drawing up a set of demands which will be presented shortly to the company. In an enthusiastic meeting, complete understanding was reached between he drivers of these three cities.

St. Cloud, May 23.—Patrick Corcoran and Kelly Postal, representatives of the North Central District Drivers Council, met with drivers of the Gamble-Robinson firm from Willmar, Brainerd and this city on Sunday for the purpose of drawing up a set of demands which will be presented shortly to the company. In an enthusiastic meeting, complete understanding was reached between he drivers of these three cities.

St. Cloud, May 23.—Patrick Corcoran and Kelly Postal, representatives of the North Central District Drivers Council, met with drivers of the Gamble-Robinson firm from Willmar, Brainerd and this city on Sunday for the purpose of drawing up a set of demands which will be presented shortly to the company. In an enthusiastic meeting, complete understanding was reached between he drivers of these three cities.

St. Cloud, May 23.—Patrick Corcoran and Kelly Postal, representatives of the North Central District Drivers Council, met with drivers of the Gamble-Robinson firm from Willmar, Brainerd and this city on Sunday for the purpose of drawing up a set of demands which will be presented shortly to the company. In an enthusiastic meeting, complete understanding was reached between he drivers of these three cities.

As reported briefly in last week's issue, the Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 has signed a one-year contract covering about three hundred workers at the Janney Semple Hill Company. This marks the fourth large firm to be unionized by Local 20316 in the past two months, the other three being the B. F. Nelson Company, Buzza, and the Sears, Roebuck concern.

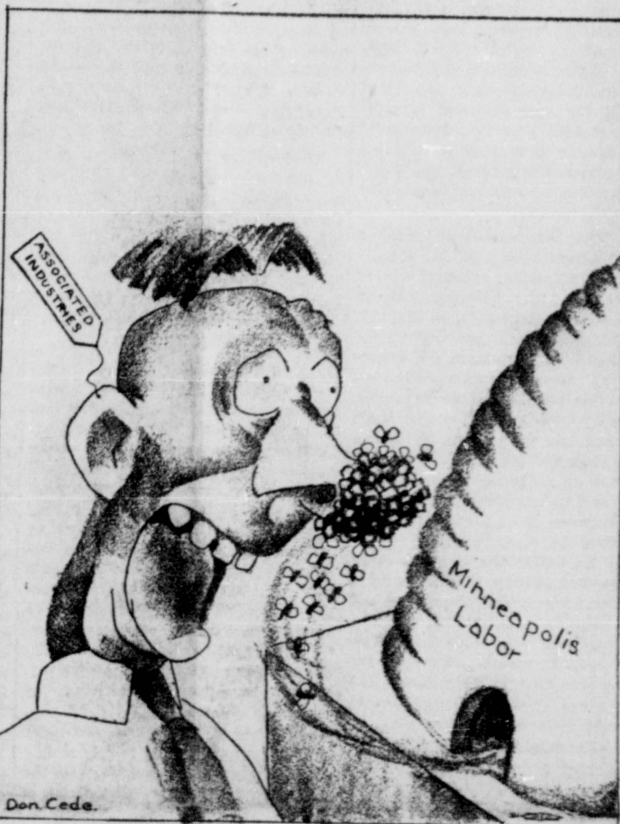
Below is reproduced the complete text of the contract, signed by Mr. Hill for the company, and James Bartlett for the union:

The undersigned employer, Janney Semple Hill & Company, doing business at Second and Marquette Avenues, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Warehouse & Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, A. F. of L., Minneapolis, Minnesota, mutually desiring to promote and maintain harmonious employment relations, do hereby agree to be bound by the provisions covering wages, hours and working conditions hereinafter set forth:

Article I
Janney Semple Hill & Company recognizes the Warehouse & Inside Workers Union Local 20316 as the bargaining agency for those of its

(Continued on page 4)

Bees on the Buzzer



Hennepin Bar Uses Local Press To Defeat F-L Endorsed Judges

Committee Recommends Reactionary Judges in "Bar Primary;" Secret Funds Used to Elect Candidates

The activities of the Hennepin County Bar Association in "polling" local lawyers, and the use made by the local press of this "poll" to defeat candidates for the office of judge who carry the endorsement of the Farmer-Labor and trade union movements, has aroused widespread interest in the character of the local Bar Association.

There are 1,173 Hennepin county lawyers who are entitled to vote at a "Bar Primary." Very few lawyers or judges know more than a third of these lawyers. The Hennepin County Bar Association has a judiciary committee of nine men. At the time this committee sent out the bar ballots to local lawyers, it recommended that Guilford, Anderson and Weeks be endorsed.

The political reasons behind this endorsement are clear. The inner managing clique of lawyers that prepared this "Bar Primary" wished to recommend against liberal candidates, and in behalf of a member of its own circle of the executive council, Mr. Weeks. To prevent it from becoming apparent immediately that such recommendation was in reality a discrimination against Farmer-Labor candidates and an attempt to elect one of its inner circle, the committee recommended in addition to Mr. Weeks, Judge Guilford and Judge Anderson (both of whom had received such a high vote at the primaries that their election seemed reasonably assured.)

The lawyers, of whom probably no candidate knew more than one-third to one-half, voted as follows: Guilford 705, Weeks 640, Anderson 640.

