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

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

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl Merry Christmas!

This is the season of the year in which we celebrate the birthday of the "Prince of Peace." The days when every radio softly plays "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Merry Christmas! (To the thousands, yea, millions of workers all over the world who are lying in muddy trenches, cold, wet, and scared to death, waiting for the command which will send them over the top to deal death—they know not why—to other workers lying in similar trenches across what has been designated "No Man's Land." And to the other thousands of workers who play their part in the death-game from the heights of the sky or the depths of the oceans).

Merry Christmas! (To the millions of mothers, wives, sweethearts of those workers, back home, fearful, lonely, dreading while they watch for the postman's visit each day—dreading that he might carry an official envelope in which they will read: "We regret to inform you that your loved one died in battle.")

Merry Christmas! In Atlanta, Georgia, WPA roles cut more than 50%, relief agencies, both private and public, "swamped" with applicants, funds running out, no prospect of private industry absorbing more than 10% of those laid off WPA. Birmingham, Ala.—Even before the latest WPA cuts, there were 5,000 heads of families, certified and awaiting assignment; evidence of growing distress seen in the increase of evictions, the growing populations in both the pellagria clinics and children's hospitals, and the decreasing attendance in the schools.

Chicago, Ill., "Drastic intake policies imposed on public agencies because of financial stringencies, means that most of those laid off WPA have been ruled ineligible." Relief budgets reduced 35% during the last three months. Denver, Colo., 98% WPA lay-offs reclassified for work but unassigned. Only 40% accepted for relief, and those receiving only a scant 40% of what is considered a minimum budget. Houston, Texas—all those employable not accepted for relief—given only a one month's order for surplus commodities. Kansas City, Mo., has the same ruling. "The most depressing and acute situation since the onset of the depression." In St. Louis, the purge of all families with one or more employables came hard on the heels of the last WPA cut. Toledo, Ohio—all relief cut off since the 15th of September. All schools closed since Dec. 1. "No solution in sight." Washington, D. C.—relief agencies swamped by applicants, more than one third of whom are off WPA roles. "Conditions deplorable," evictions.

Omaha, Neb. Conditions unbelievable—unemployed so completely cowed by the Hit-

Minneapolis Central Labor Union Reiterates Stand Against War

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1938, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union adopted a resolution declaring its unalterable opposition to war, war preparations and military budgets, and WHEREAS, today the government, the employers' press and the radio and news-reels are engaged in a systematic campaign to create a jingoistic war spirit, utilizing Russia's invasion of Finland for this purpose, and WHEREAS, organized labor was deceived in the last "War to Make the World Safe for Democracy," which destroyed millions of lives and brought about reaction instead of democracy, and WHEREAS, the government's preparations for war are a mortal danger to organized labor and the unemployed, as revealed by a study of the M-Day plans for a military dictatorship in war-time, now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union again declares its unalterable opposition to any war launched by the government; that we again demand that all war funds be transferred immediately to the relief of the unemployed; that we oppose intervention by the United States on either side of the present war in Europe; that we declare our support to the proposal for a national referendum binding on Congress for any and all wars.

Adopted December 13, 1939, by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

471 Election Results Are Announced

Tuesday the membership of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 balloted for office, and the election board announces the following were elected: President—Conrad Ordeman re-elected. Vice-president—George Bergquist re-elected. Recording secretary—Ernest Jiggs Donahue re-elected. 3-year trustee—Martin Rasmussen elected. Secretary-treasurer—Gene Larson, white ballot, re-elected. Business agent No. 2—William Sinnott, re-elected. Business agent No. 3—Thomas Ammerman, white ballot, re-elected. Balloting was held from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., and a heavy vote was recorded.

Local 359 Meeting On December 26th Is Postponed

Again the executive board of the Warehouse Union calls attention of all members to the postponement of the December 26th general membership meeting, as it falls between the two Christmas holidays. All members of Local 359 are requested to attend the regular January meeting when the new executive board will be installed.

Teamsters Council Christmas Party to Be City's Biggest

Circus and Vaudeville Acts, Motion Pictures Will Entertain Five Thousand Sons and Daughters of Minneapolis Drivers—Largest Christmas Tree Will Be Seen in Armory—Many Parents Expected to Accompany Children

The largest and most colorful Kids' Christmas Party in the history of the Northwest will be tendered children of the unions comprising the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council this Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the Minneapolis Armory. Over five thousand boys and girls are expected to attend this gala holiday affair and to experience the sort of happiness they will remember all their lives.

Puffer Firm Aided by Cops, Dicks

Monday morning, as the strike of workers against the Puffer-Hubbard firm entered its fifteenth week, fifteen city cops and a caboose full of railroad detectives ran one freight car out of the siding along the struck plant and brought in two more cars. The car taken away from the plant contained scraps of machinery allegedly being hauled away to some other city. Pickets on the forces of "law and order" and no clash took place.

Monday evening a meeting of Puffer-Hubbard strikers was held, a report was given on the progress of the struggle, and the strikers voted with more enthusiasm than ever to fight on to victory. They still take the position that if this company can't pay decent wages, it has no right to continue operating.

An appeal to other unions for funds to aid the long strike has gone out from the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, and several unions have responded, including the Millworkers Union Local 1865 and the CIO Molders Union Local 1139.

A special meeting of all Puffer-Hubbard men will be held this Friday evening at eight o'clock. All members of the union executive board will be present to address the meeting.

Skoglund at Area Committee Meet In Chicago

Carl Skoglund, president of the General Drivers Union Local 544, met in Chicago early this week with the Area Over-Road Committee, to report on the status of negotiations for a Twin City rider to the area agreement.

To Those Using Free Cab Service To Christmas Party

For the information of those scores of parents who wrote in requesting free cab service to and from the Kids' Christmas Party: A postal card has been mailed you by Ray Rainbolt, Chairman of the Teamsters Joint Council Christmas Party Committee. This card informs you when the cab will call at your home. Be sure to have the children ready on the dot. And save the postal card! It is your means of identification for free cab service back to your home.

One of the largest Christmas trees ever seen outside the Northern forests, spangled and lighted from tip to ground, will greet the kids as they enter the armory. Candles and other gifts will be presented to each child attending the party.

A program just made to order for children will be presented. Monkeys and birds, horses and dogs, clowns and dancers will follow one another in a bewildering and breath-taking riot of color and laughter. A number of animated cartoons specially chosen for the occasion will be shown the youthful audience.

And—we almost forgot—Santa himself will be on hand to greet each and all, with words and gifts of cheer and welcome. Doors open promptly at 2 p. m. There'll be plenty of parking space for parents accompanying their children and every provision has been made for the safety and comfort of the Christmas audience.

664 Will Ballot on December 28

Last Thursday evening the City and Sanitary Drivers and Helpers Union Local 664 held nominations, with the following candidates accepting:

For president: R. Prindle. For vice-president: Harold Seavey.

Financial secretary: William Holter, Francis Ryan, Charles Martin.

Recording secretary: H. E. Nelson (incumbent).

Trustee, 3 years: Ed Pearson (incumbent), A. Hoff.

Sergeant-at-arms: Ed Vogel (incumbent).

Harold Seavey, president of Local 664, declined the nomination this year with the statement he found it impossible to carry out the work both of president and business agent. He agreed to run for the vice-presidency, and was unopposed.

Harold Lannigan and Clare Farley formally declined nomination for president and trustee, respectively.

Delegates to represent Local 664 at the Minneapolis Central Labor Union will be chosen from the following nominees: H. Nelson, Jim Ryan, S. Skarphal, R. Prindle, H. Seavey, Dayton Blackman, L. DeLaitre and Leo Munick. Balloting will take place Thursday, December 28th, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the first floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue north. An election board of three, Frank Dahlman, Bob Howes and Parnell Larson, was chosen to supervise the election.

Change Meeting Date The membership voted to change its meeting date, starting in January, to the first and third Fridays of each month. The regular grievance board meeting set for December 25th will be dispensed with.

Labor Will Honor All WPA Defendants At Holiday Banquet

Indicted Strikers, Their Husbands and Wives, to Be Honored Guests at Banquet in Downtown Hotel January 6th — Reservations Available at \$1.25 Per Plate — White House Circles Reported Concerned Over Labor's Protest Against Federal Court Jury System — New Blows Pending Against Nation's Jobless

As a mark of respect and honor from the Minneapolis labor movement, all WPA strike defendants, with their husbands or wives, will be honored guests at a banquet which will be given January 6th in a downtown hotel yet to be named. Members of organized labor are cordially invited to attend this affair, sponsored by the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee.

