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FIVE CENTS

All Drivers Called to Mass Meeting Friday Eve

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Schell

It is more than apparent to anyone reading the daily newspapers that the men who now control our government—both in Washington and on Wall Street—think of the working masses of the people as incapable of thought. In other words, we are dumb. We can swallow anything which they want to dish out, all in the name of "patriotism." They shout, through every medium of publicity which they have at their command that what this country needs is a little "sacrifice" if it is going to continue in the "American Way."

And then with inconsistency which is beautiful in its implications they issue statements like the one which came from Admiral Spear of the Navy Department yesterday. To wit: "The Walsh Healy Act, the Excess Profits Taxes, and the Minimum Wage standards are responsible for the fact that the big steel and iron companies are refusing to bid on government contracts!"

But they don't call this strike a strike against the government! Oh, no. Admiral Spear admitted that "The act of June 28 (lifting existing restrictions on wages and hours as imposed under the Walsh Healy Act for the 'duration of the emergency') to expedite national defense contains much new legislation to expedite procurement by liberalizing some contractual methods. The act of course came too late to affect procurement before the close of the fiscal year."

He said further it was the litigation over minimum wages that had caused the steel and iron companies to refrain from bidding on government contracts. (No profits—no patriotism.)

Even as Admiral Spears was making his report the Labor Policy Advisory Committee, headed by Sidney Hillman, and including among its membership representatives of the AFL, CIO, and the four Railroad Brotherhoods declared "fullest cooperation of Labor" and offered to PLEDGE that labor would do nothing to hinder the defense program.

In other words, while the government officials stand with hands aloft in horror, tut-tutting about the poor bosses who can't make more than 100% profit for another four months on the war, the so-called "labor leaders" make statements which literally give away all of the rights for which labor has fought and bled and died during the past decade.

Consistency? Democracy? Equal rights? FOR WHOM?

Every so often the world is shocked with the horror which the news of another mine disaster always brings. Two weeks ago thirty-one

Reinstatement of Eugene Carstater Is Labor Victory

State Civil Service Board Rules Carstater Must Be Reinstated as Director of Vocational Education — Cuts Ground from Charges Against Dr. Rockwell — State Federation of Labor Agrees to Support Central Labor Union Moves for Legislative Inquiry into Board of Education

Organized labor scored its first victory over the Stassen machine last Saturday when the state civil service board unanimously ruled that the state board of education must reinstate Eugene V. Carstater as director of vocational education. Carstater is one of the many recently purged by the Stassen-controlled board of education on unimpressive charges.

The case against Carstater was so weak, and the political motivation for firing him so apparent, that even the civil service board could not stomach it. However, in ordering his reinstatement, the civil service board has only paid him half his salary for time lost; at least, no provision seems to have been made for the second half of his salary, that portion paid by the federal government. Thus in effect the board has penalized Carstater for being a victim of the spite of the board of education.

After firing Carstater several months ago, the board of education more recently had suspended Dr. John Rockwell, state administrator of education, on the grounds he opposed the board's action in the Carstater case. Naturally, the order to reinstate Carstater puts the board of education still further out on a limb in the Rockwell case.

Board Out on Limb As the St. Paul Pioneer Press observed editorially Monday: "The (Carstater) decision would seem to cut the ground out from under the case against Dr. Rockwell, and the board would do well to drop it unless there is better reason to be brought against him than was presented in the suspension order of last week."

Commits Illegal Act One would suppose that in these circumstances the reactionary majority of the board of education would be inclined to behave a bit more circumspectly. But that would be to underestimate the capacities of Chairman Boraas and his colleagues. Far from accepting with what grace he might muster the decision of the civil service board, Boraas on Monday committed an illegal act by going over the head of the board of education and arranging with H. E. Flynn and the attorney-general's office for a 10-day stay in the execution of the civil service order reinstating Carstater. Apparently Dr. Boraas is considering an attempt to bluster his way out by preparing a new attack on Carstater, based on the charge the latter has worked less than five years for the state and is therefore subject to removal as a probationary employee.

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AFL Estimates 8,130,000 Are Still Jobless Though employment in the United States is now at an all-time high of 46,063,000, there are still 8,130,000 jobless, the AFL estimated December 5th. "Today the United States is producing more goods on a 40-hour week than we produced in 1929 on a 48 or 50-hour week," the AFL said, stating that it saw no indications of a shortage of skilled workers.

Gale's Pets



Gale Brancel and her Pets, one of the acts to be presented at the largest Christmas Party in the Northwest, to be held December 23rd by the Teamsters Joint Council and the other unions in the building. The biggest Christmas tree ever to be set up indoors in Minneapolis will be waiting at the armory for our union children.

Local 977 Re-elects Officers

The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 membership held nominations of officers on Monday night. Because the present officers were nominated without opposition, they were declared elected by white ballot. The following were named: President—Roy Sturdevant. Vice-president—August Jeppsen. Secretary-treasurer—Larry Davidson. Recording secretary—John Eids-vold. Three-year trustee—Clyde Sal-yers. One-year trustee (to finish balance of term)—Jesse Goodin. All were incumbents with the exception of Goodin. A resolution carried to extend the term of office to three years and all those named will serve for that period.

Local 359 Nominates For Office

Tuesday night the Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 nominated for office, naming the following to run: President: Don Penwell, Jim Bartlett. Vice-president: Don Wilkins. Secretary-treasurer: Bob Tib-betts. Recording secretary: Fred Te-pilo. Trustees: P. Snyder, F. Johnson, M. Larson. Business agent: Jim Bartlett, Don Penwell. Three election judges were chosen who will supervise the election. They are S. H. Stetzer, Roy Wilson and George Scholler. A motion recommended by the executive committee that the union have only two paid officials instead of three carried.

1,340,000 Kids Living on Road In United States

More than 4,000,000 Americans live on the nation's highways, with no place to call home, a federal committee to coordinate health and welfare activities reported to President Roosevelt last week. Of this number, one third are children. Two million of the migratory people are industrial workers and their families, with an equal number of agricultural workers. The committee explains the existence of this army of propertyless wanderers as due to "increase and changes in population, shifts in work opportunities which have left many parts of the country with more men than jobs, changes in agricultural and industrial methods."

Read This Carefully . . .

