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FIVE CENTS

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl
Coming Events
On May 13th the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, with 259,731 members in the United States and Canada, will open its convention at Madison Square Garden in New York City.
Two weeks later the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, with about 250,000 members, will open its convention in the same auditorium.

Both conventions are expected to take action endorsing a third term for Roosevelt. These two great unions, formerly bulwarks of socialist thought, have now, at least in their top leadership, swung back into the orbit of boss politics.
The I. L. G. W. U. is expected to debate the question of immediate reaffiliation with the AFL, but it is doubtful if the convention decides to move away from its independent status at this time.
The World's Fair has designated June 2nd as I. L. G. W. U. day, and over 250,000 persons, including the wives and families of members, are expected to represent the union at the fair that day.

Latest group of workers to unionize are the professional song pluggers who endeavor to persuade orchestra leaders to play particular numbers. The song pluggers in New York City have banded together in the Music Publishers Contact Employees Local 22102, a federal affiliate of the AFL. The union has 430 members and has signed closed shop pacts with most of the leading music publishers. Chief aim of the union is to ban the practice of bribing musicians to play certain songs.

Most important labor victory of the week is the flat \$10 monthly wage increase won by the militant Sailors Union of the Pacific from the Pacific-American Shipowners association. A 10-cent hourly increase in overtime pay was also won.

On April 25th the Sailors Union held stop-work meetings in every port to consider the bosses' offer of a \$7.50 increase. The membership voted almost unanimously to reject the offer, and in less than 24 hours the shipowners capitulated and came through with the unions' demand for a straight \$10 increase.

Ordinary seamen are now raised from their former scale of \$57.50 a month to a scale of \$67.50. Able-bodied seamen go from \$72.50 to \$82.50. Quartermasters and watchmen go from \$82.50 to \$92.50.

The Sailors Union won its great victory single-handed, with no aid from the other maritime unions. But the sailors' victory will, of course, be a substantial victory for all seamen. The Marine Firemen and the Cooks & Stewards are now in line for a wage raise. Just a few days after the Sailors Union came through on the East Coast — coasting home on the West Coast victory.

Labor's fight on the government's "anti-trust" program of smashing the unions is getting hotter and hotter. Last week the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor convention charged that the Roosevelt administration is riding "hell bent for the destruction of organized labor."

A very good pamphlet on (Continued on page 4)

An Editorial Those Who Sue Their Union In Court Are Worse Than Strike-Breakers, Says Tobin

By President Daniel Tobin, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

There is no greater curse than to have an individual member who wants to take the local union into court when a decision is rendered against him by the local union and the Joint Council, if there is a Joint Council in the district.

Any member taking any local union or the International Union into court, if the local wins the case, the member should have charges preferred against him immediately and he should be fined double the cost incurred by the local union, which should include lawyers' fees and other expenses; and until such time as the fine is paid he should be suspended from membership and deprived of all the rights and privileges of a union man. Our next convention, in my opinion, will take drastic action against such persons.

Today the country is overcrowded with cheap shyster lawyers who are not able or willing to work at anything except law and who are practically starving to death, many of them unable to pay office rent; and on the least pretense of law violation by a local union they hound the individual to such an extent that they make him believe they can recover lost time and lost wages, etc., or make the local union settle by threatening to bring suit against the local union and its officers. If the member was the real kind of union man he would pay no attention to those slickers, who are even worse than the so-called "ambulance chasers," because they often succeed for a price (called a fee) in injuring the union and its members and give aid and encouragement to other enemies.

I have repeatedly said that when a person joins our union he pledges himself to abide by the decisions and laws of the local union and of the International, and if he takes the union into court because he is not satisfied with decisions, with an election, or with a ruling of the International Union, he is violating his obligation and does not deserve to be continued as a member of the union.

The real trade unionist, the man who is sincere, accepts the decision of the union when it is against him just as honorably as when the decision is in his favor. This is the true test of unionism. If you are right in your argument or in what you are advocating, don't ever forget that the members in time will find out that you right and they will support you. Educate those who disagree with you. For thirty-two years I have had recommendations I made to our conventions, that I sincerely believed in, voted down by the conventions. That's a record that should discourage me, but it does not. I will renew those same requests at the next convention because I believe in them. One of those recommendations was the establishing of a "death benefit" by the International Union for the widows, orphans or other dependents of our deceased members.

A strike-breaker who was never a member of a union isn't half as guilty of attempting to destroy the union by breaking the strike as the union man who violates his obligation by rushing into court, thereby refusing to abide by the decision of the courts within the organization, just because the decision was against him. At least it can be said that the strike-breaker, not being a union man, was not obligated to preserve the union.

From May, 1940, issue of I. B. of T. Official Magazine

Local 289 Negotiations Continue

Negotiations in the dispute between the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 and the twenty-nine bakery firms proceeded this week. On Monday a meeting of union negotiators, the companies' committee and a state labor conciliator were held.
The companies have advanced a counter-proposal to the union's demands. Another meeting is scheduled to be held Friday.
The three-man commission appointed April 25 by Governor Stassen to hold a hearing in the dispute has not yet entered the picture.

Dahlgren Signs With Local 131

The Dahlgren Cleaners, 714 Washington avenue southeast, has signed a union agreement with the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131. L. Clair Johnson, union business agent, reported this week.

Seven 471 Members Are Hospitalized

The spring season seems to have brought misfortune to seven members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471, all of whom are in hospitals.

Edward Cannon is now in Glen Lake sanatorium for the tuberculosis cure.
Erling Elide is ill with pneumonia at St. Mary's hospital. Lauri Farsblom is at Asbury hospital, recovering from an accident.

Gust Lundeen is recovering from a mastoid operation at the Victory hospital, and George Anderson is at the Veterans hospital with a hernia. Charles M. Sanders is at the same hospital, for a gall bladder operation. Albert Wickstrom is at Northwestern, where he is recovering from an operation which removed a chip of bone from his hip.

The membership of Local 471 joins the families of these men in wishing them all a speedy recovery.

NSP Workers Vote Acceptance of Best Utility Pact in the Nation

Welcome Home, Brothers



The five WPA strikers released from Sandstone federal prison last Thursday morning were welcomed home that noon by forty officials of the Minneapolis union movement at a luncheon at Fransen's cafe, where homage was paid the strikers and their wives.

Seated: Mrs. Myron Phillips, Mrs. Richard Connell, Mrs. Frank Stevens, Mrs. Eddie Albert, Mrs. Hurley, the wives of the released strikers.

Standing: Karl Kuehn, Federal Workers Section organizer; Myron Phillips; Minnie Kohn, WPA striker released from the workhouse; Richard Connell; Frank Stevens; Robley Cramer, Labor Review editor; Eddie Albert, Floyd Hurley, Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer, Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council; Walter Frank, Lathers Union official.

Local 160 Membership Votes Unanimously to Accept New Agreement—Union Shop, Wage Increases of \$2.50-\$10 in Most Classifications Are Won—Good Arbitration Clause Obtained—Pact Will Run to April 30, 1941—Long Negotiations Nearing End

It took over 160 days of negotiations, and the unanimous approval of the membership to take strike action is necessary, to win the union victory. But as the smoke clears away, it is evident that the employees of the Northern States Power company, organized in Minneapolis Utility Workers Union Local 160 and St. Paul Utility Workers Union Local 110, have won the best union working agreement in the nation's utility industry.

Last Thursday evening the membership of Local 160 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers heard the joint negotiating committee's report, and then voted by an overwhelming majority to ratify the pact. On Friday the St. Cloud section of Local 160 took similar action, and Monday night the St. Paul Local 110 voted likewise.

The new agreement with the Northern States Power company will expire April 30, 1941. It is retroactive to January 1, 1940, and under it some employees will receive back pay as far back as 1938, due to wage reviews over this period.

The pact calls for the union shop. Workers in most classifications have won wage increases,

ranging from \$2.50 to \$10 and more monthly. The arbitration clause in the new contract is much superior to the clause in the old contract which expired December 31st of last year.

