

# THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council

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You use your power,  
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Stand all as one  
Till right is done!  
Believe and dare  
and do!

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## BATTERY STRIKERS WIN OUT

### DRIVING CRAFTS MARCH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

### DRIVERS WILL FALL IN WITH JOINT COUNCIL

All Members of Teaming Crafts to Join in Torch Parade

All members of Unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will take part in the Torchlight Parade and Olson Memorial Meeting Saturday, October 31.

At the last meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council it was voted that the Teamsters Council and its affiliated Unions would form a unit of the parade in a body. A 24 piece Union band has been secured by the council and will lead the Teamsters section of the parade from the postoffice to the auditorium.

All members of teaming craft unions are notified that they must be on hand promptly at 5 o'clock in front of the postoffice. Each

#### Line of March for F-L Parade

The line of march for the Saturday parade will be as follows. It will form at the Postoffice. From there the parade will proceed west on 2nd Street to Nicollet, south on Nicollet to Grant Street, east on Grant Street to the Auditorium. The parade will be led by visitors, followed by the Building Trades Unions. After the Building Trades Union have gotten under way the unions of the Teamsters Joint Council will fall in. All members of the teaming crafts are notified to be on hand promptly at 5 p. m. at the Post Office.

driving craft union will march under its own banner but will fall in with the section of the parade formed by the Teamsters Joint Council as a whole.

There is little doubt but that the teaming craft section of the Torch

#### Truck Owners Meet With Union Board

The committee from the Independent Truck Owners Section that has been meeting with the Union Executive Board reports that an agreement has been reached on the hour and ton rates in the sand and gravel industry.

The wage rates, both hour and ton, have never been satisfactorily settled until this time.

#### Truck Owners Attention

All Independent Truck Owners are requested to meet at the Union hall at 4:30 p. m. Saturday, November 31, WITH THEIR TRUCKS.

The Independent Truck Owners Section will form a part of the Farmer-Labor Torchlight Parade. They will drive their trucks in formation with the 544 delegation who will march with the Teamsters Joint Council.

All owners, without exception, are required to be on hand at 4:30 p. m. Report to Zander.

#### Department Stores Will Get Contract Covering Drivers

Union organization of department store drivers, helpers and platform men has been practically completed and moves towards securing a Union agreement covering wages and working conditions of employees will soon be underway.

Preliminary meetings have been held with Local 665, Miscellaneous Workers Union, in regard to the jurisdictional disposal to be made of some of the workers employed by the department stores. Firms affected by the proposed agreement will be Daytons, Donaldsons and Powers along with several of the smaller downtown stores.

A Union contract has been drawn up and will be presented to the department store owners shortly. It is expected that little trouble will be had in getting the employers to agree to wages and conditions.

#### Wrecking Companies Will Sign With 544

Workers employed by Minneapolis wrecking companies will shortly be covered by a signed Union contract. Employees covered by the coming agreement include drivers, helpers and warehousemen.

The 544 agreement does not include wreckers employed by these companies. They are members of Building and Common Laborers Union, Local No. 563.

Although the contract has not yet been signed meetings between wreckers' representatives and Union officials indicate that they are not far apart.

#### The First Step



### STRIKE STOPS; WORKERS GAIN AN AGREEMENT

Workers in Battery Companies Win Wage Raises and Recognition

All Plants Open Monday as Strikers Vote to Accept

Saturday, October 24, at 11 a. m. saw the settlement of the seven weeks old battery workers' strike. The workers involved were rewarded for their seven weeks militant picketing activity with a splendid Union agreement. The firms involved were the Mitchell Battery Co., the Jordan Electric and the Grant Battery Co.

The employers from the outset stubbornly took the stand that they would neither recognize the Union nor would they sign an agreement with any third party. They insisted that they would recognize their employees only by dealing with them on an individual basis. The battery workers who had organized a union during the summer months continued to insist that the management of the battery companies recognize the legal right of their employees to bargain collectively through the agency of a Union.

All attempts to settle the controversy peacefully were unavailing and in the early part of September the battery workers initiated a 100 per cent walkout on the employers. The striking Union organized itself on a businesslike basis and all during the strike conducted themselves in so determined and militant manner that production in the struck plants was completely at a standstill.

During the past ten days negotiations were opened up with the employers who were suffering severe financial losses as a result of the strike. Last week a counter agreement was presented to the Union by the employers which was deemed to be acceptable by the Union providing a few minor

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#### Wages Demanded In Greenhouses

Negotiations have started between a committee representing greenhouse employers and officials of General Drivers Union. A contract has been presented to the greenhouse bosses covering wages of all drivers, helpers and inside men employed in this industry.

Workers employed in Minneapolis greenhouses have been organized into Local No. 544 for some time. The protracted grocery strike prevented Union representatives from starting negotiations earlier in the summer.

