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

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

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FIVE CENTS

AFL's WPA Defense to Rally Nation's Workers To Defeat 'Conspiracy' Charge by Government

... One Woman To Another ...
By Marvel Scholl

One day last week my nine-year-old daughter came tearing into the house at noon, her eyes wide with horror. She said, "Mother, is it true that Hitler is killing all the children in Poland? A girl in my room said that that is what her mother told her!"

'We'll See Ya at The Boo-ya Sunday At Costello Grove'

Advance Ticket Sales for Teamsters Joint Council Boo-ya Very Large, Committee Prepared to Serve Thousands—Boo-ya Will Be Served from 11 a. m. to Midnight—Varied Program of Entertainment Ready—Drive Out Sunday to Costello's Grove, Rain or Shine

Thousands of drivers are expected to bring their families to the Boo-ya this Sunday at beautiful Costello's Grove, according to estimates made by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council Boo-ya Committee on the basis of advance ticket sales reports.

The Boo-ya Committee, after a final visit to the grounds last Friday, completed arrangements to guarantee a smooth-running day that will bring enjoyment and pleasure to all who attend.

The beautiful old elm trees of Costello's Grove, surrounding the massive pavilion that accommodates several thousand persons, will be the scene of the most unique outing ever witnessed in this part of the country.

From Noon to Midnight

Sunday morning at 4 a. m., before the sun rises, the finest Boo-ya cook in the Northwest will arrive at the Grove to start preparing his delicious brew. A mere listing of the Boo-ya ingredients—fifty fat chickens, hundreds of pounds of lean beef, garnished in all the vegetables one can think of—makes one's mouth water with anticipation.

Variety of Entertainment

Advance ticket sales have been very large, Loren Johnson, TJC Boo-ya Chairman, announced Tuesday, and his committee is preparing to care for thousands of customers.

Entertainment during the afternoon and evening will include dancing to the music of Bobby Phillips' orchestra, a baseball game, Bingo, miniature trap shooting, etc.

Brother Johnson stressed the fact that the Boo-ya would be held no matter what the weather conditions. "We anticipate a nice fall day," he stated, "but even if it hails and snows, the Boo-ya will go on, and we promise a fine time to everyone, young and old."

Volunteers Wanted

The Boo-ya Committee issued a call early this week for volunteers to assist at the grounds Saturday night and Sunday morning. Volunteers are asked to get in touch with Loren Johnson at the Bakery Drivers Union office.

All members of the 11 teaming craft unions, all friends of the drivers movement, are cordially urged to bring their families to Costello's Grove this Sunday. Drive out Cedar Avenue to 92d street—or just follow your nose. Help make this first great undertaking of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council a real success.

Zero Hour Nears for Gamble-Rob

With Gamble-Robinson workers from all over the Northwest voting practically unanimously for strike action against this huge wholesale fruit corporation, it appears certain that an area-wide strike will be in effect shortly.

Wednesday morning representatives of the three Teamsters Joint Councils in Minnesota met to complete plans for calling in the Area Strike-Committee and setting the date for the strike.

Workers Vote Strike

Last Sunday in Mankato a meeting of all Gamble-Rob employees in southern Minnesota voted overwhelmingly in favor of an immediate strike. The same date the Bemidji workers voted unanimously for strike, as have the employees of the Gamble-Rob houses in St. Cloud, Willmar, Brainerd, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Mason City, Waterloo, Fort Dodge, etc.

The zero hour is approaching, the pin is ready to be pulled, and the Gamble-Robinson workers are ready to move unilaterally on a war front as extensive as that Western Front in Europe where the workers confront one another across no-man's land fighting for their bosses.

'Hard Times' Mean Good Time, At FWS Dance

Prizes for costumes that are elaborate and comic will be given at the Halloween Hard Times Dance to be given by Local 544's Federal Workers Section on Saturday evening, October 28th, at the Drivers Hall. This is the first affair to be given in some months by the Federal Workers Section and the Entertainment Committee promises it will be the finest dance ever given by the unemployed organization.

Those attending the dance will not only be assured a big evening—they will also contribute materially to helping the FWS raise needed funds to extend the organization.

Tickets are 25c each and can be secured at the FWS office, second floor, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, or from FWS stewards.

AFL Executive Council Resolution Hits Federal Courts in WPA Trials

The American Federation of Labor's Executive Council early this week wired George Murk, chairman of the AFL WPA Defense Committee, that it had passed a resolution protesting against the federal courts for their prosecution of workers who were acting well within their rights in the WPA strike.

The text of the wire read: "Executive Council passed resolution protesting against activities of federal courts for proceeding in several instances against labor unions or members in efforts to discipline them for union activity which the labor unions have a perfect right to exercise as members of organized labor. Will send you copies of resolution." (Signed) Joseph N. Webber, 6th vice-president, AFL.

On Tuesday Brother Murk wired Joseph Padway, AFL legal counsel, explaining the verdict of the jury in the first WPA trial and its danger for organized labor. Murk has also written William Green, AFL president, explaining recent developments and urging immediate action from the AFL for the Minneapolis indicted strikers.

Warehouse Union Prepares For Action vs. Donaldson's

Negotiations between the Warehouse Union Local 359 and the Donaldson department store were resumed Monday afternoon, with the union making it clear it is pressing with as much vigor as ever for a satisfactory agreement. The Donaldson negotiations had lapsed for a few weeks while Local 359 was directing its major energy towards settling its controversy with the Dayton store.

Some weeks ago Local 359 brought the Donaldson controversy before the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union, which endorsed the contemplated union action.

As a gesture to the union, Mr. McAloon, representing the department store, offered pay to employees for the six major holidays as a concession and basis for settling the working agreement for the coming year. Local 359 quickly pointed out that this amounted to practically no concession, as most of the employees represented by the union are already receiving such pay for holidays.

A Starving Wage

At the present time, female employees at Donaldson's are receiving 36c hourly and some of the male employees are receiving as little as 37c hourly. This can hardly be termed a living wage, though the employer contends it is up to the level of wages being paid in other department stores throughout Minneapolis.