Union Shop Clause
The union shop clause was won after over eighty per cent of the members voted for the union shop in an election held April 11 under the supervision of the state labor conciliator.

The clause (in Section 1 of the new pact) reads:

"this agreement covers all employees within the classifications scheduled in Exhibit 'A' hereof and membership in the Local Union, or possession of an unexpired working permit issued by the Local Union shall be a condition of employment on and after (date of the contract), of employees who have attained seniority with the Company."

"Employees who have not established seniority, or new employees, prior to working under this agreement on and after May 1, 1940, shall apply to and receive a working permit from the Local Union for which such employees shall compensate the Local Union and comply with its rules, and be governed by the terms and provisions of this agreement."

Good Arbitration Clause
The arbitration clause puts a definite period to the time differences may be prolonged. An arbitration board consisting of three each from the union and the company must meet within ten days from the date of written notice of the request for arbitration, and must render a majority decision within thirty days thereafter. In the event the arbitration board is unable to agree, either party may call on the state labor conciliator to appoint a seventh member.

It is agreed that "no lawyer or legal adviser shall be eligible to act as a member of the Arbitration Board."

The section on arbitration will make it impossible for differences to run off hazily in the sky, as occurred under the old contract.

Negotiations Near End
Negotiations for the new agreement are practically concluded, with only small points yet to be clarified. The union will provide printed copies of the agreement for its membership and for sister unions, many of whom have already written in for copies.

Members of the Joint Union Negotiating Committee who represented employees in the prolonged dealings with the company and the state labor relations department were: Gerald Baldus, William Hiegel and George Phillips of Minneapolis Local 160; Hall, McGrath and Dan Gephart of St. Paul Local 110.

Michael Boyle, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, gave his very able assistance to the union committee in the latter part of the negotiations.

Not the least of the progressive achievements of the negotiations was the closer fraternal relations established between Locals 110 and 160, and the gaining of the splendid contract was due in no small measure to the healthy cooperation between the Minneapolis and St. Paul unions.

It is expected that the various contracts will be signed all together within the next few days.

Officials of 544 Testify, Relate History of Union

Carl Skoglund, Grant Dunne, Miles Dunne, Kelly Postal Take Stand in Judge Carroll's Courtroom — Give Documented History of Merger Between Old Local 574 and Local 500—Relate Functioning of Union—Anderson's Case Riddled by Union Evidence

Following the weeks' recess granted by the court, the General Drivers Union Local 544 began Monday in Judge Carroll's court to begin answering, one by one, the host of accusations made against the union by the plaintiffs and their attorneys.

Attorney Anderson's bombast and distortion of facts gave way before the documented picture of the union's history and functioning as presented Monday and Tuesday by President Carl Skoglund, Grant Dunne, Miles Dunne and Kelly Postal.

Over strenuous objections from Anderson, Skoglund, the first witness, introduced into evidence the original copy of the agreement of June, 1936, whereby old Local 574 and the Local 500 were merged to form Local 544; also introduced into evidence were telegrams from Meyer Lewis, representative of the American Federation of Labor, approving the merger.

Grant Dunne, next defense witness, identified the minutes of the union membership meeting of July 11, 1936, where the merger proposal was approved by the rank-and-file.

Miles Dunne then took the stand to testify as to how the union filled vacancies on its staff, how such actions were submitted to the membership for approval; how the union conducted its elections, set up its election boards. Defense Attorney John Goldie introduced a number of minutes of the executive board and the general membership meeting into evidence, again over Anderson's objection.

Several times during the day Anderson would complain: "Well, if this evidence stands, we might as well throw up our case."

Attention, 544 Members

A Special Membership Meeting Monday, May 13

By decision of the membership meeting of Local 544 held on April 8, 1940, it was decided to call a special membership meeting and the Executive Board was authorized to set the date and time for such meeting. The Executive Board at its last meeting decided to call this meeting for May 13, 1940, at 8 p. m., which is our regular monthly meeting night.

In this meeting you will hear a complete explanation of the condition of the Union and also a detailed report in regards to our Book Suit.
We urge all members in good standing to attend this meeting. Be sure to bring your due book with you in order to be admitted.
Kelly Postal, Sec.-Treas.
General Drivers Union Local 544

Indeed, the evidence being presented in court by Local 544 does refute the elaborately false picture of the union conjured up by the finks.

At several points, Miles would amplify on the minutes, going into detail as to what certain reports to the general membership consisted of.

Explains FWS Set-up
The witness also testified on the history of the Federal Workers Section: How it was organized, how financed, its relation to Local 544, and to the rest of the organized trade union movement.

Tuesday morning Miles was again on the stand, to present testimony concerning donations that Local 544 has made to the Farmer-Labor movement, to sister unions, to the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee, etc., etc. Anderson had claimed that all these donations were "illegal."

On Tuesday afternoon Kelly Postal, secretary-treasurer of Local 544, presented a detailed history of the union, its structure, its functioning.

During Postal's testimony Anderson objected to Local 544's by-laws. Attorney Goldie turned to ask him: "Do you mean to imply that Local 544 adopted its by-laws to protect the union against this law suit?"
"I think so," stated Anderson.

The union membership, not to speak of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which approved the by-laws, and the by-laws committee which worked so diligently in drafting the by-laws, will doubtless be interested in this display of how Anderson's mind functions when he is thinking of the General Drivers Union.

An Education in Unionism
The picture of Local 544 that is now emerging in the courtroom bears but a remote resemblance to the horrendous picture of the union presented by the finks.
The testimony of the leaders of (Continued on page 4)

Merchants, Labor Dine At Glenwood

At the invitation of a group of business men and farmers at Glenwood, Minnesota, a dozen union officials from Minneapolis and St. Paul drove to that city last Thursday to dine and discuss mutual problems, including the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council.

A steak dinner (with Ray Wentz of the St. Paul Trades & Labor Assembly supplying the steaks) was held in the pavilion at the local fair grounds.

The local business men proved themselves perfect hosts and the Minneapolis unionists report a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Employment Week Starts Auspiciously

"Now, Therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare the week beginning May 1, 1940, as National Employment Week" said the president as his Works Progress Administration ordered another 173,024 WPA workers thrown off their jobs during the next four weeks to keep within the authorized May enrollment of 1,920,000.

Connecticut Musician Orders 544 Pamphlet

To Northwest Organizer: I have been following the development of your fine movement in what I consider the best labor paper in the country, the Northwest Organizer. Please send me a copy of the pamphlet on the 544 book suit. (Enclosed find stamps to cover cost.)

Are you going to publish a pamphlet the articles on Arnold's drive against the unions? This would be of great benefit to members of the union of which I am a member, which has run into this problem also.
Fraternally,
WILLIAM WINNICK,
Member Local 234,
New Haven, Conn.
American Fed. of Musicians
(Editor's Note: Orders for the pamphlet "Behind the 544 Suit" are coming in from unions and individuals in all parts of the country. The pamphlet sells for 5c a copy, 10 for 35c, 100 for \$3.)

300 Win Wage Raises In New B.F. Nelson Pact

Last Thursday the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 signed a new two-year agreement with the B. F. Nelson Manufacturing Company, 401 N. E. Main, covering about 300 employees. The pact provides for a 2 1/2c hourly wage increase in the lower brackets, and a 1 1/4c hourly increase in the upper brackets.

The full text of the new agreement appears below:

The Warehouse Employees Union, Local No. 359 and the B. F. Nelson Manufacturing Company agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions of this Contract relating to wages and working conditions:

ARTICLE I
The Warehouse Employees Union, Local No. 359 shall be the sole representative of all employees covered by this Contract in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

ARTICLE II
Any new man hired shall be on a fifteen (15) day probationary period. After fifteen (15) days he shall automatically take his place on the seniority list.

