

Let Those Who Howl for Lower Relief Read This --- If They Can Stomach It

Eight little boys and girls sleeping on two mattresses laid on the floor, covered by dirty quilts.

Fourteen people living together in three rooms of a dilapidated shack which suffered a bad fire one year ago and hasn't been repaired since.

The shack has no modern flooring. The paper is peeling off the walls in great chunks. The room where the eight kids sleep hasn't any lights. You can see the moon and the sky through the ceiling of the next room, and the rain comes in at night.

That is the housing situation at 702 Humboldt Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota,

today.

And the Minneapolis Tax Payers Association, all the other wealthy together with the and Democratic have the unmitigated howl that relief costs must cut.

Story of the Hemsworths

The reactionaries will find it pretty hard to make out a case against Elmer Hemsworth. He's a typical American. He fought overseas in the First World War. He got gassed in the front-line trenches. He risked his lungs and his heart and his blood making the World Safe for Standard Oil and J. P. Morgan.

Elmer is a tinsmith by trade. He's been out of work a long, long time now—him and fifteen million other Americans.

Elmer has a wife and ten boys and four girls, age from eleven to fifteen years.

He finally got a small soldier's bonus. He and his family were having a hell of a time to get along on relief, and they didn't like it. Elmer packed up his family and his scanty belongings and took the family up north, to Beltrami county, where he bought 40 acres and tried to be a farmer.

He had heard about this

"back to the land" talk and thought there might be something to it.

But it takes money to buy seed and implements and cattle and chickens. The Hemsworth family couldn't make a go of farming. In December, 1937, they moved back to Robbinsdale. The Robbinsdale relief authorities didn't have any house for them and so installed the Hemsworths at 906 3rd Avenue North in Minneapolis.

Elmer got a job on WPA at \$71.40 a month—for twelve people. In August the Robbinsdale relief authorities tried to force Elmer to work around the Robbinsdale city hall in addition to his WPA

work. Five of the kids were down with whooping cough at the time and Elmer had to stay up nights caring for them while his wife slept.

The Robbinsdale authorities promptly had him jailed for non-support. They weren't interested in his reasons for not reporting for work. After two weeks they released him again to WPA. He was transferred to a Minneapolis project in order to save carfare.

No Milk for 7 Months

Since last October the Robbinsdale relief authorities—Charles Wallace, village clerk, and Marion Muir, hard-boiled relief investigator—have refused to give any sup-

plemental aid to the Hemsworth family.

NINE OF THE KIDS HAVEN'T HAD A DROP OF MILK SINCE LAST OCTOBER. There's no money to buy milk. The baby gets canned milk. The rest don't even get that. What else can you do on \$71.40 a month for 12 people. You certainly can't eat in a way conducive to health, let alone getting clothed and housed. Doctors say that funny things happen to kids who don't get milk to drink.

Last Thursday the Hemsworths were evicted from their home at 906 3rd Avenue North. They had no place

to go. They finally moved in with Mrs. Hemsworth's sister at 702 Humboldt, where the fourteen of them are now living. The sister's husband is also on WPA, at \$71.40 a month.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE AN ARGUMENT FOR DECENT HOUSING, FOR ADEQUATE RELIEF, GO LOOK AT THE SITUATION AT 702 HUMBOLDT.

Now the Hemsworths have come to Local 544's Federal Workers Section for help. They are at the end of their rope. The FWS will go to bat for them. If anyone can help them, it is the FWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemsworth

don't get much of a kick about all this ballyhoo for the "American Way."

"I wouldn't let my sons grow up to go to war," said Mrs. Hemsworth. "The mister, he feels the same way about it. Never again."

Do you wonder why the Hemsworths will be among those participating in the one-day holiday demonstration of the Federal Workers Section to be held soon—where the unemployed and WPA workers will make known their demands for a higher WPA quota, for jobs for all at a minimum of \$30 for 30 hours, and for the transfer of all war funds to the unemployed?

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

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On the National Picket Line

The United Mine Workers Union scored a great victory this week as eighty per cent of the bituminous coal industry signed a union shop agreement. The national picket line of a half a million coal miners is dispersing to go back into the earth to replenish the rapidly diminishing supply of the nation's soft coal.

Six of the largest southern associations refused, however, to sign a union shop agreement with the U.M.W. There were fifteen holdouts up to the last roll call on Sunday, but seven of the associations capitulated at the last moment.

Harlan County, Ky., home of the infamous Harlan County Operators Association which signed its first union agreement just about a year ago, has announced its firm determination never again to sign a union contract. According to the New York Times the mines in that country will be opened on Tuesday, May 16.

In order to secure the "peaceful" opening of these hell-holes, Governor Chandler sent more than six hundred militiamen into the county. He said that he had given orders that all miners who wanted to go to work be given the protection necessary, but, he magnanimously added, "Those who do not wish to work will not be driven back."

He also assured the strikers the right of "peaceful picketing." The right of peaceful picketing—in a county which is owned, lock, stock and barrel (and that includes the officialdom) by the coal operators—in a county where there are practically no free towns where the workers can live. In a county where huge concentration camps, owned by mine owners, herd the workers into miserable hovels for which they pay exorbitant rents, where the stores are owned by the mining companies and where the miners MUST trade, where even the churches are on county property and the clergy in the pay of the owners. Where the only schools are those run by the bosses, with the miners paying high monthly tuition so that their children can learn their ABC's.

Peaceful picketing, indeed. With six hundred of Governor Chandler's national guards to protect the finks and as many deputized company thugs to shoot the strikers. Peaceful picketing.

There will be bloodshed—there will be lynchings and hangings. There will be tar-and-feather parties and the bosses and their thugs will lead them. But the miners of Harlan County have enjoyed one year of working under a union contract. They will not go back into the mines again without that protection.

544 Members Rally With '1934' Spirit

General Drivers Union Local 544 Will Observe Stassen Slave Act in Way That It Deserves to Be Observed—Cramer, Skoglund, V. R. and Miles Dunne Lash Anti-Labor Act, Explain Bosses' Motivation in Passing It—Urge Members to Vote Straight Union Ticket June 12

The membership of the General Drivers Union held a bang-up old-time militant meeting Monday night in the downtown Eagles Hall, reminiscent of the 1934 days. There was standing room only in the large auditorium as the men listened to Robley Cramer, V. R. Dunne, Carl Skoglund and Miles Dunne define the attitude of the union movement to the Stassen Slave Act.

With George Froisig in the chair, the meeting opened shortly after 8 p. m. Robley Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, the first speaker, paid a splendid tribute to the drivers of Minneapolis. "For many years when the labor movement here was weak, we used to say: 'If we could only organize the drivers, Minneapolis could be organized.' You and your fine leaders have proved the truth of this. We are not the only ones to recognize your power. The employers recognize it too, and seek a new club from the Stassen administration to smash you and the trade union movement. The employers got such a club from Stassen—the Stassen Slave Act.

"While the trade union represents the best weapon a worker has, we must use both our arms, we must use the political arm. Because we haven't used our votes as best we can, we find our hands tied by the slave act. Stassen is a man difficult to combat because of his hypocrisy. Everyone knows Hoover is a reactionary. But Stassen says he's a liberal, he says he loves the workers, and then he bangs us over the head with his Slave Act. . . .

