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## Unions Plan War on Stassen's Anti-Labor Bill

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

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

### On the National Picket Line

All eyes are concentrated on Washington, D. C., this week as the joint committees of the AFL and the CIO meet to attempt to bring peace to the labor movement. Daniel Tobin, president of the powerful International Brotherhood of Teamsters, is back on the committee, as its chairman.

Secretary of Labor Perkins announced Monday that since the beginning of the meetings 1,500,000 messages expressing hopes for the reconciliation of the two warring labor factions have been received by the Department of Labor. There is no doubt that the great mass of American labor is eager for peace.

When the meetings started John L. Lewis presented a proposal for the amalgamation of not only the AFL and the CIO but also of the four great railroad brotherhoods in a united federation to be known as the American Congress of Labor. The plan called for the elimination of both John L. Lewis and William Green from the executive council of the proposed set-up. William Green would have been retired at full pay for the rest of his life.

William Green turned thumbs down on this plan. It would have forever shut him out of active participation in the multitudinous affairs of the movement and would have left Lewis still safely ensconced in the seat of power. Lewis still controls the United Mine Workers. Green, who also rose from the ranks of the miners, was expelled from the UMW after his expulsion from the CIO affiliates late in 1936. He was given a card in the musicians' union but holds no official position.

William Green and John L. Lewis were once bosom friends, but since they began their bitter fight over the issue of industrial unionism, they have become deadly enemies. Each has opposed the other with deadly earnestness. During the past two years this bitter personal feud between the leaders of the two factions has been one of the factors keeping the union movement divided.

It has been neither the will nor the desire of the great majority of the organized labor movement, both AFL and CIO, to continue the fight. In many cities joint councils composed of the two groups have been formed to promote unity on a local scale. In many strike situations the AFL has come to the aid of the CIO affiliates and vice-versa. The Houston, Texas, Warehouse Workers, (AFL) were assisted financially and with pickets by the CIO. In Akron, the AFL unions came to the assistance of the CIO Rubber Workers in the Good-year strike of 1938. In Omaha, during the 22-week strike of the truck drivers, the CIO supported the strike.

In Washington and in California the two factions are united to defeat the "Initiative Measure" designed to put the curb and bit on labor. In Oregon where inter-union fighting is still bitter, there was voted into existence a "labor" bill so reactionary that, if it is enforced, it will endanger the very life of the labor movement in that state.

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## State Drivers Confer on WPA Threat

### Zander, Dunne Report On Protest to Capitol

One of the best-attended meetings ever held by the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 took place last Saturday morning as hundreds of local truck owners gathered at the drivers' hall to hear the report of Miles Dunne and Curt Zander who had returned from Washington where they journeyed with other representatives of the state drivers' movement to protest against the WPA bid system of hiring trucks in this state.

On Monday night the executive boards of Minneapolis Drivers Union Local 544, St. Paul Drivers Union Local 120 and the St. Paul Independent Truckers Union Local 62 met and voted to call a state-wide meeting of the officers of all drivers' unions in Minnesota, to be held this Wednesday night, March 15th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis.

**Will Discuss Statewide Action**  
The immediate response to the conference call indicated that the Wednesday meeting would be fully as successful as the state drivers' conclave held February 26th. At Wednesday's meeting a plan for a unified statewide struggle against the boss-inspired WPA order will be submitted for ratification.

At the meeting of Minneapolis truck owners held last Saturday, it was voted unanimously to intensify the fight on the WPA order that threatens to throw hundreds of truck drivers on the breadline.

Following out the tactic of the union, it was decided to continue to submit bids to the WPA. The independent drivers, after a debate, agreed that a rate of \$1.85 hourly for trucks of three cubic yards capacity was commensurate with the union scale.

**Few Willing to Fink**  
The measure of control which the ITO Section has obtained over the industry was indicated when the bids for three-ton trucks were let on Monday. Only 41 finks could be found who held their labor in such contempt as to underbid the rate agreed upon by the union. In addition to this group of finks, six companies with about 50 trucks also bid below the union scale.

The ITO was equally successful in reaching agreement on a fair rate for two-ton trucks on March 6th, when the bids for equipment of this capacity were let. Of 505 bids cast, there were only 108 finks.

**WPA Opposition Grows**  
Actually, over twenty per cent of those who bid under the union scale have since discovered the impossibility of attempting to operate at such a low rate and have quit their jobs and taken their stand with the majority of the drivers, embraced by the Independent Truck Owners Section. The actual experience of trying to run their equipment below the rate set by the union has convinced these drivers that it just couldn't be done, and that the only intelligent answer to Colonel Harrington's arbitrary order is to stand together with the organized drivers and resist.

### Attention! Coal Drivers

All members of the Coal Drivers Section of Local 544 are instructed to be present at the meeting next Monday, March 20th, at 8 p. m., when terms of the new working agreement are to be discussed. Executive Board, Local 544

### Local 289 Stands Pat On Demands

The Wholesale Bread Section of Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 met last Thursday and voted unanimously to reject the proposal of the employers that last year's agreement be carried over unchanged. The Section agreed to stand pat on its original demands: \$32.50 weekly plus seven per cent of all income over \$275, and two weeks vacation with pay. Last year drivers received \$32.50 weekly with only five percent of the take over \$275, and only one week's paid vacation.

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### Pulp Workers Convention In St. Paul

Over 130 delegates from the United States, Newfoundland and Canada, gathered in the St. Paul Hotel on Tuesday morning to open the 18th bi-annual convention of the International Union of Pulp, Sulphite and Papermill Workers. Elmer Meinz, head of the St. Paul Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 264, delivered the welcoming address to the delegates, who represented the 40,000 organized workers of the industry.

George W. Lawson of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor addressed the convention on labor legislation. John P. Burke, international president, in a stimulating speech traced the history and progress of the organization since the start of the century.