The WPA defendants will be guests, without cost to them. Others may attend at a cost of \$1.25 per plate. The supper will be served at 7 p. m. A speaking program will feature prominent state labor leaders. Reservations and acceptances must be in not later than January 3rd, to the Defense Committee, 18 North 8th Street. This banquet will be the outstanding social event of the winter season in organized labor circles, and hundreds of reservations are anticipated. The committee suggests that reservations be made as soon as possible.

The Defense Committee considered various suggestions for some sort of Christmas or New Year's party for the strikers, but did not feel justified in using funds donated to the defense for such a purpose. The committee finally evolved plans for the banquet, and cordially invites members of the labor movement to attend.

FWS to Hold Prize Ball January 27

Local 544's Federal Workers Section announced this week it would hold a Prize Ball on Saturday evening, January 27th, at the Drivers Hall. A union orchestra will play for dancing. Tickets are 25c a couple.

Charles Sather is head of the Entertainment Committee planning the affair.

From a confidential and reliable source it was learned this week that the highest White House circles are shaken by organized labor's criticism of the conduct of the first three WPA strike trials in Minneapolis. Labor's contention that the unfair method of selecting jurors in federal court trials is largely responsible for the horrible injustice of the verdicts against WPA strikers is said to be receiving the attention of high governmental officials.

Certainly, the Minneapolis WPA strikers were judged by a jury composed of anyone but their "peers." A jury of well-off farmers and small-town businessmen, alien to unionism and all its ideas, is hardly fit to understand the problems of the urban unemployed.

While unions and unionists from the area continued to roll up donations to the AFL-WPA Defense Committee, there was still no definite word as to when the fourth WPA trial would start, or when those convicted to date would be sentenced.

Farmers Fear "Conspiracy" Law As the Minneapolis labor movement marked time awaiting developments, a number of farmers in rural Minnesota began to express grave concern lest the government's "conspiracy" charge might be applied to them should they meet to discuss and, perhaps, disagree, with various phases of the crop reduction plan, etc. These unsolicited expressions of concern and sympathy with the Minneapolis WPA strikers were relayed to the AFL-WPA Defense Committee through leading officers of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council. Council leaders report many farmers in various parts of the state have voiced grave concern over the dangers that the vague "conspiracy" law might hold

for them and their organizations, should reaction continue to spread its poison throughout the nation.

New Attacks on Jobless As the year closed there came intimations of new buffetings from local and federal sources aimed at the unemployed. The old reactionary plan of returning control of relief back to the states was voiced from two sources during the week: from I. S. Joseph, chairman of the finance committee of the Minneapolis welfare board; and from the United States Chamber of Commerce, which went even further to suggest that the federal government withdraw from the field of public relief altogether, leaving the unemployed to the mercies of state and local governments which are already bankrupt. Shades of the days of Hoover are conjured up by such talk, and must send cold shivers up and down the spines of the unemployed victims of the capitalist crisis.

Carmody's Plan The most alarming, because the most probable, move against the unemployed was publicized Tuesday in Ray Tucker's column in the Minneapolis Tribune: "Hard-boiled Federal Workers Administrator Carmody has virtually gone into hiding in an attempt to work out a new program for handling relief. . . . First, he seeks to hit upon less extravagant WPA projects, which will mean more help for the jobless and draw less upon skilled employables. . . . Secondly, he wants to establish a closer check from here on the kind of people accepted for federal aid throughout the country. Basic idea is to reduce the rolls, and save money, without shutting off those with a real need for assistance."

Xmas Greetings To 471 Members

The Executive Board of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 takes this means to wish each member of our union and his family the best of Christmases and a happy New Year for 1940.

Kids Will See Viola's Pets



An outstanding act on the kids' Christmas Party program the afternoon of December 23rd will be Viola and her Tropical Pets. Viola, trainer extraordinary, will show an amazing group of strange birds and monkeys who are all but human in their talents.

Jack "Bozo" Mason, famous circus clown, will be master of ceremonies for the five-star show. Over five thousand children of Teamsters Joint Council members are expected to attend. There'll be special presents for every kid.

Laundry Drivers Issue Ultimatum to Bosses

Thursday night an enthusiastic, well-attended membership meeting of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers and Helpers Union Local 131 issued an ultimatum to their employers on the question of the 1940 agreement. When the bosses' counter-proposal was laid before the membership by the union negotiating committee, discussion on the floor showed that an overwhelming majority of the union membership want reforms in their wages and working conditions as set forth in their original proposal to the laundry and dry cleaning industry.

The negotiating committee was told to return to negotiations and instructed in no uncertain terms to secure for the membership the items in the contract that are in controversy.

Nominations Held The yearly nominations for officers were also held at Thursday's meeting. A proposed change in the official set-up of the officers was discussed at great length. Among other things members of the executive board proposed that the office of secretary-treasurer and business agent be separated. This was voted down by a huge majority.

Unopposed in the nomination meeting and elected without contest were Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer, and Don Blanche, recording secretary.

For president, the nominees are Leo Washtock and W. N. Burnham.

For three-year trustee, Orville Hegdahl, R. A. Hutchins, V. W. Sparrow, Wallace J. Peterson, Will Hoffman, Art Carlson.

Elections will be held Thursday, January 1th, with balloting from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. in the main floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

160, NSP Co. Negotiating For New Pact

For the past two weeks the Utility Workers Union Local 160 has been negotiating with the Northern States Power company for a 1940 agreement to replace the present pact which expires December 31st. Considerable progress has been made in the negotiations.

William Heigel, George Phillips, Gerald Baldus and George Hale are representing the union in the negotiations. Messrs. Miller, Gleason and Lusher are representing the company.

Girls' Section Of Local 471 Elects for 1940

Last Tuesday the Girls Section of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 held their annual election and voted to retain Eleanore Boesche as president for the coming year. Ethel Bourson was chosen vice-president; Margrette Temte, recording secretary; Solvey Larson re-elected financial secretary. Beryl Westman was chosen trustee for the three-year term.

Local 977 Wins Stunning Victory In Erickson Strike

AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Signs Preferential Shop Agreement Covering Employees at All Erickson Stations—Pact Provides for \$110 Monthly, Week's Paid Vacation—St. Paul Union Also Wins Contract—977 Victory Is Staggering Blow to Phony CIO Oil "Union"—Local 977 Will Move to Complete Unionization of Oil Industry Locally

Saturday noon the four-months' strike against the Erickson Oil company ended in a smashing victory for the AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977. The union came out of the struggle with a preferential shop contract covering all employees in all Erickson stations, a wage of \$110 for senior operators, a good seniority section that protects all workers, and one week's vacation with pay. Attendants will receive the rating of senior operator after working sixty days.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze
Well, it looks like no skating before New Year's at the earliest. Brothers Berry, Coash and Al Anderson have been busy the past two or three weeks assembling sweepers and snow-plows. No hurry, boys. Take your time and for Pete's sake, put some weather-stripping around those windshields and doors.

Candidates for office were nominated last meeting night. Election will be next Thursday, 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Turn out and vote.

Was Hard Struggle

The strike of Local 977 against the Erickson Oil company began back in August, 1939, following refusal of the company to meet the union's demands. During the course of the strike, the company imported strike-breakers from Wisconsin, made deals with the fake Stalinist-controlled CIO "filling station" union, sought an injunction in the courts against the bona fide union.

Local 977 looked upon the Erickson dispute as a show-down fight for the principle of unionism in the oil industry. Now that the victory has been won, Local 977 expects to move in and clean up situations at the Direct Service and Tanker stations, where the CIO company union still has a few adherents, or at least had them up to the eve of Local 977's triumph in the Erickson situation.

The agreement between Erickson and Local 977 unquestionably strikes a staggering blow at the Stalinist-led CIO "union" which was on its last legs even before Local 977 emerged victorious at Erickson's. The fact, just come to light, that the Erickson strike-breakers were working with the permission of the CIO at a monthly wage of \$75, way under the AFL union scale, hardly redounds to the credit of the Rodney Jacobson brand of "unionism."

Strikers Back to Work

About fifteen men are covered by the Erickson agreement in Minneapolis. Strikers at the East Hennepin station went back on the company payroll Monday morning and are now at work.

Larry Davidson, secretary-treasurer of Local 977, and Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, represented the Erickson workers in the final negotiations which led to the agreement ending the strike. Through this agreement, the Erickson stations now become worthy of receiving the patronage of unionists and friends of labor.

Brother Ed "Runt" Vogel says he isn't feeling so good these days. When a guy his size gets a pain he entitled to anybody's sympathy. Hope you're O. K. at this reading, Ed.

Brother Nels Lange has been ill for some time and has been missed by many of us at the warehouse.

Brother Al Schneider has recently had a spell of illness and thorough medical exam. Hope it's nothing serious and you are yourself again, Al.