Children Can Get Low-Cost Cab Service to Xmas Party

If you desire taxicab service for your children to and from the armory for the Teamsters Joint Council Christmas Party, make your reservations now by filling out the blank below, and mail it immediately to Ray Rainbolt, Christmas Party Chairman.

Cabs will call at any address within the city limits and pick up A MINIMUM OF SIX AND A MAXIMUM OF NINE CHILDREN. There will be a charge of 10c per person each day.

Your request for cab service MUST be in Chairman Rainbolt's hands not later than Monday, December 16th. You will be sent a postcard verifying your request.

Ray Rainbolt, Chairman Council Christmas Party 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

Please arrange to send a cab for the following number of children (at least 6, not more than 9). My address is I will have the children ready between noon and 1 p. m. on December 23rd. I understand the cost is 10c per person each way.

Signed:

544 Members Vote To Run Wagner as Answer to Finks

544 Membership and Stewards Approve Board Decision to Appeal Court Ruling to State Supreme Court—Members Urged to Hear Dave Beck at Friday Mass Meeting—Skoglund Declines to Run for 544 Presidency, Nominates Miles Dunne — Election Board Chosen

The Local 544 membership meeting opened Monday night with the financial report for the month of November, read by Kelly Postal. Ray Rainbolt reported on the Teamsters Council Christmas Party for Children. He said cab service will be available for children within the city limits to and from the armory. Ten cents per child will be charged each way.

He reported that the Union Defense Guard party was a social and financial success.

V. R. Dunne gave a lengthy report on recent developments in the fink suit against Local 544. While the court's latest decision strengthens the union contention that all its affairs are conducted honestly and correctly, yet the court's decree to remove Nick Wagner from office sets a precedent of the utmost danger to unionism, he reported. Wagner was ordered removed for carrying out the union executive board's instructions in the Maze floral strike of 1937 and for seeking to instruct a fink in the principles of trade unionism. Wagner's case is in a different category from that of Skoglund, Dunne said. If the precedent were to stand unchallenged, it would mean that every active unionist would be in danger of removal by the courts. It is a matter that concerns every trade unionist in this city and state. Dunne listed the unanimous backing of the Teamsters Joint Council, the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union executive board for Local 544's decision: to back Wagner for reelection and to appeal Carroll's decision to the state supreme court.

Judge Carroll in his last decision ordered that its application be stayed for ninety days, whether or not it is appealed. If appealed, the court's decision will be stayed until the state supreme court rules. The remaining sections of the labor movement in Minneapolis and the State Federation of Labor will also be asked to support Local 544 in its stand.

Special Notice Local 20481 There will be no withdrawal cards sent out to those laid off until dues are paid in full, including the month during which members are laid off. Executive Board of Local 20481 meets December 16. There will be a general membership meeting December 17. Both meetings will be held at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. (Continued on page 4)

Dave Beck to Speak To TJC Membership

Members of All Unions Affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, Their Families and Friends, Are Invited—Admission Free, Doors Open at 7:30 p. m.—Miles Dunne, Carl Skoglund and Gene Larson Will Speak—Is First Gathering of Council Membership Since 1934—Banquet Saturday Night Will Commemorate 25th Anniversary of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council

Members of all unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council No. 42, together with their families and friends, are invited and urged to attend the Council mass meeting this Friday evening, December 13th, 8 p. m. in the Eastside Eagles hall.

The huge mass meeting, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Minneapolis Teamsters Council, will launch a campaign to further the organization of workers in this area and to consolidate the movement against its enemies.

Guest speaker will be Dave Beck of Seattle, eighth vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Briefer talks will be given by Miles Dunne, Gene Larson, and Carl Skoglund. Harold Seavey will preside. The executive board of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will sit on the platform.

Admission Free No admission will be charged Friday evening. Inasmuch as the Eastside Eagles hall seats only two thousand, it will be a matter of first-come, first-served. Doors will be opened at 7:30.

The meeting will be the first affair of its kind held in Minneapolis since 1934. Each member of each of the fourteen affiliated locals of the Joint Teamsters Council should hear the message of Dave Beck and the other speakers.

Delegations of drivers from St. Cloud, Brainerd and Willmar, whose unions are affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Council, will attend the meeting.

Banquet Saturday The Silver Anniversary Banquet of the Teamsters Joint Council will be held Saturday evening, December 14th, in the Francis the First room of the Nicollet hotel. The executive boards of all Council-affiliated unions have been invited, together with their wives. In addition leading officials of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, the St. Paul and Duluth teamsters' and the State Federation of Labor will attend.

Brother Harold Seavey will preside. At the speakers' table, besides Dave Beck, will be International vice-president John Geary, John Boscoe, Robley Cramer, Roy Wier, Miles Dunne and George Lawson. About two hundred persons are expected to attend.

The general membership meeting of all the Councils on Friday night at the Eastside Eagles hall will take the place of the regular December meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

For President: Roland M. Prindle (unopposed). Vice-president: Harold H. Seavey (unopposed). Sec.-Treas.: William Holter, Francis (Baldy) Ryan. Recording secretary: Harold E. Nelson (unopposed). Trustee, 3 years: Frank Dahlmann (unopposed). Sergeant-at-arms (elect two): Rufus Anderson, Charles C. Johnson, Charles Martin, Lawrence Erickson, Darrold Hagglund.

Delegates to Central Labor Union (elect five): Sigurd Skarpohl, Harold E. Nelson, Harold Ianigan, Lewis Delaittre, Roland M. Prindle, Harold H. Seavey, Archie Halvorsen. Three election judges were chosen—Arlington Rowe, Harold J. Nelson and Clifford Freeman—who will supervise the election, to be held Friday, December 20th, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the union hall.

LaGrave and O'Hare Are Named by 289 After all-day balloting Tuesday, the election board for the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 counted the ballots Tuesday night and announced the official results: For president: Frank LaGrave. Vice-president: Sam Ash. Recording secretary: Gregory Helvig. Secretary - treasurer: Joe O'Hare. Trustee: Frank Gates. The election board consisted of Joe Soulek, Art Dawson, John Duffy, John Schmitz and Ben Mercier.