Such a contention only emphasizes the union's estimate that department store wages in this city are miserably low and the hours of work much longer than necessary. It goes without saying that the managements will not correct this situation. It will have to be done by the trade union movement.

Will Set Action Date

The Warehouse Workers Union has called a meeting of all its Donaldson members for Monday, October 23rd, 8 p. m., where a definite date will be established for action against this firm so long as the company insists on denying its employees their fair demands.

What Labor Can Expect from War—

"No laws like this eight-hour law could be allowed to impede the progress of industry in time of war."—Brig. Gen. C. T. Harris Jr., Oct. 11, at meeting of Army Ordnance Association in Washington.

Five of Eight WPA Workers in First Trial Found Guilty—'Conspiracy' Charge Is Grave Threat to Entire Union Movement—WPA Defense Committee Will Appeal Verdict—Second WPA Trial Gets Under Way—Boss Courts Say It Is Worse to Be a WPA Striker Than to Beat Your Own Mother to Death—Murk Wires William Green and Joseph Padway, AFL Council, of Crucial Issue at Stake—Appeals for Aid to Unions Throughout Nation

The clanging wheels of class justice ground out a stunning decision Tuesday morning when the jury in the first trial of eight WPA workers filed into Judge M. M. Joyce's courtroom and delivered its verdict: Five of the eight defendants were found guilty of intimidation and four of the defendants were found guilty of conspiracy.

The "conspiracy" charge which the federal government is pressing against the WPA defendants is a charge fraught with the gravest danger to organized labor throughout America. As defined by the judge and the federal attorney "conspiracy" is such a broad and vague thing that no union member in this country could escape its scope.

Will Appeal Verdict

In view of the extreme importance of this case for organized labor, the American Federation of Labor WPA Defense Committee immediately announced it would appeal the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals. If a reversal is not obtained there, the case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. The Defense Committee is laying plans to broaden its appeal for support to include the union movement of the United States.

Carl Pembie, Richard Connell, Myron Phillips and Leslie Wachter were found guilty of a "conspiracy" to violate a federal statute and of attacking Philip Slaughter and Allyn Corey. Ben Palmer was found guilty of interfering with Helen Westcott but not guilty of conspiracy. Palmer had advised Miss Westcott in a fatherly and courteous way to remain away from a campus WPA project.

Arnold Mullen, sixth defendant, was found not guilty. John Marshall and Gordon T. Smith were judged not guilty by virtue of a directed verdict on the part of Judge Joyce.

Joyce set November 4th as a deadline for motions by defense attorneys to set aside the verdict or appeal the case. The judge set no date for sentencing. All defendants continued their freedom on the bonds raised for them by the AFL WPA Defense Committee.

The jurors strangely refused to discuss the verdict with reporters, and left town to return to their farms and business places. Contrast with Person Case A few minutes before the WPA trial jury delivered its verdict, the jury in the sensational Person murder case that has run parallel with the first WPA trial also brought in a verdict. Joseph H. Person, 47-year-old bank clerk, who had only admittedly beaten his aged mother to death with a kitchen chair, was found not guilty, freed, and ordered to appear next week for commitment to a state institution for the insane.

Person was the protege of a wealthy Minneapolis family. The verdicts in the two cases indicate it is much worse to be an unemployed worker protesting against a wage cut than it is to murder your own mother. This is exactly what the boss courts proclaim.

Joyce Picks Second Jury

The WPA jury had retired Monday afternoon to consider its verdict following final arguments by Victor E. Anderson, U. S. district attorney, and Tom Davis, defense counsel. Even before the jury returned Tuesday with its verdict, Joyce started picking his jury for the second WPA trial involving four workers charged with intimidation and "conspiracy" in conjunction with WPA projects in Minneapolis. Defendants are William Riley, Milton McLean, Charles Moore and Charles Connors.

Wednesday morning the second WPA "conspiracy" trial got under way before Judge Joyce. There are nine men and three women on the second jury, which it is safe to assume is about of the same caliber as the first jury. Only two jurors are from Minneapolis.

Verdict Is Stupefying

To say that the verdict of the twelve good men and true on the WPA jury is amazing is to put it mildly. Last week one of the defense witnesses had leaned back on the stand and greatly angered District Attorney Anderson by saying "This whole trial is a joke."

American workers can no longer consider the federal government's persecution of the Minneapolis unemployed as a joke. It is a harsh and villainous frame-up by the government of half-starved heads of families who are victims of an economic system that denies them the work they are eager and able to do. The "conspiracy" weapon utilized in the frame-up is one that endangers the very existence of organized labor.

We Are All 'Conspirators'

A hundred questions enter one's mind when studying the verdict. All over Minneapolis Tuesday afternoon workers were discussing the actions of the district attorney, the judge and the jury, puzzling and probing the trial's ending.

"If Marshall and Smith are not guilty (as Judge Joyce has stated) then how in heaven's name can these others be guilty?" Defense Attorney Davis had asked the stolid-faced jury in his summary. One could further ask now: "If Mullen is not guilty, then how in the world can the others be guilty? And if the others are conspirators, by your definition of conspiracy, then so is every worker with enough manhood to protest against oppression and fight for a decent deal in life. We are all, all, guilty!"

Davis Asked Same Question

"If you vote these men guilty on the conspiracy charge, it means that no laboring men or farmers can come together to protest against conditions which they consider intolerable," Tom Davis had said Monday in his closing remarks to the jury. Before a packed courtroom, Davis asked the jury how they could find the defendants guilty of conspiring together when none of them knew the others until they became acquainted at 200 Harvard street outside the campus WPA office.

He pointed out that the evidence showed that the men who rode over to the project in Leslie

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544 Wins Better Hour Guarantees In Ready-Mix Pact

Below is the working agreement recently signed between the General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Ready-Mix Concrete industry. The contract has several important features. Section 27 provides that if a man is called and/or put to work 5 days in any work week, he shall be guaranteed 30 hours pay. Section 28 provides that a man when called or put to work shall be guaranteed a minimum of 5 hours pay. Section 38 sets the starting time of the work day at 8:30 a. m.

