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

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

Nothing Moves Without 554's O. K. In Omaha

On the National Picket Line

War headlines flash across every newspaper in the land. So far it looks as though our own set of statesmen are going to "keep us out of war." Press releases during the pre-war and early days of the World War sounded the same way. Wilson was re-elected in November, 1916, on the slogan "Keep America out of the War"...

Today, all over the land, are huge edifices dedicated to the efforts of our government to keep us out of the World War. They are many-storied buildings, set in beautifully landscaped sites: Veterans Hospitals. And within their walls lie thousands of maimed, crippled wrecks, suffering, waiting only for death as a release from horrible pain. These men went to war to "Save the World for Democracy," To fight a "War to end all War."

In the Historical Museum at Lincoln, Nebraska in the State Capitol, is a display of war posters from all over the world, used in the last great "War to end War." Every country is represented, and except for the difference in language in the captions and the uniforms of the soldiers, they are all the same. German publicity depicted French (and English, Belgian, Italian and American) soldiers stabbing the innocents of Germany, Turkey and Austria-Hungary. Allied posters told the same tale with German soldiers as the villains.

It doesn't take long to stir up war-fever in the people of a nation. Posters are only one method. But they are indicative of the methods used by all of the nations when it becomes profitable for the Powers-That-Be for a war to come into being.

Right now there is a concerted union-busting campaign going on all over the country. The American Plan, i. e. the Open Shop, is being fervidly sought by the employers—not only individually, but as a class. They are thus preparing for war—that the potential army be submissive, cowed and beaten. Then the germs of war-fever can best germinate.

Organized labor must be ever on the alert against every indication, however small and seemingly inconsequential, of this drive to break the back of the labor movement. The organization of secret drill teams, sneaking around corners and drilling in out-of-the-way places, the meetings held by Silver Shirts and similar Fascist bands, govern-

664—Attention! Deadline Oct. 1st

By action of the August 25th membership meeting, October 1st is the deadline for payment of all delinquent dues. After that date, no man who is more than thirty days in arrears will be permitted to work on any job under the jurisdiction of City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664.

The Business Representative has been authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to enforce this ruling. The union man never lived who didn't get back from his union many times what he gave it. The prompt payment of dues is an elementary duty of every unionist worth his salt. There is no doubt that most of those who have become delinquent did so through laxity and forgetfulness. There are still ten days of grace to rectify this condition.

Company Retreats on One-Man Car Threat

Scheduled Expansion of One-Man Cars on September 24th Withdrawn — Union Negotiates — Company Sets New Deadline for October 29th

Twin City street car workers won a resounding victory this Monday, when the company beat a retreat on its threat to expand one-man car operations on September 24th.

Without any agreement with the union on this basic question, the street railway company had announced that on September 24th use of one-man cars, throwing men out of work, would be expanded on certain lines. It was the same issue on which the spontaneous strike occurred last Valentine's Day, which effectively tied up the company's operations.

Union Campaign Effective Backed by the Twin Cities labor movement and by the State Federation of Labor, the street car unionists developed an effective publicity campaign against the company's move. A series of neighborhood meetings, addressed by labor speakers, acquainted the public with the issues involved, and created widespread sympathy for the union's fight against one-man cars. A series of five-minute radio talks sponsored by the union awakened the rank and file of the labor movement and the public to the justice of the men's case against the company.

The campaign had its effect. On Monday, in a letter to the City Council, the company announced that it was negotiating with the union for a settlement of the issue, and that no more one-man cars would be put into operation before October 29th, while negotiations with the union continued. One may take for granted, however, that if the union campaign against the one-man cars continues and a firm stand is made by union negotiators, the October 29th deadline will be withdrawn by the company just as it has had to withdraw the September 24th deadline.

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Janney Semple Workers Meet Monday Evening

A meeting of Janney, Semple, Hill employees, members of Warehouse Union Local 20316, will be held next Monday, September 26, at 8 p. m. in the union hall.

A review of the activities of this section of Local 20316 will be made, together with a discussion of means to be taken to settle certain grievances which have arisen.

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Courts vs. Labor—The Week's Score

Direct Service Injunction Suit Hearings—Local 912 Appeals Judge's Verdict Against Picket—Supreme Court's Hearing of Fink Suit Postponed—Jewelers' Injunction Suit Sept. 29

Growing use of the courts against the labor movement kept unionists and labor lawyers busy during the past week answering the various suits and cases instigated by enemies of labor.

Trial of the Direct Service Oil Company's suit for an injunction against the driving crafts opened Thursday morning, September 15th, continued Friday, Monday and Tuesday, and was to open again Thursday morning. The company testified that the strike against Direct Service was losing it about twenty-five to thirty thousand gallons of gasoline business a month. Its defense for violating its contract with the AFL appeared to be based on the contention that when Federal Labor Union Local 20383, which held the contract, was formally dissolved by the AFL and its jurisdiction turned over to Teamsters Local 977, the contracting union went out of existence.

The CIO's suit for an injunction against the driving crafts awaits the outcome of the Direct Service suit, after which it will probably go to trial. Judge Wright's conviction for "disorderly conduct" against a picket, Jake Cooper, for picketing the "sacred, private" home of J. D. McMillan, will be appealed shortly to the Supreme Court by Private Chauffeurs Local 912. Union attorneys, busy with all these cases, requested continuance until a later date of the State Supreme Court's hearings on the fink suit for securing access to Local 544's records.

Gamble-Rob Strike in Fifth Week

The strike of teamsters' locals in eight cities of four states against the Gamble-Robinson company went into its fifth week, as union negotiators, after two days of parleys with the company representatives in Minneapolis, went back to their cities to push the strike along.

"American Standard Of Living" Fakery Exposed by U. S. Report

For years the politicians of the New Deal and the Old Deal, the professors and preachers, the bosses and all their glib spokesmen, have made an impassioned defense of the "American Standard of Living." They have pointed at this "Standard" as a justification for the admitted evils of capitalism.

Actually, no one ever knew precisely what those words meant. Now we do know. The U. S. National Resources Committee, appointed by President Roosevelt himself and consisting of a number of cabinet members and high government officials, has just issued its latest report—"Consumer Incomes in the United States."

One-third of America's 39,458,300 families received an average income equal to \$471 per year during the years 1935-36—about \$8 weekly. Compare this figure with the \$2,500 annual income estimated by the U. S. Children's Bureau as requisite to keep a family of five in minimum comfort and decent conditions.

Eighty-seven per cent of the nation's families received an annual income LESS than the \$2,500 minimum standard set up by the U. S. Children's Bureau. This means that practically the entire working-class population of these United States is struggling to keep its head above water, and a good section of it has already been pushed under.

Mankato Convention Backs Civil Service

A firm stand for a real civil service system for state employees and establishment of a permanent committee on unemployment were important progressive features of last week's convention of the State Federation of Labor at Mankato.

The expected fight against state civil service did not materialize. The proponents of civil service were too strong. The convention reaffirmed the position it has taken in two previous conventions, and a committee of eleven was to be immediately appointed by the Executive Council to revise the bill sponsored by the Minnesota State Employees Union, Local 10, and present it to the forthcoming session of the state legislature. Such revisions as were to be made were with the advice and consultation of the unions directly interested.