G-Men Investigate Harlan County; Union Wins NLRB Election; Coal Workers Strike

As an aftermath of the Civil Liberties Committee's investigation into the situation at Harlan County, Ky., the Department of Justice has ordered its G-men into the area. A complaint, lodged with Attorney General Cummings by John L. Lewis in the name of the United Mine Workers of America, and a request from Governor Chandler, was said by the Attorney General to "paint a sordid picture of terrorism and violence, and if the investigation discloses offenses under federal jurisdiction vigorous and prompt prosecution will follow."

The union charges the coal companies operating in the county have violated all the provisions of the Wagner Act, and that the LaFollette committee has ample evidence of murder, sluggings and all forms of terrorism against union members. The Attorney General also said that should all other evidence fail, a seldom-used "civil

rights" section of the criminal Federal code, providing for punishment of one year in jail, and \$1,000 fine to anyone depriving a citizen of his rights, can be used, should the G-men's investigation reveal violations of Federal law.

Despite the alleged presence of Republic Company's police, and a rumored threat that these police were in Alliquippa, Pa., for the express purpose of breaking up the NLRB election at the Jones-Laughlin Steel Co.'s plant, the election was held without mishap, and the union won by a vote of 17,412 to 7,204. Philip Murray, chairman of the Steel Workers Organization Committee, said that demands for exclusive bargaining rights would be served on the company at once. A part of the agreement which ended last week's 36-hour strike at the Pittsburgh and Alliquippa mills was that, should the union win

Strikes at Minneapolis Star, Super-X Effective in 1 Hour

Drivers Tie Up Firms Infringing on Seniority Rights of Workers; Office Employees Lend Support

With extremely short but effective strikes, the General Drivers Union Local 544 tied up two Minneapolis concerns during the past week. Both strikes were called for the same purpose: the employers were guilty of infringing upon the principles of seniority contained in the union working agreements.

On last Thursday morning, May 20, a driver with seniority rights was unceremoniously fired by the Minneapolis Star. At 1:30 p. m. a strike was declared against this publishing house. Picket lines were established, and for one hour the mail and city editions of the paper piled up inside the building, as the management ran around in circles. At 2:30 p. m. the company capitulated, the man was reinstated, and the strike was ended.

It is interesting to note that the employees of this concern, organized in the Office Workers, were preparing to declare a sympathetic strike if the company persisted in its refusal to take back the man whom it had unjustly discharged.

Almost the same performance was run off at the Super-X Package Delivery Company, 1718 Fourth Avenue South, on Saturday morning, when the oldest man on the seniority list was suddenly fired for alleged disloyalty. The management did not seem to understand that the union expected it to live up to the letter of its agreement with General Drivers Local 544. Union officials warned the Super-X it would be given thirty minutes to put the man back on the job. When this was done, the strike was declared off.

Contracts involving over five thousand men, in nine sections of the General Drivers Union, expire on June 1. New contracts have been drawn up by the union and will be presented to all employers involved.

BAKERY DRIVERS SIGN EXCELSIOR

One-Year Contract Gives Paid Vacations, Seniority, Overtime

Closed Shop in Thirty Days; Bakery Salesmen to Get \$32.50 Minimum

On Friday, May 21, the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 signed a contract with the Excelsior Baking Company, which covers about 60 workers. Pat Corcoran and Harry DeBoer represented the union in the negotiations. A minimum weekly wage of \$32.50 for bakery salesmen, shipping and receiving clerks, is established; other features of the contract are time and one-third for overtime, seniority, and one week's vacation with pay. The agreement stipulates that all employees must become members of the union within thirty days. The contract is retroactive to May 1, and will run for one year.

The complete text is as follows: This agreement made and entered into by and between The Excelsior Baking Company and the Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Wagon Drivers Union, Local 289.

Article I
It is agreed and understood that all driver salesmen coming under this agreement shall adhere to the following conditions: City drivers are not required to make their first stop before 8 a. m. and last men must be off the street before 5:30 p. m. except Saturdays and day before holidays when one hour additional will be granted.

Article II
Employer shall provide a satisfactory means of recording the starting time and the quitting time, the records of which shall be accessible to the Business Representative of the Union at all times. The Union shall

(Continued on page 4)

Aluminum Struck
As the result of a strike called by the Aluminum Workers Union on May 18, the fabrication mills of the Aluminum Company of America, at Alcoa, Tenn., were closed, and 3,000 men were idle. Picketing is being carried on in a peaceful manner, and the company has made no attempt to reopen the fabrication mills. The strike was called to establish a parity between the wages of the workers at the Alcoa mills, where the average wage is 45c an hour, and the company's wage scale of 63c an hour at their New Kensington, Pa., mills.

Outside of the Detroit area there are 60,000 Ford Company employees, working in nearly two-score branch

(Continued on page 2)

EXTRA!

Gas Union Signs Pact

In one of the most smashing union victories that has ever been recorded in this part of the country, Gas Workers Union, Local 20490 Thursday signed an agreement with the Minneapolis Gas Light Company after a week of negotiations. The signing of the pact marked the end of a 12 months' campaign to unionize the local public utility company. The contract, which was signed Thursday, provided a closed shop, seniority, union bargaining, vacations, sick leaves and other concessions along with wage increases which amount to 19 per cent. At a union membership meeting Wednesday night the local voted to accept the contract which had been agreed upon by the company Tuesday. Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, assisted the union in organizing and was one of the committee which negotiated the agreement with the Gas Light Company.