Most 664 Officers Unopposed Last Friday the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 held nominations. The following were nominated and will run: For President: Roland M. Prindle (unopposed). Vice-president: Harold H. Seavey (unopposed). Sec.-Treas.: William Holter, Francis (Baldy) Ryan. Recording secretary: Harold E. Nelson (unopposed). Trustee, 3 years: Frank Dahlmann (unopposed). Sergeant-at-arms (elect two): Rufus Anderson, Charles C. Johnson, Charles Martin, Lawrence Erickson, Darrold Hagglund. Delegates to Central Labor Union (elect five): Sigurd Skarpohl, Harold E. Nelson, Harold Ianigan, Lewis Delaittre, Roland M. Prindle, Harold H. Seavey, Archie Halvorsen. Three election judges were chosen—Arlington Rowe, Harold J. Nelson and Clifford Freeman—who will supervise the election, to be held Friday, December 20th, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the union hall.

# Farm-Co-op-Labor Program is Heard On Station WLOL

"In the rapid change of economic conditions throughout the entire world, the actual producers—farmers and industrial workers—are destined to play an ever-increasingly important part," said Gene Larson Monday night. Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, spoke over station WLOL at 7 p. m. as the guest speaker of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union's radio hour.

Excerpts of his speech follow:  
The Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council of Minnesota was organized about two years ago for the purpose of further developing the friendly relationship of farmers, workers, and cooperative organizations. The Council is a statewide, educational organization, absolutely non-political, and eligible to membership are all farm groups, cooperatives, and unions. Members and participants at present, include Cooperative Wholesalers, Cooperative retail associations, the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions, Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, Trades and Labor Assemblies of St. Paul and Duluth, and a number of prominent farmers from different parts of the state. The members of the Council realize that while there may be differences of interests and opinions between the industrial and rural producers, there are also many points of common interest and that it is advantageous to both groups to frankly recognize these differences and explore the possibilities of adjusting them in a rational and intelligent manner. This we believe, will correct much of the misunderstanding and misconception of the Trade Union Movement, which now exists in the minds of our rural population, and it will also bring to the labor movement and its members, a better knowledge of the serious problems confronting the farmers of today. Further, it will educate both the farmer and the city workers to appreciate the value of cooperative enterprises.

**A NATURAL ALLIANCE**  
In the rapid change of economic conditions throughout the entire world, the actual producers, farmers and industrial workers are destined to play an ever increasingly important part, for if civilization is to continue to advance and democracy prevail, cooperation must supplant competition. The natural alliance in this march toward a higher state of civilization is between farmers and industrial workers. And, an organization, such as the Farmer Cooperative Labor Council, whose purpose is to develop understanding and coordination between these two groups, serves as a connecting link for them.

**FARM INCOME RISES WITH CITY WAGES**  
The economic history of the United States demonstrates that whenever the prices of agricultural commodities fall and become demoralized, it results in chaos in all industrial activities; while on the other hand, if agriculture is in a healthy economic condition all industries in America prosper.

The Farmer Cooperative Labor Council hopes to serve as a medium through which farmers, cooperators and union men can find an opportunity to assemble, get acquainted, exchange opinions, and through such means arrive at a better understanding of each others' problems, and to find a common basis for a satisfactory solution to some of those problems.

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## TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Harry DuBois is back on the job after an extended leave; he attended the funeral of his father at Baraboo, Wisconsin, and made a trip to California where he left his mother with a sister for the winter.

M. E. Fish has undergone an operation at the Veterans' hospital and will be off the treadmill for a spell. Bill Postier is also at the Vets' hospital so pay these boys a visit if you can.

**ATTENTION!** The Taxi Drivers Local 958 election of officers will be held at 257 Plymouth avenue, Thursday, December 19 (our membership meeting day, also). The election judges were elected at our special membership meeting December 5. They are: William Goodnough, Pat Hurley and Earl Seedy. The election board will be thoroughly and legally instructed and will run this election according to the International by-laws. We must abide by their final decisions.

The candidates nominated from the independent sections are: William LaBelle, Floyd Griggs, William Warner, Howard Miller, Jack Pender, Edgar Smith, M. I. Smith, George Swanson, Jack Achtenzer, Harry Watson.

Those nominated from the Yellow Cab section are the following: Emil Kariger, Joe Williams, Ed Harlan, Roy Brown, Donald Bain, Charles Morris, Clifford Rollins, Leo Roach.

It behooves every voter in this election to choose his candidates for the job alone. Any petty personal differences should not sway your mind while balloting. These committee jobs must be filled by serious-thinking men with the best interests of the local at heart. The men in our organization whether they have ever served in official capacity or not must know that their chosen representatives will do their best at all times.

The comfort of the "scotch" cap will have to be passed up because the orders are out that all taxi men must wear a uniform cap with a hard visor like the "smoke eaters" and "harness bulls." We should have some further distinction between the starters and supervisors also; such as for instance, a "Sam Brown" belt and epaulets for the starters while the supervisors could effect a swaggy stick. The snapper-coupe will have to remain as is without any distinctive markings.

Lately there have been a lot of important bulletins posted in every garage pertinent to your daily job. Both company and union bulletins are to be studied and remembered. After a bulletin is legally posted in your place of employment you as an employee are liable to any change therein concerning your daily work. Remember: ignorance is no excuse.

Vern Squires made the daily paper pictures when he signed up with the local home guards anti-aircraft unit. We wonder if that "gonna" improve his duck shooting score.

This is the time of year when monoxide makes its biggest kill. We forget all safety first rules and some pay with their lives for it. The inside workers in the cab garages due to poor ventilation get a steady drugging from the motor fumes. We can all do our part to reduce this evil by shutting our motors off while not moving, and warming the cars outside the garage.

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- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
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- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
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- 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 Limousines

By Home James

Well, well, it sure is a delightful thought to sit down and dash off a column and know you are going to get paid for it, also to feel that after all these years we are a high salaried writer.

The day you get this paper will be Friday the 13th and also it will be three years since we received our charter for Local 912, and we are still going strong.

Do you remember when the Chauffeurs' Club started to organize and everybody, including the bosses thought they were going to bury 912? Well, here we are boys and the perfect club is just about dead and buried, so it goes to show you members that you are in the right organization, by belonging to Local 912. It is here to stay so get behind it and back it up. When you vote for an executive board, be sure you put in the men who will run your union right, who will at no time let friendship for any member sway them in rendering a decision that is just and fair—elect these kind of members and you will have the best kind of an executive board.

I want to pass on to you members a tip we received the other day, and that is the meeting night of January 21st is going to be a honey. It will be a sort of an open house for all chauffeurs—a going away party for the chauffeurs who are starting to leave about that time.