If the brothers have a few dimes they crave to be rid of, buy a few Christmas seals. You cannot spend them better.

Brother Nick Lanigan has been back to work for some time now. He doesn't like that diet he's on, however.

Brother Helge Bjerg has Rudy Beck and me all hopped up over ice fishing and I've decided to give it one more whirl under the tutelage of Brother Helge, if we ever get any ice. I'll bet Charley Martin will make it a three or foursome. How's about it, Ham?

Did any of you brothers ever try to drop the pan off a V-8 engine? There's a chore that requires a strong, silent type of fellow. In the first place, you gotta be strong and by the time the job is done, you are of necessity silent, on account of your exhausted vocabulary and vocal chords. Try it sometime and learn about the modern car manufacturer's idea of accessibility.

Don't forget the Kids' Christmas Party, starting at 2 p. m. at the Armory, December 23. A grand time is guaranteed for all of them.

My continuity of thought, if any, has just been rudely broken by my pooch, so I'll now lay my pencil and do my daily stint of rump-scratching. P. S. — the pooch's rump.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson
From reports coming into the office, the last meeting was considered by many as spirited. When it comes to a showdown, the membership seems to know exactly what it wants.

Balloting will be held in our coming election on January 11, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Let's all get out and vote. In order to be eligible to vote, it will be necessary to have paid all dues, assessments and fines up to and including December.

We're going into a huddle with the bosses again today (Wednesday).

The membership received Christmas greetings from Norman Carle today, and he hopes Santa brings us "a signed and beneficial pact for 1940." He would like to have some of you brothers visit him. Visiting hours at Glen Lake are from 3:30 to 5, and from 7:15 to 8:15 p. m. Why don't you surprise him?

Your B. A. and columnist appreciates the vote of confidence he received at the last meeting, and will do all in his power to merit that confidence during the coming year.

And here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

History is what enables each nation to use the other's past record as an excuse for its own predatory conduct.

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Food Stamps Demanded to Supplement Jobless Aid

A demand to the relief authorities that all persons receiving unemployment insurance be declared eligible to receive food stamps was made by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, in the form of a resolution adopted at the December 13th meeting. The labor movement also demanded that persons in private industry who receive less than a subsistence wage have that wage supplemented by receiving food stamps.

The CLU resolution calls attention to the fact that "the Minneapolis labor movement has opposed the introduction of the food stamp plan as marking a dangerous tendency to place the unemployed on a non-money basis as a caste apart from society"; and that the Minneapolis relief authorities "used the pending introduction of the food stamp plan as an excuse to slash relief 25 per cent."

"Now that relief has been so slashed, the unemployed have no alternative but to make use of the food stamps," because "numbers of people in private employment who formerly received surplus commodities to supplement their meager wages now have been cut off from receiving such surplus commodities."

It is further pointed out that "those receiving unemployment insurance are also now denied food stamps."

Many Demand Aid
There has been a growing demand from those receiving the miserably inadequate unemployment insurance, for a supplement in the form of food stamps.

Ed Palmquist of the Federal Workers Section is seeking an appointment with Ole Pearson of the

Welfare Board to present the demands of organized labor embodied in the Central Labor Union resolution.

SWP to Hold New Year's Celebration

The Socialist Workers Party will observe its annual New Year's Eve celebration Sunday evening, December 31, at its spacious halls at 919 Marquette avenue. A gala program of entertainment has been planned, headed by well-known professional entertainers. Charles Connors, WPA defendant, and former headliner on the Keith vaudeville circuit, will head the bill, playing the guitar and singing the songs that he made famous.

There will be refreshments of both kinds, plus souvenirs and other means to greet the New Year. Admission is 50 cents. All friends of the party are cordially invited to attend.

What do these lawyers mean by a contingency fee?
It means if you lose the case the lawyer gets nothing, and if you win, you get nothing.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Lunde and Hubbard
Dan! Cupid scored a direct hit and "Bud" Hams took the only sure cure which leaves him a married man. Good luck.

We kinda envy the people out Johnsville way: Mr. and Mrs. Sydnew McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pearson and Floyd (Santa Claus) Anger are going to play their instruments and sing for the school Christmas program out there. This orchestra can really play the "geetar" and such.

"Forty Below" Quinnell is right in the middle of hawk-killin' out Johnsville way, and claims it'll take more than luck of good booking to keep him from eating this winter.

Chester Clairmont, our rough-and-ready mechanic, knows just what a "blackout" is like: While working in the baggage compartment of one of the Y. C. airport buses the trunk lid slammed shut, and did he yodel to get out. Yeah!

Nick Ploumen and Kirkham feel right proud since the Milwaukee depot fixed them a new "office." Nick has to stoop to see the trains come in and Kirk needs a box to see over the counter, but they like it.

Vern Falk is the latest convert into the vast fraternity of pilots. We haven't anything new to report from the other Y. C. flyers but Eddie Larson of the B. & W. is back caressing the control column after a lapse of many years.

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Low-Priced Homes Available Near City

The Dickinson and Gillespie real estate company is sponsoring five suburban subdivisions, specializing in small homes for workers. These subdivisions are located on Wyzata boulevard between Minneapolis and Lake Minnetonka.

Art Mitchell is now a L.B.B. man.

Everyone who drives a hack during the kids' Christmas party, be sure and get your address from the dispatcher as we don't want to disappoint any union men's kids.

The winter held off just long enough so that Ernie Hoffman got his high-water boots patched up.

The snow gave us gear crashers the necessary business to book the dough.

Christmas Greetings
Thompson Standard Service
Expert Auto Repairing
Greasing - Batteries - Tires
Gas and Oil
5152 HIAWATHA AVE.
DU. 9685

Christmas Greetings
Fur Workers Union Number 71
416 Pence Bldg. Main 1887

THOMPSON LUMBER CO.
917 WASHINGTON AVE. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Scissorbill Sam,
The Boss's Man



Maybe I don't get as much as a union man, but wages ain't everything. My employer calls me Sam and every Christmas I get a nice card from him.

By Lunde and Hubbard
Dan! Cupid scored a direct hit and "Bud" Hams took the only sure cure which leaves him a married man. Good luck.

We kinda envy the people out Johnsville way: Mr. and Mrs. Sydnew McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pearson and Floyd (Santa Claus) Anger are going to play their instruments and sing for the school Christmas program out there. This orchestra can really play the "geetar" and such.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson
From reports coming into the office, the last meeting was considered by many as spirited. When it comes to a showdown, the membership seems to know exactly what it wants.

Food Stamps Demanded to Supplement Jobless Aid

A demand to the relief authorities that all persons receiving unemployment insurance be declared eligible to receive food stamps was made by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, in the form of a resolution adopted at the December 13th meeting. The labor movement also demanded that persons in private industry who receive less than a subsistence wage have that wage supplemented by receiving food stamps.

SWP to Hold New Year's Celebration

The Socialist Workers Party will observe its annual New Year's Eve celebration Sunday evening, December 31, at its spacious halls at 919 Marquette avenue. A gala program of entertainment has been planned, headed by well-known professional entertainers. Charles Connors, WPA defendant, and former headliner on the Keith vaudeville circuit, will head the bill, playing the guitar and singing the songs that he made famous.

What do these lawyers mean by a contingency fee?
It means if you lose the case the lawyer gets nothing, and if you win, you get nothing.

Christmas Greetings
Liberty Garment Manufacturing Co.
400 1ST AVE. N.

Christmas Greetings
Champion Animal Food Company
652 STINSON BLVD.
GR. 3537

Christmas Greetings
Officers and Members of Bartenders Union Number 152
32 SOUTH SIXTH STREET
BR. 1989

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Central Labor Union Thunders Opposition to War

THE LAST STRAW
 Recently there was talk of importing some European workers to a certain part of the South, and, an old Negro hearing of this, approached his boss to ascertain the truth of the matter. "Yes, it's true all right," his boss assured him. "What do you think of the idea?" "Are these people white folks, too?" the Negro countered. "Why, yes," was the answer. At this the Negro shook his head doubtfully. "We Negroes have about all the white folks we can support now," he declared.

Expresses Opposition of Fifty Thousand Organized Workers to War and the War-Makers — Scores Present Jingo Campaign of Government, Boss Press, Radio and News Reels — Expresses Disillusionment with "Wars for Democracy" — Demands that All War Funds Be Turned Over to Unemployed — Declares Support for National Referendum Binding on Congress, Permitting People to Vote on Crucial Question of War

With the war-makers in the United States redoubling their campaign to whip the masses into a frenzied war spirit, and on the eve of the new Congress at which the president will ask for a new military budget of at least two and one-half billion dollars, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union at its meeting last Wednesday, December 13th, again adopted a resolution voicing the unalterable opposition of organized labor to war and all war preparations.