An important step for the whole labor movement was the convention decision to establish a permanent committee on unemployment headed by Carl Skoglund, to aid in securing jobs and relief for the unemployed and in organizing them in close relation to the trade unions. The bill drafted by the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly's legislative committee, providing for reopening of closed factories under workers' control, was referred to the committee on unemployment for consideration.

Among the resolutions presented by the Minneapolis teamsters, all of which were adopted, were: Wage scales for WPA workers in smaller cities to equal that of Minneapolis.

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Amendment of drunken driving law to separate revocation of licenses for driving pleasure vehicles from the chauffeur's license for driving trucks.

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Local 977 Signs New Oil Company

A new working agreement was signed early this week between the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and the Ackerman Oil company bringing substantial wage increases to all employees at the Ackerman stations.

The contract specifies monthly wages of \$107.50 for senior operators, and \$92.50 for junior operators. A week's vacation with pay is specified. Former wages ran from \$12 to \$18 weekly.

The Ackerman company operates stations at 601 8th Street South, and at 1620 East Franklin. The nine employees joined Local 977 last week.

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Rail Labor Asks Public To Armory

A public mass meeting at the Minneapolis armory for Friday night has been called by the Twin Cities lodges of the railroad brotherhoods, in protest against the 15 per cent wage reduction which the railroads threaten to put into effect on October 1st.

Speakers will include C. G. McGlogan, international vice-president of the Railroad Electrical Workers; Governor Benson, Senator Lundeen, Congressman Teigan and Johnson, etc. W. M. Dolan of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will preside. Admission is free.

Local 292 To Hold Trap Shoot Sunday

The Electrical Workers Union Local 292 will sponsor a trap shoot at the North Minneapolis Gun Club this Sunday, September 25, at 8 a. m.

The Gun Club is one mile north of Robbinsdale. Be there and bring your friends.

Strike 100% Effective—35 Companies Sign, Break With Union-Busters—Attempt to Rouse Farmers Against Union Fizzles—Chicago, St. Louis and Other North Central Locals Actively Aid 554

With far-flung picket lines resented on all highways and city streets, nothing in the Omaha area is moving on trucks except with the O. K. of General Drivers Union Local 554.

Backed by all the strength of the entire drivers' movement of the North Central area, the picket armies of Local 554 are enforcing 100 per cent the union membership's decision that only over-road companies which have signed the North Central Area Agreement shall operate, and that likewise the only city trucking operators shall do business who have signed the local's contract as presented to them.

35 Companies Sign Thirty-five companies, so far, have broken away from the Nebraska Commercial Truckers Association, and have signed the appropriate contracts.

At their wit's end to find ways and means to counter the powerful offensive of the union, the diehards organized a desperate attempt to incite the farmers against the teamsters. From the first day of the strike a pact has been effective between the union and farm organizations, permitting all farmers' trucks to pass through picket lines, and farm leaders have given hearty support to 554's strike. Trying to destroy this farm-labor unity, agents of the employers were sent into neighboring Sarpy County, where the apple and grape harvests are being readied for shipment, and told lurid tales of drivers attacking farm trucks. Attempts were made to entice farmers into joining armed convoys of trucks to break through picket lines, and to secure from among the farmers deputized vigilantes.

Effective union publicity, however, spiked this move. Through the press and radio, Local 554 explained to the farmers of Sarpy County the existence of the union agreement enabling farmers to bring all their produce to market. On the main highway used by the farmers the union erected a huge sign: "Welcome, Fruit Growers of Nebraska, from General Drivers Local 554." When this information reached the farmers and friendship for the union was evidenced, agents-provocateur were employed by the anti-labor bosses to throw bricks at a farmer's truck in a futile attempt to destroy the cooperation between the drivers and farmers.

Timely financial aid to the strike arrived this week from Drivers Local 600 of St. Louis and Local 710 of Chicago, among others.

Local 710 of Chicago came through, also with an admonition to the Swift Packing Company which put an end to anti-union activities of the Omaha branch of Swift, itself not involved in the strike. The local branch had refused to ship by those trucking lines which signed with the union. However, after John T. O'Brien, Chicago union official, was contacted, Swift's requested a list of acceptable trucking companies from Local 554.

Strike Kitchen Strike morale is effectively bolstered by the efficient commissary at union headquarters, which is providing six cooked meals in every 24-hour period. Pickets are operating on 12-hour shifts, with three reliefs for meals. The strike kitchen is manned by strikers and their wives, and any strikers' families are welcome to join them at meals there.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Local 977 Signs with All Major Tire Firms

Filling Station Union Now Has Pact with Twelve Tire Firms—Employees Win Wage Increases of \$5-\$30 Monthly—Paid Vacations — Seniority — Agreement Will Run for 17 Months

The first industry-wide union agreement covering tire workers was signed Wednesday between eight major tire firms and the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977.

The contract, covering over one hundred workers, brings wage increases of \$5 to \$30 monthly; many employees receive a week's paid vacation. A strict seniority clause is stipulated.

With the signing of this contract, the tire field is now practically unionized by Local 977. Last week four tire firms specializing in vulcanizing and retreading signed with the union.

The new contract will run to April 30, 1940.

Full text of the contract follows:

The firms listed on the attached, hereinafter referred to as the employers, following negotiations with representatives of the Filling Station Attendants and Helpers Union, Local No. 977, American Federation of Labor, hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions:

1. The Union shall act as sole representative of employees in good standing in Local 977 in collective bargaining with the employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

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

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off with out pay and without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention, provided, however, that any key men needed for the efficient or uninterrupted running of the business must obtain the written consent of the Employer.

4. The Employer agrees that present conditions of employment shall be maintained in effect—no employees to be reduced as to wages or hours as a result of this agreement.

5. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

6. Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the Union and the Employer. If such controversy cannot be adjusted between the Employer and the Union, such controversy shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration composed of two representatives of the Union, two representatives of the Employer and a fifth (5th) neutral member selected by majority vote of the first four (4). The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so referred.

7. In the event that the Employer willfully violates any provisions in this agreement relating to wages, hours of work, seniority rights, overtime differentials and vacations, any back pay owed employees because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer.

8. The Employer shall not request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line of a striking Union, however, the Union agrees that in the event the Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other Union, the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.

9. The Employer may charge an employee for alleged negligence resulting in loss or damage. Should the employee make complaint the Union may make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 6 of this agreement.

10. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same will be furnished by the Employer. Employer will pay for cleaning or allow maximum of \$3.00 per month for this purpose.

11. Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium on same shall be paid by the Employer.

12. The Employer agrees to cooperate with the employee in obtaining injury compensation payments from his compensation insurance carrier for just and legal claims.

13. All employees on the seniority list who have been in the service of the Employer for a period of one year or longer shall receive a minimum of one week's vacation with full pay at the wage rates set forth herein for their classification of work. Part time employees shall receive one day vacation with pay for each two consecutive

month's work of service up to one year.

14. Seniority rights, as far as practicable, shall be observed in arranging the vacation schedule.

15. Seniority rights shall prevail in all matters relating to employment; a list of the employees arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the job.