We just called the Eitel Hospital and find that Hoyt Stow is getting along first rate. He will be there quite a while so give him a visit.

Remember to see that your children attend the Teamsters Joint Council Christmas Party in the city armory on Monday, December 23. The kids will remember this party all their lives and will remember who made it possible for them to have such a good time. This is the largest Christmas party in the Northwest and we should be proud that it takes organized labor to give such an affair. Admission is free, there are gifts for all, and the big show starts at 1:30 p. m. and lasts all afternoon.

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## GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

**LEST YOU FORGET!** The regular December meeting will be held next Wednesday night, December 18, at 7:30 p. m. at the Central Labor Union Hall, 18 N. 8th St. Be sure and attend and apply that half back to wife's Christmas present. Enough said.

Some of us fellows had thought that Gordon "Dolly" Gray, whose right arm used to throw a nice game of ball had lost its zip, but up jumps the devil and what do you suppose but what "Zipporoo" Gray joins the list of super keggers with the 11th 3-game total of over 700 for this season. A neat 704 that should put him above par with the "Anderson Insurance Co."

Paul Husen of utilization became a member of the union at the November meeting and Carl Schmeidel, Roger Andrews, Donald Hodge, Merwin Schurke and Charles Gale will come in at the next meeting if their luck holds and there are no more lay offs.

Those meter repair fellows sure are the good humor gang and this week Jack Perlerla of the "Petterla Trio" has been trying to tell Walter Andruski he should leave single bliss and "Mondays" will be like every other day and Lester Swanson of the same department claims he is a member of the "early risers" radio club, but you can't prove it by the 8 o'clock whistle, or can you?

**BOWLING HIGH LITES**  
Einar Fahnerberg was all alone in the 500 class with his 541 Monday night when his "Home Applique" crew won two and "Lee's Broiler" took three while "Red Feather Cafe" and "Gas Heat Appliance" also took two games. Oliver Syde had a bad night and his average dropped from 103 to 101, which is getting right in there with my golf score for nine holes.

The street department boys are pretty well settled over "Nord-east" and they like everything about it but the solitude which would indicate that they miss the company of you boys in the service building. Martin Johnson is recuperating in the Asbury hospital from an appendectomy and Peter Esbjornson is home with a case of rheumatism and the hope of the street boys is that they both return to work soon.

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**Local 131 "Gas and Suds"**  
By L. Clair Johnson  
The program in the bakery drivers' election to divorce the job of business agent and secretary-treasurer fell just as flat as it did in our local last year.  
We have several hearings on grievances coming up next week before an employer-union committee for settlement.  
Nominations this week and elections on January 9th. Be sure and get your dues, fines and assessments paid up so you will be eligible to vote.  
We still haven't got the final settlement at the Artistic. The dope should be ready for the column next week.  
You'll kick yourself if you don't go to the Eagles hall on the east side Friday night, December 13th, and hear Dave Beck. By the way, Dave Beck used to be a laundry driver in Seattle. He is now the most powerful labor leader on the West Coast.  
Another of our members took advantage of the union credit loan this week. Why don't some of you fellows take out some shares in the credit loan? You can make the payments at our office.  
**THE WAY OF THE WORLD**  
Him that makes shoes goes bare-foot himself. — ROBERT BURTON.

Ted Helland, holderman, was injured on the job, receiving a crushed toe and will be off work for a week or so which means that somebody will have to fill in doing that two men's work at holderman No. 2. We wish you a speedy recovery, Ted.

"Double play of the week." Matson, the "plumber" received as a Christmas present from a wholesale plumbing company, a nice celluloid toilet seat, but Will Thompson now has it so it must have been a "hot seat."

It is said that the reason why some meter readers get down to work so early is so they can ride up and down with "Marcella," the operator with the Jim Farley memory or could it be "Mary," who is also sweet but never contrary.

I was just wondering where big business alias the Republicans got that fifty million they spent trying to elect Wendell, when they told us things were going to the dogs. Strange how much some firms will spend on one man and how little they will grudgingly give those who produce it, the many.

**CHEERFUL NOTE.** Best holiday buying season in years, gay colored lights and attractive window displays that remind us to be just a bit more considerate of those who help to make the holiday wheels turn, and when you read this there will be just nine more shopping days before Christmas. Buy Union Label gifts and American made.

**ON BOSS POLITICIANS**  
We grant, although he had much wit,  
He was very shy of using it.  
—SAMUEL BUTLER

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Gassing With 977

Nominations for officers of the Local were held last Monday evening at the general membership meeting. The incumbent officers were re-nominated, and the recording secretary was instructed by the membership to cast a white ballot to re-elect the officers. Bro. Jesse Goodin (Barber Oil) was elected to fill the one year vacancy as Trustee of the Local, which was made vacant by the resignation of Bro. L. V. Schima last Spring. A complete story of the elections will be found in another column of this paper.

The membership voted in favor of changing and amending the by-laws of the Local to correspond to the changes and amendments of the International Brotherhood constitution and by-laws. The resolution provides for an increase in the initiation fee for station attendants to \$10; this will be in effect January 1st.

An assessment of \$1 to cover complete medical care was passed by the membership on Monday evening. The medical care consists of examinations, office calls, house calls, hospital calls and all operations that the Union Physician can perform without the aid of a specialist, and will be available to the entire membership. In line with Article VI, Section 13, of the by-laws of the Local, all fines and assessments shall be due and payable before the payment of the current month's dues. The medical assessment will be in effect January 1st, and all members are requested to take note of this fact.

A Death Benefit in the sum of \$100 was passed by the membership, and will also take effect January 1st. The Death Benefit will be paid with the following restrictions: (a) Presentation of a death certificate; (b) Said member must be in good standing with the Local at the time of his death; (c)

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The Lessee Section of the Local will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening. The Lessees are requested to bear in mind the change of meeting place. In the future they will meet in the office of the Local.

Bro. James McArdle (Clark Oil) won the door prize of a month's free dues at the general membership meeting last Monday.

The Executive Board members take this means of expressing their appreciation to the members for the loyalty and support rendered them during the past two and one-half years, and also for returning them to office for the next three years.

Secretary Davidson requests that each member read the second article on the inside of the back cover of the International Brotherhood magazine.

Back pay in amount \$716.00 was collected this week for the members at the Range Oil Company, by your organizers. This sum represented overtime pay for four men, each of whom had worked 144 2/3 hours overtime during the past month, at time and one-half. The companies will soon realize that Local 977 enforces the wage scale for drivers as well as station attendants.