This anti-war resolution, printed in full elsewhere in this issue of the Organizer, sums up the powerful anti-war sentiments of fifty thousand workers of this city.

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union demands in unambiguous terms that "ALL WAR FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED IMMEDIATELY TO THE RELIEF OF THE UNEMPLOYED." This is the answer that workers and the unemployed everywhere should give to the cruel plans of Washington to slash relief still more while pouring new billions into the war machine.

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union, following in the footsteps of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and the twenty-one railroad brotherhoods, demands "a

national referendum binding on Congress for any and all wars." It is the masses who will be called upon to fight. It is the masses who must have the right to decide whether they want war. This is the attitude of organized labor.

Recalls Former Resolution
 The latest anti-war resolution of the city central labor body calls attention to the earlier anti-war stand expressed by the same organization on March 23, 1938. At that time, too, the national administration and the employers' press were engaged in a systematic campaign to create a war spirit and to impel the people to accept war.

In the spring of 1938 a billion dollar war budget had been proposed by Roosevelt and accepted by Congress, and the forces of war were attempting to push the infamous Sheppard-May Bill through Congress, a bill which paved the way for a military dictatorship and a straitjacket for organized labor in times of war. Spokesmen for the Ludlow Amendment for a popular referendum before Congress can declare war were being throttled behind the scenes by James Farelly, who has since admitted his part in putting pressure on scores of Congressmen to withdraw support for the popular war referendum proposal.

Today the war makers are utilizing Russia's invasion of Finland for the purpose of jacking up the jingo spirit a little bit higher, in

preparation for the time Big Business decides this country should enter the war.

Democracy Is First Victim of War
 As the recent anti-war resolution points out, "Organized labor was deceived in the last War to Make the World Safe for Democracy, which destroyed millions of lives and brought about reaction instead of democracy."

Since 1914 there is scarcely any democracy left anywhere in the world. The fascist nations of the world and the military dictatorships of Latin America never have given their people any democracy. The month England and France and Canada entered the present war, democracy was all but wiped out by the oppressive decree laws and military measures.

M-Day Plans for Us
 In the United States too, participation in the war would mean the end of what remains of democracy, and the Central Labor Union resolution points this out: "The government's preparations for war are a mortal danger to organized labor and the unemployed, as revealed by a study of the M-Day plans for a military dictatorship in war-time."

If there was one lesson hundreds of millions of workers learned from the First World War, it was that imperialism war is never fought for such things as "more democracy," but only for sordid profit at the expense of the masses everywhere. The first victim in every modern war is democracy itself. Imperialist war between the great powers has never solved, and can never solve a single problem of the masses. War may and does bring immense profits to a few, but no worker ever gained from fighting the war of his masters. All the worker gets out of such war is oppression at home, a brutal attack on his wages and his union, or the privilege of shedding his blood on some foreign battlefield, fighting against other workers whom he does not know and has no reason to hate.

This Is Labor's Answer
 The December 15th resolution of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union expresses labor's "unalterable opposition to any war launched by the government; that we again demand that all war funds be transferred immediately to the relief of the unemployed; that we oppose intervention by the United States on either side of the present war in Europe; that we declare our support for a national refer-

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such insurance, that the Federal Workers Section has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

All workers seeking unemployment insurance are asked to get in touch immediately with Ed Palmquist before applying for such insurance. Palmquist will be in the office of the Federal Workers Section from 8:30-10:30 daily except Saturday and Sunday.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis White wish to thank Local 1859 for its kindly and thoughtful consideration during their recent bereavement.

Step up, gentlemen. First one, first served. Louis Nash offers me Sunbeam Shavemaster—still new case and all—for only \$8. See him at 2101 2nd St. N. E.

Local 1859 extends its sympathy to Ed and Bruno Kranz whose mother passed away Saturday, December 9.

The Robbinsdale smeer (how do you spell that card game, anyhow?) players gathered at the home of Brother Frank Eull for a heavy session last Friday night. Among those present were Hjalmer Antonson, Valley Eull, Brad Morrison and Herman Bower. Brad was the heavy winner. In a special statement for the press Brad sez, "Aw, heck. 'Twarn't nawthin. It wuz jest beginner's luck."

Local man surprises inmates of J. R. Clark section. Elliot (Iron Man) Lynn proves himself master endum binding on Congress for any and all wars.

That is the sort of answer that organized labor in every town and city and state of America ought to give and continue to give to the jingoes of all shades who would seek to force this country into war.

Well! 289 Bowlers Drop Two Games

Meat Drivers took a double from Local 289 the first time that the Bakery drivers have lost two at one time. W. Borseth had 544. Kenzies took the odd game from Soft Drinks. T. Murphy had 553. Curran rolled 515. Local 221 blanked Local 544. W. Falkingham had 556. Oasis Bar took a pair from Local 359. E. Klein had 557.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 289	31	11
Kenzies	26	16
Soft Drinks	22	20
Oasis Bar	21	21
Local 221	20	22
Meat Drivers	19	23
Local 359	17	25
Local 544	12	30

With the Limousines

By "Home James"
 We knew it was bound to happen and finally it did, the old man of the opinions went out and brought home a perfect score, here he is.

THE GALLOPING POLL
 Chauffeurs Institute of Public Opinion, Galloping Gallop (ND) Director

Question:
 Do you believe the people who make traffic laws in this state know anything about traffic?
 Answer:
 100%—NO!

We might add that we don't think those swivel-chair drivers know much about anything at all.

The complaint comes in via the grapevine, that this column is not using very refined language nor polite tactics. Be that as it may, we might as well tell you now, the only college we ever graduated from was the one of the hard bumps and so naturally we bar few holds.

And so now in our usual straight forward manner, we have something to report to the working world in general.

Some time ago Brother Aurelio Bravo signed up with this local and in due time our office submitted a contract to his employer, who by the way is Thomas Levitt, an official of the Boutell Bros. Co.

After some time of stalling and finally getting tangled up with the labor conciliator this employer decided that he really didn't need a chauffeur, and so he hired a maid instead.

We here submit the list of duties Brother Bravo had to take care of in addition to his main job as a private chauffeur.

EVERYDAY: Sweep walks—dust and clean first floor—set table for dinner—wait table for dinner.

MONDAY: Thoroughly clean first floor—windows, frames and woodwork—brush drapes—polish furniture—wash mirrors—clean fireplace—clean laundry room and put all basement closets in order.

WEDNESDAY: Wash cars—sweep garage—put garage in order—polish large pieces of silverware.

THURSDAY: Polish meat and milk table silverware.

FRIDAY: Wash bathroom floors—wash kitchen floor—wash kitchen and pantry woodwork.

In return for this work, besides what other work could be found in a twenty-four hour day, this

employer was willing to pay the magnificent sum of fifty dollars a month.

There is hardly any comment to add to this piece of news, only that we haven't seen any such bargains down at the Boutell store.

All knitting isn't done for the Red Cross, ask Homer Thomas. Has anybody heard from Al Jones in far away Pasadena. Joe Fredericks says he sees a lot of new hats on some chauffeurs, but he doesn't think they're union made, but then maybe the year 1940 will see more union hats on more 100% union men.

Food for thought; we wouldn't bury our worst enemy from a non-union mortuary.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Gassing With 977

The season's greetings are extended to each member and friend of Local 977 by the Executive Board. To date there have been 1,277 men admitted to membership in the Local; there are fewer withdrawals and unemployed this year than last; with the signing of the working agreement by the Erickson Bros. another victory was won for the labor movement in Minneapolis; the working conditions of those employed in the oil industry have been improved to a greater degree than any period in the history of the city. To all of these achievements, Local 977 points with justifiable pride. However, the real task lies ahead, and that is to build a unified membership which will stand together and fight for their rights. Get behind your Local and boost—it boosts for you each day.

Wedding bells will ring for Norman Nelson, attendant at the Standard station, 530 4th St. S., this month. Congratulations, Norman.

Plans are under way to secure a reel of motion pictures for the January membership meeting.

The new ledgers are being set up in the office; each member will have a new page account number for the ensuing two-year period. It is necessary that your new account number be registered in your dues book; therefore, kindly see that same is in the office before the close of the month.

A TRUE BOSS AT HEART
 A man saw the village loafer starting off on a fishing trip and thought it time to reproach him for his shiftlessness. "You loafer," he cried, "do you think it right to leave your poor old wife at the wash tub while you go fishing?" "It's all right," the shiftless one replied. "My wife doesn't need watching. She'll work just as hard as if I was there."

ORGANIZER WANT ADS

(If you are a subscriber, your ad will be published free of charge. Mail or phone the Northwest Organizer, 253 Plymouth Avenue North, Bridgeport 8741.)