Workers at the Minneapolis Gas Light Company had been seriously building their union since the first of the year. With the signing of the contract, all Minneapolis public utilities are now unionized.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Shachtman Speaks On Trotsky June 8

Max Shachtman, well known to Minneapolis workers as a lecturer and writer, will come here from New York to speak upon the much-debated question of Leon Trotsky's indictment by the Russian government, and the recent Commission of Inquiry headed by the world-famous philosopher, John Dewey, the "truth seeker." The commission recently sat in Mexico, receiving testimony directly from Trotsky, exiled revolutionist. Other commissions are now taking testimony in France and Norway. An International Commission is soon to sit in New York to consider all testimony from both sides, for the purpose of deciding Trotsky's innocence or guilt.

The Minneapolis meeting will be held June 8, at 8 p. m., in the Pioneer Hall. Tickets are 15 cents. A banquet for Shachtman will be held the following evening in St. Paul. Both affairs are under the auspices of the Twin City Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky.

BOSS APPEALS COURT DECISION ON LUND UNION

(Continued from page 1)

that when the majority of the employees have elected their representatives for collective bargaining and a bargain is so made by them with the employer, the Wagner Act makes unlawful any course of conduct by the minority employees which tends to interfere with the agreement. . . . A reading of the Wagner Act impels the view that it was passed primarily to eliminate unfair labor practices on the part of the employer and to guarantee to the employees the right of self-organization and to secure the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing. . . . The motion to vacate and quash plaintiff's application and motion for temporary injunction is hereby granted.

Appeal for Funds

Because the issue in this case (whether or not an employer can form a paper company union, claim a signed contract, and ask the protection of the Wagner Act against other bona fide labor organizations) is so important to the general labor movement, the Woodenware Workers are appealing for funds to fight the appeal. All unions and sympathetic individuals are urged to mail funds to John Janasco, Business Agent, Local 1859, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis.

Shingle Contract Soon

Negotiations between Local 1859 and the Twin City Lumber and Shingle Company are still proceeding, and it is anticipated that a contract will be signed in the near future covering the 23 employees of this concern. Wage provisions will be retroactive to May 1.

Faribault Woodenware Workers will meet Friday night to install officers for the coming year. Workers in this town have just received a non-beneficial charter from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Negotiations with the Peterson Furniture Company in Faribault are nearing completion, and it is certain that the contract will grant a cut in hours of ten hours a week, with a slight wage increase.

Nice Going

The price on gasoline has been rising steady. Why? It is not because of the law of supply and demand. There is in fact such a large supply of crude oil obtainable that some wells in Texas are permitted to run only one minute and thirty seconds each day. This curtailment of production results in a dollar per barrel raise in the price of crude oil, thus giving the oil barons an extra one-half billion dollars profit from this section of Texas.

Goodbye Dump Truck

B. G. Ambrose made a surprise move last week. He is now punishing the cushions on a furniture delivery van. Another one of those that couldn't afford the luxury of owning his own truck.

Habitual Absentees

Two of those newly elected Ways and Means committee men are practically strangers. Where do they keep themselves?

Proves Piscatorial Prowess

Depend on Gene Lundholm to have his faithful camera prepared to take pictures of the big fish that didn't get away. But we have all heard of faked photography, and besides he is now showing some that look suspiciously like those he had last year.

Loring - Florist

1 West 15th St. BR. 2345
100% UNION

Remember to Stop at

NICK'S CAFE
1501 South Sixth Street
CHOICE LIQUORS
Where Good Friends Meet. . .

Samar
"FLORSHEIM & RACINE"
Union Made Shoes
Factory Shoe Repairing
2330 Central Est. 1924

ESTAB. 1857
Our service is available to all regardless of financial condition.
Donald R. McReavy
Complete Funeral Services
as low as \$110.00
WASHBURN-MCREAVY
MORTUARY
412 Central Ave. BR. 3421

Bill Brown Says—

Some employers are still dumb enough to think it is a matter of indifference to the General Drivers Union whether or not the bosses live up to their contract with the Union. The pair of quick ones last week ought to convince interested parties as to our attitude on this question. I always suffer from 1934-its around this time of year, anyway.



BILL BROWN
President of 844

G-Men Investigate Harlan County; Coal Workers Sit

(Continued from page 1)

and assembly plants. All told, Ford employs about 150,000 men. Homer Martin, in a letter to all the local units of the UAW, called upon organizers to enroll all Ford Company employees in the outlying areas, and form them into separate local unions. In Detroit, a concerted drive, headed by 30-year-old Richard Frankenstein, who played such a prominent part in the Chrysler and General Motors strikes, is getting under way. Headquarters have been established near the huge Rouge plant, and "more than a score of our best organizers are being used."

Mr. Ford was lauded and praised as a "humanitarian" by his stooge, Mr. W. J. Cameron, speaking before a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, on May 19. According to Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ford is establishing 25 plants, in a program of decentralization, with an eye to the benefits of his employees, who will be able to "enjoy a city wage scale and the outdoor, healthful life of the country," by this program. Mr. Cameron also told the engineers that taxes and unions drove many industries to move from town to town in an effort to find "peaceful conditions." He said, "They move because a town has become infested with a peculiar form of social, political and unionistic philosophy which confuses progress with persecution of industry." According to Mr. Cameron the bosses are now in that "turn the other cheek" position that the workers held not so long ago.

Studebaker Workers Win

On May 21, the strikers at the Studebaker plant at South Bend, Ind., voted by acclamation to end their strike and return to work. They gained recognition for Local 5 to represent all employees, seniority rights, and full holidays on state and national election days.