The sympathies of the Local are extended the wife and son of Bro. W. E. Snyder (Barnsdall, 5247 Minnehaha Ave.) who passed away December 1st.

Don't forget to bring or send the kiddies to the big Christmas Party at the Armory on Monday, December 23, at 1:30 p. m. This party is sponsored by the Teamsters, Joint Council and children of all I.B.T. members are invited.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Candidates for office for 1941 were nominated at the last regular meeting. Elections will take place the third Friday in December. Everybody vote. You must have your November dues paid to be eligible.

Judge Carroll has evidently made a deliberate attempt to give the courts the authority to decide who shall be permitted to act as union officials and leaders. Local 544 has appealed Carroll's attempt to oust Nick Wagner from office and it behooves every union in Minnesota to back Local 544 in this fight. This is a matter of vital importance to every union man and woman in the country, as it constitutes a serious threat to the future welfare of us all.

The re-instatement of Carstater by the State Civil Service board in spite of Stinky Stassen and his stooges would lead one to believe that the putrid political mess concocted by the Republican regime is a little too rich for the blood of a Republican Civil Service. I believe, however, that the protests of organized labor to the dismissal of Dr. Carstater had much to do with his re-instatement.

The x-ray technician at General Hospital, a personal friend, tells me that Brother Horner of Park Department, is recovering rapidly from his injuries. Also states that he is an ideal patient, always cheerful. Hope to see you soon, Jack.

One of our brothers of the Sanitary Department was killed last week when crushed between a truck and a pole, while riding sidwys and crushed Brother Schwitzer who was standing on the side of the truck. Brother Schwitzer was a good union brother and we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Brother Ed Coash is at Vet's hospital, undergoing an operation. In spite of the fact that Brother Ed has always been a cut-up, we wish him an early recovery.

Brother Chris Jensen, confined to his home by illness, wishes to thank the boys for the plant they sent him. Brother Horner also expressed his pleasure by sending a card of thanks to the warehouse.

Brother Joe Knight has been laid up for some time with a back injury. We miss the Mayor of West Broadway, considerably.

Brother Ed Vogel swears that he won't be Sergeant-at-Arms during 1941, election or no election. Ed declined the nomination but nobody seemed to hear him. Brother Fleetham had a large evening, seconding motions, rather belatedly, as a rule.

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V. R. Dunne Speaks On 544 Fink Suit At Sunday Forum

V. R. Dunne will speak on "Behind the 544 Suit" at the Sunday Forum on December 15th, 3:30 p. m. at 919 Marquette. Admission is 10c. Coffee and doughnuts are served after each forum.

What certain party at the airport used to think his whims supersede our seniority list? Some people like to learn the hard way, if at all.

In the future, it would be a good idea for all park employees to report at once any violation of seniority. Letting the matter slide only helps the acquiring of a regular habit by violators, so nip in the bud any violation and nip it quick.

Organized labor can take some encouragement from the cooperation of CIO and A. F. of L. on the West Coast strike by unions of both organizations in the same industry. That's a step in the right direction toward Labor unity.

The T.J.C. is throwing a super-duper Christmas party for the kids this year. Ray Rainbolt, head of the Entertainment Committee, says we can see him if this one doesn't out-do any previous Christmas party ever put on. Taxis will haul the youngsters for a fee of ten cents. Fair enough, too.

Dave Beck, A. F. of L. organizer on the West Coast, will speak here in Minneapolis the evening of Friday, December 13, at Eagle's East Side auditorium. Come and hear him. Having read numerous articles in our newspapers and national magazines berating Brother Beck as a radical rabble-rouser, I came to the conclusion that he's the sort of guy I would give a lot to meet and hear. Kindred spirits will recognize Friday the Thirteenth as a lucky day for organized labor in Minneapolis.

See you next Friday.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

It goes without saying that your reporter has done his poorest job this year of 1940, than of any of his previous years of service on the staff. Too many "absents" chalked up against the record. It is to your credit too, that many of you called him on it.

The new Hohenstein section of Local 544 has now been officially launched. We wish them a long and happy success.

A committee appeared before the council committee on "good roads and equipment" for you know what.

This bowling in the winter before the night before the copy for this piece comes out is getting to be a tough proposition.

Milt wants to know if you say no for coal hauling every time you are asked, why did you sign up?

Count me in for the best guess that there is no rotation on the Olson Highway. Ditto for a clean job; if you get what I mean.

Some of the boys are now saying that it couldn't have been the crew, it must be the job. The Sixth Avenooers are already going at it hammer and tongs.

Some army or guard trucks are already out on the streets delivering parcels for the postoffice.

Every member, I guess, has been nominated for the 1941 Ways and Means. It must be a good job.

Don't forget to bring your kids to the big Christmas party sponsored by the Teamsters Joint Council on Monday, December 23, at 1:30 p. m. in the Armory. It promises to be better than ever.

Card of Thanks To Taxicab Drivers, Local 958: Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful floral spray. Your sympathy was indeed appreciated. Mrs. Samuel Rich

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Is Starker Being Played For Sucker by Other Bosses?

Burlington, Iowa—The strike against the Northern Cabinet company, now nearing the end of the third month, continues with little change. Since its recent abortive effort to open the plant, the management has made no effort to operate with finks and further antagonize the public.

Last week two ministers, the Reverend W. T. Smith and the Reverend J. H. Buescher, made an effort to bring all parties to the strike together for a settlement. A meeting was set for Saturday morning, December 7th at the Burlington hotel.

The strikers agreed to send a representative committee to the meeting, taking the stand they were willing to meet with anyone just so long as the strike committee worked out an agreement with the company, and that any such agreement would be submitted to all strikers for a vote before going into effect.

Company Won't Meet However only the union committee and the ministers showed up at the meeting. Neither Starker nor any other company representative or company-union man showed up. The union committee notified the ministers it could be reached thereafter at the union hall. The ministers said they would let the public know about the refusal of Starker or the company union to meet with the strike committee.

Playing Sucker? As the strike continued to drag on and the company to lose more and more money, labor leaders discussed the possibility that the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers and Beman may be playing E. A. Starker and the Northwestern Cabinet company for a sucker.

It would not be the first time that a group of employers had encouraged a competitor to bleed himself fighting a union. It is certain that the longer Starker resists signing with the union, the weaker becomes his competitive position in the industry.