16. The senior employees shall have first preference on the job, provided, however, that the present assignment of employees in the various classifications of the work shall not be disturbed in any manner other than that set forth below:

(a) In the event of necessity for a reduction of force, lay-off will be made in the order of seniority, and additions to force will be made in same order, providing, however, that in the application of seniority, due consideration shall first be given to the relative competency of the employees.

17. Any employee desiring a leave of absence from the job shall secure written permission from the employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights, except in cases where the disability extends over three (3) months or more, in which case the seniority standing of the employee shall be subject to review and adjustment under paragraph 6 of this agreement.

18. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a probationary period of a total of 30 work days. Seniority to start from the first date of employment.

19. The Employer shall not discharge any employee without just cause. Any employee may request an investigation as to his discharge under the terms of paragraph 6. Appeal from discharge must be taken within five (5) days by written notice and a decision reached within ten (10) days from the date of discharge.

20. The regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty-eight (48) hours. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid for all time worked in excess of the above regular work day or regular work week. It is understood that every employee shall have one full day off each seven-day period. Regular employees required to work on New Years Day, Christmas Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day shall be paid for the hours worked, at two times the hourly rate based on the minimum wages mentioned herein for the respective classifications. Employees whose regular shift assignment requires them to work on Sunday shall receive straight time pay for their regular Sunday hours and another day shall be assigned as their regular day off and they shall receive time and one-half for all time worked on that day.

21. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work on emergency basis shall be guaranteed a minimum of four hours pay. Employees required to be available five (5) consecutive days for service shall be guaranteed a minimum of forty (40) hours pay per week.

22. The senior employees shall be the first to work the full weekly regular hours. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees.

23. Except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly unavoidable, no employee shall work overtime until all employees on the seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

24. The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work:

SERVICE STATIONS
MANAGING OPERATORS: There shall be at least one managing operator in each station, the minimum rate of pay to be \$140.00 per calendar month or \$7.31c per hour.

SENIOR OPERATORS: Shall include all helpers who have worked in this classification for the Company for one (1) year or more, the minimum rate of pay to be \$107.50 per calendar month or \$1.20c per hour, and the hours not to exceed 48 per week.

JUNIOR OPERATORS: Shall include all helpers who are not otherwise herein classified and who have been employed for less than one (1) year. Such employees shall receive a minimum salary of \$95.00 per calendar month or \$4.87c per hour, for the first six months' period, and \$100.00 per calendar month or \$5.28c per hour, for the next six months' period, the hours not to exceed 48 per week.

PART TIME OPERATORS: Shall be paid according to their classifications. In no case shall any employee called for duty be paid for less than four hours.

WATCHMEN, WASHERS AND PORTERS: Are all employees whose principal duties consist of washing and polishing cars, watching, sweeping, cleaning and caring for windows, furniture, floors, or general janitor work in or about a station, tire store, etc. They shall receive a minimum salary of \$100.00 per calendar month or \$4.08c per hour, the hours not to exceed 48 per week. If washers or polishers are required to do other work, except in cases of emergency, their classification in case of employment shall be immediately changed in accordance with the foregoing classifications.

No filling station employee shall be required or permitted to work between the hours of 6:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. on the day celebrated as Christmas, except for the protection of property, and no person so required will be permitted to sell any products or services of any nature between such hours.

SUPER-SERVICE STATIONS.
CLASS A: Shall include men in general charge of the station operation without respect to authority to hire or discharge. The minimum rate of pay is to be \$140.00 per calendar month or \$7.31c per hour.

CLASS B: Shall include men assisting Class A Operators. The minimum rate of pay is to be \$125.00 per calendar month or \$6.09c per hour.

CLASS C: RETREADERS, VULCANIZERS: Men in complete charge of this department shall receive a minimum rate of pay of \$125.00 per calendar month or \$6.09c per hour. Other employees assisting in this department shall receive a minimum rate of pay of \$107.50 per calendar month or \$1.20c per hour, the hours not to exceed 48 per week.

BRAMEN: A man in complete charge of this department shall receive a minimum rate of \$135.00 per month or \$4.09c per hour, providing 50% or more of his time is spent in this department. In event that less than 50% of his time is spent in this department a rate of \$107.50 per month or \$1.20c per hour. All assistants in this department to be classified under Class D.

RADIO MEN: Shall receive 86c per hour and there shall be a minimum of 40 hours per week, and the hours shall not exceed 44 per week.

CLASS D: SENIOR SPECIALIZED OPERATORS: Shall include men who change tires and repair tubes, recharge, repair and install batteries and battery cables, clean and adjust spark plugs, balance wheels, check wheel alignment, install fan belts, radiator hose, pull wheels, install accessories, defrosters, thermostats, heaters, (exclusive of repairing and adjusting), mirrors, seat covers, chains, repair of chains, and road service. The minimum rate of pay is to be \$107.50 per calendar month or \$1.20c per hour, the hours not to exceed 48 per week.

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CLASS E: JUNIOR SPECIALIZED OPERATORS: Shall include those men under Class D, who have been in the service of the Company 48 hours less than one (1) year and they shall receive a minimum of \$95.00 per calendar month or 40.87c per hour, for the first six months' period, and \$100.00 per calendar month or 48.08c per hour, during the next six months' period, the hours not to exceed 48 per week.

CLASS F: BATTERY AND LUBRICATION AND STOCK MEN: Men in charge of this department shall receive a minimum rate of pay of \$115.00 per calendar month or 55.28c per hour, the hours not to exceed 48 per week. If hereinafter, by either Federal or State regulation, employees covered by this agreement come within any reduced maximum hour provisions less than 48 hours per week, then in such event, this contract shall be open for discussion on hours and wages.

For the purpose of computing hourly rates, it shall be understood that a 40-hour week total 173-1/3 hours per month; a 44-hour work week totals 190 2/3 hours per month; a 48-hour work week totals 208 hours per month.

COMPANY MEETINGS: Company meetings shall not be in excess of two (2) evenings per month—employees to be notified at least 48 hours prior to meetings, meetings not to exceed more than one and one-half hours. Company meetings shall not be a condition of employment. No salaried employee shall be required to have his personal money invested in Company merchandise.

All employees, with the exception of commission employees, will be paid at least twice a month. Commission employees will be settled with once each calendar month.

Off - drive solicitation, if required, shall be on Company time, and only during employee's regular and customary hours of employment.

Gas and oil trucks shall be furnished with floor mats. Cabs shall be made as weather-tight as practicable for cold weather, and where practicable, heaters shall be installed. Where heaters are installed frost shields should be added for safety.

COMMISSION STATIONS: Managing operators and helpers working on a commission basis shall receive a guarantee of not less than the minimum rate provided in this schedule for other managing operators working on a commission basis shall be computed on a calendar year basis, or provisions of this agreement shall apply equally to service station helpers working in commission stations.

Existing rate of pay, whether salaries or commission, in excess of these minimums shall not be reduced, and no wage contained in any of the foregoing paragraphs shall be construed as other than a minimum wage, and no maximum wage shall be set up in any event for any class of employees. Increased payroll expense set up herein shall not be charged back to managing operators working on a commission basis.