Urges Defeat of Leach

"The state police power, the county police power, are in the hands of organized labor's enemies. Mayor Leach has shown where he stands—in the North-west Bank strike, in the grain elevator strike, etc. No worker can afford to waste his vote in the coming election. Picture a Leach re-elected for two more years, with a labor-hating sheriff on one hand and a labor-hating governor on the other. Unless Eide is elected mayor, all the police power will be stacked up against you. Eide has made the pledge night after night that, if elected, he won't use the police power to break strikes. Vote for Eide."

Cramer urged the 544 members not to overlook labor's aldermanic candidates and the city board candidates on the union slate.

Why the Slave Act?

V. R. Dunne opened his remarks by recalling that five years ago, almost to the day, the General Drivers Union was housed in the big strike headquarters at 1900 Chicago Avenue, in the midst of one of the most decisive strike battles in the history of the country.

"That is the gauge we want to use when examining why the bosses and their political spokesmen put the Slave Law on the books. (Continued on page 4)

To All Workers And Friends . . .

In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list. Local 912 has sent out contracts to all mortuaries in the city, several of whom have signed with the union.

Now Three Standard Oil Stations Fair

With the sentiment in labor circles rising against the anti-labor company union policies of the Standard Oil corporation, and with unionists refusing to patronize Standard stations except for those fair to Locals 977 and 544, one more Standard station joined the fair list during the week.

The Standard Oil station located on the Crown Sidewalk property at the corner of Lowry and Lyndale Avenue North is fair. The attendant is a member of Filling Station Attendants Local 977 and the driver is a member of Local 544.

There are now three fair Standard Oil stations: 500 West Broadway 27th and Johnson N. E. Lowry and Lyndale N.

Local 977 will meet with the Central Labor Union's Policy Committee to determine what further action may be taken against the Standard Oil company to force it to discontinue its labor-hating tactics.

Eide to Address Warehouse Union Next Tuesday

All members of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 are urged to attend the next meeting of the union on Tuesday, May 23rd, at the union hall.

T. A. Eide, the next mayor, will be the principal speaker at this meeting. Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council, will also speak.

ther Hudson, and urging the workers to pass the resolution calling for the demonstration.

Support Demonstration

Representatives from the Independent Truck Owners Section of 544, the Workers Benefit Association of St. Paul, the Minnesota Federal Workers Section of White Bear, the newly organized unemployed organization of Isanti county, Anoka Federal Workers Section, 544, and the PWS Sewing Unit of 544 spoke, pledging the support of their organizations to the demonstration.

When the resolution was put to a vote a wildly enthusiastic audience rose to its feet and gave its unanimous approval.

Details of organizing the parade were left in the hands of a committee of one hundred.

Details Next Week

A motion was passed instructing the committee to contact the Workers Alliance, asking them to go along on the demonstration.

All workers, employed or unemployed, on WPA or direct relief are urged to get out and add their voice in protest to the continuous sniping at the unemployed from the state and national WPA officials, and against the war-mongering policies of the Roosevelt Administration.

The date of the demonstration and all instructions to the workers will be issued within a week. Be there!

Campaign for Labor Victory Speeds Up

Continue to Picket the Dy-dee Wash

The Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 and the Laundry Workers Union Local 183 continued during the week to maintain a joint picket line in front of the fink Dy-dee Wash concern, 718 Washington Avenue North. The unions are preparing to stay on the line "if it takes all summer."

Friends of organized labor can aid the just fight of the unions against the unfair Dy-dee Wash company by passing on to their acquaintances news of the anti-labor antics of the Dy-dee company. The other company in the diaper laundry service is fair to organized labor.

Co-op Oil Men Get Wage Raise

On Monday the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 negotiated a new working agreement with the Co-operative Oil Association covering the employees in the four local co-op stations. The new agreement, which goes into effect June 1st, brings monthly wage increases of \$2.50 to the fourteen station managers and senior operators involved. In addition, the men will receive \$2.50 monthly to cover the cost of cleaning their uniforms. Station managers will receive \$130 monthly, senior operators, \$117.50 monthly.

The present agreement expires the end of this month. The new pact will run until May 31st, 1940.

Changes in 160's Meeting Schedule

By action of the Utility Workers Union Local 160 executive board, two important changes in the union's meeting schedule will go into effect June 1st. All Local 160 members are asked to take note of these changes.

After June 1st the general membership meetings will be held only once monthly, on the third Thursday, instead of twice monthly as before.

The stewards meeting will be held on the first Thursday of each month instead of the former Wednesday schedule.

MacMillan Fur Signs With 20316

The MacMillan Fur and Wool company has signed an agreement with the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 providing for wage adjustments and shorter hours in October with no reduction in weekly pay.

Open Headquarters in Labor Wards—Urge Unionists to Register Immediately—Announce Radio Schedule Final Week of City Campaign—Warn Against Amendment Nine—Labor Campaign Committee Indorses Syl Blosky, Stan Anderson

With only four weeks left to the final city elections, the Volunteer Trade Union and F-L Campaign Committee moved rapidly this week to extend its campaign machinery in order to insure a victory on June 12th.

The Campaign Committee is opening headquarters in most of the labor wards and urges all union men and women to go to their ward headquarters, talk to those in charge, and offer their services for campaign work.

Registered to Vote? Last Day Is May 27th

Every trade unionist is urged to register, and to see that every potential voter in his family is registered, in order that the labor candidates may be victorious on June 12th.

The last day to register is Saturday, May 27th. The registration booth is on the ground floor of the courthouse, Fourth Street side. There are plenty of registration clerks, and it only takes a few seconds to register. Don't be a union slacker. Make your vote count in this important campaign!

Arthur E. Pahl, Staunch Unionist, Passes Away

Members of the Optical Workers Union, Local 20604, sincerely mourn the loss of Arthur E. Pahl, 3606 Pleasant Avenue South, who died Monday evening from a sudden heart attack. Brother Pahl was a staunch union man and a charter member of Local 20604. He always worked energetically for a better living for his fellow workers in the industry.

Brother Pahl had worked at the optical trade all his life. For the past ten years he was employed at the Riggs Mfg. Optical company. He will be buried Friday, 11 a. m., from the Gill mortuary, 17th and Laurel. Interment will be at St. Mary's cemetery. Three members of his union will serve as pall bearers. The union movement has lost a staunch and loyal soldier.

Remember Stenos' Dance Saturday

Don't forget the stenos' Spring Swing Session next Saturday night at the Franklin Hall! The committee in charge wants everyone to know that there will be music for both the old-fashioned dancers and the jitterbugs, so even if you don't want to swing it, you can be sure of a good time. Dick Atherton's union orchestra will begin playing at 9 p. m. and will continue until midnight or later. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are only 25 cents each. See your stenographer or any member of Local 17661 for tickets.

The Campaign Committee was enthusiastic about the splendid response made by the trade unions, both morally and financially, to the campaign thus far. A continuance of such support will guarantee a final labor victory, the Committee stated.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

544-Walgreen Pact Brings More Pay

Below is the text of the new working agreement signed last week between the General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Walgreen company:

THE WALGREEN COMPANY and GENERAL DRIVERS and HELPERS UNION, LOCAL NUMBER 544, agree to be bound by the following working conditions:

Article I. The General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local Number 544, is recognized as the collective bargaining agency for its members employed in the warehouse of the Walgreen Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Article II. The Walgreen Company agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with its employees individually or collectively which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement and further agrees not to discriminate against any employee because of his membership or non-membership in a labor union.