On Tuesday afternoon Henry Rutz, chairman of the Educational Committee of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor (speaking in place of Henry Ohl, Federation president, unable to attend because of the death of a close union friend) spoke. Rutz pointed out the new batch of union-smashing legislation that is now being introduced in the state legislatures in Wisconsin and Minnesota. "All of labor's gains are threatened by these bills," Rutz said. "Labor must not lose a moment in organizing to defeat the bills. It is up to labor to go to the farmers and tell them of labor's problems. When the truth is known, the farmers cannot help but join with labor against the common enemy."

The convention, which is to run until all business is completed, will probably be in session until the end of the week.

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### Operators Make Gains In Strike

The complete terms upon which the one-week strike of Building Service Employees Union Local 26 was settled last Wednesday are as follows:  
Two weeks vacation with pay, in place of the one week previously enjoyed;  
Time and one-half for overtime, instead of time and one-third;  
All strikers returned to jobs without discrimination;  
Four days' extra pay, with an added two days' pay to be arbitrated.

The settlement was reached with the aid of Charles L. Horn of the Federal Cartridge company, who has acted as arbitrator in several local labor disputes.

### State Federation Convention to be Held in Duluth

The annual convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor will be held this year in Duluth, from September 11th to 13th—Monday through Wednesday—it was decided at the recent quarterly meeting of the Federation's executive council.

### Bakery Drivers Unions in Area Meet in Iowa

Twenty representatives from bakery drivers unions in the middle west attended the second meeting of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Conference held Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Plans were approved for a publicity and organizational campaign aimed to organize the unorganized bakery drivers in the area. It was further agreed that all unions will aim at a standard agreement for bakery drivers.  
After a lengthy discussion of problems in the industry, the conference adjourned. The next meeting of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Conference will be held Thursday, April 6th, in Omaha, Nebraska.

### Workers at Buzza's Ask Shorter Hours

The Buzza Section of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 29316 met last Thursday evening to ratify the new working agreement drawn up by the committee previously elected by the membership.  
The new agreement calls for the preferential shop, one week's vacation with pay, and a 4-hour weekly reduction in hours with no reduction in pay.

### Sioux Falls Drivers Lash Fink Dairy

The creamery division of the Sioux Falls General Drivers Union Local 749 has placed the Lakeside Dairy company on the unfair list for sponsoring a fink company set-up. Naturally the employees of this firm are receiving lower wage scales and inferior working conditions to those existing in the other major plants in Sioux Falls, all of which are unionized.

### Des Moines Union Seek Farm-Labor Understanding

Furthering the move started in Minnesota by farmer and labor leaders, the Des Moines Trades and Labor Assembly voted last week to authorize a special committee to cooperate with farm leaders in Iowa to build a program of good will between farmers and laborers.

The committee of five has been instructed to meet with farm leaders and seek to reach agreement on a program that will further mutual understanding of each other's program. The committee will make its report to the next meeting of the Assembly.

## Farm-Co-op-Labor Council to Help

Executive Boards of Local Union Councils and Central Labor Union Meet to Map Labor's Campaign Against Boss "Labor Bill"—Passage Would Precipitate Industrial Warfare on Huge Scale

As the labor movement throughout Minnesota girded itself for a fight to the finish against the Republican Party's "Labor Relations Bill," leaders of the Minneapolis union movement were scheduled to meet Wednesday evening in special session to determine what immediate steps must be taken to demonstrate organized labor's unyielding hostility towards Stassen's union-smashing legislative proposals.

The executive boards of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, the Building Trades Council, the Allied Printing Trades and the Central Labor Union, were to meet with the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council Wednesday at 5 p. m. in the Central Labor Union Hall to plan a broad fight against the fascist-like House File Number 352 which the Citizens Alliance crowd is pushing through its stooges in the state legislature.

That the Northwest Organizer did not exaggerate the vicious character of the "Labor Relations Bill" and the threat such a bill would constitute to all union organizations was indicated by a frank discussion of the bill in Joseph Ball's column in last Friday's St. Paul Pioneer Press. Ball is very close to Governor Stassen and actively campaigned for his election, and is hardly the sort to over-emphasize the true character of the Vance-Myre labor relations act.

### Attention—Union Members!

All unemployed members of General Drivers Union Local 544 and all other Minneapolis unions, who wish assistance in obtaining the unemployment insurance to which they are entitled, are urged to see Ed Palmquist at the office of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

### Campaign for Morrie Olson Is Launched

Organized labor's campaign to re-elect Morrie Olson as alderman of the Tenth Ward got under way Thursday night at a meeting of trade unionists held at the home of County Commissioner I. G. Scott. The union movement will form a precinct organization to back Olson in his campaign.

Morris, a member of the General Drivers Union Local 544 and a veteran of the 1934 strikes, has gone down the line for organized labor in the city council. He was elected by the city council on September 30th, 1938 to fill the unexpired term of the late Alderman Herman Miller of the Tenth Ward. Brother Olson went into office with the backing of the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents, the 10th Ward Farmer-Labor Club and the unanimous approval of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. His campaign for re-election will be directed entirely by trade unionists.

### 2nd State Starts Labor, Farm Council

The idea behind the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council—that the producers of city and countryside should join hands to advance their mutual interests—is catching on in other Midwest sections besides Minnesota. On Tuesday night in Milwaukee an organizational rally was held in the city auditorium for the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor is taking the lead in the formation of the organization. John Bosch, field representative of the Council in Minnesota and a prominent farm leader, was invited as guest speaker to the Milwaukee meeting, where he will bring greetings from the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council.

### 471 to Hear Negotiating Committee

At the next regular membership meeting of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471, the negotiating committee will bring in a draft of proposals which will have already been ratified by the two fluid milk sections of the union. A special order of business will be called at 8 p. m. The executive board of Local 471 urges all members to be present at this important meeting.