Sale Miscellaneous

544 MEMBERS are selling Christmas trees at corner of Lowry and Johnson streets N. E. Eggy Brothers. Best assortment in Minneapolis. Buy your trees from union men.

CHRISTMAS TREES for sale at 14th and Portland, 1723 Washington Ave. N. Buy from Al Hubbard, ITO member.

1936 NEPTUNE outboard motor. Four-horse, twin. \$20. 1326 6th St. N.

SOUTHWIND automobile gas heater. Boy's hard toe hockey skates, size 6. 3430 Oliver Ave. N., Hy. 1524.

FOR RENT—5 rms, upper duplex. Modern but heat. 953 26th Ave. N. E.

BOARD AND ROOM, laundry, home privileges, for two or parent and child. Phone Hy. 0861. 1411 Sheridan Ave. N.

DINING-ROOM SET, 6 chairs, table, buffet, good condition. \$25. Du. 5598. 2445 16th Ave. S.

GIRL'S BROWN WINTER coat, size 14. Ladies' black winter coat, size 18. Both in good condition. Ch. 2101. 1428 5th St. N.

FOR RENT, 6-room house, modern but heat, available Jan. 15. At 1618 Folk St. For information phone Gr. 2310.

MEN'S BLACK OVERCOAT, good shape, size 42-44, \$4.50. 1808 3rd St. N.

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NON-ART CLOTHES
Brown's
 305-14 NICOLLET AVENUE

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Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union
 Number 458
 7 SOUTH 6TH ST. AT. 3937
 C. S. DATE, Secretary
 VICTOR NELSON, President

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Northwestern Lumbermen's Association
 And Your Local Lumber Dealer
 710 FOSHAY TOWER AT. 2231

Beverage Dispensers Local Union No. 346
 Affiliated with Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America
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 Home Office, 2532 So. Indiana Ave., Chicago, Illinois Victory 2306
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Bus Drivers in Mason City Forced to Strike by Boss

Mason City, Iowa—Confronted with an ultimatum from the owner of the local bus company either to drop their demands for a wage increase and shorter hours or to face loss of their jobs, the ten bus drivers in this city marched out on strike Friday, December 8th, 3 p. m.

Intolerable conditions under which the men were forced to slave finally convinced the drivers that unionism was the only answer. They joined the Mason City Drivers Union Local 828 early in December and began drawing up demands.

The boss, J. E. Osborne, heard of the union activity of his employees through his stool pigeons, and on the morning of December 8th started trying to intimidate the drivers by threatening there would be a show-down that afternoon. Joe Pease, Local 828 business agent, met the threat by presenting Osborne with a proposed agreement and a request that the negotiations get under way. Osborne's answer was a refusal even to listen. He told the drivers they could forget the union and continue working under the sweated conditions, or get their checks and get out!

Osborne misjudged the bus drivers, however. Far from being intimidated, they marched out to a man onto the picket line.

Were Getting 30c
A brief survey of the conditions under which they were forced to toil makes the bus drivers' militant strike action easy to understand. Drivers are required to work 9 1/2 hours daily, seven days a week, for wages of from 30-35c hourly. In addition, the men had to buy their own uniforms, check in their money and clean up their busses after a day's work. Every other week the drivers had to change shifts from day to night work, which meant a man was forced to work from 2:45 p. m. one day until 3 p. m. the next, with only 4 1/2 hours off for rest. Such horribly long shifts are in direct violation of the state law decreasing eight hours of rest for every 12 hours of driving, but like most bosses, the law never meant much to Osborne.

The strikers are demanding a shorter work week, a 30 per cent wage increase, and other conditions which approximate those enjoyed by union bus drivers in other Iowa cities. Osborne calls these demands "impossible."

Boss Ads in Papers
Hardly had the strike been forced on the men when Osborne took to the daily papers with large paid ads, to lie about the union and misrepresent the drivers' demands. He isn't very clever, though, for in his own ads he admitted that his men weren't receiving fair pay. In one sentence he said the drivers "were receiving \$20, \$22.50, and \$24 per week." Further on he says that "Twenty-four dollars per week is fair pay," intimating that less than that is unfair.

The union has answered the company through its own ads in the local press, carrying the truth about the strike to the public. In its ads and in handbills Local 828 urges the people of Mason City to "Give all your friends and neighbors a lift uptown or to and from work with your car. In this way you show your disapproval of low wages and long hours." The union asks all friends of labor to "give us your cooperation and refuse to ride the Mason City busses until Mr. Osborne sees fit to act like a human being."

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: General Membership meeting Thursday, December 28, 7:30 p. m. Come wearing your new Christmas ties. At this meeting installation of officers will be held, so we should have a good turnout. The new contract proposal for wholesale drivers will also be submitted.

Ray Sanford, Continental, is well on his way to California (the lucky stiff) for a three-weeks vacation. It looks like Ray planned it pretty well as he beat the snowstorm by a day. He left last Monday.

Phil Knoblauch, one of our ace bowlers, bought himself a new bowling ball to further improve his game. Incidentally, the boys got dumped last Monday night, two games, by the Meat Drivers. I guess our team wasn't feeling so hot because that's only the second time this season they have lost two games.

Lloyd Lindquist, Zinsmaster's, was sporting a mustache for the last fortnight or so and we thought it was to be a permanent fixture. But now he went and disappointed all the women by shaving it off, saying it was only a bet. Alas.

Here you are, boys. Axel Solfield Independent Bakers, has finally contracted marriage and to be spliced Saturday, December 24. He invites all his friends over Saturday for a little Camp Nelson and Coca Cola. Pretty nice of Ax, don't you think?

Don't forget Saturday, December 24, at 2 p. m. is the big Christmas party for the kiddies at the Minneapolis Armory. All preparations are completed and all you have to do is send or bring your children. The doors open at 1 p. m. and the program begins at 2. Extra! Flash! The Retail Contract proposal as signed by the employers was emphatically turned down by an irate Retail mass meeting held Tuesday, December 19. I don't blame the boys, because the employers thought they were slipping one over on them by expecting them to accept a contract for six and one-half days a week. The Retail division deserves and gets a lot of credit for their decision. Oh, I forgot. They gave the bosses just exactly 48 hours to come to time.

To the Ladies: I have nothing to say this week as I know you are most likely busy with the innumerable and never-ending duties of a woman around the holidays and probably are too busy even to read this.

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There are 60,000 members in the 950 credit unions in Minnesota, with assets of \$7,000,000. Thirty credit unions operate in Duluth proper, and forty-four in the Arrowhead area.

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)
ler-like Assistant Director Magaret that they seem completely sunk in apathy. Said Director Magaret, after the WPA cuts—"To give these persons relief would defeat the purpose of the Woodrum Act, which was designed to stimulate ambition and create a desire for private employment." Average per-person grant for those "fortunate" enough to get on is only \$2.12 per month.

These are only a few of the centers of American culture where a very Merry Christmas will be enjoyed (?) by the vast majority of the population.

How does the Man in the White House look upon these unfortunates? He said "Federal responsibility ends with the provision of WPA jobs for those able and willing to work, and unemployed through no fault of their own."

WILLING TO WORK? UNEMPLOYED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN? A MERRY CHRISTMAS? IN HEAVEN'S NAME, HOW MUCH LONGER CAN IT GO ON?

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Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig
Christmas will be Christmas after all in regular Minnesota style. We all hope it can turn out in enough style to keep those new little Diamond T's arollin'.

Members who have paid their December dues and are out on withdrawal for the month of January are eligible to vote.

For a last minute purchase of Christmas trees look up Bud Bergeron at 1906 Lyndale Ave. North.

The legislature reduced the minimums on one ton and one and one-half ton trucks this last session and no one had his eyes open enough to report it. Now it comes out that Mike Holm is refunding part of this year's ('39) license tax to all small truck owners to the tune of \$30,000. Ten dollars will be the lowest rate for the future.

Look for some statistics on your weekly unemployment register for '39 some time in the month of January.

What good is a weekly column when some people all the time say keep the lid on? Guess who is playing Santa Claus?

Look's like if we don't work we can't bowl. The ranks were pretty thin last Friday.

Say Wally R., Gilmore, et al., can you imagine boss Carlos saying that he is hungry all over again for steak. Now who is a poor columnist to say no to such a heart rending appeal of near starvation; how about starting to beat the drums?

The time limit for submitting your work record with the park board has been extended to the 23rd on Saturday before Christmas. It is expected we can draw up a new list between the holidays and submit it to the park

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Clark Gas Stations All Union

Taking its place with the other union oil companies in Minneapolis is the new Clark Super-Gas company, now operating stations at 42nd and Nicollet, 17th and Washington avenue north, and St. Mary's and University.