Article III. The maximum hour work week for drivers shall be forty-eight (48) hours. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid for all over the forty-eight (48) hour work week.

For all other employees coming under the classification of this agreement, the maximum hour work week shall be forty-six and one half (46 1/2) hours and the maximum work day shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours. For employees under this classification overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours in excess of eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours per day and forty-six (46) hours per week and one-half (1/2) hours per week.

It is agreed, however, that in the event the Company deems it necessary to close the warehouse on Saturday, the maximum work week shall then be forty-five (45) hours per week and the maximum work day shall then be nine (9) hours, except for the senior men who may be required to work on Saturday. For such senior men as are required to work on Saturday, the maximum work day shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours per day for all days during the week except Saturday, and the maximum shall be four (4) hours on Saturday. For such senior men the maximum work week shall be forty-six and one-half (46 1/2) hours. Time and one-half shall be paid such senior men for all hours worked in excess of eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours per day on any day except Saturday and for all hours in excess of four (4) hours on Saturday. Time and one-half shall be paid such senior men for all weekly hours worked in excess of forty-six and one-half (46 1/2) hours.

In the event the warehouse is closed on Saturday and except as hereinabove provided for senior employees, all other employees under this classification working on a maximum forty-five (45) hour week and a maximum nine (9) hour day shall be paid time and one-half for all overtime in excess of nine (9) hours per day and forty-five (45) hours per week. Double time shall be paid for all work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

All employees under the classifications in this agreement shall receive four (4) hours pay for each holiday when not worked. All time under these schedules is to be computed from the time clock. There shall be no split shifts.

It is understood that none of the provisions of this contract is to be construed as requiring the employer to maintain a maximum hour week for any employee, except as provided in the provision under the seniority clause hereinafter recited.

Article IV. The minimum rate of pay shall be as follows:
Truck Drivers — 70¢ per hr.
Working Foreman — 75¢ per hr.
Receiving or Shipping Clerks — 67 1/2¢ per hr.
Order Pickers, Packers, Floormen and Trainers — 62 1/2¢ per hr.
Pricers — 67 1/2¢ per hr.
All other employees — 55¢ per hr.

Article V. Employees regularly employed who have been in the service of the Company for a period of less than three (3) years shall receive one (1) week's vacation with pay; and all others under this contract who have been regularly employed by the Company for a period of more than three (3) years shall receive two (2) weeks' vacation with pay.

Article VI. Seniority shall prevail for all employees working in any of the above classifications. In the application of seniority, however, ability to do the work shall determine. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work, or other legitimate causes, the last man hired shall be the first laid off, and in returning the men to work, the last man laid off shall be the first re-hired.

Whenever work is available, the Company will attempt to maintain the full work week in accordance with the seniority standing of the

Not Drinking Cook Coffee, Jewel Tea

The Tea and Coffee Drivers Union Local 275 pointed out this week that the Jewel Tea and the Cook Coffee companies are unfair, and asked all union members to treat their products accordingly.

Both these fink outfits refuse to sign union agreements and use threats of immediate discharge to prevent their drivers from joining the union. If every member of organized labor would refuse to purchase Jewel tea or Cook coffee, these fink-herders would soon change their minds.

employees. It is understood, however, that in every circumstance where this rule is to be applied, the Company shall not be bound to maintain said full work week for any senior employee not qualified for work available. In all cases where employees are qualified for work available, the seniority rule shall apply.

In case any employee feels himself aggrieved because of any adjustment made in working out the plan hereinabove set forth, he shall have the right to submit said dispute to arbitration, which shall be decided the same as any other dispute under the arbitration clause in this agreement.

Article VII. A man must be qualified to do his work efficiently in order to hold his job.

Article VIII. There shall be no strike or lock-out during the period of this agreement resulting from differences of opinion over the interpretation of or adherence to any of the terms and provisions of said agreement. If such a controversy should arise which cannot be settled directly by the Union and Employer herein, it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration, consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the Employer; and if these four (4) do not agree, they shall designate a neutral fifth person to act as chairman. The decision of this board of five (5) shall be final and binding upon all the parties concerned. In the event that the employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union, it is agreed that the representatives of Local 544 will confer with the employer's committee and use every means to reach an amicable settlement before calling a sympathetic strike.

In a bona fide strike the drivers shall not be required to go through picket lines, but this shall not be construed as approval of this organization and not a bona fide strike.

For the purpose of this agreement, it is understood that no strike shall be considered a bona fide strike where the Union involved does not represent the majority of the employees in the establishment where the strike is attempted to be called or where picketing may be instituted.

Article IX. 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. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

Article X. The employer agrees to grant a reasonable time off without pay, except in case of emergency periods, to any employee designated by the union to attend a labor convention or serve in any capacity on other official union business.

Article XI. The Walgreen Company agrees that it will not lower the wage or hour schedule effecting any employees covered by this contract in any case where it is above the minimums provided herein.

Article XII. This agreement shall be in full force and effect from May 18, 1939, to May 18, 1940.

Don't ask for rights. Take them. And don't let anyone give them to you. A right that is handed to you for nothing has something the matter with it. It's more than likely a wrong, turned inside out. —C. Skoglund.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

Wally Raze

Sunday night has come again, and here I sit with loaded pen, Sleepy and scowling, and scratching my head— But I can't keep my mind off my empty bed.

I gotta write something, though nobody reads it, I keep scribbling, hoping somebody reads it.

The Thursday, May 11th meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, considering the present political crisis now existing in our fair city. Friend Leach must have suffered a severe shock on reading the primary election returns. Eide is sitting pretty right now and if the working people of Minneapolis will permit themselves to get excited and enthusiastic between now and the general election in June, they, too, will be sitting pretty, for at least two years. The nomination of T. A. Eide, a political unknown, should bring home to labor that its power is invincible when labor acts in union. Now is the time to talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors and get every vote possible for Eide in June. Again I say that, should we be so blind or indifferent as to allow a reactionary city administration to be saddled upon us, we will all rue the day, and with good reason. Boost for labor's aldermanic candidates in your respective wards. There will be no limit to tricks which will be employed by the enemies of labor in their efforts to defeat Eide in June and the least that laboring people can do is stick together. Learn a lesson by studying the methods of the peccary (a small wild pig of Central and South America). Individually, the peccary is not formidable nor impressive. But they stick together at all times and are "hell on wheels" when an attack is made on one of them. Even the jaguar knows this and isn't having any, thank you. Surely the working people of Minnesota have as much brains as a drove of wild pigs. Although the election last fall leads us to wonder, occasionally, on that point.

Bro. Harold Seavey deserves a big hand from organized labor in Minneapolis for the efficient manner in which he handled the campaign. Personally, I feel we are fortunate in having Harold on hand to look after our interests and more power to him.

Paid a short visit to Bro. Schneider of the park employees, last Friday. He has been laid up about two weeks with strep throat. He's feeling better and will doubtless be back with us soon, minus 20 pounds weight. Al's address is 3451 Sixth St. N.

Bro. Levi Foslein is still in Vets hospital and would appreciate a visit from his pals.

Bro. Carl Jensen, Park Dept., is back on the job after a siege of illness in the hospital. He's pretty thin right now but that good old gamloste ought to bring back his strength in a hurry, the gamloste having plenty to spare.