While there is no definite proof that such is the program in this strike, experienced labor leaders estimated there is a strong possibility that Beman and a group of Starker's competitors are egging him on against the union and improving their own fortunes at the expense of Starker.

Be that as it may, the strikers are more determined to win this fight than they were on September 24th, the day the walkout began. The strike can continue for a year more, they say, but in the end Starker will have to sign a union agreement.

Sioux City Drivers Win 5c Raise

A raise of 5c hourly in the scale for city drivers has just been won by the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 in a new one-year contract signed recently. The contract provides for seniority, a 48-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, a war clause, etc.

Furniture drivers, hackers and craters will receive 65c hourly; city freight drivers, dockmen and helpers, 57 1/2c; furniture helpers, 60c.

The gains made by the union are considered particularly important because of the continued attacks on Local 383 by employers and the FBI. Brother Beeman represented the union in the negotiations.

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Fargo Union On Strike Vs. Adams

Fargo, N. D.—Since November 25th the Fargo General Drivers Union Local 116 has been involved in a strike against the profit-mad Adams Transfer & Storage company, the only outfit in town that has refused to sign a union agreement.

The Adams company, which has fought the union since 1934, is trying to operate with scabs and thugs working under police protection. The finks sleep in the plant nights and are guarded by cops. Among the better-known finks are the Oker brothers, Ben Hoddin and Arthur Taylor.

Several union pickets have been picked up by the police on trumped-up charges, but are now out on bond. The cops have a batch of John Doe warrants which they are seeking to use at every occasion where it might weaken the strike.

The Adams company handles the products of Union Carbide, of the Linde Air Products company, is a distributor for General Foods, and handles pick-up freight for the three railroads.

The union is demanding the same wage scale that all other truck lines have agreed to pay. This reasonable demand has been met by a stony refusal to negotiate.

The man who is in charge of the strike for the company is a fellow named Bill Thompson, who used to be a helper there but married the boss's daughter. As is usual in such cases, Thompson fights the striking workers with unusual venom.

Card of Thanks To Local 289: Many thanks for the help rendered during my recent illness. —William Coulombe

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 "It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to secure the recognition of rights to which they are justly entitled.  
 "We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

## The Case of Nick Wagner

It is extremely important that each member of organized labor really understands what is labor's stake in the latest ruling of District Court Judge Paul S. Carroll in the celebrated fink suit against the Minneapolis General Drivers Union.

In the court's original decision October 1st, Judge Carroll ordered the union to remove President Carl Skoglund from office. In its latest decision November 29th, the court orders the union to remove Trustee Nick Wagner from office.

However, there is a great difference in the basis for the court's action in the two orders, and it is this difference that must be grasped.

The court ordered Skoglund removed from office on the SOLE reason that he was not a citizen. Skoglund's honesty, his efficiency, his conduct, were not challenged by the court. The court pointed out that there is a provision in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters by-laws that provides that non-citizens cannot hold office in an affiliated union. What the court did in this case was to order the union to observe a union-by-law. Though Local 544, together with many other workers, may feel that this by-law is archaic and backward, and that it is always dangerous for an enemy court to meddle in the internal affairs of a union, yet the General Drivers Union was willing to submit to this court order.

The case of Nick Wagner is in a different category. The court has ordered Wagner removed, not because he is in violation of any union rule or by-law, local or International, but BECAUSE OF HIS ACTIONS IN CARRYING OUT A DECISION OF THE UNION EXECUTIVE BOARD. What do the finks and the court say that Nick Wagner is guilty of? That he "threatened" bosses and finks. What are the FACTS in this case?

In 1937 Local 544 was engaged in a strike against the Mazey florist shop. The owner of this shop is known for her fanatical hatred and contempt for organized labor. The union designated Wagner to confer with the Mazey company and seek to settle the dispute. An argument ensued and Wagner ably defended the union and the right of Mazey employees to receive the benefits of the union contract signed by the Mazey company. The finks got this boss to testify that Wagner "threatened" her.

Again, an organizer for the fink "Local Number One" was seeking to solicit drivers to join that company-union outfit. Local 544 sent Wagner to talk to the man and induce him to cease his foul activity. Wagner talked trade-union language to this fink. Later the fink testified that Wagner "threatened" him.

Again, the finks charged (and the court accepted the charge) that Wagner "threatened" Graves, the owner of the only open shop coal company in town. Actually, Wagner has never had anything to do with Graves and this whole section is a pure frame-up. The facts are that the Graves company, 2539 Minnehaha avenue, is the one coal outfit in town that has remained 100% hostile to the General Drivers Union and to every other union in town, ever since 1934. The owner is so-o-rugged that he won't even join the boss organization in the industry. He has hired guards, has had cops stand watch over his yard, has played ball with every fink driver in town. He has on several occasions displayed large guns and expressed a fervent desire to use them on any man wearing a 544 button who enters his coalyard. In a word, Graves has violated every union rule and every precept of fair play with the working-class of people. A few Local 544 men have tangled with him on various occasions, but Wagner is not among them.

But regardless of the truth or falsity of the fink's charges against Wagner, the court has decreed that Nick Wagner be removed from the post of union trustee for a two-year period, and that he be ineligible to hold an elective or appointive post in the union.

The court seeks to remove Wagner because he carried out instructions of the union in dealing with a vicious boss and a conscienceless fink.

If the legal precedent is permitted to stand whereby a court can reach into a union, nullify the democratic sentiment of the membership and remove a union man from office, it means that every active unionist in the United States is in danger, sooner or later, of being so victimized. Nothing less than this is at stake in the Wagner case. Don't think the national associations of the employers don't hire people to comb the legal records for just such precedents as this to add to their arsenal of anti-labor weapons!

This is the reason that Local 544's executive board, its stewards, and now its membership have voted unanimously to take the stand that Nick Wagner is an officer in good standing; that he be nominated for re-election; and that the case be appealed to the state supreme court.

This is the reason that the Building Trades Council and the Minneapolis Central Labor Union's executive board have voted to support Local 544 in its fight to knock this potentially dangerous weapon out of the hands of the employers.

## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunno

The nomination meeting of the union was a large orderly, businesslike session. I think it would be well for all candidates for office to remember that the interests and welfare of Local 544 should be put above every other consideration. Anything said or done during this time that injures or slanders a fellow member is contrary to the well-being of the entire union: Be truthful, honest and just. Any other course is wrong.