### Fur Workers Union Wages Strong Fight on Menzel

#### Labor - Hating Bosses Checked by Union Action

Fur Workers Union, Local 71, is conducting a militant and determined fight against reactionary fur shop bosses who are set in their determination to crush the Fur Workers organization. Three shops are standing out against the Union and are the leaders in the fight against the organized fur workers.

Chief stooge of the Citizens Alliance in the fur industry is Walter Menzel of the firm of Menzel & Co., whose business is located at 908 Nicollet Ave. Menzel has openly boasted to other fur shop bosses that he will break the Union before he is through. He is being supported by Loring Fur Co. at 1000 Nicollet Ave. and the Jans Co. at 83 South 8th St. All three places are being picketed by Local 71 but the Union which realizes that its chief enemy is Walter Menzel is concentrating the fight on the shop owned by him.

Although Menzel's business has dropped away to nothing he still continues to attempt to operate under police protection. Menzel has threatened and used abusive and profane language when confronted by pickets at his door. At 10 a. m. every day this master scab herder and Union hater is

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#### Laundry Drivers Move to Contract

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, are having a period of healthy growth. Every meeting of the local union many new members are taken into the organization. At the present time union representatives are negotiating with laundry owners for an agreement between the union and bosses.

There is every prospect that a splendid contract will be secured by the Laundry Drivers covering wages and working conditions for all workers involved.

The success of the Inside Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union in getting an agreement with the laundry owners is having a good effect in bringing the drivers into Local 131.

#### Laundry Drivers Meet 3rd Wednesday

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, announce that in the future their regular meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday in each month. These meetings are open to Union and non-union laundry drivers alike. Between meetings Local 131's representative can be seen at 18 N. 8th St.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# STRIKE STOPS; WORKERS GAIN AN AGREEMENT

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changes were made. When the necessary clarification of the contract was made, the Union voted to accept it in the Saturday meeting and all returned to work Monday morning.

The agreement signed between the battery employers and the Union provides for Union recognition, seniority, non-discrimination and wage raises which average 20 per cent throughout the industry. In six months the wage provisions of the agreement are to be reopened and the Union and the employers will negotiate for wage changes.

Guy Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer of Electrical Workers Union No. 292, had charge of the negotiations. He was assisted by Carl Skoglund and Miles Dunne, Local 544. The agreement has a year to run.

The Battery Workers Union will be chartered by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

## Yellow Notes

"Fay" Cipperly was seriously wounded in the left leg Sunday and is in a very critical condition at the General hospital. Amputation of his leg may be necessary. The incident happened while on a hunting expedition near Mora, Minn., and was caused by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his cousin.

There are still 44 old Yellow cabs for sale. You can take your pick at \$75 each.

The following conversation was overheard by a Yellow driver enroute with two passengers from the depot to a hotel.

First Passenger: "They have that 544 in this town, haven't they?"

Second Passenger: "Yes, and don't try to buck them either. They are too big and strong, even for the Citizens Alliance."

It seems from the above that we have acquired great notoriety.

The question has been asked, "When are the waitresses and waiters going to try for their increases? What's the answer?"

Miles let his foot slip and fell off the wagon.

To those who complied with the request for "helps" in writing this column. Your co-operation is very much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Have you ever noticed the great similarity in the physical makeup of ex-President Hoover and the Republican candidate for senator, Theodore Christianson? Just two fat heads, that's all.

**NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Local 160

Tuesday, Nov. 3—Executive Board and Stewards Meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 4—General Membership Meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 10—Executive Board Meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 17—Executive Board and Stewards Meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 18—General Membership Meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 25—Executive Board Meeting.

## With the Laundry Workers Union

On October 14th a full membership meeting was held at Eagles Hall in order to prepare for a general strike in the industry the following day. Few were aware that at five o'clock that day the employers had tossed in the sponge just before the gong and acceded to the demands of the Union.

That the Union was able to win this fight without a strike and thus avoid much hardship and suffering on the part of its membership can be attributed mainly to the fact that the workers in these plants had been organized.

While it is true certain plants are still unorganized we are determined that they also shall be organized. Organization can never cease, we must carry on the fight to finish the job we set out to do, namely, to completely organize the workers in our industry and keep our ranks solid.

The Union is out to serve its members, the stronger the Union the better it can serve.

The settlement between the Union and the employers' group representing the association included a 10 per cent average increase in wages for Union Laundry Workers to take effect November first.

Dry Cleaning Union workers are to receive a five per cent average increase now and a five per cent additional increase in the spring. The allocating of wages is to be determined by arbitration, other points in dispute are also left to arbitration.

Local 183 wishes to commend the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 and also the Teamsters Joint Council for their moral support in our recent negotiations.