Wish to report the sad news of the death of Brother Warfield of Equipment Division, last week. Bro. Warfield was fatally injured in a fall from a mixer and succumbed in less than a week. Our sympathy goes to his family—their loss is, likewise, ours.

Bro. George Smart recently blossomed out in a new hat—blue

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting: General Membership, Thursday evening, May 25, 7:30 p. m. Let's get out to this meeting. Don't forget we are still giving away one month's dues free to the two lucky members who win on the drawing.

Hurrah! First diamondball game of the season. Local 289 plays Purity in a practice game Monday, May 22, 6 p. m. at the Parade grounds. If you can make it, why don't you come down? You'll enjoy every minute and it won't cost a cent.

The big push is on for the Picnic July 16 at Costello's Grove at 92nd and Cedar. Each member will be expected to take a book of 15 ten cent tickets for which you pay \$1 and you can either put your own name on the other five tickets or sell them, making a profit of 50 cents a book. Pretty neat, eh?

For one ten cent ticket the purchaser gets a chance at 24 cash prizes totaling \$160 plus free dancing. The holder of a winning ticket need not be present at the time of drawing, either. Nice, what?

What's this I hear about Harold Simons coming off his route six blocks to give Gene Pillon and Loren Johnson competition? Tell him to stay in his own pasture, boys.

The primary election is over and as you've already noted, many labor candidates came through with large majorities. Now the big job is to put them over in the regular election.

Len Hagen, Emerick's, is up and around walking without the help of his crutches and should be in there pitching in a few weeks again.

John Connors, Gladness, Duluth, says things are going along nice up there. (He's the guy who got married by the judge after the said judge got through fining him for going through a stop sign—remember?)

If anyone wants me around Saturday night or Sunday, my address is Sunset Bay, Lake Mille Lacs.

An American watched two Chinese in a word battle and asked another bystander what they were doing. "Fighting," was the reply. "But neither has struck a blow!" "They won't," was the answer, "because the one who strikes first thereby admits that he has run out of ideas."

and a feather in the band. Tsk! Tsk! These old bachelors.

Bro. Joe Knight is reputed to be an authority on Louisiana hot sauce.

Don't forget Knight and Kelsey, in the race for Park Commissioner in the June election.

("With apologies to Joe Penner")
"There was a man" who, for darn small pay,
Worked twelve to fourteen hours a day.
He took all the dirt that was shoveled on him,
Though his noonday lunch was mighty slim
But, when questioned as to sentiments,
Toward Mayors, Governors, Presidents,
He'd yell that to him, they were all a bluff
Who only made labor's lot more tough—
The strange part is, of this take note,
The guy had never cast a vote.
And furthermore, this loud-mouthed bird
Had never even registered.

There are hundreds of them.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



Sometimes I think it wouldn't be a bad idea if we had a king in this country. It would give us something to look up to.

Sioux Falls Drivers Prepare To Challenge Boss Dictator

Sioux Falls, South Dakota—The more the International Brotherhood of Teamsters unions organize the drivers and win for them higher wages and better working conditions and job security, and place them in a position where they can enjoy a bit of the happiness that all men are entitled to on this earth, the more the bosses howl about "labor dictatorship."

Now it is very interesting to consider the type of "democracy" that these same bosses practice who yell loudest about "labor dictatorship."

One-Man Town
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is a one-man town, and the one man is Wilson. If you buy gas in Sioux Falls, you buy from a Wilson station. If you eat dinner in a restaurant, you are served by Wilson. If you sleep in a hotel, it's a Wilson hotel. And if you want to ship freight over-the-road, you can use the Wilson Forwarding company.

The General Drivers Union Local 749 is negotiating with Mr. Wilson for a new agreement. On May 3rd Wilson met with the union and agreed to sign a 1939 contract calling for the closed-shop, provided the union could get some other company to sign the contract first.

Economic Terrorism
The union representatives had hardly left the room when every employer received word from Wilson that if they signed a closed-shop agreement with Local 749, a boycott would be levied against them by the merchants of Sioux Falls. Despite this campaign of economic terrorism, Local 749 negotiated a closed-shop contract with the Buckingham Transportation company, calling for a 52c hourly scale for 54 hours a week, with vacation and seniority.

Local 749 returned to Wilson, showed him the Buckingham contract and suggested he keep his word and sign an identical pact. He asked for time to think it over and discuss it with his board of directors. With the economic power of the town in his hands, he then went to work to pull all sorts of strings to defeat the union and the will of the workers.

Dares Union
When the Buckingham company went to make deliveries in Sioux Falls, it found no merchant would accept freight "because Buckingham was operating under a closed-shop agreement." Wilson had spoken. He even went so far as to hop up some of the weak-sisters among his employees and send them up to the union hall to ask that Local 749 withdraw its demand for a closed shop and for higher wages.

Wilson dares Local 749 to strike him and says he will never sign the union agreement without a strike. All the other local transfer companies are terrified to sign with the union unless Wilson signs first.

Local 749 is preparing to accept the challenge from the owner of the one-man town.

Why, my fellow citizens, is there any man here, or any woman, let me say is there any child here, who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is industrial and commercial rivalry?

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Coffee Cries Local 275

By Don Gustafson

In getting vacations lined up for this summer, the Japan boys figure they have a good deal on them. They are getting the Monday before Decoration Day and the Monday before the Fourth of July off so that they will have two three-day vacations, besides a four-consecutive-working-day vacation later on. That makes three good fishing trips, fellows.

Haerle can't decide on which world's fair to take in.

Be sure to keep in mind the union outing to be held some time in June.

M. Howe won the five dollar door prize at the last Teamsters Joint Council meeting.

P. S. By mutual agreement, the winner and yours truly had agreed to split on the prize if either of us won, so it was two-fifty apiece.

It has been reported that Art Radcliff of the Twin City has been laid up in the hospital for several weeks. Here's hoping for a rapid recovery, Art, and maybe a brief visit from some of the boys would be appreciated.

The Cook Coffee and the Jewel Tea are still very fink.

Union Aids Farmers in Duluth Fight

The Head-of-the-Lakes Milk Producers' union, composed of some 800 farmers in northeastern Minnesota counties, started last Wednesday to picket the Bridge-man Dairy stores in downtown Duluth and West Duluth, in protest against the unfair trade practices being followed by the Bridge-man company.

According to Martin Kotiranta, president of the Milk Producers' organization, the company is importing milk from the Twin Ports Co-operative Dairy in Wisconsin at a price much lower than the prevailing price in Minnesota. Whereas Minnesota farmers receive \$1.85-\$1.90 per hundred-weight for milk, the Wisconsin farmers are selling it for \$1.30-\$1.35.

Kotiranta stated that both the Duluth Milk Drivers Union and the Duluth General Drivers Union are supporting the Minnesota farmers in their stand.

A railroad deal is a railroad steal.—Leland Stanford California railroad chief.

ers (221) a bit of co-operation at their 100% Union Cash and Carry stations. These O.K. stations have a large red card tacked on the building. It is easy to see, so patronize only those who have "signed up" and urge your friends to do likewise. We know that 221 will return the favor at some time.

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Furniture Workers Unions Urge National Conference

Furniture Workers unions throughout the country are endorsing the program of the Pacific Advisory Council of Furniture and Kindred Products Workers for a national organization plan in the industry, including the holding of a National Furniture Conference by all furniture and kindred products locals of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

The Minneapolis Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 voted last week to endorse the national organization program, and to send delegates to the projected National Furniture Conference. Local 1859 has written President William Hutcheson of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, urging the general executive board at its next meeting to set a date for such a national conference of all furniture workers unions.