The contract will run for two years from June 1st, 1939, except that the pact can be opened for wage negotiations prior to June 1st, 1940.

The undersigned firms, partnerships, and corporations hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 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. 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. The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his general working force or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

5. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to hours of work, overtime differentials, 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.

6. In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or deliberately violates any of the provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority rights, wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time and overtime rates; if ordered as provided under Paragraph 7.

7. Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the Union and the Employer. In the event that such controversy cannot be settled it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the Employer. In the event that these representatives fail to agree, an agreement within five (5) days a fifth neutral member shall be selected by a majority vote of the first four (4). The Majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.

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

9. 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 Employer will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.

10. The term "Individual Truck Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motor-cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four wheel trailer, taxicab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any kind of other vehicle used for transportation purposes.

11. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime conditions and general working conditions for Individual Truck Owners shall conform to the schedules which shall from time to time be agreed to by the Union and the Employer.

shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer free of charge and shall bear the union label.

14. The Employer shall not arbitrarily charge employees for any loss or damage. The Employer may prefer charges against any employee for alleged negligence resulting in excessive loss or damage. The Union will make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

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

16. The Employer agrees to cooperate for prompt payment of injury compensation claims by their compensation insurance carrier as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

18. Any controversy over the seniority standing of any employee on this list shall be referred to the Union for settlement.

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

(a) When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be bulletined by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. Employees making a change to a new classification shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list in such new classification. Any controversy over the classification of an employee to handle a job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

(b) 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. The necessary reassignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.

(c) Where there is an obvious discrimination against a senior employee under the present assignments to the various classifications of work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjustment.

20. Any employee desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall secure written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Any agreement 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.

21. Proof of drunkenness or dishonesty shall be considered grounds for discharge.

22. The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged violation of properly posted working rules which do not conflict with any of the terms and provisions of this agreement. The Union shall make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7.

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

24. The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the following procedure on seniority in the event that the Employer absorbs the business of another company: (a) In the event that a company other than a contract hauler which has previously operated its own trucks discontinues this method of operation and turns its trucks over to a contract trucking company, the employees of this company working on the trucks may transfer to the company taking the contract and be placed at the bottom of the seniority list of that company with first preference for all work done for their former employer.

(b) In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the

men employed at the company which is losing the contract may elect in accordance with their seniority rights at that company to transfer to the company receiving the contract where they shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list and shall have no preference in hauling other than that provided by their seniority standing at the company to which they transfer.

25. Forty-four (44) hours shall constitute a regular work week. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid for all time worked in excess of forty-four (44) hours. Overtime shall be paid at time and one-half on Saturdays. Double time shall be paid for all time worked on Sundays and on New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Double time shall also be paid for all time in excess of twelve hours. If it is necessary to make deliveries to a job where a continuous pour of 24 hours is in progress, straight time shall be paid.

26. The Employer shall notify the men in advance when to report to work.

27. When called and/or put to work 5 days in any work week the employees shall be guaranteed 30 hours pay as specified in contract.

28. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. When called or put to work employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of five (5) hours pay. It is agreed, however, that in the event work is suspended on account of weather conditions or breakdown beyond the control of the Employer the provisions set forth in this paragraph shall not apply.

29. The senior employees, unless it is unavoidable, shall be the first to work the full weekly regular hours. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees. The Union shall have the right to examine the payroll records.

30. 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.

31. The term "Driver" shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motor-cycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by similar methods.

32. In the event that the maximum work week is reduced by legislative act to a point below the regular work week provided herein, the rates of pay in the various classifications shall be increased according to the proportion necessary to guarantee that there will be no reduction in the total weekly pay for any employee.

33. All employees shall be paid in full each week.

34. The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work: Drivers, Helpers, Warehousemen and other labor 75c per hour.

35. No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer.

36. Six (6) minutes driving time shall be allowed from garage to plant and return.

37. The Employer shall pay the exchange rate charged for cashing out-of-town checks.

38. The regular work day shall start at 8:30 a. m. and all employees on the seniority list shall be given sufficient time to report for work provided they give Employer proper connections to be called and that no junior employee shall be given work in preference to a senior employee before 8:30 a. m.

The Employer may notify any employee to start work at any time the day before. Such employees shall be guaranteed five (5) hours that day.

39. It is understood and agreed that the employer shall grant paid vacation to all employees on seniority list coming under the Union's jurisdiction as provided in this agreement. Total number of paid vacation days granted to employees shall be computed on the following basis: any employee who has been employed more than 200 hours and less than 568 hours shall be granted two vacation days for which the Employer shall pay \$13.20. Any employee who has been employed more than 569 hours and less than 1,129 hours shall be granted three vacation days for which the Employer shall pay \$17.80. Any employee who has been employed more than 1,130 hours and less than 1,689

Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



I'm for the sales tax because it does not stifle business enterprise like a tax of profits would. My employer told me so.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

We take this opportunity to urge all dairy salesmen to get the correct price at all times. Things have drifted so loosely that when you serve a crew or an occasional workman, they hand you nine, ten or eleven cents for a quart of milk and five cents for buttermilk. Such a state of affairs is entirely unacceptable; some few drivers are making it very hard for the rest of us. One individual sale calls for the full price and we should get it at all times. Possibly your employer does not expect you to turn in the extra sale as a "customer served" but most companies do. Co-operate with your brother salesmen, get the full price for your product at all times and it will be a pleasure to serve painters, carpenters, cement finishers and crews of different kinds.

We have heard many fine remarks about the membership meeting October 3rd. The crowd was large, affairs were orderly at all times and the session was not too long. We do feel, however, President Ordeman should have exacted a speech from Solvey Larson and Eileen Fust (471 girls) when they appeared with the Tag Day Committee.

Reports on duck hunting are arriving at last. One letter we received says H. Russell and F. Wick (Superior) used the new over and under ten gauge Pomeroy (1940 model) and bagged their limit in a rather short time.