On May 21, strikers against the United Cigar Stores used a peculiar tactic to show their disapproval with the Whelen Drug Store, which sells the United Cigar Store products. About 40 of them appeared at the drug store at 11:40, sat down in all of the available chairs and stools, and ordered coffee and doughnuts. Twenty-five minutes later, when the usual rush of stenographers and clerks appeared, they were unable to get service and went elsewhere. The management called the police after another hour had passed and the "sit-down customers" had not moved, but the police were unable to do anything because the men were orderly. At 2:30 the men filed out, paying their bill, which amounted to

\$1,000.00 Policy Cost ONLY \$1 PER MONTH
Age 30
For details phone or write
A. A. PELOWSKI AGENCY
334-336 McKnight Bldg. MA. 2354

Moses Bar

7th St. and 2nd Ave. N.
HOT NOON DAY LUNCH
11 A. M. to 3 P. M.
25c, 30c, 35c
EVENING DINNERS
5 to 9 P. M.
WINES, LIQUORS
at Popular Prices
ALL UNION HELP

Hennepin Bar Uses Local Press To Defeat F-L Endorsed Judges

(Continued from page 1)

son, 590, Child 379, LeSueur 206; Poirier 188.

To make it possible for such a small inner group of six men to restrict the entire freedom of election of judges, the controlling clique caused additional by-laws of the corporation to be adopted June 4, 1935. Few lawyers were or are acquainted with the full significance of these by-laws. The by-laws so adopted provide that the committee may recommend—M (8)—and that the executive council, of which Mr. Weeks is a member, may raise—M (18)—confidential and secret funds from any source whatsoever and to any extent and use them to elect its chosen candidates.

"The committee shall have the right to assist in the raising of funds necessary for an adequate campaign for Bar candidates, but the burden of carrying on a campaign and the appointment of committees for the raising of funds shall be primarily the duty of the Executive Council of the Bar Association, and all funds raised shall be handled in the name of and by the Executive Council. The nature and extent of such fund raising and the nature and the extent of the campaign shall be determined by such Executive Council with the aid and assistance of the Judiciary Committee. All contributions, except such as may come from the treasury of the Bar Association, shall be confidential and the names of the contributors shall not be made public except as disclosure is required by law, nor shall a candidate be informed thereof. The amount of funds to be used in any particular instance and for any particular candidate shall be determined by the Executive Council, and unused funds may be used thereafter for the election of later candidates."

It is interesting to observe the undemocratic way in which this Bar Association carries out its work, and the secrecy with which it is enabled to receive donations. Its recommendations should carry not the slightest weight with Minneapolis voters. That the activities of the Bar Association (supposed to be a corporation organized for social purposes) jibe with the reactionary interests in Minneapolis is indicated by the editorial support which the Minneapolis

\$2.05. The strikers indicated that another centrally located drug store might receive the same treatment on the next day.

Strong indication that the Hollywood technicians strike will be ended soon, springs from the fact that meetings are being held between the producers committee and the union leaders. Several of the crafts have signed separate agreements and have already returned to their jobs.

At Lewiston and Auburn, Me., three of the strike-bound companies have signed agreements with the United Shoe Workers Union, returning to their jobs more than 700 employees. Three other companies, employing approximately 1,000 men have "recognized" the Lewiston-Auburn Shoe Workers Protective Association, a company union.

Sitting Way Down

At Gillespie, Ill., 500 coal miners are staging a sit-down strike 360 feet below the surface. The Superior Coal Company, against whom the strike was called, operates four mines, all of which are connected underground by a tunnel. One of these mines was closed down for repairs, throwing 300 men out of work. The strike was called in demand that when such shut-down are necessary the work in the remaining mines be apportioned so that none of the employees need be laid off. The union's contract with the company expired on March 31, but had been extended during negotiations. One clause in this old contract provided for the apportionment of work after the men had been idle for 30 days, but according to the pit-spokesman, William Campion, the company had been suspending that clause, and providing the men with continuous work. Now the company agrees to have the apportionment of the work on an immediate basis as part of the new contract in exchange for the waiving of certain seniority rights by the workers. This they refuse to do. The strike was unauthorized by the Progressive Miners union but is firm despite the lack of this formality at the beginning.

At Gillespie, Ill., 500 coal miners are staging a sit-down strike 360 feet below the surface. The Superior Coal Company, against whom the strike was called, operates four mines, all of which are connected underground by a tunnel. One of these mines was closed down for repairs, throwing 300 men out of work. The strike was called in demand that when such shut-down are necessary the work in the remaining mines be apportioned so that none of the employees need be laid off. The union's contract with the company expired on March 31, but had been extended during negotiations. One clause in this old contract provided for the apportionment of work after the men had been idle for 30 days, but according to the pit-spokesman, William Campion, the company had been suspending that clause, and providing the men with continuous work. Now the company agrees to have the apportionment of the work on an immediate basis as part of the new contract in exchange for the waiving of certain seniority rights by the workers. This they refuse to do. The strike was unauthorized by the Progressive Miners union but is firm despite the lack of this formality at the beginning.

YELLOW TAXI CO.
Main 7171

MINNEHAHA GREENHOUSE
4256 40th Ave. S.
Flowers, Plants, Floral Designs
Members of Tile Setters and Truck Drivers Union
DRexel 4402 DRexel 0974

GEDNEY'S
Pickles, Vinegar and Condiments
Manufactured in Minneapolis Since 1881

L. E. STREATER LUMBER CO.
1111 GLENWOOD AVE.
Minneapolis, Minn.

GILL BROTHERS
Funeral Chapel

MINNEAPOLIS VAN & WAREHOUSE CO.
MAin 7323
THE SAFEST PLACE IN TOWN

WINES AND LIQUORS THE OFFICE INC.
707-9 3rd Ave. S.
DINE AND DANCE
Ronnie Clark, Mgr.