This agreement shall be in full force and effect from September 22, 1938 to and including April 30, 1940 and thereafter for yearly periods, unless notice is given in writing, by either party, not less than thirty (30) days prior to any such yearly termination date. For Employees who are members of Filling Station Attendants and Helpers Union Local No. 977

Business Manager EMPLOYERS
GOODRICH SILVERTOWN STORES
209 Wash. Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.
GOODYEAR SERVICE STORES
1927 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minn.

GREETINGS
Jim Dudley
Mississippi Valley Fuel Co.
542 Prior Ave. North
Nestor 6141

DECOYS
Nine Fifty a Dozen
Quam's Texaco Station
3502 East 25th Street
DU. 9880

E & C RADIO CO.
1201 Hennepin Ave. GE. 6225
Radios, Tubes, Accessories
Motorola, G. E. and Emerson
Auto Radio Installation
TUBES TESTED FREE

GENE'S CAFE
Wholesome Food
Delightful Dining
TRY OUR HOME MADE
PIES AND DOUGHNUTS
124 North 4th Main 9220

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Thirty-five Years in the Same Location
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Bro. John A. Lethert, Prop.
ST. PAUL, MINN.
90% of all the Union Buttons used in Minnesota are made by us. Telephone Cedar 7035.

With the Limousines

To our dear brother Ray Sawyer go our best wishes for a quick recovery.

Welcome to all the new faces we saw at the last meeting. You fellows must have met our two representatives.

Our vicepresident was really in a meeting mood. Good boy, Joe. Eskild really did some very fine discussing of "topics."

These meetings are getting very very interesting, boys, so you better pay up so you can attend.

All members, be sure and have your books at the next meeting. They will be called for.

F. G. Fuzzey made a nice talk on "recovery."

If these meetings get much longer, we'll have to bring breakfast.

The executive board had a lot of work at its last meeting.

The man in the green Packard, with a pipe in his mouth, across from Young-Quinlan, holding his face: Did a fly bite you?

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

IMPORTANT: Our regular meeting schedule starts in October, as follows:
Retail Drivers—First Thursday, Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday.

Yeast Drivers, Cake and Pie Drivers—Third Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth Thursday.

Speed Zarn, Purity South plant, is playing around his old stamping ground on the east side again.

Ray Ferguson is due for another vacation as he came back limping. Some of the boys think he was just putting it on.

I hear a certain man at Excelsior got his hair cut a la Christie, hoping it would grow in curly.

Evidently Palmer, Excelsior, thinks quite a lot of his hat as he didn't take it off at the last meeting until someone knocked it off.

Charles Enmon, Continental, is the only man at the plant that had two week's vacation with pay.

The local was well represented at the Mankato State Convention. Several important bills were passed, none directly concerning the cash wagon business except one introduced by Miles Dunne condemning the so-called Associated Independent Union fostered by our pal, Georgie Leach. This resolution solicited investigation by the Labor Relations Board, and was passed without a dissenting vote.

Some of you no doubt noticed the item on the front page of last week's paper, where all members of drivers' unions were warned not to be found in a Direct Service station. This notice means just what it says. The injunction papers served on officials at the union hall stated that officials AND MEMBERS of all unions are

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Warehouse Union In Negotiations With Pink Supply

Negotiations have been resumed between the Warehouse Union and the Pink Supply company, after having been broken off over a disagreement over the status of two union members.

The company has offered a minimum hourly scale of wages and a guaranteed work week of 40 hours for 52 weeks out of the year. The union objects to the company's proposal on the grounds that it contains no provisions for the closed shop, and that it includes a guarantee to three non-union members. Twelve workers are involved.

enjoined from entering or being found on the premises of any Direct Service Station. Don't be in contempt of court.

Warren Larson, formerly with Zinsmaster, was married Saturday night, September 17, and he escaped the whole gang and got away while they were eating the wedding cake.

The Zinsmaster boys threw a golf tournament Sunday, September 18. There were 80 entrants and 62 prizes. Even then, I couldn't win a pair of golf balls.

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Warehousemen Meet Tuesday Sept. 27th

A report on the Mankato convention of the State Federation of Labor by Local 20316 delegates will be given at the next meeting of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union to be held Tuesday night, September 27th.

All members are instructed to attend this meeting. Activities of the union during the past year will be reviewed, and union organizers will make reports.

The October meeting of Local 20316 will nominate officers for the coming year, the elections to be held November 22nd. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination. Therefore, all delinquent members are urged to get in good standing.

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"America's Sixty Families" How The Rich Educate The Poor

VIII

Do America's Moneybags turn over any of their money to Education?

The answer is Yes! Morgan, Rockefeller, Harkness, Stanford, Mellon, Hearst, Vanderbilt, Eastman, Swift, Baker, Dodge, Duke, Gould . . . millions upon millions of dollars have been lavished upon educational institutions by the big labor-hating industrialists and their shiftless heirs.

Hundreds of these gluttonous millionaires—men of whose whole lives are one long cruel story of ruthless exploitation of our land and its people—these men open their bulging banks and pour money into Education. Why?

It is not entirely because every time they pour out their money they get labeled Great Educators by the press.

It is not because these men like to have big gymnasiums and auditoriums named after themselves.

It is not wholly because of income tax exemption, although that hits them very close to their heart, that is, their pocketbook.

The questions goes a little deeper than this. We must first ask these questions:

The Rich give millions to Education: Education for whom? What kind of education?

Is it education for the Rich or for the Poor? Is it education to develop industrial specialists for profit-exploitation or is it education to give study to social sciences?

The facts make one crushing conclusion—nowhere in the world, outside of the Fascist countries, is there an educational system where higher education strangles in the tight grasp of the rich more than right here in America. England and France are educational Uto-

always shown the greatest interest in education—for their pampered sons.

"Class consciousness is, perhaps, nowhere more clearly or more amusingly manifested, by the rich, than in education. In no other sphere of pseudo-philanthropic activity is it more apparent that the rich, in escaping taxation by the expedient of creating tax-immune endowments, are merely transferring the money from one of their many capacious pockets to another.

How It Works
Ten private schools belonging to the very wealthy in 1930 held 43 percent of the entire national educational endowment for private schools.

Three hundred private institutions belonging to the lower class, catering to 41 percent of the student body of private schools, held only 19 per cent of the recorded endowment. And this leaves out of consideration the widespread and furtive control of PUBLIC schools and universities.

The fact that private education in America is the private property of the rich will become clear when we enumerate a few of the donors and managers of our leading schools.

Calling the Roll
Harvard University: managed by J. P. Morgan interests. Largest donor, Standard Oil (Whitney, Harkness, Rockefeller). 129 million.

Yale University: joint management Morgan - Rockefeller. Largest donor, Standard Oil (Whitney, Harkness, Rockefeller). 95 million.

Columbia University: management, National City Banks. Largest donors, Baker, Dodge, Gould. 69 million.

University of Chicago: Rockefeller management and principal donation. Donors: Field, Ryerson, Swift, Yerkes. 65 million.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: DuPont management, Eastman, DuPont donors. 33 million.

Controlling the Colleges
Here are the trustees who control higher education in America

for their masters: of the 659 trustees of 27 colleges and universities, 254 are bankers; 141 are merchants; 111 are public utilities operators; 63 are RR operators; 153 are professionals (for protective coloration); 22 are judges, representatives of the two dominant political parties, and 7 miscellaneous. Maybe out of that 7 you will find a union man or a friend of the workers, and then again, maybe you won't. Try to imagine what chance a loyal union man's son would have if he tried to get an honest education out of that jungle of bosses and links!