### Attention! Station Lessees

A general membership meeting of all gas station lessees will be held Wednesday, March 22nd, 9 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. All lessees are urged to attend this meeting and participate in the discussion on important problems of the industry. LESSEE COMMITTEE Independent Lessee Section Filling Station Attendants Local 977

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# Gamble-Skogmo Co. Pact With Drivers

Below is the new working agreement signed late in January between General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Gamble-Skogmo corporation. The contract is very similar to last year's, except that some deletions strengthen protection given seniority rights. The pact is retroactive to January 1st and will run to June 1st, 1940, with a provision that the wage section may be reopened on December 31st, 1939.

GAMBLE-SKOGMO, INC., hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the GENERAL DRIVERS AND HELPERS UNION, LOCAL 544, A. F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

1. This agreement applies only to members of the Union or those who may become members engaged in receiving, job steward and shipping new merchandise for resale in Gamble Stores out of Employer's warehouse in the City of Minneapolis, and also truck drivers and truck helpers operating out of said warehouse in accordance with the present seniority list in effect. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

2. From amongst the employee members of the Union, there shall be elected or appointed a Shop or Job Committee, also a Job Steward who shall handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to such Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union or by the Union employees of the Employer. This Job Steward or the Shop Committee shall attempt to adjust all grievances by direct contact with the management. This shall not be construed as preventing or placing any restriction on the right of the Job Steward or Job Committee to take up direct with the Union any matters involving the Union employees of the Employer.

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

4. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, vacations and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in this agreement.

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

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

7. 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.

8. SENIORITY. There shall be one seniority list for all classifications of workers covered by this agreement. A list of all employees, arranged in the order of their seniority shall be made available for the Job Steward or the Shop Committee and if deemed advisable it will be permissible that this list be placed in a place which will be accessible to all workers covered by this agreement. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons, the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and in returning employees to work, the last employee laid off shall be the first rehired. Any employee who fails to report to work within ten (10) days from date when notice has been sent to his last known address, shall be removed from the seniority list. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a total of thirty (30) work days. Seniority to start from first date of employment. Any controversy over the seniority standing of an employee on this list shall be referred to the Union for settlement. When vacancies occur on jobs, the seniority rights of employees next in line shall be

observed, providing however, that such employee is capable of performing the work of the former employee on such job.

9. All employees on the seniority list of the Employer for a period of one year, or less than three years will receive a minimum of one week's vacation with full pay in advance at the wage rates set forth herein for their classification of work. Those who have customarily been receiving more than one week's vacation and who have been in the employ of the company more than three years, may, at the discretion of the Employer, be granted additional vacation time in accordance with such custom. Part time employees who have established seniority shall receive one-half day for each month of employment. Seniority rights shall be observed where possible in arranging the vacation schedule.

10. Any employee desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall secure written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved unless additional period of time is allowed by permission of both parties. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

11. It is understood and agreed by both parties hereto that reasonable working rules shall be posted by the company so that all employees will understand what is required by the Employer in carrying out their duties. Such working rules must not conflict with any specific terms or clause of this agreement. Reasons for discharge of any employee by the Employer may be on the basis of insubordination, negligence, use of force or dishonesty, in the performance of their work. It is further agreed that the Employer will take the matter of discharge of an employee up with the Job Steward or Shop Committee and the Union previous to time of discharge. This will eliminate any controversy which may arise if not handled in this manner.

12. Hours and Wages. The regular work day for warehouse employees shall be eight (8) hours, and for drivers and helpers shall be forty-four (44) hours. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half for all time worked in excess of the above regular work day and work week. The regular work week for city drivers and helpers and drivers and helpers on out-of-town trips shall be forty-eight (48) hours, except an additional six (6) hours may be worked by an out-of-town driver or helper at straight time. All time worked on Sundays or holidays shall be paid for at the rate of double the regular hourly rate, except that in the case of out-of-town drivers or helpers on scheduled runs which begin on a Sunday or holiday evening or end on a Sunday or holiday morning. The holidays subject to this provision are New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Overtime as stated above shall apply for drivers and helpers with exceptions as noted in this paragraph. The above hours shall remain in full force and effect until October 25, 1939, to comply with the Wage and Hour Law, at which time the hours may be reduced without any reduction in the weekly pay.

13. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay.

14. 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.

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

Head Shipping and Receiving Clerk 70¢ per hr.  
Truck Drivers 70¢ per hr.  
First Asst. Shipping Clerks and First Asst. Receiving Clerks 62½¢ per hr.  
All others 60¢ per hr.  
Employees receiving more than the above minimum rates at the time of the signing of this agreement in any classification shall not have their pay reduced.

16. Driving time for all truck drivers and truck helpers shall start at the garage and continue until the truck is returned to the garage, with the following exceptions:

- No time shall be paid for rest periods, which rest periods shall not extend more than twelve (12) hours.
- In case of truck breakdowns or accidents, time shall be allowed for the time truck drivers and helpers work or stay with the truck. In case of layovers requiring no work or assistance on part of the driver or helper, eight (8) hours' time daily shall be allowed until the truck is again active.
- In case of extended layovers caused by breakdowns or accidents, truck drivers and helpers may be called into the company warehouse and placed on other trucks or other work, and shall be paid for the work so performed. When on out-of-town work layovers all additional expense for food and lodging shall be paid to the employee.

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## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore

John Janosco made a very comprehensive report to the committee last week. John has been in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, most of the time since January assisting in the work of setting up the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Workers and a great deal of work has been accomplished. He has had several meetings a week for the last month and a tremendous amount of spade-work is over. Future prospects are very good.

A drive for standard contracts in the furniture and woodenware industries is on its way and it is hard for some of us fellows who don't get around much to realize the vast number of men in this territory that are employed in furniture, woodenware and allied industries. With standard contracts installed under the N.C.D.C. of F. and W.W., better times will be here for all. John returned to Stevens Point Monday, March 13.

Put on your rose-colored glasses. Now that the Ides of March are come we take great pleasure in announcing a man who is well known to us as a scholar and a gentleman and let us also add a fine judge of poetry. Brother, we give you Ray Perleberg, who will pop up with a "pome" in the near future.