Five Districts in Nation
The North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers has also endorsed the national organization program, with minor reservations. The national plan calls for the division of the United States into five districts, with Master Councils in each district, and each of the district subdivided into district councils. The Master Council in the district would meet annually, the district councils quarterly.

Under the proposal, Minnesota would be included in District No. 2, which would also embrace the following states: North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and the province of Ontario.

Warehousemen in St. Paul Get Charter from IBT

The Warehouse Employees Union of St. Paul, originally chartered as Federal Local 20297 by the American Federation of Labor, formally entered the International Brotherhood of Teamsters last week as Local 503. At a meeting Monday evening Arthur Hudson, president of Drivers Union Local 120, installed the new charter.

Thomas Woulfe is president and Don Casseday, financial secretary of Local 503. The International Teamsters were awarded jurisdiction over warehouse workers by the 1937 convention of the AFL.

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131 Champs Open Season This Week

The championship diamondball team of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, which won the cup in the union league last year, will open the 1939 season this week in both the union and city leagues.

Thursday night Manager W. W. Webb's boys will take on the Local 544 Youth team in the No. 1 division of the union league. The game will be played at 6:30 at the Bryn Mawr field No. 12.

On Friday night Local 131 plays the Warehouse Workers Union team at the Parade Grounds 20 field, starting at 6:30. Both teams are in the eastern division of the city league.

Local 264 Elects Board For 1939

The Pulp and Sulphite Union Local 264 held its yearly elections this Monday, picking a set of officers to head the organization for the coming year. Following are the winning candidates: William Hansen, president; Frank White, vice-president; Peter V. Fitzgerald, recording secretary-treasurer; David J. Cameron, financial secretary; James Boylan, sergeant-at-arms; George Smith, Richard Fuller, Harry Hanson, trustees. Elmer Meinz was chosen to continue as business agent for the coming year.

Don Moore learned to swing a mean paint brush while a blue-jacket for Uncle Sam, so while in a "spry" mood he painted his famous automobile. A lot of fellows have taken the usual spring urge seriously and moved their families to different places. Cliff Rollins has completed a ten-year cycle and moved back in a place he lived a decade ago. The recent members who have made real estate salesmen happy and bought houses are C. Bigelow and F. Lunde.

Russ Wenell, the tall popular boy with the good pitching-arm, was prevented from saying no; by a very, very strange coincidence a new uniform was included in the lot that did not fit anyone else, so we owe a vote of gratitude to brother Russ for doing his stuff, and boy! does he look grand of a hot summer day when winding up in the pitcher's box.

An observer at our garage at change-of-shift time has noticed that the favorite disciples of each sport, golf, baseball, fly, and bait-casting, etc., can be told a long way off by the motions they go through while talking; and that means all nationalities, too. We gotta do something for exercise, don't we.

Famous last words—"Let's stop for just one beer." Give your change of address to Curly or Lunde if you aren't getting your N. W. Organizers every week.

Harold Halvorson had a hard time convincing the boys on first floor that the sun was too hot for him and so he kept the door closed under protest.

Got three new gum machines at the Clark plant. No washers accepted. Tsk, tsk.

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By Curly and Lunde

We are sorry to report the death of Norman McDonald, the father of Orion McDonald of the Y. C. unit.

Russell Cairns, the popular waiter at the Milwaukee depot, is getting along o.k. after a difficult operation. The Doc snatched his appendix.

Arlo Liebeler, a well-known mileage merchant of this village, got jolly well tired of driving "thirty" and is now piling up time on a "Piper Cub" at the airport, no outside loops yet, but he is fast catching up with several other drivers of Minneapolis that "so-loed" years back.

The boys have all had their share of "post cards," particularly those with an invitation to visit the City Hall, and we might add they're getting just too tired of the sport. When one must go after the business to earn the daily stipend it hurts to lose time and money satisfying the ego of this or that officer on a technicality.

One of life's little mysteries for us drivers is why do "pick-ups" dash for your back just after you've taken a lute which you've waited for ages? Also, why do you see so many vacant stands and burning lites when your day's labor is over?

When you pay your June dues the assessment must be paid before you will be credited with dues payment. If you pay only \$2, fifty cents will be applied on the assessment, \$1.50 on your dues. And you will not receive a stamp in your book for June until the other fifty cents has been paid.

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Buzza Workers Stand Pat on Their Demands
Employees of the Buzza company voted Tuesday, May 16th, to stand firm behind their demands for a shorter work week and a week's vacation with pay. The negotiations committee of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 has taken steps to notify the company and the labor conciliator.

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Warehouse Team Wins In Practice

"A plenty fast game" was the verdict of union fans who watched the Warehouse Union Local 20316 diamondball team eke out a 3-2 victory over the Electrical Workers players in the first practice tilt of the season last Wednesday at the Parade Grounds.

Wigs Hanson of B. F. Nelson and Howard Hanson of L. S. Donaldson's comprise Local 20316's battery, with Joe Letteke of Donaldson's showing good stuff as a relief pitcher. Hanson rung up 10 strikeouts.

Local 20316 took the Deere-Webber team, 14-4, in a short practice session last Friday. The first official game of the season will be played this Friday evening, May 19th, on Parade Ground 20, with the fast Local 131 team.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

At our last meeting the membership took action to give an amount to the Trade Union Campaign Fund equal to \$1 per member. This amount is to be divided as follows: 50 cents per member out of the treasury and an assessment of 50 cents per member to be collected with the June dues.

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Independent Truck Chatter
R. F. Hornig
The independent truck owners met get along for the next sixty days without the active services of Mr. Zander. Probably all the unemployed know by now of the new arrangements. Milt Hodson has taken over the job and the grief of trying to keep our trucks satisfied. Curt has very nicely and easily slid out from all the worry by just telling everyone that tries to hold him with a tale of woe by just saying "See Milt."

We should all recognize the tough job Milt has taken on and give him a break by helping to smooth over the rough spots with

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We're off and all set to go; next Tuesday night is the big dance night and we want to see all you boys there, also your partners.

The Entertainment Committee has requested that each member buy at least two tickets, so govern yourselves accordingly.

Did you hear the new news? Well, the picnic is definitely set for June 25, 1939, and will be held at Excelsior Park, at Excelsior, Minn.

Lo and behold, our dear member Joe F. has sold 185 tickets to date and is sure he will sell over 200 tickets before Tuesday night, which is the night of our dance. Great salesmanship, Joe.

Did any of you happen to know that we have very few on the unemployment list? What do you think is the reason for this? Local 912 of course.

Flash: What's this we all hear about the new \$50,000 mortuary that is to be erected and is going to employ 100% Union Labor?

Some of you fellows who didn't attend the last meeting be sure and ask about the fellow who was out in California and was asked for the keys to the car, nice request isn't it? You might get some very good advice from one of the members on this particular case.

Several new members were in attendance at the meeting and were introduced from the chair, they were welcomed into the Local by the many members and we know they are going to attend all the meetings as they seemed very interested in the proceedings of the meeting.

Has anyone seen Watson? We hear our dear member Jess B. is due back from the Sunny South real soon.