Some 33 plants outside the Bosses' Association are yet to be brought into line. Many of the concerns have been under a closed shop agreement during the past year, and little difficulty is anticipated in signing them all on a closed shop contract. This will be done immediately. October 29th has been set for the deadline. All employers in this group will sign before this date—OR ELSE.

All members are urged to pay their assessment as soon as possible, either to their shop steward or at the office. The members will decide how this assessment money is to be used at the next closed membership meeting.

Watch for the date of that VICTORY BALL we have been talking about.

While very little publicity was given out by the press regarding our recent "misunderstanding" with the employers, yet our office was besieged by telegrams and telephone calls. Our secretary, Alvina Baldwin, answered all calls with the same reply, "It will all come out in the wash," and from the laundry workers union this was an appropriate answer.

## Newspaper Drivers Want Wage Reforms

Union officials are endeavoring to open up negotiations with representatives of the Twin City News Service Co. This firm does all the hauling for the Minneapolis Tribune and Journal.

Drivers and helpers employed there are members of Local No. 544 and as such are entitled to the protection of a Union agreement. The wage scale for news drivers is 83 1/2 cents per hour.

### ACCIDENT

Brother John I. Pike, 2849 Polk St. N. E. is laid up in the Northwestern hospital with a crushed leg. He would appreciate visitors. Room 449.

## Bill Brown Says—

The Teamsters Joint Council is preparing for an organization drive that will bring every driver, helper and platform man into the Union of the Council. This job won't be as hard as it was a few years ago. The gains that have been made by all Unions in Minneapolis is a living proof that it pays to belong to a labor organization. The rate of pay for members of Local 544 has been increased from 20 to 100 per cent in two years. Job protection, increased wages, shorter hours, better conditions are some of the things that are gained by being a member of a real fighting trade union.



BILL BROWN  
President of 544

## IN THE END ZONE

### PAST—

What looked and promised to be a nice close game on Saturday last turned out to be a rout. As you may recall we stated that Purdue was riding a wave of emotion. Like all emotional waves it burned out, leaving the boilermakers vulnerable. Still it was a great game which proved to all doubters that Minnesota has the punch and speed of real champions. . . .

### PRESENT—

The injury that took Julie Alphonse out of the game last Saturday will not keep him out. Julie was slugged on the cheek with force enough to paralyze the muscles, but he'll be right in there tomorrow and going good. . . .

### FUTURE—

Tomorrow, we think, brings the most formidable opponent the Gophers have yet faced. This Northwestern bunch is really a bunch of wildcats. Their victory over Ohio State gives you some idea of what to expect. We have been ranting about their toughness since last June 24 and events between that date and the present have borne out our opinion. Iowa too, you will remember, fell before the raging wildcats. When a team can whip two such opponents as Iowa and Ohio State, they set themselves up as a good opponent for our Gophers. . . .

### HOWEVER—

We don't think Northwestern has quite enough stuff to put the run on Minnesota. Those wildcats are going to run into lots more speed, power, and elusiveness than they have ever seen. We take Minnesota first, last and always. . . .

### SPECTACLE—

If you are one of thosefortunates who will be in Memorial Stadium on the morrow you will get a look at some fine ball carriers. Northwestern's Don Heap and the Gophers' Andy Uram are tops when it comes to pigskin toting. . . .

### CLIMAX—

Today marks the climax of the high school grid season. Edison tests South's right for championship. The game will be a classic. One might expect South to be an easy winner because of Edison's showing against Marshall last week. We saw that game and may we mention that it was a new and inspired Marshall bunch who held Edison to a 6-0 win. We still think Edison will give South a good run for its money. If the game is won by anyone South will win. However, we expect a 0-0 tie. Other games this week are: Marshall at North, West against Washburn and Central at Roosevelt. . . .

### OUR CHOICE:

Marshall to beat North  
West to beat Washburn  
Central to beat Roosevelt  
Minnesota to beat Northwestern  
Edison to tie South

### WHY—

We expect Marshall to beat North. Marshall has been a very

slow starter but seems to have found new strength both defensively and on offense. North has had trouble with all the weaker teams and should bow out to Marshall today. Central and West have snap games. Both should win. The South-Edison game is of course in the hands of the gods. . . .

## Wage Settlement Is Near With Grocers

Negotiations between grocery employers and representatives of 544 are proceeding smoothly and it is indicated that only a short time will elapse before an agreement on the wage question can be reached.

The Grocery Employers Committee have signified that they wish to deal directly with the Union which would do away with the necessity of setting up a formal arbitration board as specified in the agreement.

Union officials welcome this development as it will probably prove to be a short cut to reaching an accord.

## On WPA Projects

Desperate local bosses concentrate their attacks against the Unions. Desperate national and international bosses direct their attacks against the unemployed and through them against the Labor Movement.

Population increases faster than jobs. Mayor Latimer proclaims, in effect, for "Navy Day" that "Preparedness" averts war. Looks as if the unemployed are soon to be plowed under.