Several men at the Puffer Hubbard plant have been ill this spring. Axel Olsen went to Asbury Hospital March 9, for an operation. Henry Hanson, Claus Carlson, Clarence Salverson and Oscar Olson have been on the sick or injured list. Some of these brothers lost as much as a month. This is pretty tough but we hope the worst is over.

Charlie Peterson sure gets around nowadays. Tuesday he went over to St. Paul after a load of steel.

A couple of rookies get elected to committee. Ed Norgren and R. Gilmore were appointed delegates to the Trade Label committee at the last general membership meeting. These meetings are held at the Central Labor Union on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

1859 membership, attention! Anyone now on WPA receiving a lay-off notice, report to our office on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

Local 1859 will do all it can to help the membership. Any member who finds himself in difficulties of any kind is invited to come to the union office. We may be able to help. Could be and has been possible in several instances just lately.

Charles Peterson, Albin Anderson and Ray Taylor got a good grip on the "steel we love to touch" last week.

Union man briskens business. Vern Eastman scattered some of his hard-earned cash on Lake Street. Vern was busy as a beaver buying stuff at Sears Roebuck's last Saturday morning.

Time marches on. Clarence Englert and Dave Hunkala closed a deal last week. One of the biggest property transfers in recent times took place at the J. R. Clark company when Dave and Clarence traded watches. Clarence gave four dollars cash and his old ticker for Dave's 21 jewel Swiss movement.

Louis Nash treated the boys to cigars in honor of his recent marriage. Squire Nash, when asked said, "Well, I know some of you guys didn't get a smoke so I will do it again—if you will take up another collection."

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P. S.: Who do you suppose won the prize of \$5 at the T.J.C.? Our good friend, Bill H. We are now leaving this office for a bottle of pop and a hamburger.

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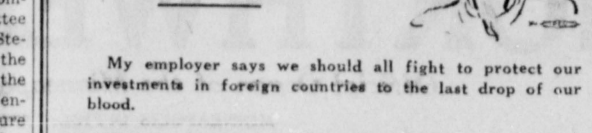
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## Scissorsbill Sam, The Boss's Man

My employer says we should all fight to protect our investments in foreign countries to the last drop of our blood.



## Communist Party Forces Tenant Farmers Union to Withdraw from CIO Setup

With a damning indictment of the union-wrecking Communist Party leadership of the CIO's United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, the executive committee of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union has ordered immediate withdrawal from the CIO affiliate.

The withdrawal follows a referendum among the 35,000 members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, with 200 locals in five Southern states.

In September, 1937, the S.T.F.U. had affiliated with the United Cannery Workers on an autonomous basis "because we believed firmly in the purposes of the CIO with its program of industrial unionism, not because we desired the Henderson leadership." Donald Henderson is the Stalinist head of the CIO's United Cannery Workers Union.

In a press statement issued Sunday by the executive committee of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, Henderson is charged "with arbitrary and irresponsible actions," with "violating the agreements between the S.T.F.U. and the international union," and with a series of anti-democratic union-splitting acts which are typical of the Communist Party wherever it gets a foothold in the union movement.

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## TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

How would you like to be an office girl at the Y.C.? All they have to do is figure and figure pay-rolls, O.A.B., unemployment insurance, drivers' shortages, hospitalization, dues for this and that, benefit fund and from here they can start on their regular work. So, you drivers, make your business brief and to the point.

Since going on days the hill-billy has affected a touch of that continental polish and air of prosperous sophistication peculiar only to the Nicolle hotel home-guards. (But that doesn't mean he'll wear his shoes all summer).

Saw our mutual friend "Home James" bawling out a traffic cop or was it vice versa. (Pretty soon he'll show us where "Flowed Ground avenue" is).

Peter Delano installed a desk-shelf in his hack to keep track of the runs last winter. He is thinking some of using it to write on this summer, such as poetry for instance?

"The Dog" DeGarmo and his detective book will be commissioned to track down these varmints that are always messin' up the hacks for the day-drivers.

Mike Gannon has the distinction of the only duplicate licensed hack in the city. But there never can be a duplicate for Mike so let's not lose him.

Bill Smale (the all around man) gets top rank in the L.B.B. this week as he's got a new green bucket that'll hold a seven course dinner and foil the most ingenious cockroach.

For sale: one pre-war genuine electric washing machine; buyer will get ten easy lessons how to run the thing. See H. Swenson. What we want to know is what did Harvey do that he had to get the better half a new washer?

Bill Johnson, seeing the whip-tailed radio aerial on Bob Schultz's car, Bob, we have a \$2 drawing every meeting.

Probably very few of you knew of the literary genius that lay in the heart of your correspondent. We offer you our latest contribution to poetical posterity:

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MARCHING AS TO WAR

By Dwight Macdonald

Business Is Business

Although business men overwhelmingly approve of President Roosevelt's imperialistic foreign policy, you don't find them passing up any chances for profits.

Not long ago, a friend who had just returned from Pittsburgh told me of an interesting married couple there. The husband is president of a big firm of scrap iron dealers, and his best customer was the Japanese government.

Fourteen Minutes: \$520,000,000

On March 3, the House of Representatives passed the Army Supply Bill for 1940, voting \$520,000,000 in exactly fourteen minutes. This is the biggest Army appropriation since the war.

Notice has also been served on the unemployed that the New Deal means business when it comes to ruthless cutting of the relief rolls. (Relief cuts are the inevitable result of the enormous rearmament program.)

The Air Corps Goes to Town

The special darling of the President is the air corps, which he would expand into something that would make even General Goering's air force look sick. In the new Army Supply Bill, the air corps gets \$50,000,000, which is much the biggest increase granted any branch of the service.

Johantgen Co. Still Unfair To Labor

The Johantgen Jewelry store at 1016 West Broadway is going out of its way to show its hostility to the working class, it was reported by the Watchmakers Union Local 103 this week.