On checking the offer we had from 77th-Plowed Ground, naturally I went out and investigated the said vegetables and if the commissary should be needed it will be heavily stocked by our good member, and don't think that ain't something.

Flash: Door Prizes and Refreshments May 23, 1939. This happens to be the night we are holding our dance, at the South Side Auditorium.

Did you all see Johnnie J. blush when he was introduced to the members and then he really did give a very fine speech? How's that, John?

We still maintain that the last ride will soon be 100% Union.

We have just been informed by our good member that he still spells "FINK" with a capital "F."

I'll be a-seeing you all at the dance.

Watt Notes

A. F. Hansen, assistant chief electrician, has been confined to his home for some weeks on account of illness. He is one of the best liked supervisors in the department. The operators unanimously say "We're pluggin' for you, Hans, and look forward to the day when you'll be with us again."

Now that the Construction Department has pulled out, Dean Reynolds is beginning to look kinda lonesome in his new office.

A couple days ago one of the Riverside boys made a crack as to whether or not BIG GUS could get in one of the new Crosley cars. Maybe he could, brother, but I bet you'd need a can-opener to get him out.

It won't be long now, before Fat Stuff Brown starts belly-aching about getting a new car.

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all the cooperation we can give him. After Milt gets used to his new duties he will undoubtedly be able and willing to take all the heat that we used to like to pour on to Curt.

Because someone else wrote the column last week it was not possible for me to say anything about the recent election results. It is enough to say that the winners deserve congratulations, and for my part to thank you who have helped during the campaign and who voted for me. If somehow you can find an opportunity for me to return you that favor I should be glad to do what I can to help.

The city seniority list is running out very nicely these days but the park board has sandbagged our whole program. Remember boys, the election is coming near. Now is the time to contact those commissioners who are up for re-election and find out how well they will cooperate with us on our program for sponsors to hire the trucks on federal projects. We are now doing a little negotiating with the park board office to get more work for our men.

Whoever sees the county men around the union these days? Well, with their deal very few of us would spend much time anywhere else than where the sugar comes from.

Someone mentions that Carl Andor has a new \$2,100 Chevy. Carl must have taken that Frankenstein model of a dump truck off of Grossman's hands.

That new apartment housing project style has certainly given the boys a nice workout the last week. One thing at least it has done is to show us that we have too many two-yard trucks on hand. Any time there is a rush call for trucks by the city contractors we are caught short.

The "Hapiness Twins" are now back in circulation. Guess who? And it would be a scandal if you knew where they were working. . . . Tom McCue will soon know how to drive the Cornbinder. It takes practice. . . Greasa will soon be taking bids, and how the boys are going to like that. Already they have the record for holding job meetings. What will they do on a dollar an hour setup? . . . Nice meeting at the Eagles Hall Monday. Plenty ITO on hand. The WPA has dwindled down to barely one hundred trucks. Mostly finks.

Please take notice in your Organizer of the demonstration holiday and parade that will take place soon. This must be on a grand scale and will need a lot of planning. Your cooperation in every respect will be needed to make our protest felt.

Attention, union members! Call George Andreason, Hy. 9911, for your spring lawn and garden materials. Black dirt, three yards \$3.50, sod 10c per yard del., 15c laid. George lives at 3921 Xenia Ave., Robbinsdale, and is an ITO member in good standing.

We are clamping down on local furniture moving too. We will see WHO IS GOING TO STARVE WHO.

Milk men are meeting Friday night. Should be some important reports. The summer is on its way, and this is the best weather for route men to come in out of the hot sun and into the protective shade of the union.

Bakery drivers are getting that way about their contract. Meeting scheduled with bosses in the middle of the week. Should prove to be interesting series of negotiations. Betcha hot words will fly. The Bakery boys are keyed up for some real improvements, particularly concerning seniority and that infamous incompetency clause.

The regular Sunday membership meeting should provide lots of fireworks. Anybody that wants to unload some heat on the Executive Board better be present. Looks from here like lots of things are going to be thrashed out or thrown out. How goes the battle, brothers?

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ready started his annual worry about his vacation. It is so bad this year that he is getting grey hair.

"Windy" Klinder says, "It's 7:30 at the loading platform, Sable."

Brothers Bauck and Middleton won door prizes at the "Ham" amateur radio convention last Saturday night at the West Hotel.

The B. A. is sporting a pair of new tires on his car. First line—Co-op, of course, and he likes them fine.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are to be congratulated on the fine party they put on last Friday night. All husbands present spent a very enjoyable evening.

There was plenty to eat and drink, and prizes for the lucky ones at five hundred.

Brother Dennis had parking trouble at the loading platform last week. Tsk . . . Tsk.

Brother Bronson is laid up in Fairview hospital with a fractured neck cap.

We are sorry to hear that Brother Fred Elker of the Land and Tax Dept. is ill at his home. We're wishing you a speedy recovery, Fred.

How goes the battle, brothers? Tough enough. But the bosses are crying!

Fidelity Van and Storage, operating with finks, resigned from Mayflower. They thereby gave up the greatest source of revenue they had. It took real pressure to do that and proves at once the strength of the union, and at the same time proves that the ORGANIZED BOSSES of Omaha are backing the furniture movers with cold, solid cash.

Bekins Van always moved Bishop Oxnam before the strike. However, when the Bishop learned that Bekins was UNFAIR, he decided that he preferred to use a UNION company. In addition to preferring union men, he prefers to have his furniture reach the destination at Boston without the fakery and fraud that the finks resort to in slipping an occasional load through.

Eagle eyes are watching Central Van, Knowles Van and Bekins to catch any of their rigs leaving town. We aim to see if they are transferring any loads and if we catch them, and we will, we will stop that pronto.

Keep your eyes on the pool car shipments out of Gordon's and Bekin's. Observe the numbers of the cars being loaded, and get it accurate. Report to the office immediately and we'll see if they are unloaded on the West Coast or not.

We are clamping down on local furniture moving too. We will see WHO IS GOING TO STARVE WHO.

Milk men are meeting Friday night. Should be some important reports. The summer is on its way, and this is the best weather for route men to come in out of the hot sun and into the protective shade of the union.

Bakery drivers are getting that way about their contract. Meeting scheduled with bosses in the middle of the week. Should prove to be interesting series of negotiations. Betcha hot words will fly. The Bakery boys are keyed up for some real improvements, particularly concerning seniority and that infamous incompetency clause.

The regular Sunday membership meeting should provide lots of fireworks. Anybody that wants to unload some heat on the Executive Board better be present. Looks from here like lots of things are going to be thrashed out or thrown out. How goes the battle, brothers?

To all unions in the area. If you see a BEKINS, KNOWLES, CENTRAL, IGO, GORDON, FORD BROS., or FIDELITY truck in your town, TIE IT UP, and KEEP IT TIED. Watch out for finks carrying union cards! They are working on phony cards. Thanks.

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

Cure for Unemployment

We read the other day where Major Edward L. Dyer, a retired U. S. Army officer, has gone Governor Stassen one better and has proposed as the simplest way of lightening the relief burden the humane slaughter of the aged. Dyer proposes an age limit of 70 or 75.

It seems to us the Major has the germ of a good idea there. He should have carried it further, but no doubt the years of army life have softened him up and weakened his fibre.