Single men are denied their 10 per cent increase in food allowances recently voted by the Welfare Board. Restaurant owners have reduced portions to line up with higher costs. The "American Standard of Living" is certainly foreign to the single men. Wonder how close the average Welfare Board member comes to eating on 35c per day? The plowing under process gains momentum under the Farewell Board.

Many direct relief clients report reductions in their milk allowances following the 10 per cent increase voted and publicized by the Board. Such arithmetic! Or is the Board working with the Administration to accentuate the underconsumption of milk so as to aid in its national drive to cut "overproduction" of the white fluid? Plowing under goes on and on.

Old Age Assistance is being used by its administrators to bludgeon the needy from relief rolls by misapplication of law. Theoretically the law protects the people. Actually it requires more struggle to enforce laws protecting labor than to obtain justice without resort to the courts. That's one reason for the growth of workers' organizations.

Federal Aid students at the U. of M. see more than a coincidence

# DRIVERS WILL FALL IN WITH JOINT COUNCIL

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Parade will be the largest single section in the demonstration. It is estimated that there are nearly 10,000 Union members of the teaming craft in Minneapolis. Such a section should prove to be an impressive part of the ceremony and should demonstrate to labor-hating employers the solidarity and strength of Minneapolis driving craft Unions.

On arriving at the postoffice members of driving Unions should immediately seek out the marshal of their own local union who will give them directions as to where to form their ranks and who they will follow in the parade. There will be a grand marshal of the Teamsters Joint Council section who will co-ordinate the actions of all of the drivers' Unions.

The following local unions will take part: Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 471; General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local 544; Ice and Coal Drivers Union, Local 221; Laundry Drivers Union, Local 131; City and Sanitary Drivers, Local 664; Cab Drivers, Local 125; and Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275.

in the presence of Dean Willey and Mr. Dugan and the fact that Dr. Rockwell said practically nothing in his speech to the Federal Aid students at their first meeting last Thursday evening. The youngsters are due for some basic working class education at the campus.

Minneapolis unemployed and WPA workers participated in National Action of the Workers Alliance of America by a demonstration meeting at the Auditorium Parking Lot Saturday. Telegrams were sent to David Lasser, National President of the WAA, and to Harry L. Hopkins, demanding and supporting any action to obtain increased WPA wages. Several hundred delegates from all over the country, presented the demands at Washington, D. C. Lasser and some others were arrested on the technicality of parading without a permit. Had they been big corporation directors it might have been otherwise, but these people only represented a few million unemployed.

Stewards meetings were moved back to 8 o'clock each Wednesday.

Next Friday is the fifth Friday so there'll be no membership meeting until next week Friday, Nov. 6.

In a cartoon entitled "The Roosevelt Handout" which appears in the current "Socialist Gall," FDR hands 12 million ragged unemployed a big belt labeled "Promise of More Relief" to pull tighter around their shrunken gagging stomachs.

FWS members who lost out at Pig's Eye Island will have to be patient a little longer. Steps are in process to arrive at a better understanding between Unions of the Minneapolis Building Trades Council and the FWS.

**Local 1859 Meeting Schedule**

Nov. 14 — Executive Board Committee Men

Nov. 17—Box Industry

Nov. 18—J. R. Clark

Nov. 20—Puffer-Hubbard

Nov. 21—Executive Board

Nov. 28—Executive Board and Committee Men

Dec. 2 — General Membership Meeting

### Official F. L. P. State Ticket

"Keep Faith With Floyd"  
**OUR TICKET**  
**Lundeen**  
 U. S. Senator  
**Devold**  
 For U. S. Senator  
 (Short Term)  
**Benson**  
 For Governor  
**Lindsten**  
 For Lieut.-Governor  
**Peterson**  
 For Att'y-General  
**Hartig**  
 For Sec. of State  
**Halverson**  
 For State Treasurer  
**Petersen**  
 R. R. and Whse. Com.

### Independent Truck Chatter

**FOR SALE**  
 1934 Ford, new Wood hyd., new rings, new clutch, ten ply \$500. Call Fred Schapler, Du. 1233.  
 \* \* \*  
 Please call Main 6328 and ask for Helen to register your truck. Be sure to make this call between 9 and 5. Make no mistakes about this.  
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 Many thanks to Landers-Norblom - Christianson driver who turned in tip for six trucks.  
 \* \* \*  
 Next Independent Truck Owners meeting Thursday, November 5. Be sure to attend.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