OLD HOME
Loaf and Cottage Cheese
Serve Twice a Week!

WOLK TRANSFER CO., Inc.
Commercial Hauling and Moving
538 6TH AVE. NORTH
Atlantic 2610 Main 4434

All grades Slate and Smooth
Roofing and Shingles
at attractive prices
Complete Line Lumber and Building Material
LOG COTTAGE CO.
34 Lowry Ave. N. CH. 3434

MARGO CO.
27 Washington Ave. N.
UNION MADE
Work Uniforms and Caps to Match
Special Service to Local 544

Journal gives to the bar poll conducted by the association. "Voters who have no personal preference," says the Journal, "and are looking for guidance in this matter may well take the bar poll into consideration." In the light of the above information about the association, it should be quite plain exactly to what degree Minneapolis voters should "take the bar poll into consideration."

On WPA Projects

Did you know that a group in White Bear known as the Citizens' Protective Association voted for affiliation with the FWS Local 544 at their last meeting? Max Geldman was authorized to take the necessary steps toward the affiliation of this group.

Attendance at stewards' meetings needs pepping up. Surely we don't need to resort to door prizes do we?

Sewing project meetings attendance is also poor.

The dance committee is to be congratulated for its good work.

According to reports from the WPA office, the Belt Line project will soon be closed and most of the men will be transferred to the Fort Snelling project.

That's a tough spot for finks. A man on the Fort job without a button is liable to be picked up as a nudist.

Unemployed workers are going to need the union from now on as never before. WPA workers returning to

TWOC Campaigns At Knitting Company

The Textile Workers Organizing Committee has announced that Cleo Simonson has been chosen temporary business agent for the Munsingwear workers local which last week signed a contract with the management of that company. On Monday morning the TWOC began an organizational campaign at the Minneapolis Knitting Company, which employs about 350 workers. A campaign was also initiated at the Montgomery, Ward plant in St. Paul and a mass meeting will be held Thursday night, May 27, at the Deutches House for employees of this mail order and retail concern. The majority of the workers in the stockyards at South St. Paul have now been organized by the Committee for Industrial Organization, it was announced.

direct relief are urged to stay by the union if they're smart.

The local paper of Kokato announces in its current issue that a new court house is to be built at Buffalo this summer at a cost of \$250,000.

It also announces that direct relief to all employables is out. Well, court houses come ahead of relief. Besides, they pay 30 cents per hour for labor where there is work. What do you guys want, anyway?

The boys around Buffalo report a scarcity of wood in that neighborhood. How is anybody expected to steel fuel under such conditions?

All WPA workers with axes to grind see Hoppe. The foreman has made Hoppe the axe grinder on his project.

Miracles do happen. There wasn't a single squawk at the sewing project meeting.



RALPH D. FARNHAM
951 42nd Ave. N. E.
MEMBER LOCAL 544

"Electric Cooking is O.K."

"It's got it all over every other method of cooking" says Farnham.

\$5 down installs an Electric Range
24 months to pay
Free Wiring - Free Installation

Northern States Power Company

BENNETT-BAILEY LUMBER CO.
WHOLESALE HARDWOOD AND SOFTWOOD LUMBER
We Carry Large Stocks of Laminated Panels and Veneers
All Kinds of Hardwood and Softwood Factory Lumber
1335 CENTRAL AVE.

The Frost-Naus Company
FOUNDRY
Polishers and Platers Supplies
1406 Quincy St. N. E.

Over 44 Years of Satisfactory Service
We Cooperate With Union Members
CENTRAL FURNITURE & CARPET CO.
COMPLETE FURNISHINGS FOR THE HOME
312-314 West Broadway Cherry 3631

Christman Sausage Co.
GOOD SAUSAGE
Minneapolis

FREE!
Car Wash or Grease Job
With Each Oil Change
GOOD ON WEEK DAYS ONLY
9 MINUTE CAR WASH COMPANY
1023 MARQUETTE

Anderson-Nelson Body Mfg. Co.
Commercial Automobile Bodies
Repairing - Painting - Lettering
2604-6 Lyndale Ave. S. RE. 6854

HOLSUM BREAD
Fresh AT YOUR GROCERS today!
Holsum Rye
Holsum Honey Wheat
Makes finer flavored SANDWICHES and TOAST

GRAIN BELT BEER
THE FRIENDLY BEER

Local 20316 Signs Plumbing Supplies

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 continued its organizational march by announcing that on Monday, May 24, the following wholesale plumbing supply companies signed union contracts: Crane, Grinnell, Gilmore, A. Y. McDonald, Central Supply and Robert Hamilton.

The contract, which covers about 200 men within the union's jurisdiction, grants union recognition, seniority rights, one week's vacation with pay, job classification with wage raises from 25 per cent to 37 per cent, the 44-hour week, with time-and-one-half for overtime. This working agreement will run for one year, and is retroactive to April 1. Happy Holstein represented the union in the negotiations.

Local 20316 expects to complete the organization of this industry in the near future.