Why stop with killing off the aged? Why not take all the unemployed between the ages of 20 and 70 and melt them down for lard and bone meal? They say the average adult has about 94c worth of chemicals in his body. There must be close to 12,000,000 unemployed in this age group. Just think. The government could not only relieve itself of a heavy relief burden, but could also realize a nice little profit of about \$10,000,000, which President Roosevelt could use to buy another naval destroyer.

This plan has an added advantage in that it would keep the nation's packinghouses busy and put more men to work. The nation's packers are kicking anyhow because the government is buying its canned beef for the army from Argentina. Roosevelt could appease the packers through this program.

We are going to call this the Northwest Organizer Road-to-Abundance plan. We urge our readers to form groups in each locality to push this idea. We are writing the Workers Alliance suggesting they start an immediate post-card campaign to Congress asking, in a nice way of course, that this program be adopted.

Our program is better than the one being prepared for the unemployed by Roosevelt. His plan, the plan of the Sixty Families, is to kill off the unemployed in the coming imperialist "War for Democracy." Our way is more humane. And there's not so much hypocrisy connected with it.

Some Thoughts on the Primaries

I. Unlike the Oregon situation, the voters in Minnesota never had a chance to express themselves before Stassen's anti-labor law was put into effect. There was nothing in Stassen's pre-election campaign to indicate he meant to put such a law on the books.

The Minneapolis primaries on Monday gave the people their first chance to vote on the Stassen bill. In a large measure, Stassen's anti-labor bill was an issue in the primary May 8th. The surprising vote going to the labor slate is Minneapolis' answer to Stassen and his boss friends.

II. Crime doesn't pay—the politicians. All sorts of candidates made their chief campaign issue the sordid record established by the Leach regime in regard to gambling, vice, etc. The Raders, the Hardings, the Roans, etc., didn't get to first base.

The masses rightly regard such things as of secondary importance. Before a person can gamble or drink, he must first be fed and clothed and housed. Only the labor candidates could put forward progressive planks that promise substantial aid to the workers, the unemployed, the poorly housed, those in need of medical care, etc.

III. An excellent example of a trade union campaign was that waged in the Tenth Ward. A large and active trade union committee carried on the campaign for Morrie Olson and Stanley Anderson and T. A. Eide in this ward on a straight militant trade union basis. Olson and Anderson won smashing victories and Eide received more votes in this ward than in any other in the city.

If such trade union committees are established in every ward, labor's victory on June 12th is absolutely assured.

IV. The remnants of the Farmer-Labor ward clubs that used to play an active role in city elections, made a very minor contribution to the primaries victory. All reports testify that it was the trade unions who carried the burden of the campaign.

The Communist Party backed Kleve Flakne for mayor and carried on an undercover campaign of sabotage against the trade union slate. It is safe to predict that these people will do what they can to smear the labor campaign and to attempt to drag in all sorts of disreputable groups to try to form what they call a "People's Front." After helping to wreck the Farmer-Labor movement, the Communist Party aims to scuttle the new upsurge of labor on the political field.

V. The reactionaries already scent defeat in the election. That is why the Minneapolis Taxpayers Association, an affiliate of the Civic Council dominated by the Associated Industries, is desperately staging its "hurry up" campaign to put over the sales tax in this city.

The most ardent advocate of the sales tax is Mayor Leach. Labor's best protection against the sales tax is to elect T. A. Eide, who is pledged to resist this form of taxation.

VI. Mayor Leach's sudden interest in the relief problem, culminating Monday night in his appointment of a Committee of 12, is a sordid political move. Leach's refusal to permit Cramer to present the position of the Central Labor Union is a true index of the Little Colonel's attitude towards the relief problem.

Gone, But Not Forgotten!



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Many reports of No. 1 finks on building trades jobs. Union drivers should remember that these people are real enemies of every trade unionist.

The "Relief Conference" called by Mayor Leach turned out to be just what everyone had assumed—a cheap political trick.

William Green has denied that he endorsed the Minnesota Labor Relations Law.

Farrell Dobbs will be presented with a beautiful gift from the local at the next membership meeting.

The whole staff is engaged in negotiating dozens of agreements which expire this month.

George Poppe was a member of the old Minneapolis Team Owners Local No. 1 back at the turn of the century, when a union team owner was designated by a tag on the horse. Now he has come on hard times and is on relief. He's selling a new gadget, an electric hot water heater, which is just the thing for heating water in the home. Any brother who needs a heater and wants to help out an old teamie, can get in touch with Poppe at 622 7th Avenue North, or drop him a line and he will call.

Dobbs has opened and is in charge of an International Office in Omaha.

ONE MOMENT PLEASE

The "conference" which Mayor Leach called for Monday on the relief question fell with a dull thud. It proved to be a Republican convocation and if it is not out of line we would like to ask at this time why this meeting was not called while the Republican legislature was in session? While the relief budget slashing was going on in St. Paul the mayor remained silent. Now he speaks. The reason? Well, maybe the coming election has something to do with it.

Most of the defeated candidates in the Tenth Ward have declared for Morrie Olson.

The Monday membership meeting was a splendid example of union solidarity.

Jim Bartlett is wearing a teamster's button.

The Joint Council sign is being all dressed up. Three new local numbers are being added.

Willmar and St. Cloud attended the Friday Joint Council meeting.

No less than ten major agreements are being negotiated right now.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS
"My employees will have to take a wage reduction this year."

GETHER, WE MUST STRUGGLE IN THE SAME OLD WAY. If this is a good bill for labor, why does it have the support of every anti-union force in the country? What the bosses couldn't do with their cops and deputies, they are going to try to do under cover of Stassen's anti-labor law.

"WE ARE GOING TO OBSERVE THE LAW IN THE WAY IT DESERVES TO BE OBSERVED. We are going to obey every letter, every phrase, every comma of the law, in the way it deserves to be obeyed."

Tunderous applause greeted the remarks of V. R. Dunne.

The next speaker, President Carl Skoglund of Local 544, described the set-up of the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union. "The Teamsters Joint Council has gone on record unanimously to endorse the program described by the previous speaker," President Skoglund said. "The Central Labor Union has endorsed this program. The Policy Committee will hold a special meeting to outline a definite program and will ask every AFL union to co-operate by appearing before the Policy Committee before approaching Stassen's labor conciliator.

"We are going to act in such a way as to make the Slave Act as little injurious to labor as possible."

Civic Council Drive
Skoglund drew a big laugh when he described the recent campaign of the bosses' Civic Council in which \$250,000 was raised "to build a better Minneapolis."

"The employers are advocating a lower wage scale to make Minneapolis more attractive to business," Skoglund said, intimating that the unions might have a word to say in this matter. He warned against the error the employers would commit if they thought that the General Drivers Union was the same today as it was in 1934.

"Then we were all alone. In 1939, in case we have trouble, we are going to get the support of unions in thirteen states. We have helped to build these unions, and I am certain they will aid us."

Boss Attitude Changes
The closing speaker, Miles Dunne, said he had observed an attitude of watchful waiting on the part of the employers while the state legislature was in session. After the Stassen slave bill had become law, he said, the manner of the bosses changed. They have become arrogant and hostile. They have adopted the attitude that "we are going to give you now what we have waited for a long time."

Stassen's Pals
Dunne called attention to last Friday's column by Drew and Allen, Washington columnists, in which they point out the Democratic Senator Burke of Nebraska, agent for the National Association of Manufacturers, praised the anti-labor laws of Wisconsin and Minnesota; that not all the attacks on labor legislation center in Washington; that the master mind behind the state anti-labor legislation is the Republican, Dr. Glen Frank, etc.