Local 103 asks all of labor's friends to patronize only union concerns when purchasing jewelry and having watches repaired.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

The regular meeting of March 9 opened at 8 p. m. and adjourned at 11:30 after an extra hour had been voted. The coming examination for route foreman in the Sanitation department will be promotional and the requirement calling for two years of crew handling has been cut to one year.

There is now pending on Capitol Hill a vicious piece of legislation designed, on the surface, to help Minnesota agriculture. But in reality it is an underhanded scheme to outlaw unions, strikes and picketing.

The city manager-nine man council plan is being pushed vigorously. So don't forget how to spell "no" on the city ballot in May.

Brothers Seavey, Helwig and Prindle resigned from the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Central Committee Thursday night.

The brothers in the paving department should be plenty busy this year as the paving funds available are "way up there."

The park employees' party will take place on the eve of St. Patrick's Day. I anticipate a lively evening because there is a goodly smattering of Irish among them.

Action toward strict enforcement of regulations governing retirement from civil service employment is being delayed, pending outcome of the new pension set-up now before the legislature.

Spring's Here, 27 Turn Out For 544 Team

Twenty-seven players from the General Drivers Union Local 544 reported for early spring practice last week in the basement of the union hall.

544 Youth Sure to Win Title

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City Manager Move Seems Mighty Quiet

With the reactionary drive for the council manager form of dictatorship on the defensive throughout the Northwest, and with organized labor locally getting its heavy guns unlimbered, the Charter Union seems to have pulled in its horns during the last few weeks.

The apparent lull in the drive for a council manager dictatorship has not deterred the Citizens Committee led by Harold H. Seavey, president of the Teamsters Joint Council, from its plans for an educational campaign against the council proposal.

Gassing With 977

Clifford Lee was the lucky winner of the door prize at the membership meeting last Monday night. Cliff is attendant at the Shell station at Portland Ave. and Lake St.

All attendees please note: Your lessees have not been getting the proper margins from the Major Oil Companies, and some are not in a position to pay the wage scale.

Call the attention of your Lessee to the meeting of the Independent Lessee Section on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 9 p. m., here at the union headquarters.

The Springer Texaco station at 722 6th Ave. S. is now worthy of union patronage — it is 100% Union.

For your advance information, the by-laws of Local 977, which take effect May 1st, stipulate that there shall be a 50c fine per month imposed on delinquent dues; and after three months, a \$4.00 reinstatement fine, plus the three months dues.

New members initiated this week are: Don Piepho and Bill Burton, Texaco attendants, 722 6th Ave. S.; Erling Olberg, Phillips station, 5101 34th Ave. S.; Walter Higgins at the Barrett Tar; and Wilford Hietola at Olson's Garage, 322 5th Ave. S.

Well, boys, Thad Jarrett, our recording secretary of Local 383 can't go fishing on the river front; he's too busy working.

Sure is a good thing our singing truck driver is back to work. During lockout he was very humiliated. He found out he couldn't fight worth a darn. His head isn't full of little bumps anymore.

Dwight Sherman is back with us again after beating old man fu. The drivers from Holderoff's Trans. held a seniority meeting Saturday afternoon at the hall.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

The Executive Board has decided it is unnecessary to have a part-time office girl. Our entertainment committee is arranging a dance soon after Easter.

All parties concerned have about reached agreement on a satisfactory Fair Trades Practices bill.

We are sorry we neglected to record that Charles Karch of the Master Cleaners was sick almost two weeks. He's back on the job now.

Earl Elmer, Julian Aasve and H. W. Grelm are back at work.

John Tuckage from Garber's is in St. Mary's hospital with a throat infection.

Theodor Bergquist, who is on withdrawal, took Gallagher's route during his absence.

Ed Washstock went to work recently at Majestic. He's been on withdrawal for a year.

John Cogger is pulling H. L. Parker's route at Calhoun. John has been out on withdrawal for nearly two years.

Dan Desmond, formerly of Majestic and prior to that, of the Service Cleaners, is back to work with the latter firm.

Jack Fingerhut went to work last week at Modern Cleaners. He'd been at Garber's for four years.

Send in the dirt to "Gas and Suds." We'll "take it to the cleaners."

Local No. 383 By Don Casper

Edgar Bergen Murphy and Charlie McCarthy Schneider are broadcasting from the Wonder Bakery dock every weekday morning from 6:30 to 7 a. m. Tune in sometime.

How is the mud down Omaha way, Phil?

Brother Carlson would like to know if Brother Wasek has to stay out till after dark to take care of his competitors. Answer next week.

Wonder if Donaldson from Iowa isn't afraid he will catch Anthrax over in Nebraska. Donovan from Wonder had quite a time with it when he was over there.

Flash Bogard from Wonder is setting records up on Coffman's trip this week.

Holderoff's drivers' wives are surely on the warpath. One Chicago driver's wife has had her trunk packed for two weeks.

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Stevens Point Workers Gain Headway

Recently the Furniture Workers Union Local 1805 presented a union agreement to the Joerns Brothers Furniture company of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, calling for wage increases, seniority and abolition of the speed-up system.

When a union committee called on the management last Wednesday, it was refused an audience—because with the committee were John Janasco, organizer for the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Workers Unions, and the executive board of Local 1805.

The unionization campaign started several weeks ago. Joerns laid off 125 workers and announced the plant would be closed ten days for repairs.

A standard budget calling for increases in relief was adopted. A committee of the Unemployed Section presented the budget to the city council on March 7th, which referred it to the welfare board.

Free cigarettes, union made, whole packages (and Twenty Grands at that) were passed out at the drivers meeting on Monday evening.

Dear Brothers Vatne, Lindquist, Campbell, Moody and Cecil Fulks journeyed to Duluth last week to vie for upstate honors.