ARTICLE III
The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees individually or collectively which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE IV
There shall be one seniority list covering all employees in the service of the Company within the three divisions hereinafter specified. Such seniority list shall be divided according to the following divisions in accordance with the particular classification of work done by the employee:

Divisions to be designated as follows:

- No. 1—No. 2 Board Machine—No. 3 Felt Machine, Waste Paper Dept.—Jack's crew (unloading, shipping, etc.)—Luke's crew (unloading felt board, etc.)—No. 2 Beater Room—No. 3 Beater Room—No. 3 Rag Cutting Room.
- No. 2—Roofing Department, including stiffs, tinne-stills, unloading, shipping and receiving, Paint House, Rewinder for Red Rosin and Felts.
- No. 3—Paster Department—Container Department—Printing Department.

There shall be no change in the present personnel in the various departments, except that when a vacancy occurs in any department, the oldest man on the seniority list who is capable, irrespective of division shall have the first preference for the job. If the oldest man on the seniority list does not choose to accept the job open for bidding or is incapable of handling such job, the next man has preference, etc.

When a senior man chooses not to take the job which is open through vacancy, he cannot thereafter demand to replace a younger man who accepted the job. However, failure to accept the job open for bidding does not in any way impair the senior man's right to bid on the next job in accordance with his seniority standing.

In the event of a reduction in personnel in any department because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons, the employees involved may take other jobs in other departments within their division in accordance with their seniority rights and ability to perform such work. Employees laid off in any division may replace employees in another division after a lay-off of one regular work day within the regular work week, if their ranking on the seniority list is higher and they are capable of performing such work. The above procedure shall not apply to the following classifications of work, which shall be declared to be "non-bumpable": On such "non-bumpable" jobs a senior employee may take such jobs only after one continuous month's layoff for lack of work or any man accepting a "non-bumpable" job cannot in turn "bump" other jobs before a continuous month's lay-off.

Carloading Foreman
Assistant Shipping Clerk
Loading trucks
Head Stockman on rolls

A senior employee shall not be prohibited from transferring into more than one division within a regular work week after he has been laid off for one day. By lay-off is meant the loss of one day's time and pay within the regular work week. In the event of a machine breakdown any man involved shall be given pay for that day if he has already lost one day that week as a result of the staggering of hours by the men for the purpose of working on a Saturday to make up a regular work week of forty (40) hours.

In reducing the personnel, the youngest man on the seniority list shall be the first laid off; and in rehiring, the oldest man laid off shall be the first rehired.

There shall be no "bumping" from one department to another after an employee has worked forty (40) hours. Holidays worked that come during the work week shall count as part of the forty (40) hours.

ARTICLE V
The regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty (40) hours. All time in excess of eight (8) hours in any one day and all time in excess of forty (40) hours in any one week shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half. Employees shall be given forty (40) hours work per week on the basis of seniority, when and if work is available. Senior employees shall be permitted to work their full forty (40) hours per week in the earliest part of the week possible, where it is practical.

ARTICLE VI
Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work, employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay. Employees shall be paid in full

every other Friday. Stillmen shall work on alternating shifts.

ARTICLE VII
Double time shall be paid for all work performed on Sundays or any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Decoration Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, except maintenance men, who shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all work performed on Sundays between the hours of 7 A. M. Sunday and 7 A. M. Monday. All working days, holidays and Sundays the working day begins at 7 A. M.

Employees whose regular shift assignment requires them to work on Sunday shall receive straight time pay for their regular Sunday hours and another day shall be assigned as their regular day off and they shall receive double time for all time worked on that day. Employees who have been receiving other than straight time pay for their regular Sunday hours shall continue to be paid at the same rate. When stillmen are required to do production work on Sunday, they shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for such work.

ARTICLE VIII
The wage rates according to classifications shall be in accordance with the copy attached hereto, with the understanding that when employees change from one job to another they shall receive the rate for the particular classification of work performed in accordance with the seniority standing of the individuals involved.

ARTICLE IX
Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Union and the Employer; except that with the consent of both the Union and the Employer such controversy may be referred to a Board of Arbitration composed of two representatives of the Union, two representatives of the Employer, and a fifth neutral member selected by a majority vote of the first four. The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.

ARTICLE X
So long as the terms and provisions of this agreement are adhered to by both parties, there shall be no strike, lockout or interference with the business during the life of the agreement.

ARTICLE XI
An employee desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall receive written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

ARTICLE XII
Employees on a piece-work basis after earning \$23.00 for the week shall not be given additional time on any other jobs except on their piece-work job if such work is available on a piece-work basis.

ARTICLE XIII
All employees who have been in the service of the Employer and have in the past received a vacation shall continue to receive a minimum of one (1) week's vacation each year with full pay in advance at the wage rates set forth herein for their particular classification of work. All employees who have been on the seniority list as of July 1, 1938, shall receive one (1) week's vacation each year with full pay in advance at the wage rates set forth herein for their particular classification of work. All other employees who have been on the payroll of the company for a period of one (1) year and work less than ten (10) months out of the year shall receive vacations based on one (1) full day for each and every two (2) months' service with the Employer with full pay in advance at the wage rates herein specified for their particular classification of work. Employees who work ten (10) months or more out of the year shall receive a minimum of one (1) full week.

In taking vacations during the year it is understood that not over one (1) man from any department will be granted a vacation at one time, unless deemed advisable by the foreman in charge. Vacations will not be granted in the winter months unless absolutely necessary.

ARTICLE XIV
The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.

The stewards as designated by the Union, employees of the Company, with the advice and consent of the Union, shall be authorized to make interpretations of this contract in the best interests of the employees. Whenever any disagreement amongst the employees as to interpretation of contract arises or need for practical application, such steward committee shall be empowered to act. However, Employer must first agree to such interpretation.

Such Steward Committee shall

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

The Press, having been and still being somewhat under the weather the past couple of weeks, begs your indulgence as to his absence from last week's meeting. Don't know whether it's pip or pleurisy.

The Organizer banquet was a real affair, both from an educational and gastronomic standpoint. Brother Nielsen of Local 912 was unable to attend, but sent a telegram expressing his regret from his hospital bed in Pocatello, Idaho. He is well on the road to recovery. Brothers Miles Dunne, R. Gilmore and H. Leonard gave us some inside dope on the 544 suit, the threatened strike of the Electrical Workers and the situation at Puffer-Hubbard.

Again, let me urge you to urge everybody you know to order their milk fresh daily. We have enough unemployed in Minneapolis without endangering the jobs of half the milk drivers. Do your part.

Looks like Local 49 wants the WFA operators on the BPC small compressors. Rather than pay the heavy scale for operating the small machines, BPC will certainly do just that. And neither 664 nor 49 will profit thereby. Think it over, Local 49.

No news lately regarding Brother Pearson who is still in Rochester.

Brother Gilmore of 1859 aptly remarked at the banquet that "It's the wool over your eyes that keeps the wool off your back." To which I wish to add—

Confucius say: "Fat on head help to keep wool growing over eyes."

Are your dues paid up?

Gas and Suds

By L. Clair Johnson

Jack Humphreys of the Chicago laundry had an appendectomy last Sunday and is at the Deaconess hospital. He would appreciate having his friends stop in to see him.

Your president banged up his hand about a week ago but is almost as good as new, now.

We got that matter at Dahlgren cleaners straightened up and they're now signed to a contract. We're still watching to see how many trucks are out after hours.

There were about twenty-five down at the Board for the last two weeks.

Art Bloom of G. and K. has resigned his position due to a back injury of quite long standing.

The Nevens boys are hobnobbing with the bankers now. At east, they are breaking bread together. From the reports we hear they have quite a bit in common with the bankers, such as incomes, etc. When a driver runs 0 bucks he's really up in the big brackets.

Also make a check on conditions throughout the plant with the objective of making improvements or safety and sanitation, particularly relating to showers, lockers, drinking fountains, etc.