Last summer "Christmas Party" Rainbolt picked out a 70-foot evergreen in the northern part of the state for this year's party. When the woodsmen went to cut it a week ago they could not get within a mile of the tree. Too much snow. Another has been provided.

An easy way to assist Local 977 is to ask every filling-station attendant every time for his button. If he has none, buy your gas elsewhere.

The Labor Temple committee has plans for a new building up its sleeve.  
 Local 160 is jousting with the building trades.

Department store drivers report that the annual delivery rush is under way. Buy early and assist these members during the holiday season.

An attempt is going to be made to secure a change in the city's sponsorship of municipal projects. Changing the city's share from material to men and equipment would solve part of the unemployment problem.

A sad touch to the Monday meeting was Skoglund's announcement that he was not running for office. He has given more to our union than most of us.

See you at the Teamsters Council mass meeting Friday night, 8 o'clock.

## Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

As far as Fascism is concerned, Big Business cannot make a free will choice; to impose or not impose fascism. When and if the American big bourgeoisie put fascism on the order of the day, it will not be because they are provoked by militant labor action, nor because they seek "revenge" on a strong labor movement, nor for any other subjective reason. It will be because the automatic, uncontrollable development of capitalism—a matter of such economic factors as technological advances, rediscount rates, unemployment, bank loans, new security issues, etc., has made it impossible for capitalists to earn profits with their capital under the old bourgeois—democratic form of government.

Brother McCrea was in the hospital with torn ligaments, but we are glad to report that he is at home now and progressing nicely.

Brother Joe Chabot, the old-time terror of the riggers and iron-workers, is at the Abbott hospital with a broken pelvis, which is the result of an accident. If you have an opportunity, drop in and see him or drop him a note.

According to reports received at the office, there is a troublemaker who certainly is a "whiz" at phenging frozen turkeys. Wonder what one tastes like?

As for our Construction men: We certainly intend to see that when any of them go into their respective crafts, they are going to have all their rights protected. They already have paid their way into the ranks of labor, both in money and loyalty. By being active in the organization of a labor union in one of the largest utilities in this section of the country, unionizing a property that no union has ever been able to organize before, and organizing it in such a way that it is sewed up tight into the ranks of labor, they have placed themselves in the vanguard of those who have done much to promote the labor movement. Their loyalty to the movement does not stop there. By indicating their willingness to join the building trades crafts, they show their desire to cooperate in the building and promoting of solidarity in the labor movement as a whole.

It is our belief that open-minded union men who are interested in the promotion of the whole labor movement would welcome them with open and unselfish hands, rather than place obstacles in their path.

Don't forget the next membership meeting on December the 19th. Just one day before the eagle—

Children of Local 160 members are invited to the Christmas Party sponsored by the Teamsters' Joint Council at the Armory, Monday, December 23. Keep it in mind.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story... if they KNEW it. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

Through tattered clothes small vices do appear; robed and furred gowns hide all.—SHAKESPEARE.

## Nick Wagner Nominated For Office

(Continued from page 1)  
 mendment of the executive board and the stewards.

**Friday Mass Meeting**  
 Miles Dunne, reporting on the Teamsters Council mass meeting this Friday night at the Eastside Eagles hall, said "I would like everyone to hear Dave Beck. He is head of the drivers' movement on the West Coast, the only movement in the nation that is working under better wages and working conditions than we in Minneapolis."

**Skoglund Applauded**  
 As the nominations opened, President Carl Skoglund addressed the membership. He received a hearty round of applause. Skoglund announced that while he has applied for citizenship papers, he will not be a candidate for re-election to the presidency because of the propaganda of the finks and bosses. "But I will be with the union 100% as I have always been and I will support the incoming board completely."

Skoglund nominated Miles Dunne to succeed him. Miles then asked to resign from his trusteeship, a post which still has two years to run. A motion carried to accept his resignation. The following were nominated to run for office (from three to twelve were nominated for each office, but there were many declinations. Those listed accepted the nomination):

**For president:** Miles Dunne, Jim Fowler.

**Vice-president:** \*George Frosg, Harold Haines.

**Secretary - treasurer:** \*Kelly Postal, Archie Anderson.

**Recording secretary:** \*Ray Rainbolt (unopposed and declared elected on a white ballot).

**Three-year trustee:** \*Nick Wagner, Pete Harris.

**Trustee, unexpired two-year term:** Emil Hanson, Richard Hornig, Emanuel Holstein, John Rogers, Fritz Snyder.

\*Status incumbent.

**Election Board Chosen**  
 When nominations for 3-year trustee were declared open, a dozen members rose to move that Nick Wagner be elected on a white ballot, as the union's answer to the finks and their backers. However, the motion was interrupted by the nomination of Pete Harris to oppose Nick Wagner for trustee, which blocked the unanimous election of Wagner to office.

An election board of five was then chosen by secret ballot to supervise the election and count the ballots. Selected were Steve Glasgow, George Williams, George O'Brien, Bill Ambrose and Bob Bovey.

Local 544 will hold the elections on Wednesday and Thursday, January 8th and 9th, in the union hall.

## FWS NEWS

The fake show of stunned surprise now being enacted by the army staff and the press because 15 to 25 per cent of draftees are rejected as physically unfit, is all for a purpose. This can be none other than to cover up the ugly fact of widespread malnutrition throughout our milk-and-honey way of life. When FWS told the Welfare Board last spring that relief clients would collapse to the pavement if a military uniform were put on them, because they had been so poorly fed, Mr. Joseph flew into a rage. But the Daily Star properly rebuked him in its editorial "Tut Tut Mr. Joseph." Even earlier, New York's state relief administrator was removed from his job when he proposed denying relief to clients who refused to enlist. The New York Times then recognized and enlarged upon the fact that the army would pick its own recruits and NOT from relief lines, due to health considerations.

But those damning admissions are now replaced by army officials' "inability to understand" and the "deplorings" and "disappointments" chimed by the big papers. Rejections, based on World War draft experience, should now average less than 2 per cent. But eleven consecutive years of depression have eaten into the flesh and bones of the workers. Eleven years of mass hunger, rags, bad housing, nervous tension and medical neglect have taken their deadly toll. Bad lungs, weak hearts, intestinal disorders, rotten teeth, poor hearing and eyesight, neglected hernias—these are but a small part of the price the workers have already paid for the boss' economic anarchy and social chaos.