Coming 1.0m Wisconsin, the Clark company has hired all local people and has agreed that nothing but union labor build and operate its stations. Members of the Building Trades Unions constructed all three stations and members of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 operate them.

An unusually good union contract was negotiated amicably for the attendants, providing for two weeks vacation with pay, free uniforms and cleaning, and a wage scale \$7.50 a month more than the present prevailing scale for senior operators.

The city council has approved the construction of two more stations by the Clark company.

board men at a special meeting after the first of January. These numbers are not yet in: 1-19-25-32-40-50-52-54-56-58-60.

IT0544 Bowling League

Team	Won	Lost
City	31	8
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That's All I Want for Christmas!
By Arthur Hopkins
That every relief official—Pearson, I. S. Josephs, and so on—and some investigators I know, "dine" on a relief budget.
That every boss try to live on his employee's pay.
That every copper spend a night in jail to see how it feels on the wrong side of the bars.
That every minister practice what he preaches.
That every "Friend of Labor" prove it.
That everyone connected with unemployment insurance try to live on the "benefits."
That every butcher eat his own hamburger.
That every "patriot" do his own fighting.
That every tenement house owner have to live with his tenants.
That every munition maker prove the worth of his product on a similar manufacturer, domestic or foreign.
That every general live in the trenches with the cannon fodder.
That all doctors have to swallow their own prescriptions.
That every teacher really know more than his students.
That radio spicers have to listen to other spicers.
That every congressman voting for war be the first in the trenches.

It's never been pointed out, but the provisions in state old-age pension laws requiring pauper's oaths or signing a lien on all property to the state are in direct conflict with practice in regard to all other state pensions. States for years have offered pensions to employes, retired judges, etc., ranging up to substantial figures, but never have attached any such requirement.—**KEN MAGAZINE.**

He who allows himself to be a worm should not complain if he is stepped on.
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Review of 1939 Shows Labor's Gains and Losses

Continued growth and progress of the progressive section of the Minneapolis union movement—growing attacks on the rights of labor by the state and federal governments—continued worsening of the condition of the unemployed—this is what the year 1939 meant for organized labor in this area, a study of the year's file of the Northwest Organizer reveals.

Whereas all sections of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council made advances of one degree or another during the year, the unemployed were hammered month after month by city, state and national administrations, whether of Republican or Democratic persuasion. So far as the jobless are concerned, 1939 came in like a roving lion and departed the same way.

A month-by-month survey of the year reveals the following highlights:

JANUARY—The year begins with a meeting of over fifteen hundred jobless workers at the old Eagles Hall, called to protest WPA layoffs and reach a plan to fight against the relief crisis. The 11-State Drivers Council carries its organization campaign into the Southwest. Through their union, Utility Workers Local 160, the Northern States Power company workers win pay increases in a new agreement.

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blessings of certain employers, the CIO attempts to invade the local oil industry.

The Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council holds its first meeting at Red Wing, a huge success. Local 544's Federal Workers Section leads the fight for Aid to Dependent Children before the city welfare board. The 22-week drivers' strike in Omaha and Sioux City ends in a union victory. The Yellow Cab company locally signs a new agreement with the Cab Drivers Union Local 958, and the independent cab drivers strike to win the same agreement.

MARCH—Twenty-nine drivers' unions in Minnesota meet in Minneapolis to plan fight against government scheme to institute competitive bidding for truck equipment. The government wins, the drivers lose. The Minneapolis labor movement unites to fight labor bill advanced by Stassen and his spokesmen in state legislature. The Minnesota State Federation of Labor calls a special convention to mobilize for fight. Local 544's Youth Section basketball team

wins the championship of the Southwestern Division and goes to the semi-finals in city competition.

APRIL—The labor movement endorses T. A. Eide, secretary of the Franklin Co-operative Creamery, for mayor. Several children of relief clients are bitten by rats and labor fights for decent housing. The Drivers Council wins a nine-day strike against the Elsholtz Tri-City Line.

MAY—T. A. Eide wins the nomination, to oppose Leach in the general election. A special Local 544 membership meeting in the Eagles Hall registers unyielding opposition to Stassen labor bill. The General Drivers Union wins substantial gains in a pact with the Walgreen Drug firm. The Warehouse Union Local 20316 receives a charter as Local 359 and affiliates to the Teamsters Joint Council and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

JUNE—The Teamsters Joint Council observes the fifth anniversary of the martyrdom of Henry Ness and John Belor in a graveside ceremony. The unemployed and independent truck owners of the Twin Cities stage a motor parade through Minneapolis and St. Paul, ending with a demonstration at the state capitol. The Milk Drivers Union Local 471 makes gains in a new agreement with the milk industry. T. A. Eide is defeated by Mayor Leach in a close race. Tom Mooney, recently freed labor martyr, visits Minneapolis. The Utility Workers Union Local 160

makes gains in a new pact with the company. Local 544 signs agreements covering workers in produce, printing, newspapers, drugs, coal, sausage, tent and awnings, Gamble-Skogmo, etc., making general advances.

JULY—The St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly condemns the Stassen Slave Law. Half a million WPA and building trades workers conduct nationwide strike against the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief bill which slashed one million off WPA, cut wages and lengthened hours of work. The strike is effective in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Chicago, Missouri, Minnesota, and California—and most effective of all right in the Twin Cities, where all sections of organized labor endorse it. The General Drivers Union hold their most successful annual picnic. The WPA strike continues to gain momentum. The WPA sewing project in Minneapolis is the scene of typical police brutality. Emil Bergstrom, relief client, shot to death by police, and many others wounded by police fire. After 15-day strike the WPA workers vote to return to work. The Building Trades Unions remain firm in their determination not to work at government scab wages.

AUGUST—Minneapolis labor movement rallies to the defense of the WPA workers who are being victimized by the government. A federal grand jury meets in St. Paul at request of Attorney General Frank Murphy to investigate WPA strike. Minneapolis strikers denied relief by welfare board, but labor pressure changes the board's attitude. The Minneapolis Journal folds up, kicking its employees in the face. Linus Glotzbach promoted by President Roosevelt for his conduct

during WPA strike. Labor protests the promotion. WPA layoffs reach new heights; rolls in Minnesota reduced to 31,000, compared with 65,000 on WPA last fall. First batch of 103 workers indicted by federal grand jury. Organized labor protest grows. Strikers voluntarily submit to arrest and are jailed at bail reaching \$10,000 each. The phony CIO "oil union" scabs on the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 strike against Erickson oil. The Utility Workers Union Local 160 joins the national campaign launched by New York Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, for the Thirty-Hour Week. Tom Mooney is the guest speaker at monster Central Labor Union picnic at Powderhorn Park.

SEPTEMBER—Labor's protests win a reduction in the excessive bail demanded by the government. Local 544 makes gains in new pact with grocery industry. William Green in Labor Day address at Duluth endorses work of AFL-WPA Defense Committee. Local 544's baseball team wins city championship and goes to finals of the state tourney. Local 1859 forced to start its annual strike against the Puffer-Hubbard company. The Northwest Organizer writes an Open Letter to the Minneapolis Tribune, warning that its campaign to keep out of war will go the way of all such boss-conducted campaigns. The Minnesota State Federation of Labor holds its annual convention in Duluth, demands repeal of the Stassen Slave Act, endorses a popular referendum on war, pledges support to the indicted WPA strikers.

OCTOBER—Erickson and CIO lose in court effort to obtain injunction against Local 977. The Teamsters Joint Council participates in the city's centennial celebration. Three hundred thousand over-

road drivers covered by the new twelve-state area pact stipulating wage increases and better working conditions. Area agreement is a bulwark of union conditions in Minneapolis. The trial of the first eight WPA strikers begins before Judge Joyce. Tom Davis is retained by the AFL-WPA Defense Committee as defense counsel. Pe'er Murk, vice-chairman of the Defense Committee, is murdered by unknown assailants. The Northwest Organizer initiates a petition campaign to "Let the People Vote on War." Labor holds a citywide tag day and raises \$1,089 for the WPA Defense fund. The defense shatters the government case against the WPA strikers—but the government picked the jury. Five out of eight convicted of "conspiracy." Second WPA trial lasts only few days, three out of four are judged to be "conspirators." State Federation of Labor sends out appeal to all Minnesota unions to contribute funds to the WPA defense.