ARTICLE XV
The Employer agrees that he shall increase the hourly rate of all his employees, members of Local 359, 1 1/4c per hour, with the exception of those employees who now receive 55c per hour who shall receive an additional 1 1/4c per hour or a total of 2 1/2c per hour above the present hourly rate. The minimum rate of pay per hour for any male employee shall be not less than 57 1/2c per hour, with the exception of any new male employee who may be hired for unskilled work after May 1, 1940, who shall for the first six (6) months of his employment be paid an hourly rate of 55c per hour. After six (6) months, he shall be paid the regular rate applying to his classification of work.

This AGREEMENT shall be in full force and effect from May 1, 1940 up to and including April 30, 1942.

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

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

For the past couple of weeks our work has not been very pleasant because there developed considerable discord in the fluid milk business. For that reason we want to caution every member of Local 471 against permitting any company issues to enter our Union. At no time have any members of our organization devised delivery systems, quantity discounts, store differentials or old milk programs. So none of our members have any "heat" coming. If you feel like "riding" someone, pick on the employers; they are running the show. It is entirely wrong to blame any of our members for the actions of their boss. Let's judge our words and actions with the welfare of Local 471 in mind.

Most of the trout fishing reports are, "they are biting pretty good, but the fish are very small." Not so for Lenny Fahlin, Clarence Olson and Clayton Stout who brought back some dandies from the old stone quarries near St. Cloud. The conservation department stocked these spots heavily and the brook trout seem to thrive in them. Some pools have a hundred feet of water and small minnows seem to be the choice bait.

The columnists of the Northwest Organizer were favored with a fine feed and an interesting get-together at Harry's cafe. Thanks to the joint council board and we are certain the suggestions and plans formulated will build a bigger and better labor paper.

Lots of work done and much effort put forth with no sign of appreciation can be said for Charles Pleissance, Adam Kurtz, Sheley Tennis, Sam Pegors, Mel Cummings, Ray Mitchell, John Carlson and a couple more of our brothers. Repeatedly they have attended special meetings to work out a program for the good of Local 471. At least we can express our thanks and offer to assist them because they are doing our job.

Just another request for our union; the council of Poles wants a little help for their war-stricken country and people. We can be thankful, first that we are able to give them a list and second that we are free from conditions such as theirs.

Here is one for "Ripley" John Carlson (Franklin) was initiated into our Union in 1912; to date he has never drawn a dime in "benefit" in any manner, shape or form.

Just a tip for the donors of cigars. When you are up in the woods fishing and cannot get pasteurized milk for the little "cry baby," take raw milk, heat same in a double boiler to 155 degrees, cool quickly and repeat the process three times. You will have a product as safe for the baby as the one your boss pops off about on the radio.

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Dairy workers of Omaha, Neb., requested that we send someone down to tell them about our wages, hours, working conditions, by-laws, sick-death benefits, retirement fund, etc. We referred the request to the International Union and now many of us are wondering if we acted "right."

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Did you notice the item in Monday morning's Tribune? Our local won a couple of close diamond-ball games, beating two teams who are rated highly. Thanks to Brother Bruce Pehling's fine pitching, Bruce is in good shape and apparently is heading for another good year.

"Flash" has a "Nash." Brother Thomas of the Meter Department is sporting a new car. The Nash car may be O. K., Brother, but they say the coffee is still scabby.

Brother Gephart is the new B. A. for our sister local 110 in St. Paul.

Brother Pearson is on the sick list. Brother Adkins is back on the job after being off a couple of days last week.

What's this we hear about Valentines? It is reported a brother is thumbing his nose at someone.

Mrs. Heigel was admitted to Fairview Hospital last Sunday and was operated on Monday. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

How many of our members read the columns in the N. W. Organizer written by the columnists from other unions? They are real interesting and we can learn much by reading them. Hope you all read the poetry by Wally Raze from Local 664 in last week's issue. Plenty of food for thought there.

And Webster hasn't a thing on "The Sage of the Mack Truck." By all means we should read the other columns and interest ourselves in what other locals are up against.

Our apologies for this late item. Brother Keating passed out the cigars a month ago on the newborn baby girl. Congratulations!

We will no doubt hear a lot in the near future about the city manager plan. Do not believe

everything you might read and hear about it, but do some serious thinking. For the workers it's just plain NO GOOD.

We can assist our brothers in the laundry, milk and bread industries by insisting on an up-to-date union button when they make the rounds to our homes. How about our famous slogan, "All for one and one for all?" Let's say, "No buttons—no deliveries!"

Say, didn't that outboard motor and the rod, reel and line look pretty good at our last membership meeting? And do not forget the drawing takes place at our next membership meeting Thursday, May 16. There will be two lucky members, so let's all be there and see the lucky ones take the prizes home.

The committee in charge of raising funds for our sick committee is to be commended for the quick action in getting started so soon. It's a worthy cause, and if you have not got a ticket yet, you should get one before our next membership meeting.

And to those who have tickets for sale, please have all stubs turned in to the Office or the Committee in plenty of time so that everyone will have a chance on the drawings. Your co-operation will be appreciated by the Committee.

And about this price war in the milk industries. Let's tell our grocers we are not going to be a party to helping the milk companies lay off men and make life more unpleasant for their wives and kids by purchasing milk in the stores at cut prices. By all means, insist on daily deliveries of fresh milk at your door.

We might also tell our grocers that if a milk driver has a charge account with him, and the driver is laid off, he might have to wait some time before he can collect his bill. Might be pretty expensive milk for the grocers to handle. Did you ever think of it in that way, Mr. Grocer?

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Labor Pays Homage to Released WPA Strikers

A welcome back to the land of the living was enthusiastically tendered the five WPA strikers released last Thursday morning from the Sandstone federal prison, by forty officials of the Minneapolis union movement. The released strikers and their wives were honored guests of a luncheon Thursday noon at Fransen's cafe.

Though removed but a few hours from the deep shadows of prison life, the strikers appeared in good health and jubilant at finding themselves home again in the bosom of their families and friends.

George Murk, chairman of the WPA Defense Committee that has defended them and fought for pardon, welcomed the men back in the name of organized labor from their 90-day stay at Sandstone. "Your predicament was part of the struggle of organized labor for a better life. I hope and know your sojourn at Sandstone hasn't changed your minds one bit," stated Murk.

Eddie Albert, acting as spokesman for the five, quickly made it plain that the prisoners are as convinced today as ever that organized labor was right in striking against the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief law. "We are all glad to be back, and the prison didn't take any of the sap out of us," said Albert. Albert introduced his fellow strikers and their spouses. Richard Connell, Myron Phillips, Floyd Hurley and Frank Stevens all expressed their happiness at being present.

"Sandstone is no place for a laboring man," Phillips said.

Minnie Kohn, one of the strikers who received a workhouse sentence from which she was released several weeks ago, was also present.

Come Out Union Men
"We went up to the federal prison as union men, and we come out the same way," Albert summed up.

"The allowance that the WPA Defense Committee was able to provide for us during our stay there helped a lot. If we appear as well as we do, you can thank the WPA Defense Committee for that."

Clemency Possible
Carl Yaeger, attorney for the Defense Committee, briefly told of his recent visit to Washington on behalf of securing executive clemency from the President for the strikers. Yaeger expressed the belief there is a reasonably good chance that the President may commute the sentences of the eight

strikers who still remain in Sandstone.

Yaeger read a letter from Judge Joseph Padway stating that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor would meet May 13th and would doubtless pass a resolution urging the President to extend executive clemency to all the strikers.

Others to greet the strikers were Walter Frank, Tom Ammerman, Miles Dunne and Karl Kuehn.

"You are but a part of the long line of labor martyrs who have helped keep the labor movement alive," said Dunne. "We unite in thanking you for the sacrifices you have made, and we thank the Central Labor Union and its WPA Defense Committee for their work on your behalf."

Dance Well Attended
The dance Saturday evening given by the Federal Workers Section in honor of the returned defendants was very well attended by local trade unionists. Among the unionists to speak were George Murk, chairman of the WPA Defense Committee; V. R. Dunne; and Walter Frank, representing the Building Trades Council. The strikers also spoke. Walter Hagstrom was master-of-ceremonies.