Plymouth Ave. Unions To Coordinate Work

On Monday morning representatives of the various miscellaneous unions meeting at 257 Plymouth Avenue North held a meeting in the Drivers hall. The purpose of the gathering was to work out plans for stronger and more orderly co-operation between organizations, and to co-ordinate the work of the unions, so that each will in the future be informed of the general problems and struggles of the other groups.

Walter Hagstrom, chairman of the Ness-Relor Memorial Celebration committee, has announced that the committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p. m. The meeting will be held at 257 Plymouth Avenue, and all committee members are urged to attend. The committee is laying plans for an impressive ceremony this summer to commemorate these two working class martyrs.

CAB GAB Local 125

The only trouble with our new fleet of cabs is that Santa Clause and Tiny can't get behind the wheels. Reduce, boys, reduce.

Boys on the ball club had better reduce also. They creak when bending over for those ground balls.

A number of men on the sick list are doing well, except Scott, who is confined to General Hospital. All members should make it a joint to visit him. Glad to see Fitzpatrick and Chesvick back.

There is no longer any doubt about drivers on the seniority list taking care of the switch board and wash rack. It's working out very well.

Our two Polish boys were out fishing. And the ones they didn't get—

More members must attend meetings and pay up their dues. You know, it takes meetings to spend money—and dues for the meeting to spend.

The lady at the Loring Transfer does not like unions or taxi drivers.

Mill City Launderers and Cleaners
918-22 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.
Famous for Quality and Economy
Free Pickup and Delivery
100% UNION H.Y. 9591

South Side Lumber Company
Lumber - Shingles - Insulation
1100-1110 SOUTH 3RD STREET
Telephone Main 8657

UNION DRIVERS
Eat at the "Union"
GOOD FOOD
Right Prices
257 PLYMOUTH AVE.
Driver Union Headquarters

CHIPPEWA
THE PUREST
SOFTEST, SPRING WATER
IN THE WORLD

DRINK KATO BEER

CRESCENT LAUNDRY
DRY CLEANING
Cherry 3677 Benson Bros. Props.

Electrical Workers at Northern States Organize Utilities After Four-Year Struggle

The story of the rise of the Utility Section of Local 292, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is the story of a four-year struggle on the part of the Northern States Power Company workers to establish union conditions in this industry.

The idea of organization first took hold of the N. S. P. employees in the fall of 1933, when a combination of grievances against the management—short pay days, lay-offs, time off—gave rise to the formation of the Overhead Department Club. This organization approached Local 292 of the Electrical Workers at that time, and in June, 1934, obtained a charter for Local 160 with jurisdiction over all utility workers in the Twin Cities and vicinity. In the fall of that year, the International sent a special representative here to further the work of the union. In December an organization committee was set up, and a series of mass meetings was called.

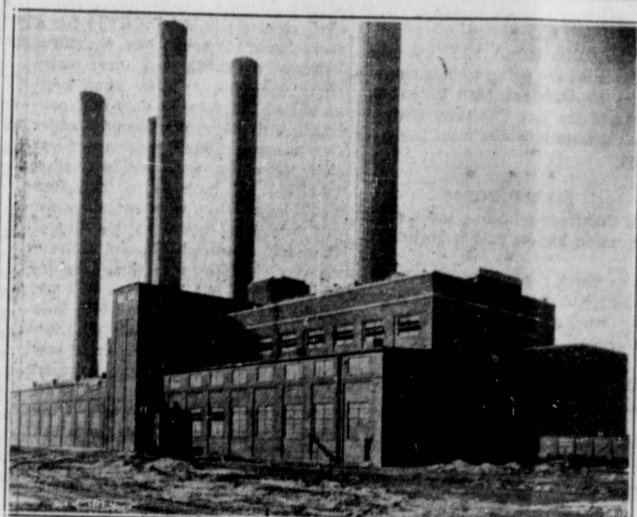
During December and January of the following year a number of such meetings were held, with excellent results. Substantial blocs of workers came into the union. On the strength of the recent labor victories in Minneapolis, Local 160, together with many other unions, was growing rapidly.

In February, 1935, the company suddenly announced the opening of a load-building campaign, with the rather unusual slogan of "All for One and One for All." Mr. Pack, addressing the employees in the company auditorium, outlined the campaign, and then went into the question of employee-relationships in some detail. He stated the company would deal only with authentic American Federation of Labor organizations, and warned against those in the leadership of the union at that time. A partial restoration of the 1932 wage cut was promised, with additional restorations if the load-building campaign were successful. At this time the union had the support of approximately 500 employees.

In May, 1935, half of the 1932 wage cut was restored. The strategy of the management and its attacks upon the union had succeeded in reducing the union membership to a handful. These men, wholly loyal to the principles of unionism and confident that the victory would ultimately be theirs, reorganized the union and began an aggressive membership drive. Organization had reached such a point that on January 15, 1936, Mr. Pack (in a letter made public by Mr. Fred Osanna) agreed to restore the full 1932 wage cut, to observe the principles of seniority, and to sanction meetings between the union committees and the various departments. Wages were restored to all employees paid on a monthly basis; discrimination, however, was practiced against those workers paid by the hour. When union committees attempted to obtain adjustments and to settle grievances with department heads, they were first informed that such committees were without authority, and all discussion on grievances was unceremoniously rejected.

During the next four or five months the union tried many times to secure the adjustment of various grievances, but its efforts were of no avail. The result was inevitable—a strike of the overhead and underground departments, which took place in July, 1936. When the company settled, it agreed to give definite answers to any matters presented by union representatives, and further agreed to abide by arbitration if the matters could not be adjusted through discussion with the union.