Liberty League Learning
Let us look for a moment at one of the main attractions in this educational circus of Moneybags—the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. MIT is the heart of our technological instruction. Out of it come the experts whose brains and hands are bought and bribed by the Big Money—they are the men who control the technical side of our great industrial machine. Trustees of MIT: Gerard Swope, president of General Electric. Forbes, director of American Telephone & Telegraph. Pierre Dupont. Lamont Dupont. Webster of Stone & Webster, banker-engineers. Albert Wiggin, Chase National Bank. Alfred P. Sloan, General Motors. Phillip Stockton, Boston Banker. J. J. Pelley and Alfred Loomis, railroad presidents.

You could interchange the trustees of this leading American University with the central council of the Liberty League and it would take a microscope to tell the difference!

With such men and their billions sitting in the driver's seat of American Universities, it requires little imagination to foresee what happens to those progressive university professors who strive to retain their integrity and their right to academic freedom. There is not space to depict the fate of the scores of teachers, from professors Jerome Davis, Harold Laszki, and James Robinson down to the smallest graduate assistant who cries out against exploitation and injustice. "The American Civil Liberties Union has in its files hundreds of reports on cases wherein the holders of unorthodox views have been discharged."

One example of such an aging tool of reaction is Nicholas Murray Butler, who has been the megaphone of Wall Street for two decades.

The fatuous mouthpiece of the assembled trustees is the University President, who talks and talks fast in the way he is told to talk. Workers will not soon forget the behavior of President A. Laurence Lowell, who did his loyal bit to help in the conviction and execution of the two working class martyrs, Sacco and Vanzetti.

"The university president in America, it should be clear, is a brigadier-general of reaction . . . If any president of an American college in the past three decades has ever spoken out in denunciation of human exploitation, or in defense of judicially persecuted social dissidents, it does not appear on the record. Most have spoken frequently, however, in defense of vested property rights."

This generalization will strike

the informed reader as amazingly true, but Nicholas Murray Butler down to Minnesota's own Lotus D. Coffman.

Higher education in America has as its greatest donors and is most influenced by the four greatest financial concentrations in the United States: the Morgan, Rockefeller, Du Pont, and Mellon groups.

How do the Sixty Families spend their money? How do they live? The last and most amazing chapter in this series will recount in detail the unbelievable sum of the rich make of their money. The parent of extravagance amid poverty will be described.

On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusenko

Harold Hoffman was presented with a baby last week and as yet we haven't received the El Ropes, how about it, Harold?

We have two detectives in our midst now; they are "Pussyfoot Russel" and "Dead Eye Wick"; if you have lost anything contact these Eggs.

It seems quite essential for some to be good Poker players. They can ride to work in a taxi. How about it, Whitey?

Iver Carlson now has a time clock at home. He has to punch in and out. What's your number at home, Iver?

Henry Henrikson was presented with a boy last week, but he is still unconscious so we can't expect any cigars for at least a week.

Big shot Hansen of Oheens tried to avoid an accident last week and he took a header out of the truck. Boy, those telephone poles don't move.

The group of girls from the L. O. L. that went to Big Lake to spend the weekend had a marvelous time; only trouble was that Opal Berg walks in her sleep. What's the matter Opal, was he supposed to be there?

Berle Westman and Sylvia Larson went to Canada to spend their vacation and boy, they hated to come back. I wonder was it the guides or what?

Frank Holtzinger of the Old Home went fishing last Saturday. Boy, what a line he is going to hand out to the boys at the plant. I would suggest wearing ear muffs, gang.

H. Kalstad has finally paid his bet so he is good standing now, we sure had to wait, but its O. K. now.

Shelby Tennis has had the jitters lately; the reason is there has been some good looking skirt giving him the once over. Careful Shelby.

Ask Ray Seaver how it feels to get two tickets in one day, but as yet that hasn't quieted Ray down, it takes more than that to do it.

Clarence Palm has just returned from his vacation and the noise starts all over again, it was awful quiet for a while.

"Rosy" is so tight that he has his bacon fried in lux so that it won't shrink. This was sent by one of his pals. Some pal, eh Rosy?

Would appreciate any news you

Friends Fete Jim LaFavor On Birthday

James LaFavor, better known as Uncle Jimmy or Wrinkle Meat, a veteran employee of the LaBelle Storage company and an honorable member of Local 544, was surprised by a host of friends and fellow workers last Saturday night. The occasion was Jimmy's 54th birthday.

It turned out that Mrs. LaFavor had a birthday September 14, so the affair was made a joint celebration for the couple.

Dancing was held in the basement while the ladies prepared a buffet supper. To answer those critics who claimed he was getting older and stiffer with each year, Jim stepped out and did the Big Apple, the Susie Q and the Charleston, all rolled into one. All friends wish the LaFavors many more happy birthdays.

ITO to Hear Teigan and Johnson

Congressmen Henry Teigan and Dewey Johnson will be guest speakers at the next membership meeting of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544, to be held Thursday night, October 6. Both men have accepted invitations to appear.

WPA matters, local and national, will be discussed by the two Farmer-Labor congressmen. The ITO has many members working on local WPA.

Sectional Meetings for Local 20316

A series of sectional meetings of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 will be held during the coming months, in order that every section of the union can come together to discuss their particular problems.

At each meeting, a review of the union activities will be given, to be followed by a general discussion from the floor on ways to improve working conditions and settle grievances.

Members will be notified by mail of the date for meeting.

Ray Sawyer is in Fairview hospital, recovering from a serious operation for ulcers. We wish him a quick recovery.

Chester Delmonico is on the air every Sunday over WJGY at six thirty, he also has an Italian orchestra composed of six women and six men. Ches, are they Union?

There was to be a championship fight on the excursion between Les Schroeder and Bob Taylor but one of these birds did not show up.

Godfred Olson just returned from a trip to Norway, the land of the midnight sun. He did some salt water fishing while there. Not herring, either.

Notice the Northland Bucket Brigade the old bucket has returned but it will never be the same.

The old bowling is in full swing now; let's hear from the different creameries on the results call Hy. 2980 before any Sunday or turn in to local.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curle and Lunde
We tender our deepest condolence to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Longley. Their infant daughter died last Friday, September 16.

Now that the sun is nearing the Autumnal Equinox we see the usual signs of fall; the boys are discarding the straw uniform caps, white shoes, etc., for the more durable duds. The first sign of winter as usual will be when Francis Ebnor dons his sheepskin "benny" and the bald-headed guys get out their Scotch caps.

Since Art Einger had that radio installed in No. 63, he don't even leave the hack long enough to eat his lunch—Ah! another recruit for the L. B. Brigade.

While our good friend Tony admits he's a dull shade of white, he wants to know what color you could call Floyd Anger when two lady passengers walked right past his cab with the remark, "There's no driver in that cab."

In this world of strife and sorrow it's really refreshing to find two men that want very little: George Langham and Ted Scott want to work nites. We are quite sure Mr. Blatts won't object to having his body-guard handy.