A party for all strikers, their families and friends was given after the dance in the basement hall at 257 Plymouth avenue north.

FWS Will Meet Friday Night

Local 544's Federal Workers Section will meet this Friday evening, May 10th, 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth avenue north.

Several of the WPA strikers released last Thursday from Sandstone will be on hand to tell of their recent experiences.

Tuesday evening representatives of the Federal Workers Section held a satisfactory meeting with the city board in Hopkins. It appears that the food stamp plan will be introduced into rural Hennepin shortly.

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY
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By Home James

Well, the annual dance is over and if a good time can be judged by the noise that's made, it surely was a howling success.

We were pleased to see so many of our friends, who have been missing, back with us again. There was a lot of hand-shaking going on, we do not know if it had a political angle or if it was just the chauffeurs who had returned home just in time for the dance.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the following donors of door prizes and printing: Carl's DX Station, 1210 LaSalle; Rex Bar at Plymouth and Washington, S.O.S. Bar (formerly the 5 & 10), Lako's Sinclair Station, 27th and Hennepin; Nelson Liquor Store, 1840 E. Franklin; Kunz Oil Company; Skelly's Liquor Store, 410 Cedar Avenue, and Carl Gustafson.

We also wish to thank the entertainment committee and the members who worked so hard to assure the rest of us a good time and let's not forget the two lovely young ladies who volunteered to take care of the check room and did such a swell job of it.

Joe Fredericks was awarded a prize for the masterful job of selling tickets, but what sort of a prize brought that astonished look to Bill's face?

We have heard of Chauffeurs eating ice cream, but never have we heard of them using water in Coca Cola, maybe it is due to hard times or that they are losing their sense of taste. Too bad.

Some of the Highlights as observed by Bill Hines: The Bartenders in the basement... Ray Hedin's announcing... Gordon Lawrence's Dark Room Dance... That lovely chair at the basement piano... That Paddy-Whisky by the keyboard... The remarkable way the chairman handled things... That early breakfast at the Gladstone... Those Kartes brothers, Jack, Dick and Blotto... Axel Erickson's first class dance band.

We know that you will all be glad to hear that Eskild is recovering nicely.

By the time you read this, negotiations on the livery contracts will be under way. We don't expect a great deal of difficulty and hope to have more information on this next week.

Watch for a new column writer next time.

At the dance last Saturday night, a lady's blue spring coat was taken by mistake from the checkroom. Please phone the office, Geneva 4691, and a member of the union will come to pick up the coat.



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977 Ball Team Opens May 19th

Local 977's baseball team, entered in the Park Board's Federal league, will open the season Sunday, May 19th, against an opponent yet to be named.

Louis Hanson, coach, states the team is rounding into shape nicely. Practice sessions are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p. m. at the Parade. New suits for the team will arrive next week. Union baseball players are welcome to try out for Local 977's team.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be for the Cake and Pie Drivers who meet at 4:30 p. m., Thursday afternoon, May 16.

Purity north plan is certainly hitting the headlines lately with their weddings. First Red Johnson, next Willard Gustafson and last Saturday Herb Ebert took the vows. 1-2-3 in as many weeks. Can't be very many single babies left up there now, I'm thinking.

After that wonderful dinner at Harry's last Tuesday, I guess I'll have to really go to work digging up material for this column. We heard many fine speakers. Some of the things they said stuck in my mind. One man in particular made a very applicable remark. He said, "It's the wool before our eyes that keeps the wool off our backs." And somehow that seems to apply to too many union members who are continually being sidetracked by some dopehead with a silver tongue whose business it is to knock down unions.

Here's a good one I read the other day. Says Bugs Baer: They will always fight over there and if the last man on earth is a European he will throw a bomb at himself the first time he looks in a mirror.

Famous last words: If you need help or protection, let us know. Signed, Great Britain.

Getting away from the serious side for a minute. Are you planning to attend the Local 289 picnic? If not, now is the time to change your mind and start getting the road clear, because it's going to be bigger and better than ever. Remember the place: Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar, which is, in my estimation, one of the most beautiful grounds in the state. Remember the date: July 14, Sunday, and last, but not least, be sure to remember to come and bring everybody along.

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Bill Warner will be out of the hospital by the time you read this. He won a hard battle.

Thomas, the son of "General" Frank Chevick, suffered a badly fractured ankle, but is on the mend.

The quaint little village down river gets well-deserved attention for electing a labor-endorsed mayor. Saint Paul also has a labor majority in their city council.

The new Yellows (Checker-Landolts) will be in by May 15th. The Liberty Blue and White (Buick Model No. 51 Torpedoes) are due about the same time so they all may arrive in a dead-head.

Caught Cruising—Cecil Cotten had Y. C. No. 98 sold right out from under him last Monday. . . . After 10 years of service the Y. C. tow truck is rewarded with a new paint job. . . . Cliff Rollins usta wear such small shoes he hadda buy girls' pumps to dance in. . . . The hackmen are pestered for change-with-a-nickel by the meter-parkers.

Walt Pearson moved his trailer-home back to Camden. It saves raking the front yard and put him closer to his river fishing.

Chet Kurtz of the Blue and White joined the "Home Owners" and his permanent address is 4133 Cedar Avenue.

"Cannon-Ball" Smith half-masted the meter-flag on his hack for the last time and "scuttled" her. He rescued all the accessories. Those gadgets are nice to look at but we warn all cab-men that it took years for "Cannon-Ball" to master them and probably had a lot to do with the untimely and complete end of old No. 179.

"Snuss" Sorensen took a night off to show Art Dagman his skill as a nursemaid.

The Yellow-cab of Duluth have invested in a new fleet of Fords, while the Independents are sporting new Chevrolts. The St. Louis Park Cab Co. have repainted the "checkers" a bright red and hold forth near the Passtime Riding Academy.

Art Singer spent some money riding cabs in Milwaukee and says you can take their word for it that

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Paine's little job was to rook a few investment trusts of about \$1,250,000.

On May 4th the New York Times reported in an inconspicuous corner that Judge Knox has now released Paine from prison. "No opposition to the decrease in Paine's sentence was made by the United States Attorney's office," states the Times.

Gassing With 977

We are trying to keep the mailing list for the Organizer as accurate as possible. In some cases we have been informed that two papers were going to one address; if there should be a correction on the mailing address for your paper, kindly call the office and give us this information.

Manager Hanson informs us there are still openings for players on the Local 977 baseball team; if you are interested in playing on the team, call Hanson at Hy. 7923. The fellows are showing up fine at practice, and have been measured for suits. The first game of the season is scheduled for May 19th.

A new angle on the Medical Service came up this week. One of the members was informed by his employer that he could not obtain injury compensation through the Local's doctor. This, of course, is just another reaction of the employers against the Union in giving this protection to its members. The union doctor is licensed to practice in the state the same as the employer's doctor. In the future, we ask that you get full information from the office of the Local before making a decision. We will have further information on this subject next week. In the meantime, have you taken advantage of the medical service offered by the Local at \$1.20 per year?

"Papa" Eidsvold returned to work Monday after a week's vacation. Mrs. Eidsvold and baby, Loretta Anne, return home from the hospital this week.

The Coryell Station, newly opened at 1400 8th St. So., is 100 per cent union operated.

It is no fun hauling the public 4 miles for a quarter to earn 19 to 12 dollars a week, in a back-breaking 60 horse flivver at that.

There are a few dance-ticket books that have not been turned in. We must have them this week to turn in a full report from the entertainment committee. We want the buck or the book, savvy?

The Seven Corners "Connivers" are still satisfied with what they got. So was Maine and Vermont, for a while.

Curly Cues
The column writers and editorial board were very fortunate in hearing a pre-view reading of a little story which begins in this issue in the "Knots to You" column engineered by one Richard Gilmore. The column is well worth the attention of all our readers.

WARNING: There is a well-organized nationwide attempt being made by the Big Shots in all lines to cut wages, and we are getting a sample in the milk industry right here. It is to your own interest to insist on fresh milk when you buy milk from your milkman. What hurts one union hurts all unions.