Brother Oscar Olson of Oh-leen's won the drawing last Tuesday; he gets free dues and free assessments for next month. Some other brothers are lucky as well but they were home in bed; their numbers are: 1116, 738, 642, 1178, 926, 890, 1517, 1592, 996 and 919.

We have at last discovered the reason so many of us forget our password; we fail to think about and analyze the significance of the word itself. Without doubt when the International selects these words they are chosen for what they mean and symbolize. Our short word for this quarter is un-

usual and comes close to the heart of everyone. Weigh the word in your mind the next time you think of it or hear it spoken.

Local 471 girls are putting on a Hard Time party, Wednesday, October 25th. There is no admission charge but every girl will be required to wear "hard time" clothes. The toughest looking number will win the grand prize. There will be plenty of beer on hand but no men will be tolerated at this party (not even steady boy friends). The program begins promptly at 9 p. m. and we expect to see all the girls present. We have the Nankin Cafe, 7th Street and Hennepin Ave. Make plans now to attend and we will assure you a delightful evening.

Watt Notes

Everyone who attended the diamondball party reported having a very good time. There was plenty to eat, and the party was real lively.

The pheasants got a break the following morning, however, as there were a few real tired hunters, we understand.

Don't forget the big Boo-ya out at Costello's park this Sunday, October 22nd (Cedar Avenue and the River Bottoms.)

There will be plenty to eat, and everyone is guaranteed his money's worth.

Did you notice the high compliment Local 160 Ladies Auxiliary received in last week's Organizer?

Looks like the "Nasties" and the "Frogs" are really going to start killing each other off now. To help keep yourself out of it, get your friends to sign the war referendum petition in this edition and send it to the Northwest Organizer office.

After last week's publicity, Fenton Bruce removed that thing from the upper lip.

Healthy sign: Different departmental meetings.

By all reports, the meetings from now on should be pretty well attended. The boys seem to be really interested and are starting to ask questions—another healthy sign.

After a steak sandwich for dessert, Teasdale says he's still hungry.

George Phillips says he'll be darned if he'll go after the birds next year unless he has a dog, and the dog won't live long, George, unless he is fed.

We'll bet the new classified section of the Organizer will be one of the most popular sections of the paper.

One of the members says that after he has invested \$65 in a gun, \$25 in a dog, \$4 in shells and \$1 in a license (not to mention gas and refreshments) it makes him darn mad when a two-bit chiseler who never handled anything but an air rifle insists that the hunter owes him a couple of birds.

With the Limousines

By Home James

So the old Pres. himself had his name at the head of this column last week. Well, now, wasn't that nice (for us). Anyhow that will be his reward for taking our copy along to the office for us. Anyway, dear editor, thanks for the added prestige.

Galloping Poll

Chauffeurs Institute of Public Opinion, Galloping Gallop (ND) director. Another week, another question peddled by the old man of the statistics, and let us say here, that it's remarkable how he gets around (without a horse).

And so here is the burning question of the day and hour: "WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PROPOSED M-DAY?"

Answer: 2% don't want any more holidays changed around.

2%—It would be all right to have another day off in May.

96% think it's outright planned fascism.

So you see for yourself, what you see, and again, let us remind you never to believe in any other trash, but depend on old ever-present Gallop to bring you the right result.

Looking over stuff and things in our old dusty file we ran across the prediction that was made a year ago, and it was: That Local 912 would fold up, as soon as the Stassen administration got into office (we still don't know why).

Now of course we hate to disappoint even those who wish us bad luck, but just the same we must report to the rest of the working world that we're growing by leaps and bounds, and with the help of our "Educators" we mean to make Minneapolis a 100% union town. Private chauffeurs included.

Picture of something or other: Ray Rainbolt going home with "Grapes of Wrath" tucked under his arm. Well, don't let it get you down, Ray. And speaking of reading matter, for once there was something worthwhile in the Saturday Evening Post, Oct. 7 issue, an article by one Milton S. Mayer, better give it a look.

Bill Hines says that when a gun is pointed at you, it's not defensive and that reminds us that, with that small horse in the back of the

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To All Friends of Organized Labor—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.

Fine Union Man, Dies

Organized labor in Minneapolis lost one of its staunchest members Sunday when Dave Hagy, 48, member of Local 544's Federal Workers Section, passed away at General Hospital after a short illness. Little Dave was active in the 1934 drivers' strike and was always available for picket duty to help any struggling group of workers. Last year in the Direct Service strike a group of CIO strike-breakers attacked him and broke his jaw.

He was a firm believer in the idea that working class emancipation must be the job of the workers themselves. He was a member of Local 544's union defense guard. He will be deeply missed around the Drivers Hall.

A brother from Illinois drove to Minneapolis Monday to take the body back to Adington, Illinois, for burial. Local 544 has sent flowers to the funeral.

Looks like a storm ahead for a large fruit concern; yeah, man, we say with Father Divine, "Peace—it's wonderful," and in closing that brings us around to the embargo fight, down yonder, and in union we say:

Embargo or no embargo, we still want a popular referendum on war.

Fidelity State Bank

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An average wage boost immediately of about 15 percent, with another 10 per cent wage boost to go into effect November 1st, 1940, for drivers covered by the new two-year area over-road pact—this summarizes the wage gains of the new agreement signed October 6th between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters negotiating committee and the Operators committee.

in the opinion of the negotiators. Copies Available

The new area pact, covering approximately 350,000 drivers and 2,500 companies and 350 local unions in twelve states, has been approved by President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Copies of the contract will be available to all union locals and will be distributed by the locals to the men involved.

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A dock-to-dock operation clause will permit pickup and delivery of solid loads away from company terminal only, and then only under special conditions.

Disputes under the new agreement will be referred to joint area committees before any strike action is taken, and this will result in a more thorough enforcement of contracts and a higher degree of stability in the industry.