The union met with company representatives, and attempted to work out a better understanding on the



The Riverside Plant

whole relationship. At the same time, Local 160 continued to strengthen its organization. The Northern States Power Company still refused to consider seriously a union agreement.

The union came into closer relationships with the International Brotherhood, through the vice president, Mr. Boyle. This resulted in the drawing up of two contracts: one between the company and the International, covering all employees in all divisions of the N. S. P. Company; the second between the company and Local 160, covering wages, hours and working conditions in the Minneapolis division. After a series of negotiations, the details were worked out; the company, however, still refused to sign any agreement which would establish a union as the sole collective bargaining agent for its employees. To win this, the union called a strike on February 24 of this year.

For some time, the local electrical workers and the International had been seeking the path to a more efficient organization. It was agreed by all parties that the answer was the establishment of one union which would cover all branches of the electrical industry. The achievement of one large centralized organization throughout the industry was desirable for the advantages accruing to the workers, and to the International. During the strike, this goal was achieved, through the merger of Local 160 and Local 292 into one organization (Local 292).

"Red" Golden's Cafe AND BAR
1301 WASHINGTON AVE. N.
Main 9343
100% UNION

Acme Box Lunch
20 EAST HENNEPIN AVE.
Eat Union Phone GE. 6522
The only 100% Union Box Lunch

Consolidated Delivery Service, Inc.
Established 1914
Package Delivery - Special Delivery - Messenger Service
81 S. 13th St. Main 8331

General Repairing and Painting PHONE REGENT 7253 Body and Fender Repairing

FLOUR CITY BODY CORPORATION
BUILDERS OF COMMERCIAL TRUCK BODIES
Exclusive Distributors of Galion All Steel Dump Bodies and Hicks Arch-Bilt Armored All Steel Deluxe Safety Bus Bodies
2947 BLAISDELL AVENUE MINNEAPOLIS

Buy Strutwear Hosiery and Peacock Underwear
100% Union — Home Owned Home Operated

Money spent for Strutwear products will be spent back with you, building more local industry, bigger and better unions, and giving valuable aid in making Minneapolis a Union Town. We thank you all—every member of organized labor—for your cooperation in the past.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HOSIERY WORKERS BRANCH 38

cal 160 and Local 292 into one organization (Local 292).

The strike was settled on March 3, the company signing an agreement with the International Brotherhood granting sole collective bargaining rights for all employees in the operating departments in all divisions; a separate agreement was signed for the Minneapolis division, covering wages, hours, and working conditions, and granting Local 292 sole collective bargaining rights. The company agreed to seniority principles, to job classification, to pay all workers for the time off during the strike. The wage raises won by the strike were retroactive to January 1, 1937. Since the strike, the Utility Division of Local 292 has experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining a consistent interpretation of the union agreement from the various department heads. Because the company persisted in stalling off settlement of grievances, evaded meetings with the union committee, and resisted living up to the terms and spirit of the union contract, the Utility section of the union was forced to initiate a vigorous program to enforce compliance. There is some evidence that this program will bear fruit in the immediate future.

In the meantime, the International is organizing aggressively throughout the district. N. S. P. employees in Minot, Sioux Falls, Grand Forks, Red Wing, Montevideo, St. Cloud, Fergus Falls, St. Paul, Eau Claire and the intervening territory have flocked into the International, and all sections are in the process of getting union contracts. The employees of this company have become convinced of the importance of joining with their fellow workers and forging an organization that can win for them those things so all-important to the happiness and welfare of every worker and of his loved ones: job security, and decent wages and working conditions. They have seen that only a union can gain these things. It has taken four years for the old Overhead Department Club to make its principles of unionization spread throughout the industry, and its accomplishments are a mighty tribute to the power of union principles and to those who have stuck by the union through all its trials.

Present officers of Local 292 are Ed Conway, president; Guy Alexander, financial secretary; Walter Hackett, business manager; Bill Neusser, recording secretary; William Waples, treasurer (all of "old" Local 292); George Philips, vice president; Henry Schultz, assistant business agent; Mike Qualle, assistant financial secretary, and Paul Weisser, assistant recording secretary (all of the Utility Division).

The General Executive Board consists of Conway, Phillips, Oscar Coover, W. J. Heigel, Ed Ackerman, G. K. Gerdin and Sam Eyles. The former executive boards of Local 160 and Local 292 act as advisory committees for their respective sections.

ADOLPH'S - BAR -
408 Cedar Ave.

"THE UNION"
DRIVERS CLUB ROOM
257 Plymouth Ave.
MUSIC - REFRESHMENTS - DANCING
Endorsed by Teamsters Joint Council

SAM W. STOCK
Liquor and Grocery Store
244 PLYMOUTH AVE. NORTH BRIDGEPORT 4674
Opp. No. 544 Drivers Union Building
Special Discount to Union Men Free Delivery

GOTTLIEB GLUEK
1828 1880

In 1857, Gottlieb Gluek brewed the first barrel of Gluek's Beer. It is still brewed, in the good old way, by the sons and grandsons of the founder. For eighty years, it has been good beer.

cover. We are going to enforce it to the limit.

A committee from our local met with the St. Paul Laundry Drivers at their last meeting and they are taking the same action in St. Paul as we are in Minneapolis. In the Twin Cities the price chiseller on dry cleaning who has succeeded in practically wrecking the entire industry to the detriment of many hundreds of drivers, inside workers and employers is definitely out. If such chisellers cannot exist within fair trade practices, no one will mourn his demise.