As "Eclair" Johnson would say: "It ergs me no end to see the Technocrats riding in the rumble seat on the political band wagon."

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howe take great pleasure in announcing to their many friends that there has been a blessed event in their family. On April 22 at Swedish hospital a bouncing baby girl weighing 96 ounces. How's about a cigar, Harold?

Owing to the intelligence of the readers of this column the Sage of the Mack Truck is going into deep stuff, "The Imbecility of Docility."

You take the high road but Henry "Hank" Lunde will come by water. Mrs. Lunde presented Hank with a boat for his birthday. If any of you brothers want to see a crack shot, go hunting with Brother Lunde. He is a dead shot.

Docility and imbecility are related. Imbecility is a form of feeble mindedness, so also is docility. Both imbecility and cunningly cultivated docility fall short of full mental capacity to distinguish between right and wrong, between the interests of capital and labor, or between the interests of the Associated Industries and a bona fide union.

Grain King news: Brother Arvid Kjellberg had his finger amputated April 26 at St. Paul's hospital. Arvid first injured his finger during the latter part of February and first aid administered on the job. But the cut failed to heal, and soon developed blood poisoning, causing Arvid to lose a good deal of time from work. It continued to get worse until it was necessary to cut off the finger. The boys at the plant all miss you, Brother Kjellberg, and wish you a speedy recovery.

Imbecility, so the psychiatrists tell us, may be due to an acquired injury, for example, a heavy blow (on the outside of the head).

Brother Frank Callahan has been absent from the job for a week or so while he is undergoing an operation at the Northwestern hospital. The boys took up a collection out in the warehouse and sent some flowers down to Frank which they hope will speed his recovery. Brother Callahan is foreman in the warehouse at the J. R. Clark plant and this is the longest he has ever been off the job in 22 years. He is perking up a bit now and would appreciate a little visit from some of his many friends at the plant. The boys all wish you a speedy recovery, Frank.

Well, as we wuz sayin', docility also may be due to an acquired injury, for example vicious misinstruction (on the inside of the head). Misinstruction spiritually emasculates the victim, dulls his sense of justice and leaves him dumbly humble, barren of decently rebellious pride and rebellious aspiration. It makes him grateful for crusts, almost incapable of being impregnated with a correct idea of industrial justice.

Tend Anderson plunked down seven skins on the mahogany to settle his score with the J. P. of Golden Valley. Speed not, spend not.

Kozy Kar news: Two men back on the job. Martin Bjorkman, who lost a finger in a punch press and Harry Reiss who underwent an appendectomy at Swedish Hospital are back to work and the boys are sure glad to see them.

A popular and well-liked brother at the J. R. Clark plant who for 25 years has been traveling single harness got hitched double last Friday evening about 7:30. Earl Joppe succumbed to Cupid's fatal arrows and took the bonds of holy matrimony for better or worse. Present at the ceremony were those two genial bachelors, Brothers Bert Schirmer and Ed Kirby who presented the beautiful bride and happy bridegroom with a dandy electric percolator and an electric clock, given by the boys on first floor. We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Earl Joppe a long, happy and prosperous married life.

I never could understand the popular belief that because a man makes a lot of money he has to have a lot of brains. Some very rich men who made their own fortunes have been among the stupidest men I have ever met in my life. Don't confuse wealth with brains.—JULIUS ROSENWALD.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

TUESDAY: Started this column a day early for a change. Which means the office staff of the Organizer will begin to think something more has gone wrong with me. However, bringing in this copy a day early is another story. MORE WRITINGS ON THE JOB: Our little club project on that S. E. park folded up on us. Bert and Tom went to Lake Calhoun. Christie and I are doing the improvements (thank you) out on Stinson above Broadway. Mike and Milo stayed. McShane, who rides the tail end of our park list, joined us for a few days while waiting for that blessed call from the country. He let us come Monday of this week to help the shovel build 'em bigger and better for good old Father Hennepin.

A word of warning on that lake job! And let's hope it brews no trouble for the boys. After spending most of last summer traveling the parkways on the tree-trimming detail, I can swear without a doubt that the trees and most places the lakes are pretty close to the road. Those bicycle paths and the beaches are a menace; it takes only half an eye to find out the scenery is pretty tasty, but, gosh darn it, the other eye always follows after!

TODAY'S LESSON: It is very easy to stick the rules on hard and fast when the other guy is hit below the belt, but when an interpretation of a principle is required to suit a given instance then the boys who find themselves in a pinch can find all kinds of outs to cover their case. The three ring circus put on the night of our May meeting, amusing as it was on the surface, very aptly proves the point. From now on you will hear nothing but excuses by our members why things should be or shouldn't be until the whole thing comes to a boil. There will be a back-water movement in high gear by those who want to evade the issue.

Most of us like to sit back when the other fellow is put on the pan and watch the fun. However, when a thing is over and done with, and any mistakes or injustices have been corrected, a public airing and a repeated one of past grievances does neither the organization nor the individual any good. We are not living in Utopia, and if all of us were to continually harp over past hurts when would we find time to go forward?

If your experiences through the summer bear out the whispers being thrown around, then the ITO will have to count on L. O. Swanson as their best bet for work. Westerdahl, who has always been known as the best of the contractors to work for, will now move into our No. 1 spot, especially since he parted ways with Longhaul Johnson.

On the New Brighton road: Passing by from Westerdahl's shovel on the Stinson-Lowry hill to the University avenue Sienko from Leighton coil. Malmberg from Humboldt and Les Baumgartner out of Co-op. What is this, a coal rush? Jerry Roff is there, too, who has been absent from our ranks for a long time. Three or four others are there whom I know by sight but not by name. "Pops" Prehm is back again on his red Jerry and and completes the lineup. Pop's bike will be retired for the summer.

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

WHY THE NATION'S COURTS ARE PROSECUTING UNIONS

VI.

It is true that a number of trade unionists and union organizations have no difficulty in understanding that the anti-labor drive directed by Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold has the aid and approval of the Roosevelt administration.

But this does not tell the whole story. The whole story is that the Republican Party, too, supports the campaign against the unions.

William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, is probably the leading Republican in union circles. Mr. Hutcheson has no difficulty in understanding Roosevelt's responsibility for the "anti-trust" prosecution of the trade unions. He explains this to members of organized labor, and his organization passes resolutions to this effect. Just recently the Minneapolis Local Number 7 of the Carpenters Union passed a resolution to "go on record protesting the union-busting campaign initiated by Thurman Arnold and the Department of Justice, with the aid and approval of the Roosevelt administration."

What Mr. Hutcheson fails to bring out is that the Republican Party, too, votes with both hands to smash at the union movement. It is no accident that the leading Republican nominee for president today—Tom Dewey—has, as District Attorney in New York, prosecuted many unions and union leaders, and at this very moment is active in prosecuting the president of the AFL Building Service Employees International.

Both Republicans and Democrats in the U. S. Senate joined hands enthusiastically a few weeks ago to raise Arnold's war chest against the unions to \$1,400,000 for the next fiscal year.

The truth is that there is no difference at all as to the attitude of the two old parties to the trade unions. Both parties are now out to weaken organized labor. If a Republican were to succeed Roosevelt, the "anti-trust" drive would continue in exactly the same way.

To advocate that labor switch from the Democratic Party back to the Republican Party, as do some unionists, is to offer advice that is utterly unrealistic, that if followed would leave labor not a bit better off than it is today.

In the best days of the Farmer-Labor movement in Minnesota, Farmer-Labor orators used to describe the Republican and Democratic parties as "the Gold Dust Twins," as "two wings of the same bird of prey."

Those descriptive epithets hold just as good today as they did ten and twenty years ago. The two old parties are controlled, lock, stock and barrel, by Big Business. When a certain policy is in the interests of Big Business, both parties, without exception, advocate that policy.

For organized labor to give allegiance to the Democratic or Republican parties is for labor to follow on the political field a policy it would violently oppose on the economic field. It is for labor to be guilty of company unionism in politics.