289 Still Tops In Union Bowling

The Bakery Drivers Union kept their winning streak intact by taking three games from the Warehouse Union. M. Mickelson had 575, W. Barseth 552, and Turner, 521. The Soft Drinks took a series from Local 544. W. Sinnott and Ambrose were missing on account of sickness. Oasis Bar took the odd game from the Meat Drivers. Melek had 566, E. Klein 503. The Kennies took a pair from Local 221. D. Curran had 537, J. Haugh, 533.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 289	14	1
Oasis Bar	8	7
Kennies	8	7
Meat Drivers	7	8
Local 359	7	8
Local 221	6	9
Soft Drinks	6	9
Local 544	4	11

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Bill Schoerner Gets a Bike



Three weeks ago Bill Schoerner, veteran 544 member and staunch unionist, had his bike stolen when he left it outside a cafe. Bill lives a long way from the union hall and used to ride his bike to and from work daily.

The 289 Blab

Boo-ya, that's it, that's the next thing on the calendar. Next Sunday, October 22nd, is the day at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar. Boo-ya, delicious, tantalizing, tempting Boo-ya is the main course, followed by dancing, entertainment, refreshments and sandwiches if you wish. So don't plan on staying home getting a backache over the kitchen stove. Sunday pack everybody in the car and come out. From noon until as late as you want to stay. Everybody welcome.

Next meeting will be General Membership, Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30 sharp. After the meeting sandwiches and refreshments will be served in the clubrooms. I don't suppose I'll have to urge you to come to this meeting. We want a full house, the more the merrier.

If you want to see something hot in a new truck, for gossakes see the new Gedy truck. Woo! Woo! what colors. They ought to be able to selling dressing and mayonnaise now.

The Ansel Rockstads, Egekvis, announce the birth of a beautiful baby girl.

Also the Russell Fahrendorfs, Raferts, not to be outdone, report the birth of a seven pound baby girl, and just as beautiful.

Ronald Dibbs, formerly with Continental, left yesterday to take

up permanent residence in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mollen and family

Card of Thanks
Your kind expression of sympathy at the death of our son, Walter Mollen, is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. B. Gilmore
Here's the lineup on the Minnesota Casket company bowling team: Nels Miothun, Joe Maslow, Emil Helm, Gene Jendro and Rolf Koll. Meet the mighty Casketeers.

Puffer-Hubbard is still willing to trade the boys a rowboat for a battleship.

Herb Stoltz and family wish to thank their friends for their thoughtfulness. Brother Stoltz lost his mother recently.

Local 1895 extends its sympathy to Brother George Kmetz and wife of the Flour City Box section. Brother Kmetz' son, Duane, age 12, put out his eye while stripping bark from a tree. His knife slipped and pierced his right eye.

John Erickson of the machine shop was home sick all last week.

Having read 52 Success Talks on the Logic of Business and Philosophy of Life by Roderick G. Stevens and having noted in particular talk No. 4, the last paragraph: "The world is a great storehouse from which we can take out no more than we put in. We get in return in proportion to what we give in service. It is the universal law of life."

As we were saying, Vern Veit, having read these learned lines, fared forth and got a job at the Truel Foundry company, 682 Raymond avenue, St. Paul. The company was started according to the president for the purpose of providing work for unemployed foundry workers. Vern gave of his best, he not only worked, he did more than that, he tolled. He was on the night shift. When payday came Vern got his check and the check bounced. Not wishing to make any trouble, Vern kept right on working until the company owed him over a hundred dollars in back pay besides the rubber checks he held. Now the company is in receivership and there ain't no dough. So what Vern wants to know is why don't it work out like it said in them 52 Success Talks on the Logic of Business and Philosophy of Life by R. G. Stevens.

While we were sitting in our favorite beer joint the other evening, we overheard a couple of guys talking in the next booth. One fellow was giving the other one the lowdown. Says he: "I don't smoke, drink or chew. When I first got my job with the street car company they put me on greasing the curve on a single track. I done my work well, I got promoted. Now I am greasing the curves on a double track. I hope in a few years to work my way up to Seven Corners."

Last Tuesday the Box Section started to work on their new contract for the coming year.

The section meetings of the J. R. Clark plant started again Wednesday for the purpose of drawing up the contract for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Rhody observed their 15th wedding anniversary Tuesday, October 10th. Cake and coffee was served and brother Rhody played "Silver Threads Among the Gold" on his Jewsharp.

It has been narrated around that the press was out until 3 a. m. last Friday. That ain't right. He was out until 3:30.

Read the story "Patriotism" Chapter I in this issue (we hope).

359 Member Loses 12-Year-Old Son

Members of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 expressed their sympathy this week to Fred Morse, fellow unionist at the B. G. Nelson company, whose 12-year-old son, Arnold, died a few days ago from infantile paralysis. Brother Morse lives at 2424 Oakland.

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Patriotism

By the Sage of the Mack Truck

CHAPTER I

Definition: Patriotism—love of one's country. Also making poor devils fight for something they haven't got.

To start with, let me ask you, Brother Sapilovitch. Have YOU any interest in the Republic of Ruskipolski? You have not! You never heard of Ruskipolski? Too bad. Such ignorance is appalling. But let it pass. What I am about to impress upon your mind is that we have vital interests in Ruskipolski, and that while we are gabbing here, these interests are menaced by the Ruskipolskians.

"But I just told you I don't even know where this Ruskipolski country is located. Besides, I got trouble enough at home. I was laid off at the factory. I haven't caught up yet with the bills made during the last strike. The old lady is going to have another baby. The cow died. Our chickens are full of mites. The dog snatched the soup bone I fetched home for supper and I'm just on my way to brace the butcher for another one."

Ah, my friend, these are but purely domestic problems. They have nothing to do with our interests in Ruskipolski. Read Chapter Two next week

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

The Irish half of this column did his bit during fire-prevention week by spotting a fire in a garage at Thirty-second and Garfield South. He evidently never had a desire to use one of the pretty red telephones, as he called the fire-laddies through our cab-phone.