NOVEMBER—Drivers unions in five states sign pact with Gamble-Robinson firm. Third WPA trial begins before same type of jury. The FBI, after working on the case for fifteen months, succeeds in framing drivers' union officials in Omaha, Sioux City and Des Moines. Seven union officials given 282 years in jail. Attorney General Murphy initiates campaign against unionism in the construction industry, under guise of enforcing Sherman Anti-trust Law. One lone congressman from California protests against federal persecution of Minneapolis WPA strikers. All Minnesota congressmen except Lundeen get tongue-tied on this issue. Owen Cunningham advances a reactionary program for the cure of society's ills. "Back to the kitchen" is one plank for the women. A special meeting called by the AFL-WPA Defense Committee, with representatives of over 100 unions in attendance, votes to recommend \$1 as-

essment on all Minneapolis union members for WPA defense.

DECEMBER—The trial of 25 WPA strikers ends with 25 convictions—for "conspiracy" again. William Green protests to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Murphy against prosecution of unions under Anti-trust Law. Protest is unavailing. Lund ski strikers win pact after 32-months' struggle. Puffer-Hubbard strikers hold that line. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council sponsors a Christmas Party for children of union members. The year draws to a close with the Bakery Drivers, the Laundry Drivers and the Utility Workers all hammering away in negotiations for new and better contracts. President Roosevelt announces that at coming session of Congress he will propose new slash on WPA. Local 977 wins long strike against Erickson company. The Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council closes year of progress with meeting at Northfield. Elections on in all drivers' unions. The Minneapolis Central Labor in a resolution repeats its opposition to war and the war-makers.

Union Guard To Usher at Xmas Party

Though called on extremely short notice, several hundred members of the Union Defense Guard met in the basement hall of the drivers' headquarters Tuesday evening, to receive instructions for their ushering duties at the Teamsters Joint Council Christmas Party for kids this Saturday. The Guardsmen will supervise the huge throng of children expected to attend.

Main speaker was V. R. Dunne, who stressed the importance of doing a good job at the Army Saturday. Guard action at the Christmas Party shows another phase of the many-sided activity of this organization.

Refreshments were served and several talented musicians entertained the group.

544 Collects \$554 Back Wages for 6

Six drivers at the McGlynn Oil company were happier to the tune of \$554 this week as the result of back pay collected for them by the General Drivers Union Local 544. The back pay was due for violations of the overtime provisions of the agreement, dating since last summer.

The amounts collected for the men varied from \$47.00 to \$124.48. One of the workers was not even a union member but was so gratified at the aid rendered by the union that he immediately joined.

Six workers at the Minneapolis Cold Storage firm also received checks collected by the union this week, for violations of the guaranteed weekly hours clause.

Some People Are Doing All Right

"Industrial Profit up 44% in Year" reads an interesting news story in the financial section of last Sunday's N. Y. Times. The Times reports that eighty corporations in the transportation field—autos, aircraft, railroads—fished a combined net profit of \$200 millions for the nine months ended on September 30th, compared with a combined net profit of \$36 millions in the same period in 1938, a gain of 44% per cent. "In other words," says the article, "profits were five and one-half times greater this year." Were your wages five and one-half times greater, fellow worker?

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor.

Youth in the Shadows

There are 24,000 unemployed young persons in Minneapolis.

One third of the nation's unemployed are youth. Forty-three per cent of the unemployed youth have never had a job.

These are the facts presented to a meeting held last Thursday of fifty university professors, vocational counselors and government officials at the Citizens Aid building in Minneapolis.

Clothe these figures with flesh and blood and they conjure up a frightening picture of millions of frustrated young men and women, denied the right to jobs, to life, condemned to poverty and an abnormal existence, knowing not what it means to have jobs, regular pay-checks, the fellowship of other workers, wives or husbands, children, even the promise of a little security.

This is the horrible price the youth of America are paying for the failure of their leaders to unfetter humanity from the chains of the profit system. All their great talents are unused, all their energies are blocked and denied.

The fifty Minneapolis officials working in the youth field didn't have, and won't find, any solution to this weighty problem, any more than Mr. Owen Young's Youth Committee which recently made public its report, had any solution to offer.

"Co-ordinate the activities of all organizations"—"gathering data on young men and women"—glib phrases like this look well in the daily papers but they don't solve the problem of the youth.

What is wrong with the youth is that they haven't jobs at decent wages! What is wrong with their elders is that they don't dare suggest a solution which goes beyond the confines of the rigid limits permitted by Big Business.

Instead of the federal government's diverting billions to create jobs for American youth, these billions are poured into a war machine whose purpose is to destroy and crucify the young men and women of this nation.

Back to the Middle Ages

Typical of the reactionary "solutions" being discussed in government circles is that proposed last week in Minneapolis by John Barrett, apprenticeship field representative for the U. S. Department of Labor.

"The federal government is interested," he stated, "in promoting the old country method of indentured apprenticeship as a source of skilled workers."

This truly horrible suggestion is enough to make one's hair stand on end. Indentured apprenticeship—that is the next thing to slavery! Hundreds of years ago, in Europe and America, young men and women used to be sold to masters for terms of seven years and more, during which period they would slave for the master in return for the scantiest food, clothing and shelter.

Slavery for the youth, and the undermining of the wages and working conditions of labor—anything so that the profits of Big Business can pile up undisturbed.

Recent history teaches us all the impressive lesson that the youth of a nation do not submit forever to intolerable life-denying forces. May the youth of America never say that organized labor did not sympathize with their plight, did not speak out against the injustices done them, did not offer its strength and its ideas to them.

Drivers in Ottumwa Resume Strike Against Nash-Finch

In the middle of last week a brief truce was declared in the strike of drivers against the Nash-Finch plant at Ottumwa, Iowa. The following press release explains the situation:

"After spending nearly the entire day Tuesday in negotiations with Mr. J. N. Shikany, representing Nash-Finch company, the Teamsters Union and the company have arranged a truce until Tuesday morning next week.

"It was found that certain important items in the union's proposals could not be met by Mr. Shikany without first consulting higher officials of the company. Among the points on which he could not satisfy the union are

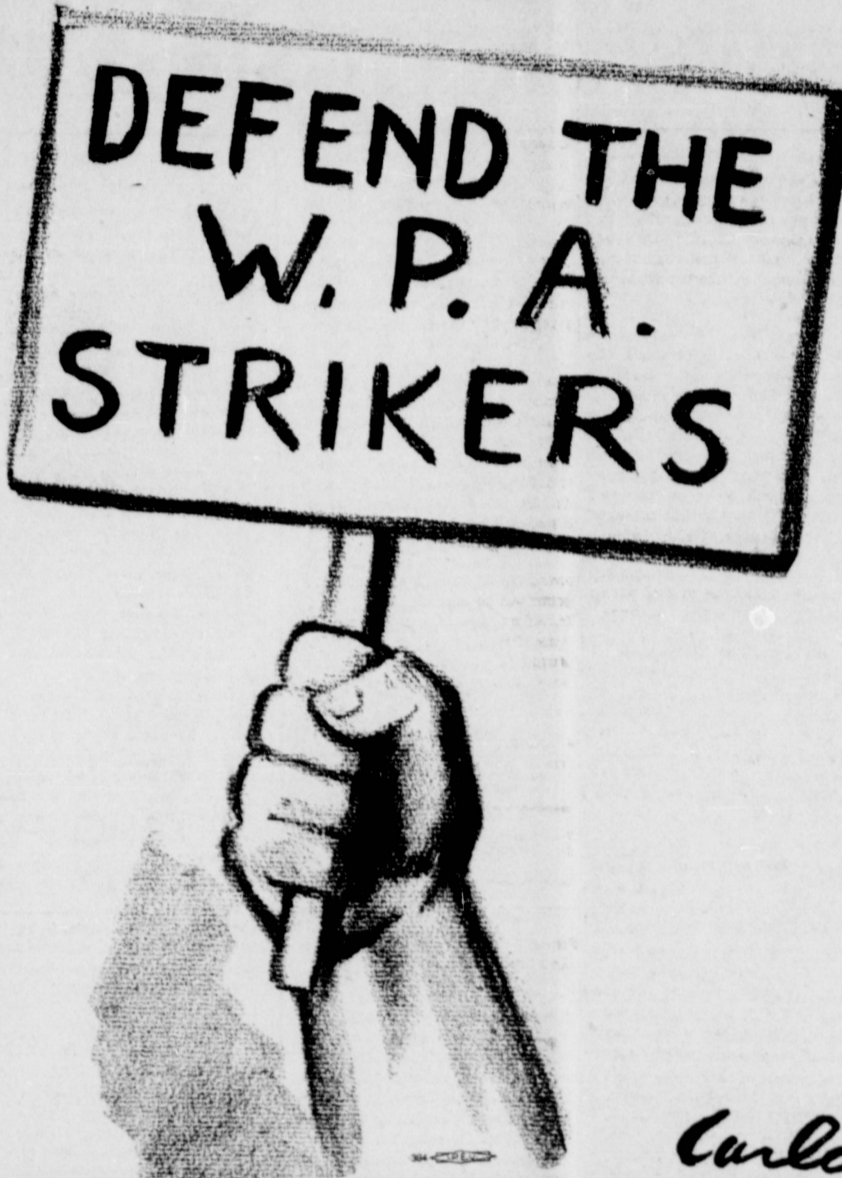
Flash!