By Curt Zander  
 Charles Quick and his stooges at the flying field claim the airplanes cool off the project too much. . . . Walter Hughes from Hamel is getting close to the altar again. . . . Herman Muri says he never gets any extra work. . . . Fred Chessey tells us the corn binder "was all worn out anyway." So. . . . There will be a perfect tobaggan slide on Lilac Drive. . . . City drivers are getting 80 cents per hour on PWA and WPA work. . . . The Garrison job is noted for rear end and spring trouble. . . . Rudy Smaltz is finally hauling something else beside dirt. . . . Kenneth Aslakson is back in town. . . . The Sewage Disposal job at Pigs Eye is a closed shop. . . . Ned DeAngelo says these here new V-8's are not so hot. . . . C. H. Buchanan added to his fleet. How do you do it? . . . James McGinty says his name does not appear on the city seniority list. . . . Manuel Giffis found out that flat tires and Y licenses take the profit out of the potato hauling. . . . The one and only fink on the airport project is not trucking anymore. . . . Jim

**LOCAL No. 544 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
 Monday, Nov. 2—Coal Workers.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 3—Block Men. ent Truck Owners.  
 Friday, Nov. 6—Job Stewards. Membership.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 11—Market Workers.  
 Monday, Nov. 16—Coal Workers.  
 Thursday, Nov. 19—Independent Truck Owners.  
 Friday, Nov. 20—Job Stewards  
 Monday, Nov. 23—General Membership.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 24—Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.  
**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE—**  
 Meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m.  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD—**Meets every Wednesday at 9 a. m.

### Transfer Meeting on Thursday Ratifies New Union Agreement

Thursday, October 22, saw a fine turnout of transfer drivers at the specially called meeting of these workers. The meeting was held for the purpose of ratifying, amending or changing a new transfer agreement. Over 400 drivers were in the hall when the meeting was opened by William Brown and G. Dunne.  
 Last year's Union contract was read, paragraph by paragraph, and as the reading progressed, changes were suggested by motions from the floor. After almost two hours of discussion and wrangling complete harmony was reached on the provisions of the new agreement.  
 It calls for substantial wage increases for all classes of workers in the transfer industry and proposes some reforms in working conditions.  
 The agreement will be presented to the Transfer Men's Association sometime during the coming week.

### League Pace Set By 544 Ball Team

Local No. 544 football team has settled down to playing a really splendid game and victories of the last two weeks indicate that they are going somewhere in the league.  
 These boys have worked hard and are deserving of the support of all members of General Drivers Union. They are a fine advertisement of the Local.

### Bowling League Start Is Made

Swede Williams' 220, high score for the evening, led the Meat Drivers as they took three games from FWS. The Mill Wheels rolled 2130 to take three from Consolidated No. 1. The 544 Office team lost two tough games but won the last from Consolidated No. 2 who were led by J. Stoner.

#### SCORES

Meat Drivers	634	768	609	—2111
FWS	574	642	666	—1882
Mill Wheels	639	764	727	—2130
Consol. No. 1	546	644	676	—1866
544 Office	565	589	699	—1853
Consol. No. 2	576	603	596	—1775

### Football

Local 544 football team beat the hard-fighting Camden Fremonts 12-0. Touchdowns were made by Kernner and Cornita. The game was full of thrills and hard playing on the part of the local team.

Bartlett proves ownership of a truck. . . . 218 has been in need of owner-driver trucks. . . . We want a late truck without a driver. Call the engineer of this column. . . . Hemran Muri reports the pheasants are plentiful, especially the dead ones. Nice thing to have lots of friends near Benson. . . . It seems that truck No. 170 on Lilac Drive is ashamed to wear his button. . . . Fred Schapler is evidently trying to get out of the trucking business. . . . You can get a new 1935 Ford radiator for \$10 by calling Gr. 4217. . . . Frank Weishaar does not come to town any more. . . . The four musketeers went hunting, Johnnie, Gene, Axel and Ed. We see no ducks, no pheasants but hear plenty complaints about headaches. . . . To those who haul for Consolidated Materials, checks will be ready November 5. . . . There is an acute shortage of Union trucks. This announcement does not mean you should go out and buy one. All we request is that you notify the office if you are not working.

### Overland Drivers Will Meet Sunday

All drivers, helpers and dockmen employed by firms associated with the Regulated Motor Transport will meet in the Union hall Sunday, November 1, 10 a. m.  
 The meeting is being held for the purpose of fixing wages and working conditions for long distance drivers and other workers in this industry coming under the jurisdiction of General Drivers Union.  
 A good turnout is expected at this meeting as the question of wages and conditions for those engaged in long distance motor transport is a problem that will not find an easy solution. All workers employed in the industry are cordially invited to be present.

### Notice to All 544 Members

Members of Local 544 are again warned that failure to carry their union card on their person, at all times, while on the job, may result in drastic action being taken against those who fail to obey this union ruling.  
 Union organizers report dozens of cases, occurring during the past week, where men wearing a union button did not have union cards. A union rule provides that members must have the union dues book on their person at all times.  
 Carry union credentials and avoid penalties.