The hour claim in our contract limiting the time drivers can remain on the streets will be rigidly enforced after June 1, 1937. All trucks except those carrying permit cards must be off the streets at 6 p. m. every day except Monday after that date.

The Yellow Cab ball team won another game Sunday afternoon with a score of 19 to 11. The competing team was the C.C.C. team from the Glenwood Park camp. Russ Wenell pitched the entire game for the Yellow Cab team and did a real nice job of it. In the last two games he has struck out 27 players. Nice going, Russ.

From all indications, the Yellow Cab Team ought to be just about in shape to take on the 544 ball team and take them to the cleaners. And not by a forfeited game for non-appearance such as they experienced last year.

Intimidation tactics are still being used on the taxi drivers in Chicago. One of the "intimidators" landed in the hospital with a bullet in his carcass, much to his surprise. There were only three thugs who picked on one driver and when he displayed a little skill in marksmanship, two of them showed their great courage by seeing if they couldn't beat a rabbit in a foot race.

Several of the old standbys of the 9:30 night shift have forsaken their brother hoot-ows and have joined the ranks of the day drivers.

Spick and Span Notes Local 131

We have mopped up on the cut rate dry cleaning signs in windows of cash and carry stores. As far as we can ascertain there is not one left in the city. From now on it is going to be tough on the chisellers, whether he does so openly or under

SENSATION CLEO COLA
5¢ LARGE 12 oz. BOTTLE
AT YOUR DEALER

RIVERSIDE BOTTLING COMPANY
1530 E. FRANKLIN AVE.

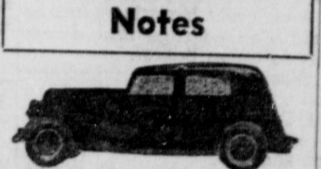
Yellow Notes

The Yellow Cab ball team won another game Sunday afternoon with a score of 19 to 11. The competing team was the C.C.C. team from the Glenwood Park camp. Russ Wenell pitched the entire game for the Yellow Cab team and did a real nice job of it. In the last two games he has struck out 27 players. Nice going, Russ.

From all indications, the Yellow Cab Team ought to be just about in shape to take on the 544 ball team and take them to the cleaners. And not by a forfeited game for non-appearance such as they experienced last year.

Intimidation tactics are still being used on the taxi drivers in Chicago. One of the "intimidators" landed in the hospital with a bullet in his carcass, much to his surprise. There were only three thugs who picked on one driver and when he displayed a little skill in marksmanship, two of them showed their great courage by seeing if they couldn't beat a rabbit in a foot race.

Several of the old standbys of the 9:30 night shift have forsaken their brother hoot-ows and have joined the ranks of the day drivers.



The Yellow Cab ball team won another game Sunday afternoon with a score of 19 to 11. The competing team was the C.C.C. team from the Glenwood Park camp. Russ Wenell pitched the entire game for the Yellow Cab team and did a real nice job of it. In the last two games he has struck out 27 players. Nice going, Russ.

From all indications, the Yellow Cab Team ought to be just about in shape to take on the 544 ball team and take them to the cleaners. And not by a forfeited game for non-appearance such as they experienced last year.

Intimidation tactics are still being used on the taxi drivers in Chicago. One of the "intimidators" landed in the hospital with a bullet in his carcass, much to his surprise. There were only three thugs who picked on one driver and when he displayed a little skill in marksmanship, two of them showed their great courage by seeing if they couldn't beat a rabbit in a foot race.

Several of the old standbys of the 9:30 night shift have forsaken their brother hoot-ows and have joined the ranks of the day drivers.

Burr Funeral Service
"ECONOMY FUNERAL"
\$95 Complete
2310 CENTRAL AVE.
CEARVILLE 4412
3040 SOUTH LYNDALE AVE.
REGENT 7421

Underwood Agency, Inc.
All Kinds of INSURANCE
Attractive Rates on Union Truck Drivers
1138 Plymouth Bldg.
OFFICE, AT. 4770 RES. WA. 2388

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

WHEN YOU THINK OF PRINTING ARGUS PUBLISHING COMPANY
Twin City Printers - Publishers - Stationers
"ONE OF THE OLDEST UNION PRINTING PLANTS IN THE NORTHWEST"
EMMETT L. DUEMKE, Prop.
2335 Central Ave. MINNEAPOLIS GR. 3531-3532

CENTRAL LUMBER CO.
Lumber and Building Materials - Fuel
3904 Jackson St. N. E. Granville 4455

BROWN'S 19TH ANNIVERSARY

Here's Style \$4.85
DOWN Balance in 10 Weeks

That Will "Click" on Graduation Day!

Sport Coats
That are fashion leaders. Newest sport backs and patterns. Values to \$14.85, now \$9.85

Campus Slacks
Saxons, Shetlands, Flannels—perfectly matched plaids; covered zipper. \$3.85 to \$6.85 Values. \$2.85 to \$5.85

GABARDINE 1 & 2 PANTS SUITS
• Gabardines • Blue-grays, Tans, Browns
• Worsteds, Fine Twists • New Squares and Checks
• Newer Silver-tone Grays • Plaids and Over-Plaids
\$19.00 \$24.00

White Shoes \$2.85

Brown's
306 to 312 NICOLLET AVE.
No-back and calf-skin super values. All sizes. Many new styles.