"Big-Noise" Tripp was seen carrying a duck decoy around in his hack. Maybe just studying the thing so he will know what not to shoot at. Possibly it's his idea of a good-luck piece that he puts under the pillow at nite.

Merton "The Goon" Mac Lean, one of the wise men of Seven Corners, had a City Slicker take him for two bucks and some change on a phony whisky delivery. He says he knew all the time water was supposed to run under bridges, not to be peddled to guys like him who work hard for the daily deucats.

Just who is responsible for the pink buttons this month? Do we get pink tea, too? It may be all right, we sort of acted like Pollyanna's this summer, perhaps we deserve them.

Ed Harlan gave us a new slant on the mud-bath cure, the way we get it if you have the itch or snake bite or something just toss or pound some Fallers Earth on it. It might help "Judge" if some "aged in the wood" stimulant were taken internally every hour during treatment.

The crossing watchman at Snelling and Lake has an ideal side-line for passing the time. Every time a hub cap radiator ornament or other gadget gets bounced off a car he puts it on display on the side of his shack. We haven't as yet interviewed the man personally, but it looks like a good hobby to us.

Charlie Miller wants back driving. We bet he's learned the good spots to play while on that dispatch-board.

Cecil Cotton believes there's something to this balance theory, since he quit the nicotine-weed he spends two bits more a day for coffee and etc.

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Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig
We shall be honored at our October meeting by the presence of two distinguished guests, Congressman Dewey and Teigan. It is expected that they will give us the score on the WPA and perhaps a looksee into the future as to what we can depend on. We have had contacts with these two representatives before and should have a large crowd on hand to make an interesting meeting.

Our boys on the city work will soon be carrying special marks of our branding. Just a little aid to keeping track of our seniority in event of layoffs.

Ways and Means Committee meeting last Thursday was all arguments and no business.

Rain slowed up the start of paving work for our crews out in the country.

An industry-wide contract with the Associated General Contractors is in the making.

Complaint: Some of the gang have said some of the articles in this 'what have you' could be made into book-length stories. But, perhaps, they are so out of reading practice that ten consecutive lines tire them all out.

Read "The Flivver King," by Upton Sinclair. Trade two bits for it in the Organizer office. It deserves a place in anybody's truck library.

While on the subject of reading, it is in order to note that these pocket magazines for sale everywhere are just the thing to carry around on these utility jobs. Many drivers have had them in stock for a long while and are trading around. I'll toss my vote in the hopper for a sweetheart called "Your Life."

A small item in previous copy for this column was overlooked. On the way to work on the Belt Line one morning Ralph Mengelkoch engaged in a bout with a Ford Sedan. Ralph won in one fall, tossing the car across a fire hydrant. If Ralph was travelling according to schedule that Ford driver was nuts. That rebuilt should only be allowed on a one-way lane in the morning instead of dusting up the back streets.

Maybe I shouldn't be throwing any stones as I have few equals in out-racing the 8 o'clock whistle in the morning.

Toughest luck of the week—missing Cully's calls three times in two days.

Ca-a-ling Mr. Quinlan
Les Baumgard records the highest sideboards in history. Back in the tough times he went up in the country to help a friend with a little moving job. The little job was a Goodwill Store and Les came back with extension ladders standing up in his box for sideboards.

Ask Les about his 'Townsend' \$10 a month truck buying scheme.

Who is the Belt Line foreman who provides himself with free taxi service by giving one of our state highway pensioners out there extra time until he is ready to leave?

It's time for the coal haulers to think about returning to the yards again. Can't be pulling any quarterback sneaks this fall. It is a miracle to me how they got away with that delayed play last year.

Do you county drivers remember way back as far as the CWA out at Glen Lake the tall and terrible tales that were told of the Belt Line crews? Their reputation does not seem to have fallen a bit. Money sat in on a deal and took the short end of a bet. Where were your pals, Herb?

One whose WPA check has been coming in awful slow asks that you fellows with money and bonds in the bank at least turn in your invoices promptly so those who need their checks can get them in a hurry.

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WPA Youth Projects the Only Answer

The series of articles recently concluded in the Northwest Organizer, "Getting Jobs for Our Jobless Boys and Girls," disclosed that there are more than 7,000,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who are unemployed and not attending any school. In the state of Minnesota alone, there are approximately 200,000 of these boys and girls out of work.

According to a statement issued by the Federal government, there are 80,000 youth not in schools who are now employed by the National Youth Administration, at wages averaging \$15 a month. The appropriation for the coming year will not permit the hiring of any in addition to those now on the NYA.

Cold figures show, then, that the work relief the Federal government offers for young people is a fraud. In Minneapolis, with 30,000 unemployed boys and girls, the entire quota of NYA jobs amounts to only 1,000. In other words, government work relief affects only one out of every thirty in need of jobs. (It should be noted that this is a much better average than for the rest of the country.)

For those few working on the NYA, wages—a maximum of \$25 a month—are lower than any subsistence level yet devised.

Thus, with private industry too bankrupt to supply jobs for the most experienced workers, let alone the inexperienced young people, and the government program for youth an empty fake, the young people are faced with a hopeless picture.

The demand raised by the Youth Committee of the Federal Workers Section of 544, for WPA Youth Projects at union wages for all unemployed young people, is the only proposal which can actually give the youth jobs. It makes a reality of the RIGHT TO WORK, and gives the young people the chance for a decent future.

Every trade unionist should support the demands for WPA Youth Projects. What is involved is the future of a whole generation, our sons and daughters, our younger brothers and sisters.

San Antonio Drivers Union Wins Strike, Union Grows

San Antonio, Texas—Fighting against as vicious a gang of official strike-breakers as any union has had to meet anywhere in the country, the Drivers Union Local 657 late last week won its strike against the Scooby and the Merchants transfer companies of this city.

During the strike Local 657's pickets had constantly to deal with armed cops and special deputy officers paid for by the bosses and equipped with blackjacks and guns. Several unionists were beaten up, and many were arrested.

Faced with the united opposition of the mayor, the sheriff and the police chief, all of whom stogged for the employers, Local 657 cracked through to win a remarkable victory. The flag of unionism in the driving industry has been planted in the very heart of the South.

Win Union Recognition
The strike was fought over the issue of union recognition, and after ten days of militant picketing the employers were forced to grant the demand. Not only was the strike won, but scores of new members were recruited into Local 657.

With a victory under its belt, with hundreds of members, Local 657 feels it has laid the foundations for the building of a real drivers' union in this part of the country.

A New Idea For Strike Headquarters

A strike headquarters on wheels has been acquired by the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, to serve its 24-hours-a-day picket line on duty at the Puffer Hubbard plant, 2601 32nd Ave. S.

Local 1859 has been conducting a strike for higher wages against the company for the past two weeks.

A large auto trailer, equipped with electric lights and a stove, has been purchased by Local 1859 and is stationed on a vacant lot across from the struck plant. The picket squads, which work in four-hour shifts, are served meals and hot coffee in the trailer, which has sleeping arrangements for three, and will accommodate 25 persons.

From now on, says Local 1859, our strike headquarters is where the strike is at.

Welfare Body Backs FWS Wage Fight

The Welfare Board of Minneapolis last week took action to support the Federal Workers Section of 544 in its demand upon the WPA officials that the prevailing scale of wages for Minneapolis for construction labor be paid. At the present time the scale for WPA workers is 68 1/2 cents per hour. 85c per hour is the union scale for such work.