### Organizer Goes To University

Winthrop House B 12, Cambridge, Mass.  
 Northwest Organizer,  
 257 Plymouth Ave. N.  
 Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Dear Sirs:

Although I paid 544 dues for three months this summer I have never received any copies of the Organizer except those which Mr. Scott, the steward at Great Lakes, gave to me.

When I left town this fall he took my new address, which is also at the head of this letter, and said he'd see whether he couldn't persuade you to mail me Organizers for the duration of my withdrawal.

If you want to charge me something for postage and subscription please let me know, because I would very much like to get this paper. Being a college student, I figure that maybe it would be a good thing for me to have something like the Organizer to remind me that professors don't know everything. Besides that, it gives more straight news about Minneapolis than I am likely to see in most papers.

So if this thing can be fixed up I will be very much obliged to you.

Sincerely,  
 A. T. NELSON

Among notable fink statements made by Artistic Cleaners:  
 "Why does a delivery have to be made by a man wearing a union button? If I want to I will hire non-union drivers for temporary work, and this laundry union isn't going to dictate to me how to run this business." Tsk! Tsk!

### Fur Workers Union Wages Strong Fight on Menzel

**CORRECTION**  
 In a news item in last week's issue of the ORGANIZER it was reported that wage scale for news drivers was 67½ cents. This was an error. Newspaper drivers, employed by the Minneapolis Daily Star, work under a Union agreement which calls for 83½ cents per hour.

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 escorted to his place of business by a squad of police.

Vice-President Mandl, who is on the job to personally conduct the fight for the local Fur Workers Union, announces that the struggle will go on until Menzel agrees to the Union's demands or its put out of business. The Fur Workers Union is now engaged in a nationwide drive for the 35-hour week.

All members, friends and sympathizers should take note that Menzel, Jans and Loring Fur Companies are unfair to organized labor.

### 544 Band

Dick Atherton, popular band leader and member of Local 544, announces that his swing dance band is now open for engagements. All members of the orchestra are members of the local Musicians Union. For dances call Dick at Hy. 7707.

### Battery Workers Dance Saturday Nite

The Saturday night dance of the Battery Workers turned out to be a real gala affair when it was announced that the seven weeks' old strike had been settled at 10 a. m. Saturday morning.  
 A splendid crowd was in attendance, the music was good and the spirits of those present were high at the prospect of returning to work Monday.  
 An enjoyable time was had by all.

### Steel Unions Are Making Headway

Chicago—Illinois steel towns outside the Chicago-Gary area are being reached by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, organizers report to the Regional Director, Van A. Bittner.  
 In Peoria where the Caterpillar Tractor employs 11,000 men, the company has given three raises in two weeks to head off union sentiment. In Moline and Rock Island on the Mississippi, where 15,000 men are employed in fabricating and other steel plants, conference and organization work is underway.  
 A bad situation is reported in Sterling where the SWOC won its first strike. The strike settlement for rehiring of strikers is being violated by the Northwestern Barb Wire Co. in the case of 250 men. Federal mediators are on the spot.

### Transfer Bosses Meet With Union

Meetings with the Transfer Employers' committee have started looking towards a renewal of the Union agreement of that group. Changes in this year's agreement are principally in the matter of wages. However, several changes in working conditions have been proposed.

All transfer workers, drivers, helpers and warehousemen will be covered under the agreement with the exception of those employed in long distance work.

Orgon left the hospital and is up out of bed but still in pain after his tangle with a slave-driving WPA foreman.

### IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

By Central Labor Union Educational Committee  
**GREETINGS:**  
 Thursday, Oct. 22—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Low Cost Housing in All Aspects, by Albert O. Larson, Architect.  
 Friday, Nov. 13—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Bread in the Making. Why Not a Co-op Bakery? By John H. Bosch.  
 Friday, Nov. 27—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Women's Activities and Economics. By Marian LeSueur.  
 Minnesota Co-ops in Pictures. By Minnesota State Educational Dept.  
 Erich G. Wachter, Chairman. Violet Johnson, Secretary; Adolph Montan, Treasurer, Educational Committee, C.L.U.

### Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

**MAGIC—**  
 The way Captain Henry of Showboat fame, gets around in spite of his silver locks—Helen Morgan's sentimental tremello—Paul Robeson's rich, penetrating baritone. . . . blasts—Hogie. Charmichael's "Stardust"—Dixie Lee Crosby's recordings. . . .

Najinsky, famous ballet dancer, danced to fame and fortune until soundness of body and mind left him. He could no longer dance nor entertain so he slipped into oblivion, depending on his wife for existence. Now compare that with the life of Pete Snapco. While Pete still had his mind (long ago) he was unhonored and unsung. Now he is a prominent bandman and being nuts rates a mention in the press. . . .

Don't forget to vote November 3rd.