"Don't allow anyone to tell you that the Stassen bill is a good bill, or is 'not so bad,'" warned Dunne. "If every clause in that bill were lived up to and enforced, it would absolutely prohibit strikes, it would prevent any group of workers from conducting any sort of a fight. WE MUST FIGHT THE SLAVE LAW IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. WE MUST HOLD OUR ORGANIZATIONS TO-

544 Wins, 9-6, in Fourth Start

Proving it can come from behind to win, Local 544's ball team overcame a 5-run lead to forge ahead of the Excelsior ball club and pull out with a 9 to 6 victory in its fourth start of the season.

Sunday afternoon, June 4th, Local 544's nine will play the Superior Drivers Union Local 288 at the Nicollet Ball Park. This is the first of a series of inter-union ball games. Both teams remain undefeated in early-season play.

Tickets are 40c each, 10c for kids. Buy your tickets from the stewards or the union office.

The game was played Sunday afternoon at Excelsior and drew a large crowd of unionists.

Tony Pazik started the fireworks for the Teamies by belting a homer into Lake Minnetonka in the 8th inning. Before the last man was retired, Local 544 had garnered five runs. Pazik was chief slugger, getting two out of three. Both Joe Rusin and Syd Alford kept up their averages by getting two out of four.

Manager Jack Herman started the exhibition game by placing Alford on the mound, with Norrie Hanson on first. Towards the middle of the game, Herman switched the two to their regular positions and from then on the game was all Local 544.

The drivers play the first game in their regular schedule this Sunday at the Parade Grounds. Watch the daily papers for details and let's all get out to this game and root for the champs.

Des Moines Oil Stations 98% Union

Des Moines, Iowa—With both attendants and lessees in 98 per cent of the city's filling stations now organized in Drivers Union Local 90, the Des Moines labor movement is being urged to patronize only unionized stations which display house cards prominently in their windows.

According to Leo Quinn, Local 90's secretary, under union conditions the lessees have been able to eliminate many of the unfair competitive practices that previously existed, and have been able to pay their attendants decent union wages and to maintain union hours and working conditions.

Ruin will follow where the trader rules.—Plato.

mously denounced the Stassen outrage and Lloyd Haney. "We will observe and respect this law only so far as it does not interfere with our wage scale and those rights we have already won. Those who support the Stassen act think they are going to clip the wings of the powerful drivers' movement. Should they be successful, such labor officials would find they had cut off their own heads. The Stassen law is aimed directly at the drivers, whom the bosses know are the spearhead of organized labor. All the strength of the union movement in Minnesota is predicated upon the strength of the drivers."

"The leaders of Local 544 have endured more slander, vilification, lies and law suits than any other set of union officials. In spite of all this filth, the members have paid us the splendid tribute of disregarding this slander and standing firmly behind us. We are going to hold strong, we are never going to step backward, we are going to advance further every chance we get, as long as we know the membership is behind us."

Following the applause, Dunne closed by urging each member to stand with the union and to become an organizer for the union, to see his fellow-workers are in the union and paid up; and to vote the labor ticket straight on June 12th.

Union Picnic Dates
In order to avoid unnecessary conflict in union picnic dates, the Organizer will publish a list of all such dates in the next few issues. All unions are urged to notify the paper of their choice of dates for picnics.

- Private Chauffeurs 912—Sunday, June 25th
- General Drivers 544—Sunday, July 9th
- Bakery Drivers 289—Sunday, July 16th
- Milk Drivers 471—Wednesday, July 19th
- Warehouse Union 20316—Sunday, July 30th
- Central Labor Union—Sunday, August 27th

Gassing With 977

Notices are being mailed to all Stewards for Local 977, of a special Stewards Meeting to be held Monday, May 22, in the office of the Local.

Mr. Ellsworth, Master Distributor, 18th and Lyndale S., was called to State Labor Conciliator Haney's office in St. Paul this week, where he agreed with Mr. Haney and Larry Davidson, to pay \$50 back pay to his attendant, L. W. Christensen. Mr. Ellsworth has secured the services of Neil Cronin to negotiate his contract.

We understand that Stanley Nielsen, attendant at the Texaco station at 1025 Washington Ave. S. E., is deeply and justifiably puzzled. It seems that Stan had chosen the name "Charley" for the coming event; he is now the proud father of a daughter. We suggest "Charlene."

Frank Conley goes to work full time at the Mobile station, 154 Lyndale N., this week, thanks to the cooperation of the lessee with your Local.

We understand that Cliff Lee walked out on Hagen at the Shell station, Portland and Lake; however, his walk terminated at the Standard station across the street, where he is welcoming his former Shell patrons.

Another 100 per cent Union Standard station is at Lowry and Lyndale Ave. N., at the Crown Sidewalk Company.

Olson Campaign Committee Meets

A meeting of the Union Campaign Committee for Morrie Olson in the Tenth Ward will be held early next week. Committee members are asked to hold themselves in readiness. Cards will be mailed out, notifying you of the time and place of the meeting.

New Boost Given to Labor Temple

A new boost was given the movement to build a Minneapolis Labor Temple when the Building Service Employees Union Local 26 voted at its Sunday meeting an assessment of \$6 per member for the Temple. The assessment will be paid off 25c per member per month. Through this action many thousands of dollars will be added to the fund for the Labor Temple.

The action of the Building Service Union is particularly encouraging because this is one of the youngest union organizations in the city. It is hoped that some of the older unions will now follow the commendable example of Local 26 and go on record for the Labor Temple. The campaign for the Labor Temple has been an arduous one, but the goal is nearer today than it ever was.

Sioux City Beer Drivers Drawing Up Agreements

Sioux City, Iowa—Drivers and helpers in the local beer industry will meet May 17th in Drivers Union Local 383's hall to draw up a working agreement for the coming year. Beer drivers have been members of the General Drivers Union for some time. Practically all drivers except those for Country Club beer belong to Local 383. The Drivers Union means to win decent wages and conditions for all beer drivers and helpers.

Local 383 has also lined up all over-road drivers from the Armour's packing plant in Sioux City and will negotiate an agreement for them. At present these drivers are being paid only 60% of the area scale.

There are easier things than starving in the midst of plenty. That is, voting for it.—Oscar Ameringer.

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—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 3 Casket Section—May 9 Box Industry—May 16 J. R. Clark, Keller Mfg.—May 17 Puffer-Hubbard Mfg.—May 18 Kozekar, Air-Loc, American Excelsior, Cleland, Warren Shade Western Mineral Products—May 19 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—May 8, 22, 22, at 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. General Membership—June 7 General Membership, Local 20481—May 3 Executive Board, Local 20481—June 5, 8 p. m.
LOCAL 977 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. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 959 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m. third Thursday each month.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.	LOCAL 544 MAY Monday, May 1—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, May 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, May 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 5—Job Stewards Monday, May 8—General Membership Wednesday, May 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 12—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, May 15—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, May 17—Building Material Thursday, May 18—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, May 19—Job Stewards Sunday, May 21—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, May 22—Spring Water Tuesday, May 23—Sand and Gravel Thursday, May 25—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, May 26—Cold Storage Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office. 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.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 912 Private Chauffeurs 912—Sunday, June 25th
LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.
LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	LOCAL 20315 Stewards—First and third Tuesday each month. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.