The FWS called upon the Welfare Board to support the FWS in its attempt to bring the scale up to the union wage level. The FWS also went on record as unalterably opposed to any cut in hours from the present 88 hour work month.

The Welfare Board voted unanimously to support the position of the FWS and to write to all proper WPA officials regarding the question. If this scale is raised it will mean a great saving for the Welfare Board. If the WPA worker receives more pay, the relief funds necessary to supplement WPA wages will be greatly reduced.

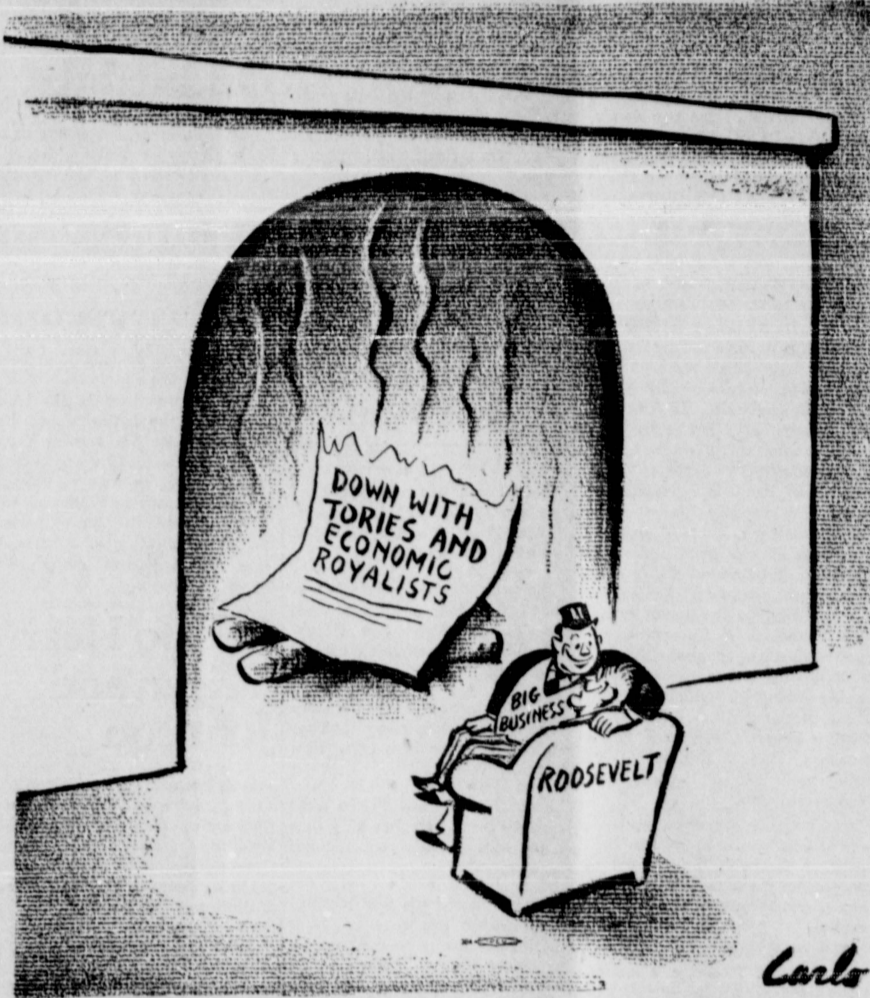
Parking Lot, Station Men Meet Wed.

A special meeting for all attendants in Minneapolis parking lots and filling stations will be held next Wednesday, September 29th, at 9 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

Union speakers will report on the program to complete the organization of the parking lot and filling station field, and will list the recent gains made for tire workers and filling station attendants by Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977.

All those attending will have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

Not All Fireside Chats Are Broadcast



12,000 Trucks Stop In New York Strike

By SAM GORDON
Eastern Correspondent for the Northwest Organizer

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—All general trucking in this city is at a standstill. More than 12,000 trucks have stopped rolling in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. Many more than that number of truck drivers are patrolling the streets in cruising cars to see that the strike is one hundred per cent effective. At this writing, it is announced that Local 808 has

called in all trucks belonging to the American Railway Express Co. and that three locals in New Jersey, at the other end of Holland Tunnel, have joined the strike. Many building construction jobs and factories are faced with immediate shut-downs. Newspaper publishers have declared that continued limiting of newspaper shipments will soon bring about the cessation of daily publication. The municipal and state governments are working overtime to force through a settlement, for the time being entirely without success.

Progressive Demands
Strike action was voted by acclamation at membership meetings held by Locals 807, 282 and 816 last Wednesday, September 14, after negotiating committees had reported no progress in obtaining a new agreement from the bosses. The old agreement had expired on Sept. 1. The men put forward, as their first demand, the establishment of the 40-hour week at the old basic wage of \$56.50 in order to spread work to some 4,000 members of the drivers' unions who are unemployed. Drivers were working 48 hours. Anxious to solve the crucial problem of unemployment, the strikers reiterate time and again that there can be no compromise on this demand.

While the strike has been termed "outlaw," the effectiveness of the strike indicates that the membership of the locals involved are entirely behind it. While Michael Cashel, international vice-president, and William Devery, president of Local 807, are reluctant to declare the strike legal, other officials, such as Business Agents Austin Furey and William Campbell are inclined to favor immediate sanctioning of it. Meanwhile conduct of the strike rests in the hands of an elected rank and file committee which seems to be doing a remarkably effective job of picketing and picketing. Prominent among the leaders of this committee are younger men such as Abe "Red" Klein, Bob Dillon, and Jack Strong. They lay special stress upon the fact that they do not by any means intend to supersede their regular union officials and negotiators, but that their whole action is intended to back up the latter with the utmost effectiveness. Some of the regular officials are known to cooperate and advise with this committee while unable to endorse their action publicly for reasons beyond their control.

At a mass meeting last night, held at the 69th Regiment Armory and attended by over 5,000 of the striking drivers, Acting Mayor Newbold Morris, the Governor's special representative Arthur S. Meyer and Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, of the State Social Security Board, appealed to the men to call off the strike pending negotiations. The men vociferously rejected the appeal and demanded the sanctioning of the strike which had been promised them before in statements issued to the press by Cashel and Devery.

In the midst of the meeting a delegation from the New York port branch of the Sailors Union of the Pacific appeared to announce support of any truckmen's picket lines thrown around piers at which their ships dock. The meeting welcomed Frank Lovell, speaking for the S. U. P. delegation, with loud acclaim. After four tumultuous hours the men adjourned with a vote affirming the intention of the men to continue the strike in full force.

Strike Spreads
This morning, the strike spread to the American Railway Express trucks and to New Jersey. Meetings were held at City Hall, where unsuccessful negotiations were carried on with the participation of the representatives of the bosses, official union representatives and the rank and file committee.

The employers' representatives announced that they would not accede to the demand for the 40-hour week and that they would seek a wage reduction with abrogation of the seniority clause. It is known that 500 members of the employers' associations met last night, at the time of the drivers' mass meeting, to plan their strategy in combatting the strike.