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The two-thirds of the popula-

## The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Cake and Pie drivers who meet Thursday, December 19. It's been quite some time since we've had much of a turnout for a cake meeting, so let's surprise them. How about it, gang?

Tomte at Regan's is taking a rather late vacation. Tom's smart, at that. He's going south to Tucson, Nogales, Los Angeles. Tom said he's dreaming about those senoritas in Mexico, so he's going down there to renew acquaintances as he was there last year, too.

Elmer Argetsinger, Gladness, has been moved to the country, having been stationed at Willmar.

There were 373 votes cast in the election, exactly 56 more than last year.

Better get acquainted with Joe Soulek, 'cause Joe might come into a piece of change soon. He has a \$10,000 damage suit pending for his wife who was hurt some time ago. Looks like a lead pipe cinch, too.

Ted Thorson, formerly of Holsum, is opening a 6c to a \$1 store at 42nd and Fremont Ave. N. Ill health caused his early retirement from the bread business, so if you get a chance, stop and see him. He'll appreciate your dropping in, anyway.

Boy, am I glad Christmas is here again. I'm just about out of socks.

Here's a fast one to spring on your friends. I heard it on the radio. Why can't a man in Minnesota marry his widow's sister? It's a fact, he can't. The answer: If he has a widow, he must be dead.

## Local 359 Gains in New Pacts

Gains have been made by the membership of the Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 in several contracts signed within the past week. The Good Foods agreement, just signed, provides for a 2-hour reduction in weekly hours, from 42 to 40, with no reduction in pay for most classifications. Two employees have weekly wage increases and are guaranteed 52 weeks of work yearly.

The Snyder Drug company has signed a new agreement calling for wage increases, a union shop and strict adherence to the union seniority rules.

The Farnham Stationery and School Supply company has renewed its agreement with Local 259, granting a two-hour reduction in hours weekly at no change in pay. These employees will now work 40 hours weekly instead of 42.

The National Biscuit company has signed a pact for one year providing for wage increases of \$1 weekly, holiday pay and a shorter work week. The contract is retroactive to September 17, 1940, and will continue until September 16, 1941.

reliable whose income, according to current statistics, is less than one-half a "health and decency" standard, know why draft rejections are ten times higher than in 1917. Army officers and the press know it too, but they can no longer say so because they must now try to convince the physically fit remainder to give up their lives to preserve this way of life which can reliably promise only more disease, more privations and plenty, more pain and wasting away of the workers.

Another change in Minneapolis relief food budgets has just been made by the Welfare Board IN SECRET SESSION. While the federal food stamp increase makes a small net benefit to the client, this does not alter the ILLEGAL, dangerous and wholly unacceptable Board practice of doing business in any but regular public meetings or special meetings, also public, of which at least 48 hours' public notice has been given. FWS representatives protested this practice, and demanded they be given ample notice and that their right to attend all Board meetings be recognized.

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## On the National Picket Line

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men met their death in a mine of the Nelms Coal Mine at Cadiz, Ohio. A gas explosion cut off two sections of the mine, locking the men behind hundreds of tons of rock and debris. This mine was supposed to have been a model for safety—protected by state laws—which have failed to stop the death by entombing of hundreds of other miners—and which will continue to serve only the mine bosses, who must also reap their just profits. Gas explosions are caused when dust is allowed to accumulate. United Mine Union representative John Owens charged that the explosion was caused by inadequate inspection by state mining authorities. The state officials denied this, saying that the mine was operated by approved methods.

Representative Randolph of West Virginia asked for the passage of a resolution to bring a bill on to the floor of the House for federal mine inspection. He told the house that while this bill has been gathering dust in the files of the house committee after its

Monroe Hall of Excelsior is a proud papa. It's a boy. So what does that make Frank LaGrave, his father-in-law?

The results of the election are as follows: President, Frank LaGrave; secretary-treasurer, Joe O'Hare; trustee, Frank Gates, 120 votes, and A. M. Ogren, 119 votes. Only one vote difference.

To the Ladeez: Don't forget the Kiddies' Christmas party December 23, Monday, 1:30 p. m. in the Armory.

passage by the Senate — 1,600 MINERS HAVE DIED. 1,600 men who used to go down into the bowels of the earth to dig the nation's coal now lie beneath the earth's surface forever, victims of the avarice of the industry, victims also of the lethargy and unconcern of our nation's lawmakers.

The New York Public School Board announced last week that a new kind of class will be held from now until Christmas — ANTI-SHOP-LIFTING CLASSES. Said Justice Jackson of the Preventive Treatment of Juvenile Delinquency Court: "The plan is to reach especially the casual child shoplifter, the little girl, who, without plan or forethought, succumbs to the temptation to take some attractive article of which she has been deprived because of poverty."

It is fine to teach children not to steal—fine to try to show them that "shoplifting can't be done without being caught." But wouldn't it be better if every little girl had a doll, every little boy the electric train of his wildest dreams? Why can't they? That's what those little kids are asking.

## To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid, that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

All workers seeking unemployment insurance or relief are asked to get in touch with Ed Palmquist before applying for aid. Palmquist is in the office of the FWS from 9 a. m. to noon, Monday through Friday each week. The office is on the second floor, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> 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.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursdays Stewards—Second and Fourth Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday
<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Executive Board—Every Friday night Stewards' Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday each week Membership Meeting—1st Wednesday each month Casket Section—2nd Tuesday each month Box Industry—3rd Tuesday each month J. R. Clark Section—3rd Wednesday each month Puffer-Hubbard—3rd Thursday each month Woodenware Workers—3rd Friday each month
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> Monday, Dec. 2—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, Dec. 4—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, Dec. 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, Dec. 6—Job Stewards Monday, Dec. 9—General Membership Tuesday, Dec. 10—Lumber; Wednesday, Dec. 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, Dec. 13—Wholesale Grocery Monday, Dec. 16—Furniture; Coal; Paper and Printing Thursday, Dec. 19—Tent and Awnings; Newspaper, 10 a.m.; Ways and Means ITO Friday, Dec. 20—Job Stewards Monday, Dec. 23—Spring Water Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Meetings postponed Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day—Meetings postponed Thursday, Dec. 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, Dec. 27—Cold Storage and Produce 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, first floor. 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 indicated.
<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 359</b> Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Second Tuesdays.	