Following failure of the Nash Finch company in Ottumwa, Iowa, to grant demands of their drivers, the strike truce was ended and the men again marched on the picket lines Wednesday. During the past few days, the Ottumwa Teamsters Union has carried on a highly successful organization campaign throughout the city. The Iowa State Drivers Council, meeting last Saturday, voted full support to the Ottumwa strikers.

wages, seniority rights and some of the provisions relating to union recognition.

"Because some progress has been made toward a settlement and because it is impossible to confer with the necessary authorities of the company until next

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Carlo

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

IF I WERE SANTA CLAUS

I would give John L. Lewis and William Green a pair of boxing gloves, tell them to fight their battles in the ring and let the labor movement unite.

I would give the Minneapolis labor movement the kind of a Labor Temple sixty-thousand union workers deserve.

I would give Skoglund a new hat.

I would give the local CIO leadership a book entitled "Trade Union Principles."

I would give the children of relief clients the kind of a Christmas every little boy and girl dreams about.

I would give the members of the Board of Public Welfare the ability to understand the problems of the thou-

sands of families who are under their care.

I would give the Ice Drivers hot weather and the Coal Drivers plenty of zero. (Some job, Santa).

I would give Roy Weir a smile that works easy.

I would give F. Dobbs a pair of wings (it would save train fare).

HOWEVER

I am not Mr. Claus, but I do want all my friends in and out of the labor movement to know that I wish them a happy holiday season with the hope that the coming year will bring everyone a little closer to the realization of their hopes and dreams.

NOTE

Next week this corner will have its say in regard to the coming union election.

289 Retail Drivers Meet Thursday

A special meeting of the Retail Bakery Drivers Section will be held this Thursday evening, to consider a report on the negotiations to date and to plan for definite action on the men's demands.

For the past two years many of these drivers have had to work as many as twelve hours daily. This year they are determined to change this inhuman schedule and to win the eight-hour working day which will permit them to live like human beings and to see what their families look like.

Negotiations have been going on for two months between the union and the two companies employing retail drivers.

Man perfected by society is the best of all animals; he is the most terrible of all when he lives without the law and without justice. If he finds himself an individual who cannot live in society, or who pretends he has need of only his own resources, do not consider him as a member of humanity; he is a savage beast—or a god.—ARISTOTLE.

—But E. T. Scott, the nimrod, went in the other direction. He headed north last week on his "holidays off," with the remark that he was going to keep on going until he found ice enough for ice fishing. He carried no radio equipment, and nothing is known of his present whereabouts.

The B. A. S. and the Executive Board join in wishing you a Happy Christmas.

How fortunate are we in this country, to be able to enjoy the holidays at peace with the world.—LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.

The Voluntary Organization Committee has held several very successful meetings, preparing themselves for the task of showing the way for the non-members to become militant members of this union.

The membership meetings, by all reports, will be well attended and quite interesting from now on.

Last week's column was favorably commented on by many members.

Brother Fred Ecklund is spending a month with his mother in California.

Brother Rodseth, house trailer and all, is in California on a sixty-day leave of absence.

Brother J. E. McMullen is back from Oregon, looking much younger, twenty pounds heavier and "air conditioned."

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

This column wishes all members, their wives and families a very Merry Christmas.

Our hats off to the Ladies' Auxiliary. When they do a thing, they surely do it in a big way. We refer to the Christmas party put on for the kiddies of the Auxiliary members which took place last Sunday.

The program was entertaining (especially the three grown-up school girls and the school "Mam"). The children did their numbers without a hitch, and after the program a real feed was served, the quality of which could not be improved on and there was plenty of it.

Daddy Warbucks as Santa Claus made a real hit with the kiddies, only scaring three of them. Everyone went home well satisfied and happy.

Do not forget the Christmas party this coming Saturday, December 23rd, at the Armory. It is for all children of union members who hold their meetings at 257 Plymouth Avenue.

Brother M. E. Taggart and family are spending their vacation in Monterey, Mexico. Mike, we wish you a happy vacation.

—And then there's Ward, the Riverside engineer. He's taking his ease in Texas. Expects to be back in February.

... the last word

By B. and G.

If you have a daughter who thinks she wants to be a beautician—beauty operator, to us—now or when she finishes school, here are a few things about the trade which you might tell her:

You put in a year learning the business in some beauty school. One we know of charges \$100 (while you're in training you work on paying customers whose money goes to the school). If you're lucky enough to get a job when you finish your course you put in six days a week from 9 in the morning until the last customer leaves at night. The minimum wage for this work has been set at \$15 per week by the state and seldom does it go above this, even though commissions are paid in some shops. You have your lunch only when there is a lull between customers and not at a definite time each day. You stand on your feet most of the time and you meet women who expect you to change their ordinary, plain Jane selves into Greta Garbos and Hedy Lamars.

It is for these reasons that the beautician's profession is a hard one and badly in need of improvements. The only places where better conditions prevail are those which have signed contracts with the Beauticians Union. Myrtle Larson, organizer and business agent for this body, told us that none of the downtown beauty shops are covered by union agreements. We think this is a good reason to stay away from them. As a matter of fact, there are union beauty shops in every neighborhood in the city and they're really a lot more convenient to patronize.

December's Harper's Bazaar—the magazine of the idle rich housewife—describes war-time Paris like this:

"Paris is very odd and different but still charming. All types of people mix together now and in a queer way everyone has a good time. The Ritz is really a madhouse—so many people have closed their heatless houses and are living there."

We were just wondering how many people in Minneapolis would move into the Nicolet hotel if they had to close up their heatless houses under a war-time budget. We couldn't.

If you serve on the social committee of your club or organization or if you are planning to give a party of your own, there is a new book just out that you will find very helpful. It's called "The Party Book" and is written by Mary J. Breen. In it are ideas and suggestions for games of all kinds, refreshment (with menus and recipes) and decorations for every kind of party you can imagine. There are parties for raising money and others just for fun. Instructions for everything are included.

Here's a timely suggestion: It's for an after-Christmas auction and can be used to make a little money for auxiliary or your union. Each person brings a small article done up in fancy wrappings. You can bring something you received as a gift that you don't want or need or any item you have around the house that you'd like to be rid of. An auctioneer, with all the word trimmings of his trade, sells the articles to the highest bidder.

Parties in general: "If your party is small and at home, plan only a few games and let the rest of the evening take care of itself. There will always be somebody around who has a suggestion as to what to do next. Parties for large groups require more carefully planned programs and a definite technique of leadership. It is a technique, however, if you can acquire easily, if you give attention to these essentials: 1. Consider the people who are going to attend. 2. How are they going to be dressed? 3. What kind of activity does the group like best? 4. Is the group well acquainted?"

Here is a pleasant little Christmas story we'd like to tell you. It's about a girl we know whose mother died when she was very, very young and who was brought up in an orphan asylum, seeing her father only a few times in her twenty-odd years. She married young and is now the mother of two small babies. Her husband works when there is employment. In slack times they must depend on relief. As you might guess, she has had few pretty clothes to put on her slim little figure and none of the luxuries of life. The other day her little-known father sent her \$15 for a Christmas party. Fifteen dollars could buy a lovely dress, a bewitching housecoat, jewelry—a lot of things that any young girl would be thrilled to have. But this is the part that thrilled us. Instead of buying any of these things for herself, she used the fifteen dollars to buy a fine leather jacket for her husband for Christmas.

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LOCAL 471 General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 November 15 — J. R. Clark November 20 — Casket Industry November 21—Box Industry December 6—General Membership Nov. 16, Dec. 7 — Grievance Board Nov. 27, Dec. 11—Twin City Stewards Every Friday night—Executive Board
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 20481 December 6—General Membership
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 DECEMBER, 1939 Friday, December 1—Job Stewards Monday, December 4—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, December 6—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, December 7—Greenhouse, ITO Friday, December 8 — Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, December 11—General Membership Tuesday, December 12—Lumber Wednesday, December 13 — Market, Excavating Drivers, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, December 15 — Job Stewards Monday, December 18—Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing Thursday, December 21—Tent and Awning, Newspaper (10 A. M.) Friday, December 22 — Cold Storage Monday, December 25—Spring Water Tuesday, December 26—Sand and Gravel Thursday, December 28 — Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Local 544 Office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise designated
LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 7 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Leasee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 359 Stewards — First and Third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.	