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Independent Truck Chatter

Mrs. Ammerman should be proud of Tom; he is tops in the Union Bowling League, never buys a drink (we get hooked) and today he proudly announced that if Local 471 sends him to the International Convention at Washington next year, he will take her along.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

Right here I believe is a good time to point out that the park board has been doing some good to help this situation by calling for trucks as their jobs run short.

With every project that is set up our city and county sponsors are required to furnish funds by the WPA. We believe this amount is large enough to take care of all truck rental costs providing none of this money is spent for materials.

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Gust Beck Victim of Recent Holdup

Gust Beck, who has been a friend of organized labor for many years, had a narrow escape from death last Tuesday when three men came in his liquor store at 705 Cedar Avenue, clubbed him over the head and stole \$51 and a gun.

Boulevard Frocks Gets Standard Pact from 20316

The members of the Warehouse Union working at the Boulevard Frocks company have redrafted their agreement to conform more closely with the standard union contract of Local 20316.

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

## Some Pick-up!

With all the lay-offs already made from WPA, and the greater lay-offs pending, it is sure gratifying to know that private industry is picking up so well that it can absorb the unemployed. At least the Republicans and Democrats in Washington who voted for the relief cut TELL us business is picking up.

But the business indexes tell just the other kind of a story. Business activity isn't rising, it is declining. Private industry isn't absorbing the persons laid off from WPA, it is firing workers on its own hook.

The WPA lay-offs reached large proportions in December, 1938. The latter part of that month, the New York Times business index, one of the most reliable business barometers, began to fall. With a few slight zig-zags, it has fallen ever since. "For the fourth consecutive week," wrote the Times' financial editor last Sunday, "the weekly index of business activity has declined." By now it has more than retraced the ground gained by October, 1938. Indeed, it has put us right back to the level of the summer of 1934, before there was a WPA.

And Roosevelt has the gall to ask for a lower WPA appropriation than last year! And congress has the gall to give even less than the inadequate figure proposed by the president!

## There Are Farmers . . . and Farmers

One of the slimmer sides of the campaign for Stassen's labor bill is the pretense by the labor-haters that it is the farmers of the state, after all, who are taking the lead in this campaign to wreck organized labor.

The sort of person that is being presented to the people of Minnesota as a "farmer" is typified by Myre, co-drafter of Stassen's "labor relations act."

Myre is about as genuine a farmer as was Calvin Coolidge. The truth is that this Myre is the same fink-herd who was sheriff in Albert Lea during the American Gas strike there in 1936. He got his ears clipped during that strike by the militant pickets from Austin and Albert Lea.

But if the employers' labor relations bill has the support of all the phony "farmers" in the state, it is gratifying to know that the real honest-to-God farmers' movement in Minnesota is standing side-by-side with organized labor in opposing this vicious bill.

When news first leaked out that the labor-haters were cooking up such a bill, a sub-committee of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor-Council was the first to seek out the executive council of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and offer its services in fighting the bill.

The Farmer-Cooperative-Labor-Council will meet with the leading union bodies of Minneapolis Wednesday evening to lay the groundwork for a statewide movement of protest against Stassen's bill.

"Farmer" Myre and his scab-herding cohorts can continue to masquerade in their overalls and pitchforks if it pleases them. Should a showdown come, the overwhelming majority of the REAL farmers in this state, who have themselves been sweated and cheated and ground down for years by the very same banking and industrial interests who are behind Stassen's labor bill, will take their stand with the producers in the city against H. R. 352.

## Ohio Drivers Tell of Losses From WPA Competitive Bids

In the article on the threat made by WPA to institute the competitive bid system of hiring trucks, appearing in the February 23rd issue, the Organizer stated that in Ohio the drivers' unions had organized statewide action against a similar plan and had forced WPA to back down.

From J. Sanford, vice-president of the Dump Truck Operators Union Local 764 of Akron, we learn that this is not the case. "Most of our members," he writes, "have not worked since last October, except

with a pick and shovel on WPA. Some have lost their trucks, others have to free lance in a market glutted with dump trucks. Our work on WPA is being done by competitive bid-truckers, from .97c per hour up, by material dealers, coal companies, fleet owners, etc. . . .

"In June when the bids are opened again, those of us left to participate will have to underbid the chiselers now working if we wish to work. You can readily see the evils of the competitive bid system, particularly if used on a relief program intended to help those needing employment.

**Contractors Get Pie**  
"We have been unable to get anywhere with the administration in Washington, Cleveland, Columbus or Akron, and it looks as though contractors and companies are not only going to sell material and equipment to WPA, but they are going to get the hauling also."

Brother Sanford enclosed an excellent leaflet issued by Local 764, entitled "The Truth About the WPA Truckers Lock-out," exposing the raw deal handed truck drivers in Ohio by the New Deal. We publish parts of the leaflet below:

Deliberate confusion of the actual facts have been spread by local, state, and national WPA administrations of the present Owner-Operator Truckers Lockout. Their deliberate cold-blooded, dictatorial attitude and actions precipitated the present situation. WPA's refusal to arbitrate fairly on the basis of the facts is comparable only to the actions of employers refusing to deal collectively with unions and resorting to strike breaking tactics.

Inadequate as WPA is in solving the unemployment problem, the WPA truck drivers have always supported the program for the expansion of WPA to absorb all of the unemployed. Yet the New Deal administration, having claimed all credit, politically, for WPA, is deliberately pursuing a policy of reduction of WPA jobs. There is no sign of improvement in private industry to warrant the present lay-offs.

This community, as well as all other communities, is being made the scapegoat for a short sighted, reactionary policy. The drive against the truck drivers is only a start. Already, despite their words to the contrary, hundreds of WPA

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## Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Lots of news items this week, but trouble getting them assembled after trips to Washington and Indianapolis.

The most astounding bit of information coming to our attention is that the old war-horse—that hard-bitten defender of single blessedness—that scuffer at marital ties—has gone and done it. He has Taken the Leap, Gone off the Deep End, and gotten himself thoroughly married. The lady of his choice is Downey Dailey. They are at home at the Hastings Hotel. Yes, the old boy acted a little silly about the whole thing.