A Program for Labor to Defend Itself Against the Anti-Trust Drive

1. To a program of lending support to either the Republican or Democratic Parties, labor must put forward a program of its own, for independent labor political action, for the building of a national labor party controlled by the trade union movement that will be independent of both old boss-ridden parties, a party that can mobilize all labor's own ranks, and the ranks of labor's allies among the farmers, the aged, the youth, the unemployed and the city "small people."

Labor in America has sought time and again to build its own labor party. This is a task that contains enormous difficulties; difficulties, however, that are not so insurmountable today as they were twenty years ago, or even four years ago. Today the union movement is stronger than ever before. Today great and important sections of the population—the youth, the aged, the farmers, the Negroes, the foreign-born—are in desperate straits and could be won to labor's banner. Today the overwhelming majority of the population are against this nations' involvement in the war, and yet they have absolutely no confidence that either of the two old boss parties can or will keep this country out of the war. A labor party with a regular anti-war program could gain tens of millions of adherents.

2. The progress of the "anti-trust" drive has brought home to unionists as has nothing else the dangers inherent in the CIO-AFL split. The fissure in labor's ranks has permitted the Department of Justice to strike with impunity at the AFL while the CIO stands by and applauds. A united union movement would force the Department of Justice to pause. A real rank-and-file movement for unity of the labor movement—must be launched.

3. If, despite the efforts of the union movement to defend its rights, the Department of Justice continues its anti-union campaign, it may be necessary to prepare for a nation-wide demonstration of labor's economic power to act in defense of those workers' rights which have been won with so much tears and struggle and blood during the past 150 years.

Next week we begin publication of the views of leading figures in the national trade union movement on the Department of Justice campaign against organized labor.

No doubt many of our readers have ideas of their own they would like to contribute to this discussion, or criticisms to offer. The Northwest Organizer invites its readers to send in communications on this vital problem.

Organizer Columnists' Banquet Scene



Above are some of the Northwest Organizer columnists who gathered at Harry's Cafe recently to discuss ways and means to improve their paper. Reading from left to right are A. M. Ogren, Arthur Hopkins, Curly Goodnough, F. H. Lunde, Marvel Dobbs, Jon Condor, Ray Hedin, Daniel Burke and Bea Gould. They are listening to editorial board members suggesting a program to better the Organizer.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Over-the-road meetings in New Lisbon, Wisconsin, have proven a boon to long-haul drivers who break in that vicinity. Some drivers who attended the meeting did not even know there was such a thing as an over-the-road agreement.

The new coal contract is being negotiated for the coming season. Daily meetings are going on between the union and the employers' committees.

Jack Smith is back home after a three-week sojourn at St. Barnabas hospital.

Enough copies of the Northwest Organizer have been introduced in the book suit to start a library.

For Sale
1933 Packard Sedan, first class mechanical shape, six good tires, A-1 paint job, clean interior. Contact Organizer office.

Farrell Dobbs' successor, Kansas City Neal, was in the Twin Cities in union business week.

The dirt moving business is about thirty days late this spring. That is, if this IS spring.

The International magazine contains a blast directed at members who bring suits against the union. You can read it in this issue of the paper.

Members of the executive board have spent the last three weeks in the courtroom.

Moving of the Schirmer company to St. Paul cost 544 some long-time valued members.

Weekly Laugh
Mayor Leach says he probably will be elected for another term of office.

The long struggle of our brothers in Local 160 is over. They have signed a new pact with N. S. P.

Don't Forget
Special membership meeting Monday night. Let's have a turnout.

Officials of 544 Testify, Relate History of Union

(Continued from page 1)
Local 544 proves with what care the union's records are kept, how at every point every action of the union is taken to the membership for authority, how carefully the letter and spirit of democracy is observed in the union's elections and in all its functioning. At one point during Kelly Postal's testimony, the court observed that the defense was presenting "a liberal education in unionism."

Testimony Frustrates Plaintiffs
It is noticeable in court that Attorneys Anderson and Thompson for the plaintiffs display a great hesitancy about cross-examining officials of Local 544, though one would think that now, if ever, is their chance to substantiate their vicious charges against the union. With each minute of defense testimony, Attorney Anderson appears to grow more frustrated, as he watches his case being reduced to scraps of rumor, lies, innuendo and distortions.

The union is expected to take several more weeks to complete its testimony.

The courtroom presents a quiet and orderly scene as the suit progresses. The union's officials tell their stories at length under examination from defense attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson. Occasionally the plaintiff's attorneys rise to dispute certain evidence with the court, but for the most part they sit listening to the testimony. As the trial is not a jury trial, few people are in the courtroom. Reporters for the daily press occasionally drop in. One or two union officials sit at the back of the courtroom, a few stragglers follow the suit.

The bulk of the union's records have been returned to the union hall, save for that portion now being introduced into evidence by the union.

544 Wins Back Pay At Cooperman Fruit

Late last week the General Drivers Union Local 544 enforced the 4-hour guarantee clause in its contract with the Cooperman Fruit company, 70 Central Market. Back pay was collected.

If you want to help the milk man, have your milk delivered and get it fresh every day.

Judge Padway To Write for Organizer

Judge Joseph A. Padway, legal counsel for the American Federation of Labor and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has accepted the invitation of the Northwest Organizer to write an article for this paper on the Department of Justice prosecution of the unions.

"It is indeed gratifying to see that the Minneapolis labor movement is aware of the immense dangers inherent in the present anti-labor crusade of the Department of Justice," writes Judge Padway. "At present I am engaged here in defending Local 639 of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, which has been indicted under the anti-trust laws by Mr. Thurman Arnold. Local 803 in New York is also on trial at this time. The decisions in these cases will be of the deepest concern to the entire labor movement."

"I will have the article for you by the end of next week. I am sorry that I cannot oblige you sooner."

Among other distinguished figures in the American labor movement who have consented to contribute to the series of the "anti-trust" drive on labor currently appearing in the Organizer is Edward Keating, manager of Labor, a national weekly newspaper owned by the railroad unions. The contributions of Messrs. Padway, Keating and others will appear shortly.

We invite our readers to send in their comments on the series.

Labor Warned Against Anti-Union Optical Houses

The Minneapolis Optical Workers Union Local 20604 warns organized labor that three local optical houses—Bensons, the House of Vision, and the Minnesota Optical company—do not employ union optical workers.

Should your doctor give you a prescription for glasses, see that the prescription is filled by a union optical house, and NOT by any of

Fallon-Stassen Machine Is Defeated in St. Paul Vote

Last Tuesday, April 30th, the voters of St. Paul turned out in the largest numbers in the city's history of municipal elections to defeat Republican Mayor William Fallon and to return all other city officials to office.

John J. McDonough, Democrat, was elected mayor with the backing of the Labor-Progressive Association, St. Paul counter-part of the Farmer-Labor Association. The final vote was McDonough, 49,244; Fallon, 45,793.

The unions were more active in this city campaign than in any campaign in recent years. Hatred of the reactionary Fallon regime and of Stassen's rule explained the McDonough victory and foreshadowed the fate of the Republicans in municipal elections in the other large cities.

Though the Labor-Progressives adopted a platform which contained several progressive planks—calling for jobs for all at union wages, for defense of workers' rights, for a \$10 billion public works program, etc.—most of the candidates endorsed by labor disregarded the platform.

The Big Issue

The major issue of the election revolved around the validity of the contract with which the city of St. Paul purchased the voting machines now being used across the river.

The people of St. Paul have now chosen as mayor a man who believes the contract was illegal. This should be of enormous benefit to the unions, the unemployed, the hungry and the ill-housed. (Like Artemus Ward, we add: This is sarkasm.)

Both the Democrats and the Labor-Progressives see in McDonough's election a significant victory for their respective groups.