The depression is definitely over: Frank Mitchell paid spot cash for a new driving cap. His old cap, however, will go down in tradition as the only head-gear that was worn while the driver wore out three new taxi-cabs.

If you know of a booking agency that is short of vanishing magicians have them contact "Crying Willie" as he sure can do a split-second fade-out.

Al Jorgenson who drives No. 254 Liberty is gonna ask for blueprints on location and use of gadgets if "Cannon Ball" Smith installs any more of them in said hack. There's one "honey" that deserves mention though, a tiny little contrivance that makes it impossible for a "souse" to fall out of the cab unless the front door is opened first.

The Minnesota Cab Company is way out ahead at present with a flock of brand new taxi-cabs. The outside decorations and insignia puts them in a class of their own.

The City Fathers amended the existing taxi-cab ordinance by reducing the number of licenses from two hundred and ten to one hundred and seventy-five, this number to be arrived at gradually as licensees drop out. This will have a stabilizing effect on the industry, and insuring the drivers a better living. The day of the "boomer" hack-driver is gone just like the old "boomer" of the railroads.

The practice of taxi-men off duty parking cars on cab-stands must be stopped. It's just cheating the working driver out of another chance to earn a living.

A few of the boys came to work with frozen radiators but a little alcohol diverted to the proper place will remedy this.

This is the time of year when the timid, sniffy passengers feel the odor from the cooling system and think the driver has been drinking.

Lecturer . . . He drove straight to his goal, he looked neither to the right or left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him nor turn him from his chosen course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril. What would you call such a man? Audience, (in unison): A taxi-driver.

Watch out for the wet leaves.

Ed Harlan is committee man for the Local 958 unit of the kids' Xmas party. We printed last week's item as we got it. Sorry.

Will see you all at the Boo-ya at Costello's Grove Sunday.

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Two More Pacts Signed By Local 544

Local 544 continued to add to its string of new agreements last week by signing contracts with the furniture firms and the department stores. Over 500 drivers, helpers and isidemen are covered by the new pacts, signed last Thursday.

The furniture contract provides for paid holidays and contains the over-road clause calling for a 5c hourly raise for furniture deliveries outside the stipulated area. In case hours of work are cut by legislative action, the wage clause will be reopened. As in last year's pact, paid vacations are stipulated.

The department store pact, covering about 300 men, calls for paid holidays and vacations and a 5c hourly wage increase for a few classifications.

With these contracts, Local 544 practically completes its negotiations for the coming year. Only the oil and package delivery pacts remain to be signed. The oil contract is ready for signature, President Carl Skoglund reported Tuesday, and negotiations are proceeding favorably with the package delivery industry.

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

Labor Must Defeat 'Conspiracy' Verdict

A sober analysis of the "conspiracy" charge upon which the federal government is basing its case against the WPA strikers has convinced the leadership of the Minneapolis union movement that the concept of "conspiracy" as used by the court constitutes the gravest danger to the very existence of organized labor. If the government continues unchallenged in this use of the "conspiracy" weapon against union men and women, no trade union and no trade unionist in the country would be safe. In a situation such as a war crisis, this charge of "conspiracy" would be used as a club to smash every workers' organization and imprison huge numbers of workers.

As defined by Federal Judge Joyce and Attorney General Anderson, hardly a worker alive is innocent of conspiratorial behavior. You don't have to conspire to be a conspirator, say these federal officials. You don't have to know of the existence of the other conspirators. You don't have to achieve any result to be a conspirator. You don't have to act with anyone else to be a conspirator. You don't have to help conceive the conspiracy. Yet even circumstantial evidence will be accepted to prove you a conspirator.

The intelligent worker can see what a dangerous weapon this "conspiracy" charge can be against the union movement. Today it is being used to convict unemployed workers in Minneapolis. Tomorrow it could be used to convict persons on direct relief, old age pensioners, jobless youth, persons opposed to imperialist war.

NO MATTER WHAT THE COST, ORGANIZED LABOR MUST PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT WITH ITS "CONSPIRACY" CHARGE.

On top of the tremendous financial burden already carried by the American Federation of Labor's WPA Defense Committee, the responsibility to appeal the verdict in the first WPA trial means heavy additional expenses to the Defense Committee. Yet the appeal MUST be made, and the verdict reversed.

We add our voice to that of the AFL-WPA Defense Committee in urging trade unions throughout the country to get behind the Minneapolis WPA defendants, financially and morally. Every union in America owes it to its membership and the future of organized labor to contribute generously to the Minneapolis defense in this crucial case.

Take this matter up before your union. Make your contributions as generous as circumstances permit. Present resolutions of solidarity with the WPA defendants and condemn the use of the "conspiracy" charge by the government. Mail all checks and resolutions to Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer, Minneapolis AFL-WPA Defense Committee, 18 North 8th Street, Minneapolis.

The expenses of the Defense Committee are heavy. The danger to organized labor is great. Act now.

WPA Defense Will Appeal Verdict in First Strike Trial

Wachter's car had never been together before July 12th. Davis challenged the twelve men in the jury box to put their finger on the spot when and where the alleged conspiracy took place.

Condemns Prosecution Tactics
Davis condemned the tactics of the government, led by Victor Anderson, district attorney, for his insinuations as to the integrity and character of some of the defense witnesses by asking questions which were not founded on any proof.

Davis charged that Anderson's question to a lady defense witness: "Aren't you a professional witness?" was an attempt to bias the mind of the jury so they would disregard her testimony. "Yet," he pointed out, "the prosecution didn't enter any evidence to sustain the question or discredit the witness."

Davis likened the protest of the WPA workers to that of the early American colonists in their fight against the injustices of George III. He explained that the new relief law was not producing the welfare of the people.

In putting the federal government's case to the jurors, Anderson said: "The eyes of the nation are on you. The challenge has gone out asking if this is a country of law or a country of violence. We haven't got all the conspirators here but we've got the major ones. Their plan was to close the WPA project at the University of Minnesota. Wachter testified he did not talk to anyone at

that project. He didn't come to talk. He and several others came to do the strongarm stuff," etc., etc. It was a vicious appeal to the most backward prejudices and superstitions of the jury.