Morrie Olson, Tenth Ward alderman, and member of 544, got his campaign under way last Thursday night with a fine meeting of Tenth Ward trade unionists. The meeting was held at the home of Commissioner Scott. A precinct organization was started. About 35 attended.

Carlos Hudson, Organizer pen wielder, announced a new and first heir Tuesday. The father remained at work up to the very end.

**DON'T WORRY**  
Income tax time for those so lucky.

We forgot to tell you that Skoglund is now a grandfather by proxy.

All state unions will probably convene in the near future to wage a fight on the Vance-Myre "Labor Bill" now before the state legislature.

Ralph Morstad pens a nice letter from Florida.

The WPA truck committee which went to Washington was Lisowski of Virginia, Kuchenbacher of St. Paul, Zander and M. Dunne of Minneapolis. Fine help was accorded the committee by Senator Lundeen and his secretary, Ed Cornaby. Fred Tobin, Washington representative of the International Brotherhood, also gave assistance.

Protests continue to roll in over the recent WPA order.

T. Williams is doing a nice job in the Midway district on the Over-the-road agreement.

Milk Drivers are in a dither over the coming agreement.

City and Sanitary members will frolic in the basement this week.

United and determined protests should come from every member of organized labor against the proposed Vance-Myre bill.

Local 977 is engaged in an organization campaign directed at lessees.

Curt Zander suffered a severe case of sunburned tonsils gazing at the tall buildings in Washington.

Clarence Hamel is back on the job at Red Owl.

T.J.C. Executive Board now meets each second and fourth Thursday.

Jim Bartlett has been in Indianapolis and points east.

The school janitors are threatening to really raise some dust.

common laborers and others are being dismissed and thousands face dismissal with no other jobs to go to. They are being thrown upon an already bankrupted direct relief set-up and left to starve slowly and cruelly.

The present controversy is, simply, the fight of workers attempting to preserve their relief jobs at a wage and hire of tools (trucks) which will provide at least a semblance of existence.

In Summit County, in 1935, there were approximately 160 truckers who were on relief or out of work. They were given WPA assignments and as new projects opened more trucks were added. The WPA administration, during October 1935, asked for 600 trucks and artificially created an oversupply. WPA workers were encouraged to purchase equipment. As a result, it became necessary to rotate work available for some 250 trucks among 500 truckers. In order to keep their jobs the owner-operators were constantly compelled to purchase equipment and rely upon the assignments to pay for them. At this time over 85% of the owner-operators are faced with a loss of

their trucks, furniture and other mortgaged goods.

While the owner-operators were rotating work the WPA administration deliberately let bids to a large fleet owner who sent trucks into Summit County from out of town to do the work that the owner-operators so desperately needed. Having no other recourse Local 764 established a peaceful picket line at only those places that these fleet trucks were operating. Immediately the WPA administration cancelled all owner-operator assignments and turned their work over to bid trucks, locking out completely the original unemployed truckers.

Every effort has been made and is still being made through negotiations to settle this dispute. The truckers sent their representatives to the WPA in Washington. Everywhere, their representatives were met by indifference, discourtesy and point-blank refusal to deal with the problem fairly. It made no difference with whom they dealt from the highest to the lowest in the WPA, their answer was still, in essence, "Nothing doing."

The owner-operators only ask of WPA that they reassign all the

## Unions Plan Drive on Stassen Bill

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fighters are seldom very peaceful." There is no question but what the bosses of this state are drooling at the mouth with anxiety to pass just such a bill as this. They know that under cover of such a bill they could immediately launch a murderous assault on organized labor and attack wages and hours and working conditions of all workers, right down the line.

**Bosses Fear Labor Action**  
The main thing that deters them is the fear of the civil war they would face if they tried to enforce this indescribably vicious law. Ball's ironical observation that the fight of organized labor for its very existence is "seldom very peaceful" takes the prize for the best understatement of the week.

The claim by the bill's sponsors that it would "promote industrial peace" is exactly as true as the claim of a Hitler that he champions the rights of the common people.

**Labor Must Prepare for Fight**  
Not since the summer of 1937, when the Citizens Alliance labor-haters tried to put over their Amendment Number Nine to the city charter—an amendment that would have permitted them to put a murderer like Bloody Mike Johannes in the police chief's chair for life, with unlimited power to enlist finks and strikebreakers—have the workers of this area faced to such a real threat to their lives and their livelihood. Organized labor will have to rally to rally the people to smash back the drive to put over Stassen's labor relations bill.

locked out truckers on the previous basis, namely, rotation of jobs among those doing this work prior to the institution of the bid system. Is WPA to alleviate unemployment or is it to become a private enterprise for bidders, who, in many instances, "raided" the junk yards for unsafe equipment, and while having jobs of their own, can therefore afford to "peddle" their hire for ruinous wages?

**New Deal Gets Raw**  
Has the New Deal become a raw deal? Why hasn't the President acted upon the many appeals that have gone to him regarding this matter?

Billions for war purposes and not one cent for the unemployed should be changed to billions for the unemployed and not one cent for war.

Flood the WPA officialdom with your protests. Write your congressman and the President demanding a stop to the WPA lay-offs and the reinstatement of the truckers and all others now being laid off.

**SUPPORT THE FIGHT OF LOCAL 764 FOR JOBS, AND YOU FIGHT FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY.**

## Watt Notes

We understand a certain party at Riverside was seen in the ash room with water wings.

Brother Harry Axtell had the boys from the Inspection Department at his home last Friday night. The event was a "meet the wife" party. A good time was had by all.

Bro. Riley says when you go to a party eat a spoonful of butter.

The boys in the Underground Department are pulling for their "pal" and brother, Ole Eliason to return to work real soon. His pleasant smile is missed very much.

A good thing to remember: "Do not make statements unless you can prove them."