In a post-election statement, Harry T. O'Connell, campaign manager of the Labor-Progressives, said: "The election of John J. McDonough as mayor and the re-election of Commissioners John S. Findlan, William A. Parratto and Axel F. Peterson are indicative of the desire of a majority of the voters to entrust to the Labor-Progressives full responsibility of municipal government for the next two years..."

Democrats Satisfied

On the other hand, Minnesota Democrats expressed themselves as feeling quite chipper over McDonough's victory. National Democratic Chairman James A. Farley hailed McDonough's victory. "The Democratic party made another strong gain in McDonough's election," Farley observed. "Though the candidates ran without party labels, Mr. McDonough has been a member of the party organization for many years and he ran with Democratic indorsement."

Mr. Farley didn't mention the Labor-Progressive backing for Mr. McDonough. Observers will watch with interest to see whether the new St. Paul mayor will be responsive to the will of organized labor, or to the will of the Democratic Party. Never during his campaign did McDonough disavow the national administration's "anti-trust" drive against the unions, nor its policies of slashing relief.

Changes in WPA Payday Explained

Effective May 1st the WPA in Minnesota will be conducted on a 4-week fiscal period rather than the former "payroll month" basis. Each 4-week fiscal period consists of 28 days of two payroll periods of 14 days each. The WPA calendar year will now consist of 13 four-week fiscal periods and 26 payroll periods.

Hourly pay rates will remain exactly as before, and so will the number of hours worked. Checks will come every two weeks, regardless of the number of days in the month.

Whereas formerly WPA workers were employed 130 hours each month for 12 months (a total of 1,560 hours yearly), now they will be employed 120 hours each 4-week fiscal period (again, a total of 1,560 hours yearly).

A schedule of 4-week fiscal periods and pay dates has been prepared for each project.

In the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, the following rates of pay will prevail for each 4-week period; for unskilled "B" work, \$48; for unskilled "A" work, \$52.80; for intermediate work, \$63.60; for skilled work, \$82.80; for professional and technical work, \$87.60.

PAGING MR. SOLTAN
The trouble with most men who worry about society's moral code is that they don't worry about it until they are too old to break it themselves.

Wage, Hour Office Asks True Records

L. A. Hill, regional representative of the Wage and Hour Division, announced he has been instructed to take immediate action against employers who fail to keep true and adequate records as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"Incomplete wage and hour records are one of the most serious hurdles confronting our inspectors," Mr. Hill declared. "Colonel Fleming has directed that employers violating the law in this respect be prosecuted."

Wednesday noon Mr. Hill addressed members of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly at a luncheon. Mr. Hill discussed points of particular interest to labor organizations, including ways by which organized labor could help enforce the Wage and Hour Act.

... the last word

By B. G.

After watching others do it time and again, I finally danced the schottische last Saturday night at the Federal Workers' dance. It's a lot of fun and very sociable. Everyone was there, including the WPA prisoners just out of jail in whose honor the affair was held. No one looked happier than Blanch Albert, dancing with her Eddie after three long months. She looked as though she'd never left him. Some of the wives and families of those still in prison were on the sidelines, not as happy as the rest of us, but helping to make the event one of the best this season.

This is what James Barrie, noted English dramatist, said about charm: "If you have it, you do not need to have anything else. If you don't have it, it doesn't matter what else you have." That's the way I feel about the labor movement.

Mobilization of women in case of war or "emergency" is compulsory in Finland, France, Germany, Rumania and Switzerland. Age includes practically everyone. A similar measure was proposed in Sweden before Hitler's invasion. It must be law by now!

Imagine owning over 4 million dollars' worth of personal property! What Gloria Laura Morgan Vanderbilt, sixteen-year-old millionaire, can call her very own was worth just that a year ago. Since then it has increased \$48,853 and she has paid her attorney \$8,000 just to mother that little nest egg. When I stop to think that I've been pounding a typewriter for a year and haven't even paid for my refrigerator yet, it makes me mad to read things like this.

There are 1,500,000 women recruited for the arms industries in England. This is in addition to the thousands upon thousands pressed into actual military service—on ambulance duty, as special army police, in army hospitals, in reserve infantry and even in airplane service—since England went to war. But the pay for women who work day after day in the munitions factories is way below that paid to men who formerly did this same work. I know this is so, because trade union organizations protested against this discrimination at a mass meeting in London on May 1. This means that English women are performing a double duty for the Empire—raising the soldiers and producing the ammunition—and then not even getting a living wage out of it.

They get you coming and going now. During the last war, if you were a woman you could stay home and take care of your babies, even if you didn't have enough to eat. You were pretty sure you'd be a live widow. But now, you either work all day at the dangerous task of making high explosives or put in full time training to take your husband's place in the front lines when he's shot down. You can't win—even if you're a woman.

And on the other hand, happiness does not bring money.

National Window Shade Signs with Local 1859

The first working agreement between the Furniture Workers' Union Local 1859 and the National Window Shade company, 120 West Lake street, was signed last week. The pact provides for seniority, the 40-hour week, 8-hour day, time and one-half for overtime, a weeks' vacation with pay, etc. A 50c hourly minimum is stipulated, with the minimum rising to 55c after ninety days. Working foremen will receive \$30 weekly, and shade hangers and truck drivers will get 75c hourly.

The contract will expire March 31, 1941.

Charles Sather Is Hit-Run Victim

Members of the Federal Workers' Section of Local 544 were shocked last Thursday to learn that old Charles Sather, acting secretary of the organization, had been run over the previous night at 11:30 p. m. by a hit-run driver. Sather was just crossing the street to his home at 1309 East Hennepin.

He was taken to the General Hospital, where he recovered consciousness Saturday afternoon. Wednesday morning the doctor reported "no encouragement." The hit-run driver was caught, jailed, and later released.

Some Progress Made In Negotiations with McLaughlin Co.

Negotiations are moving forward with the McLaughlin, Gormley, King chemical company, the Warehouse Workers Union reports this week. The company has offered wage increases but has rejected its employees' demand for the preferential shop.

A meeting of the McLaughlin workers will be held by Local 359 late this week.

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)
Thurman Arnold's union-busting crusade has been published by the well-known Electrical Workers Union Local 3 in New York City. Free copies of the pamphlet may be obtained by writing to Local 3, at 130 East 25th street, New York City. It's a pamphlet worth getting and studying.

A few weeks ago the milk middlemen in Chicago proposed to cut the weekly wages of the drivers from \$48 to \$30. The Milk Drivers Union said "NO" and called its 4,300 drivers and 2,000 inside dairy workers out on strike. The union continued to bring milk to all hospitals, homes with babies, etc. Effective picket lines were established on all major highways.

Only violence occurred when the middlemen used gunmen to try to crash the picket line. Fearing a pitched battle, the cops tried to stop the gunmen, shot wildly, wounded a street worker in the thigh.

The two-day strike ended May 3rd with the middlemen agreeing to continue paying the \$48 weekly base pending negotiations. If no agreement is reached by June 1st, arbitration boards will take up the matter.

"ECONOMY CONGRESS"
When an amendment was offered in a recent Congress session to slash the 20 cents per mile travel allowance to Congressmen to what they actually spent in travel, only six voted in favor.

Remorse is something the bosses claim to experience after they are hopelessly caught.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.	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 General Membership—May 1 Northland Mfg. Co.—May 14 J. R. Clark Meeting—May 15 Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—May 21 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 13 and 27 General Membership—June 5 Notice
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 20481 C. A. Lund—"Hastings Union Hall", May 24, 8 p. m. Grain King Co.—Carpenter District Council, 4:30 p. m. May 14.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 544 May Meeting Schedule Wednesday, May 1—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, May 2—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 3—Job Stewards Monday, May 6—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, May 8—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 10—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, May 13—General Membership Tuesday, May 14—Lumber, Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Thursday, May 16—Tent and Awning, Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means Committee, (Independent Truck Owners) Friday, May 17—Job Stewards Monday, May 20—Furniture Store, Coal Wednesday, May 22—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, May 23—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, May 24—Cold Storage and Produce Monday, May 27—Spring Water Tuesday, May 28—Building Material Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.