What is a "Conspiracy"?
Judge Joyce, in his charge to the jury, defined a "conspiracy" in such an utterly broad way as to cover practically every unemployed person in Minneapolis. He told the jury a conspiracy indictment does not mean conspirators must be acquainted or take part in conception of the conspiracy. (That is like saying a man does not have to conspire to be a conspirator.)

"Those who come in later and cooperate to obtain unlawful results of a conspiracy become partners and assume responsibility for that which went before," he said. The judge urged jurors to reach their decision "without sympathy and without prejudice."

"Proof of a conspiracy," he further explained, "may be by circumstantial evidence. . . . The object of a conspiracy need not be accomplished to make it a conspiracy. It is sufficient to show that a group came to a mutual understanding or agreement to perform an unlawful act against the government, whether they acted separately or together."

It is doubtful if there ever lived a working man or woman who is not guilty of "conspiracy" when defined in this way by the judge and the federal attorney. Indications were that the second

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OUR INTERESTS



J. P. MORGANS' INTERESTS

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Do you know that we have a member who doubles as a flying instructor? He is Zanker of the Consolidated Package Delivery. He will teach you to go up and (what is more important) to come down. See him at the Cedar Flight Service at 88th and Cedar.

Tommy Williams has joined the ducks on their southward flight. It's a two-weeks vacation.

Local 912 has a real live dead issue. It's the question of a union agreement with the local undertakers.

AND BY THE WAY
Do you know that there are all-union undertakers in Minneapolis? Call this office for information when a death occurs.

544 and 664 are warring over a city truck purchase.

Here is the last chance to make up your mind not to take that big Boo-ya at Costello's Grove next Sunday. Just go out Cedar avenue to the Black Cat Cafe at 92nd street. It's from noon Sunday on.

Regular meetings are going to take place between committees from 544 and 120 executive boards.

WPA trial would be over this week, with the third of the ten trials scheduled to start October 30th.

Next Monday the federal grand jury will convene in St. Paul to investigate the St. Paul aspect of the nationwide WPA strike, and no doubt the government will get further indictments against workers in that city.

Defense Committee Rallies Unions
Confronted with the ever-growing burden of defense, the Minneapolis AFL WPA Defense Committee grieved its teeth Tuesday and set as its goal the reversal of the "conspiracy" charge and the freedom of all WPA defendants, even if the case has to be appealed to the highest court in the land.

The Defense Committee is planning to rally all sections of organized labor throughout the United States to support, financially and morally, the local defendants. The committee was heartened by news of the resolution just passed by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor protesting the Minneapolis situation. George Murk, defense committee chairman, has wired Joseph Padway, AFL counsel, informing him of the crucial issues at stake in the Minneapolis case. William Green, AFL president, has also been apprised of recent developments in the WPA persecution.

Contribute to Defense
The Northwest Organizer urges all readers everywhere to press within their unions for generous financial contributions and resolu-

Gamble-Rob will probably soon be involved in a strike which will, for the first time, tie up their entire Northwest operations.

Printed copies of the new over-the-road agreement have arrived.

The writer attended a union meeting in Bemidji Sunday.

Many calls for the printed statement which was issued by the Joint Council at the Centennial Celebration. Copies can be secured at the Northwest Organizer office.

The Christmas Party, sponsored by the Teamsters Council, is getting under way with Ray Rainbolt at the helm.

Newspaper agreement is being straightened out in various towns in the state.

Laundry drivers have met with no luck in seeking their new agreement.

Hodson points out that several ads in the November Sports Afield magazine show hunters wearing their union buttons.

IT'S THE WAR OR SOMETHING
Employment is on the upgrade. More calls for men than any time in the past two years.

of support to the AFL WPA Defense Committee in its important work. Intelligent self-interest dictates that workers throughout the country rally to smash the Minneapolis frame-up. Mail all checks to Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer, WPA Defense Committee, 18 North 8th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

FWS Stewards Change Meetings To Monday

The regular stewards' meetings of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 have been changed from every Wednesday night to the first and third Monday nights of each month, 8 p. m.

The change has been decided upon because of the WPA trials. First meeting under the new schedule will be Monday, November 6th.

'Trade Unions and War' to Be Forum Subject

V. R. Dunne will speak on "War and the Trade Unions" at the Sunday forum on Sunday, October 22nd, at 3 p. m., 919 Marquette avenue.

What will be the role of the trade unions in the coming war? How will regimentation of industry affect the unions? What do the M-Day plans mean for labor? These and other questions will be discussed. Admission is 10c.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

The last regular meeting found most of the faithful present and believe it or not, I saw several strange faces in the hall which belonged to older members than yours truly who has missed but two meetings in three years. Something wrong somewhere.

I see by the papers that the State Old Age pension payments have been clipped another \$1.50 per month. Aren't those old folks dying off fast enough to suit the powers that be? If their demise must be hastened, let's kill them with kindness—for example, give 'em \$1 for one month. The pensioners would eat so much their digestions would fold up under the shock of a full stomach, and we could quickly call in the undertaker for 90 per cent of them. Attention! Heffelfinger.

Ho! Hum! The school board is figuring on another pay cut for their employees and teachers to offset another "shortage" in the 1940 budget. I rise here and now to remark that the school board racket in this state is a stench in the nostrils of those who have given the matter any thought. Speaking from my own experience, I know of no other public school system which resorts to such small, petty conniving in order to add to the financial difficulties of parents who strive to give their kids an education. When the sprouts get into "high" school the heat gets turned on plenty. Many of the books sell for upwards of \$3 and the next kid can't use it when he reaches that class. Consequently, he must buy the same books, same authors and publishers, the following year. Resale value of the books average about four bits. Each pupil must have a padlock for his locker, which is fine and dandy. While he is in class rooms, diligently applying himself to learning, a wrecking squad moves up and down the halls, armed with hammers and pry-bars, busting up the locks. I am about convinced that the schools are giving a course in plain and fancy safe-cracking, or that the parties who issue these orders are partners in a hardware store.