"Dusty" Rhodes of the Meter Dept. has been laid up at home for some time. Your buddies in the Dept. hope to see you back on the job real soon, "Dusty."

By the way, who is this other guy in the Meter Dept. they have started calling "Dusty"?

"Fun for All, and All for Fun" has appeared in this column as has "Keep Saturday, April 22nd open." It's the first annual benefit dance by Local B-160, and will be held at the East Side Eagles Hall.

There will be two orchestras—two halls—proceeds go to helping the sick and sports committees. Tickets are forty cents. See your stewards for tickets.

Better than that, drop up to the union office and get some to sell to your friends. A big evening is promised.

If you have nothing else to do some noon hour, drop in to the Garage or Arc Depts. to see how 500 should be played.

The dance committee will meet soon to make final arrangements for decorating the halls, etc. Volunteers will be called for. Please show that gold old spirit, Brothers.

Bro. Phillips is back on the job after being laid up at home a couple of days last week.

"Beau Brummell" Teasdale is laid up at home with the flu. Don't let it get you down, "Budd."

It is reported: the Meter Readers are finding out that there are quite a few union-minded women in the city.

To our fellow trade unionists: We ask you to have your meter reader show you his card before entering your home.

## On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

Don't forget the big dance Saturday night, March 18. Everybody worth meeting will be there and a good time is assured. Come and bring some friends with you. The dance will be held at the union hall at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

The general membership meeting was well attended and the reports showed a lot of work being done and much more to do that must be given the full attention of the membership. Lou White's report that many reassignments to WPA had been made with the expected enthusiasm. The report on the relief situation was given by Roy Ordon who knows all the answers. And, by the way, he didn't learn them from a book. Roy's knowledge of the relief set-up comes from contacting all the relief offices daily in the handling of grievances for members of the FWS.

The members could save the Executive Board much needless work by attending meetings where many of their problems would be solved. The Board members could then devote more time to finding ways and means of keeping the quota of WPA jobs up to the point where we might keep off direct relief.

President Roosevelt's request for more money for WPA is an indication of the pressure brought to bear on the executive branch of the government by the millions of unemployed workers and their labor affiliations.

While they're digging in over in Europe to hold their many armed lines the FWS will be digging in to stave off the bread line. One way to aid in this fight is for members to be sure their dues book is stamped up to date.

**BUY UNION LABEL GOODS**

## On the National Picket Line

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Latest reports from Detroit and the recent Martin convention of the United Automobile Workers are to the effect that the group which supported the convention will go independent.

The third day of the convention Martin made a proposal regarding affiliation which caused even his most ardent supporters to rise up in arms. Fearing to bring the issue of affiliation to the AFL out on the floor, openly, Martin proposed that the question of affiliation to the AFL or of going independent be left for the newly elected executive board to decide. The assembled delegates rose up in mighty indignation and refused Martin and the executive board this dictatorial power.

This much publicized convention was attended by only 236 delegates, with a voting power of 629. They actually represented about 63,000 members of the UAW. Not one large, important local was officially represented. The convention decided not one really decisive issue, the delegates present devoting most of their time to ranting and raving against the CIO. There was much flag waving and red-baiting.

Indicative of the depths to which the ex-minister Martin has fallen is his complete reversal from his former anti-war position. He fought and partly won a good fight against the Communist Party people in the union on the question of the Ludlow war referendum amendment. But Martin now is the most vociferous flag waver and war propagandist of them all. Which is the logical result of the

lack of a progressive program, and of fighting the Communist Party people on their own ground, and with the same tactics. No one can cope with the Stalinists in skull-duggery and general-all-around bureaucratic corruption, and the fact that Martin tried to beat them at their game proves that the man is a fool or a knave—in either event, as unfit as the Stalinists to lead a union to victory.

## 20316 Asks Same Pay for Fewer Hours

The plumbing supply section of the Warehouse Union met Monday, March 13th, and ratified the agreement outlined by the committee and the membership. All members were asked to write in suggestions for the new contract and the suggestions that were approved by the members were incorporated in the agreement, which demands the 40-hour week with the same pay received for the present 44-hour week.

Laws grind the poor and the rich men rule the law.—GOLD-SMITH.

## COMING EVENTS

- Card Party and Supper—The Socialist Labor Party will hold a card party Sunday, March 19th, 2 p. m., at 1500 East Franklin. 25c.
- Lecture on Paris Commune—Sunday, March 19th, 6 p. m., 1500 East Franklin, auspices of Socialist Labor Party.
- St. Patricks Ball—Federal Workers Section dance on Saturday, March 18th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Admission 25c.
- Workers Sunday Forum—Dr. Grace Carlson speaks on "Fascism Need Not Come to America," at 919 Marquette, Sunday, March 19th, 3 p. m.
- Old-Fashioned Town Meeting—Discussion of future of Farmer-Labor movement—Tuesday, March 21st, 8 p. m., at 713 Third Avenue South. Judge Wm. A. Anderson, chairman.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Casket Industry—Feb. 14. J. R. Clark Section—Feb. 15 Puffer-Hubbard Section—Feb. 16 American Excelsior—Feb. 21 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 13 and 27 Grievance Board—Feb. 13 and 27 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday night, 8 p. m. General Membership—March 1 Executive Board, Local 20481—Feb. 6 General Membership—March 1
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> Wednesday, March 1—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, March 2—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, March 3—Job Stewards Monday, March 6—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, March 8—Mar'et; Wholesale Liquor Friday, March 10—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, March 13—General Membership Wednesday, March 15—Building Material Thursday, March 16—Tent and Awning; Printing, Newspaper 10 A. M. Friday, March 17—Job Stewards Sunday, March 19—Over-the-Road 10 A. M. Monday, March 20—Furniture Store; Coal Thursday, March 23—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, March 24—Cold Storage Monday, March 27—Spring Water Tuesday, March 28—Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in main office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesdays each month.
<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.	