The drivers intend to go over to the complete stoppage of newspaper shipments and to the holding up of perishable goods if the employers continue their present stubborn attitude. While spokesmen for the associations at first declared that they could not negotiate with the union because the strike was a "wild cat" action, they announced to the press today that they would not deal with the union even if the strike were sanctioned by the regular officials because "a formal strike vote at this time would not necessarily be a sign of responsibility." The hypocrisy of the employers is thus exposed before the full view of the public. The strike committee is on guard against all tricks contem-

plated by the association strategists, making all necessary preparations, and expressing confidence that the drivers can hold their own to a victorious settlement.

Cows, Rain, Halt 544 Ball Game

A herd of cattle held possession of the ball grounds at St. Bonifacius last Sunday afternoon when the Local 544 nine arrived to play an exhibition game with the home team. After a tussle, the union team shooed the cows off the field, only to be met with a heavy fall of rain which forced postponement of the game.

Local 544 placed three players on the All Star team chosen from the park board American League: Norris Hanson, Dick DuBay and Tony Pezik.

FWS to Hold Dance on Halloween

A Halloween ball will be given by the Federal Workers Section of General Drivers Union Local 544 on Saturday evening, October 29.

A union orchestra will play for the affair. Tickets are 25c each, and can be obtained from any FWS steward, or from the office.

To All Members of All Teaming Craft Unions

September 7, 1938

To All Members of All Teaming Craft Unions Affiliated to the Teamsters Joint Council:

All members of the teaming craft unions are hereby officially notified by the Teamsters Joint Council that a restraining order has been signed against the Teamsters Joint Council by District Judge Baldwin on behalf of the Direct Service Oil Company. This order is binding upon all officers and individual members of all the local unions affiliated to the Teamsters Joint Council.

The order restrains us from interfering with or picketing the properties of the Direct Service Oil Company, and in order to avoid violation of this order, we advise all members not to trespass upon the properties of that company.

Driving by or entering the stations may be construed as picketing or patrolling, hence a violation of the judge's order, and we therefore advise all members to refrain from entering or loitering in or near the stations of the Direct Service Oil Company.

MINNEAPOLIS TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Miles B. Dunne
Secretary-Treasurer

3 Jewelry Unions Form New Council

Executive Boards of three related unions—the Watchmakers Union Local 103, the Jewelry Workers Union Local 14, and the Optical Workers Union—met Monday night at the Posten hall, and agreed to set up a Joint Council with three representatives from each of the unions.

This Friday another meeting of the executive boards of these unions will be held at which final plans for the Joint Council will be made. It is probable that a business agent to represent all three organizations will be chosen at Friday's meeting.

Farm Tenant Union Ousts C. P. Stooze

The National Executive Council of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union sitting at a trial board in Memphis, Tennessee, yesterday ordered the removal of Claude C. Williams as an officer of the Union.

A resolution was adopted stating that for reasons established to the satisfaction of the Executive Council and what we believe to be the best interest of the Union and the labor movement in general, we sever once and for all, all connections with Commonweath College and that we remove Claude Williams as a member of the Executive Council of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union.

The above action was taken following the discovery of a document outlining plans for the "capture" of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union for the Communist Party. Williams, according to the document, is a member of the Communist Party and was to lead a movement to take over the sharecroppers' organization. Williams is at present Director of Commonwealth College.

The resignation of Claude Williams was demanded by J. R. Butler, president of the S. T. F. U., when he discovered the document. Williams preferred to stand trial and presented testimony of witnesses to support his claim that the document was not an official pronouncement of the College or the Communist Party. After carefully weighing all evidence and with the trial lasting throughout the day the Council voted unanimously for Williams' removal.

Snyder Drug Gets 20316 Demands

The Warehouse Union has presented the Snyder Drug company with a standard union agreement covering stock clerks, and it is expected that negotiations will commence not later than next week. The Retail Clerks Union is now enrolling all clerks at Snyder's in its ranks, and it is probable that the two unions will cooperate closely in negotiations or action.

Rally for Scott, Bellman, Bennett

A free rally and dance in honor of County Commissioner I. G. Scott and Congressmen S. H. Bellman and W. F. Bennett will be held Friday night, September 30th, in the General Drivers hall. Refreshments will be served.

20316 Fights For Seniority At Stores

Refusal of the department stores to agree to a clear and unambiguous formulation of the seniority clause in the new working agreement has so far held up negotiations between the Warehouse Union Local 20316 and the stores.

During the past year, department store employers have many times interpreted seniority to the detriment of union workers. It was not until various unions throughout the city forced the stores to sign union contracts that the stores ceased some of their rank methods of discrimination against unionists. Though now agreeing to the principle of seniority, they continue to violate its spirit.

Local 20316 is demanding a strong seniority clause in the new contract.

977 Elects Temporary Exec Board

At its membership meeting Wednesday night the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 elected a temporary executive board, to hold office until the regular elections scheduled for January.

Up to now Local 977 has had no executive board but has managed its affairs through its grievance and seniority boards.

The following temporary officers were chosen: Roy Sturdevant, president; Larry Davidson, secretary-treasurer; Augie Jepson, vice-president; Frank Hockensteiner, recording secretary; Dave Kilgore, Roy Lindmeyer, and Art Trude, trustees.

FWS Youth Group Meets Sept. 72

A meeting of the FWS Youth Committee will be held Tuesday, September 27, at 4 p. m. in the union hall.

The problem of how to raise the NYA quota will be the main question up for discussion. The FWS is demanding 15,000 additional NYA jobs for the youth of Minneapolis.

On the National Picket Line

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ment control over unions as is now being put before the voters in Oregon, Washington and California, are examples of such moves against labor.

The other day I saw a surgeon, entering a hospital. It was a rather chilly day, not cold but raw. This man was dressed in a business suit, but his hands were very carefully protected by heavy suede gloves. A surgeon's hands are all important to him, he cannot afford to allow them to become raw and chapped. They must be ready at all times to perform the delicate tasks for which they have been trained.

To the great masses of American workers the UNION is the only implement which can be depended upon to perform the tasks which the individual worker is helpless to do. The surgeon takes scrupulous care of his hands. He must keep them ready for life-and-death struggles. So must we, the American workers, protect and preserve our Unions. For in the life-and-death struggle to come they will be an all-important weapon.

Today Makes 8,731 Days ...

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
LOCAL 131 Third Wednesday of each month.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL NO. 544 MEETING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	Thursday, September 1—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners
LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.	Friday, September 2—Job Stewards
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	Monday, September 5—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday, Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.	Wednesday, September 7—Sausage; Petroleum
LOCAL 20431 Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday, Cake and Pie—Third Thursday, General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	Sunday, September 11—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M.
LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	Monday, September 12—General Membership
LOCAL 1859 Twin City Stewards—August 8, 22 Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.	Wednesday, September 14—Market; Wholesale Liquor
LOCAL 20431 General Membership—August 3, September 7 Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.	Thursday, September 15—Tent & Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M.
LOCAL 221 Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.	Friday, September 16—Job Stewards
LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	Sunday, September 18—Over-the-Road, 10 A. M. Monday, September 19—Building Material; Furniture Stores
	Thursday, September 22—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug
	Monday, September 26—Spring Water; Excavating; Sand & Gravel
	Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 1.
	Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2.
	The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor.
	All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.