They charge an extra fee for use of lavatories and showers, etc. A few less bonfires of \$200 class benches and a few less sales of office furniture to a certain gent for next to nothing, might alleviate these "shortages" quite somewhat.

Incidentally, not one of our text books is published in the State of Minnesota and, as Gov. Floyd Olson once said, a clear profit of over two million dollars is made annually off the schools of Minnesota by these outside publishers and printers. We have plenty of iron to make presses and plenty of pine wood to make paper, yet outsiders clear millions annually in the school book racket here in our state. Think it over, School Board.

Governor Benson had a plan underway by which he hoped to raise additional revenue for the schools of Minnesota—namely, an increase in the state tax on iron ore, from about 12 cents to 50 cents per ton. Last spring our "progressive" governor Stassen renewed the ore leases for another 20 years at a one per cent increase in the state tax, thereby gyping the State Board of Education out of many millions of dollars. I, so far, have heard no mention of this matter by any of our local school board members. Their invariable "out" in any crisis, is another pay cut.

Brother Charlie Klym has been ill for some time. We hope to see him back soon. Brother Carl Anderson also got dunked on his duck hunting trip. Brothers Al Nlynek and Parnell Larson are on a vacation at present. Brother Kitchen got a bum steer the other day and sure did beef about it, too. Brother Al Anderson has a 1940 Pontiac and she's a knockout.

Believe it or not, I drove a truck within six feet of three Chukar partridges over in Glenwood park last Saturday. They are tame as chickens.

Don't forget, my lads, about the big "Boo-ya" at Costello's Grove at 92nd and Cedar next Sunday, beginning at noon. A swell time guaranteed. Admission 25c and ticket good for 25c in trade.

And kindly remember, your dues are \$2 per month and every month.

See you at Costello's.

Gassing With 977

Help save the life of a good union member's father. Blood donors are wanted. The father of our steward at Northern Tire is critically ill at University Hospital; he has been fighting for his life for the past 13 months, and blood transfusions are now necessary. Those who are willing to donate should call the office immediately. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Local 977 now has the reins in their hands as far as the Erickson situation is concerned. Read the story in another column of this issue.

Plan to spend next Sunday afternoon and evening with your fellow union members at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar Ave. All unions affiliated with the Teamsters Joint Council No. 32 are participating in a Boo-ya, a novel, appetizing meal, to be followed by entertainment, dancing to Bobby Phillips orchestra, and many interesting sports and games.

Fred Muelling, who has been on the unemployed list for some months past, was placed with Goodrich Tire this week, through the efforts of Secretary Davidson.

Oscar Hansen, Kunz Oil lessee, who was formerly with the Cleveland Flyers hockey team, has started practice with the Minneapolis team.

C. Helgeson, formerly employed by the L. G. Favre Co. at starvation wages, is now employed in the Petroleum Service plant. The position was secured for Helgeson by Secretary Davidson, after Favre stated that the local could do nothing for the men.

Wait a minute—a note just came to the office that Louis Babineau at Kunz Oil is a grandfather. That must be some sort of a record.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471
General Membership—First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m.
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)

LOCAL 131
Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.

LOCAL 259
Second Monday of each month.

LOCAL 664
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.

LOCAL 1086
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

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.

FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month.
Stewards Meeting—First and third Mondays, 8 p. m.
Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.

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.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

LOCAL 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.

LOCAL 359
Stewards—First and Third Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.

To All Trade Union Members

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

All workers seeking unemployment insurance are asked to get in touch immediately with Ed Palmquist before applying for such insurance. Palmquist will be in the office of the Federal Workers Section from 8:30-10:30 daily except Saturday and Sunday.

Dragline Drivers Lead ITO Bowlers

	Won	Lost
Dragline	8	4
Minnesota	7	5
Committee	7	5
City	7	5
Muckers	6	6
Diesel	6	6
Gravelers	5	7
Swanson's Exc.	2	10

The cannon's prey has begun to think, and thinking twice, loses its admiration for being made a target.—VICTOR HUGO.

The Lessee section of the local held a spirited meeting last evening. The fellows are formulating plans, which if successfully carried out, will provide this column with plenty of news for the future.

... One Woman To Another ...

By Marvel Scholl
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tice Day, 1938 . . . Another 33-000 will have died by Armistice Day, 1939 . . . By the way, President Roosevelt has proclaimed November 11, 1939, as Armistice Day . . . while Rome burns.

LOCAL 160
General Membership—First and third Thursdays
Seniority Board—Every Monday
Executive Board—Every Tuesday
Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays

LOCAL 221
Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month.
Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.

LOCAL 1859
October 10—Casket Industry
October 17—Box Industry
October 18—J. R. Clark
October 19—Puffer-Hubbard
October 9, 23—Twin City Stewards

October 5, 19—Grievance Board
Every Friday, 8 p. m.—Executive Board
November 1—General Membership

LOCAL 20481
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LOCAL 958
Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month.
Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.

LOCAL 544—OCTOBER, 1939
Monday, Oct. 2—Package Delivery, Department Store
Wednesday, Oct. 4—Sausage, Petroleum
Thursday, Oct. 5—Greenhouse, ITO
Friday, October 6—Job Stewards

Monday, Oct. 9—General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 10—Lumber
Wednesday, Oct. 11—Market, Wholesale Liquor, Wholesale Paper
Friday, Oct. 13—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers
Sunday, Oct. 15—Over-the-Road Drivers, 10 a. m.
Monday, Oct. 16—Furniture Stores, Coal and Printing
Tuesday, Oct. 17—Building Material
Thursday, Oct. 19—Excavating Drivers, Tent and Awning, Newspaper, 10 a. m.
Friday, Oct. 20—Job Stewards
Monday, Oct. 23—Spring Water

Tuesday, Oct. 24—Sand and Gravel
Thursday, Oct. 26—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug
Friday, Oct. 27—Cold Storage Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office. 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.