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

## The Coming Election

Members of the trade union and all members of the working class who reside in Minnesota have little choice in the pending election. The issue is out-and-out reaction or a semblance of workers' rule. The standard bearer of the Republican party, Martin Nelson, has never made even a pretense of being progressive. On the contrary, time and time again, he has mouthed the slogans of the most reactionary bankers and employers of labor. If elected he would surely serve the people whose support he has sought and is getting.

His every utterance and action indicates that he is a thoroughgoing hater of labor and particularly of organized labor. A free use of National Guard troops against striking workers coupled with all forms of state repression is surely one of the promises that he has made to his backers, the employers. Workers who wish to pit their strength against troops, strikers who are wishful to inhale poison gas and repressed workmen who are desirous of facing bayonets with bare hands will have that opportunity if Republican reaction climbs into the saddle in the November election.

It is safe to say that Nelson stands, today, pledged to Minnesota employers, to assist them in breaking the growing strength of the Northwest labor movement. His record in the past is proof positive that his personal inclinations would lead him to find satisfaction in fulfilling pre-election promises in regard to anti-labor policies.

Minnesota workers must turn to the party that represents, in part at least, the hopes, desires and needs of the labor movement. The Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota has written into its platform, planks that promise the workers aid in organizing and state protection in strikes. Any party pledged to such an end must command the support of every worker. Unionists must not only vote for the party that promises support to labor, but must also be on the alert to see that promises made to labor are carried out to the letter.

## Mike Johannes

It would be interesting to know what political plum is to be landed by Mike Johannes, former Minneapolis police chief, and leader of the bloody assault upon Union pickets during the 1934 Drivers' strike which resulted in the murder of two and the wounding of 60 more. Johannes, as usual, has thrown in his lot with the most reactionary element in the Minnesota political arena. That he is openly supporting the candidacy of Martin Nelson, Republican nominee for Governor, is no secret.

Members of the driving crafts and other trade unionists have cause to remember Mike Johannes. During his term as chief of police in Minneapolis he was the willing pliable tool of the Citizens Alliance. The tombstones surmounting the graves of Henry Ness and John Belor are mute testimony to the efficiency with which he carried out the orders of his masters.

Should Martin Nelson be elected there is little doubt but that a place will be made somewhere in the state machinery for a man of the particular abilities of Johannes. Head of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension would be a place where his anti-union, anti-working class complex could be given free rein. The Minnesota Highway Patrol which, under the Farmer-Labor regime, has been purely a highway directing body, would, under Johannes' direction, become military cossacks to be used against strikers as similar organizations are used in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

A vote for Martin Nelson is an invitation to reaction to install labor-haters of the type of Johannes in offices where they would be most valuable to reactionary employers. Labor in Minnesota cannot afford to take such a chance.

## Laundry Agreement

The victory recently won by the Inside Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union should prove immensely encouraging to all members and friends of organized labor. The laundry and dry cleaning industry, long unorganized, and consequently a business where low wages and slave working conditions prevailed, recently succumbed to the efforts of Union organizers. As soon as the Union had grown to a point where the majority of the workers in the industry had an opportunity to meet in common council and discuss the needs of their craft, wage demands and hour reforms were submitted to the employer.

Then came the long struggle between the Union negotiating committee and the employers' representatives. Here too opposing forces met; the workers, desperately in need of wages and decent working conditions, and the employers determined to cling to every penny of their past profits. A deadlock seemed certain when a new labor

element injected itself upon the scene.

The laundry drivers who had organized themselves into a Union and presented demands to their employers announced their intention of solidly standing behind demands of the inside workers and according them full support. This was the threat that struck terror to the hearts of the hardened laundry bosses and finally caused their capitulation. Laundry employers announced openly that they had no desire to engage in a fight with the Minneapolis driving crafts. Once more the power and strength of organized truck drivers has been demonstrated.

## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

One vote was registered against acceptance of the Inside Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers settlement.

Driving crafts should be the biggest section of the Farmer Labor Torch Light Parade October 31.

Pat Corcoran, Head Man of the Teamsters Joint Council, sent a telegram of protest against dropping Workers Education in Minnesota.

It's baby talk with Jack Smith lately.

Ned DeAngelo is the father of a brand new baby boy.

Independent Owners will provide a large section of the F-L P. parade.

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, are really going to town. Organizer Johnson is doing a nice job.

Battery Workers settled with nice gains.

Over 60 business agents attended the meeting in the Mayor's reception room Thursday night.

The Editor spoke to a group of office workers Tuesday night.

Transfer drivers and helpers held a stormy gathering Thursday night. It was on the pending agreement.

### ALL OUT!

Every member of a union, affiliated to the Teamsters Joint Council who pretends any loyalty to his organization and to the trade union movement, should be on hand at the Post Office Saturday at 5 p. m. prepared to take part in the Torch Light Parade. Let's show 'em, drivers!

Committeeman Hegstrom is back on the job at the Yellow Cab.

Battery workers danced at the Union hall last week.

Wage arbitration meetings are taking place between grocery employers and union officials this week.

Teamsters Joint Council section of the Torch Light Parade will be led by a 24 piece band. Let's all go!

### OH! BROTHER HAGSTROM

A yellow driver took one of the union officials on a very round-about ride the other day and after pulling up in front of 257 Plymouth Ave. asked, "What place is this, anyway?"

The Pigs Eye job is still up in the air.

The Republican party held a rally at the Sheridan school one night last week. There were 45 people present to hear all the Republican Big Shots speak. Before it was over, 40 were yawning.

Battery workers are back on the job with better wages.

A new agreement is being talked over with the coal employers.

The City Engineer's office has agreed to recognize a truck seniority list. It has the approval of the Truck Owners Section.

Three trucks were sent to the Garrison job last week. It is a state project.

No strikes are going on in Minneapolis at the present time. Who said "industrial unrest?"

A union agreement will be signed with all wrecking companies before the week is out.

Cabinet and Millmen's Union will dance at the Coliseum November 14.

The Editor spoke to the Campus Socialist club at the Minnesota Union Thursday night.

Skogland says that it is toooo cold at Smith's lake place.

Negotiations are taking place with employers on the Meat Row.

131 is taking 'em in by the dozens.

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.

MRS. WILLIAM CARDINAL

Vote Farmer Labor!

## LABOR... Looks at the Press

Some assumptions of the average employer in the United States:

THAT the employers' interests are always identical with the interests of society;

THAT the interests of the workers and the employer are harmonious, and therefore, when the unions oppose the employer they are misled by unscrupulous leaders;

THAT the employer gives work to the laborers and therefore they are ungrateful and immoral and to be condemned when they combine to oppose him;

THAT the law, the courts, and the police represent absolute and impartial rights and justice, and, therefore, the unions are to be condemned whenever they violate law and order;

THAT the Bolsheviks who lead the workers against the police always scamper at the first hint of danger and leave their misguided followers to be slaughtered;

THAT religion may be the bunk, but it is necessary to support it because it keeps the workers submissive;

THAT when employers organize into associations, that is perfectly proper—but when the workers organize into unions, then it is a conspiracy in restraint of trade;

THAT war is a horrible thing, but it is good for business and besides nothing can be done about it;

THAT Fascism and Communism are practically identical;

THAT Fascism is a bad thing, but it may be necessary to resort to it here to stave off the social revolution;

THAT the Communist International is still a revolutionary organization, and at this time is interested only in engineering anarchy and chaos in every country outside Russia;

THAT Roosevelt is the Kerensky and John L. Lewis the Lenin of the Coming American Revolution;

THAT riots are always started by the strikers, and that the police then present themselves to quell the rioters;

THAT every college professor has a large library of Marxist books, and confides to his students that revolution is the only way out for America;

THAT the people generally accept the fact that Law and Order Leagues are sponsored by impartial and high-minded citizens;

THAT the protection of civil liberties in this country is un-American and to be condemned by all right-thinking people;

THAT the proletarian revolution has taken place in France, and the proof of this lies in the Peoples' Front Government;

THAT the Constitution of the United States and the Ten Commandments are both literary efforts of Moses;

THAT Socialism was imported from abroad, and that if foreign agitators had not slipped by the immigration authorities the entire populace would be voting the Republican ticket;

THAT if only some new invention like the auto and radio would come along, we'd be out of this depression in a jiffy;

THAT what is needed is more purchasing power, but that some way can be found to achieve this without paying higher wages;

THAT if the federal government would cease supporting the twenty million on relief, private industry would absorb them in six months.

A Fort Snelling army officer, discussing hunting, was overheard to say, "We'll practise up on the Reds."

That has a Spanish twang. But American tradition has a way to deal with mercenaries—it dates back 155 years to Yorktown and Cornwallis.

Northampton, Mass., news item: Nearly 400 girls engaged in a free-for-all on exclusive Smith College campus last night when rival Republican and Democratic student factions clashed following a parade. One young woman had a tooth knocked out. Another was kicked in the stomach.

The uppah clashes make much ado about nothing.

Alfred Smith: Class hatred is not healthy in this country.

Not healthy for the pot bellies, you mean.

## CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION

FWS Stewards, each Wed 7 p. m.  
FWS membership meetings, first and third Friday of each month, 8 p. m.  
FWS Leadership class No. 1, each Friday 2 p. m.  
FWS Leadership, class No. 2, each Saturday 10 a. m.  
Direct relief grievance hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 to 12 a. m.  
Federal Workers Stewards Meetings—Each Wednesday at 7 p. m.  
Federal Workers Membership Meetings—First and third Fridays of each month, at 8 p. m.