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Unions Spur Drive for WPA Defense Fund

On the National Picket Line

(In answer to a flood of requests, the Organizer with this issue resumes its popular column, The National Picket Line.)

Marvel Scholl

For more than eight weeks the controversy between the United Auto Workers Union and the Chrysler Corporation has been raging...

Answering the union's action, Chrysler announced that its main Dodge plant, where the trouble has been centered is "open and all who wish to come to work will be given something to do."

Using one race against another is the oldest employer trick known. If the reported movement of colored workers materializes, only the company can gain.

The controversy—deemed a strike by the company, and a lock-out by the union—began almost two months ago when Chrysler Corporation closed the doors of its main Dodge plant on 55 thousand workers...

Ever since the closing of the Dodge plant union officials and corporation officers have been in almost constant negotiations. The union brought to the conferences these major demands—A new contract to replace the one expiring, recognition, seniority, wage increases of 10c per hour in all classifications...

Defendants Bare Police Brutality

G-Men Charged with Intimidation at Strike Scene—Defendants Relate How Cops Opened Fire on Peaceful Pickets, Shot Indiscriminately into Crowd—Main Crime of Defendants Seems to Be That They Dodged Bullets—14-Year-Old Boy Testifies He Was Shot by Cops—Deputy Coroner Testifies Patrolman Gearty Died of Heart Failure, Not Pummeling—Anderson Reproved for Dawdling—Defendants Must Appear in Court Half of Thanksgiving Day

A true picture of the strike at the WPA sewing project was presented the jury in Judge Joyce's courtroom as the third WPA trial entered its fifth week.

Among defense witnesses heard during the week were James Flowers, Oscar Schoenfeld, his wife Margaret, Ralph Core, Victor Nicholas, William Rieck, Dr. G. W. Callstrom, Frank Stevens, Floyd Hurley, Stella Ross, young Lynn Thompson, Bartha Gates, Sigma Asunma and Mrs. Hazel Berry.

Flowers, secretary of the Twin Cities Building Trades Council, charged the G-men were called in by the federal government to intimidate strikers.

Cops Shot Wildly

Describing the police attack on peaceful pickets the night of July 14th, Oscar Schoenfeld testified as the witness stand: "Policemen were shoving everybody back and calling us names. An armored car drew up right in front of the project door. The minute a group of women workers emerged the police began to fire tear gas. No stones had been thrown up to this time by the crowd. Another armored car fired tear gas. I saw policemen with pistols in their hands, shooting indiscriminately."

Melvin Stock, photographer, preceded Schoenfeld on the stand and testified that he saw the cops fire bullets and tear gas into the crowd before any stones were thrown from the crowd.

Vic Nicholas of the Federal Workers Section, another defendant, told of being blackjacked by a cop. William Rieck, a truckdriver who happened to drive by the WPA sewing project at the time of the fight, testified he saw police shoot directly into the crowd and continue shooting even after the crowd broke and ran.

Defendant Slashed by Fink Margaret Schoenfeld, defendant, testified that she was the victim, not the instigator of an attack at the sewing project. She described how, choking with ear gas, she was leaving the scene when a woman fink attacked her, slashing her arm.

The Answer is "YES" She readily admitted she had called non-striker names. "Any-one that crosses union picket lines is a fink, scab or rat," she testified. When the District Attorney asked her if she would call him the same thing under the same circumstances, she promptly answered, "yes!"

The main crime of the defendants, apparently, is that they dodged the bullets and tear gas directed at them in the murderous police attack.

Lynn Thompson Testifies First witness Monday morning was the likable young Lynn Thompson, 14-year-old Marshall high school student who was shot in the hand by cops.

All defense witnesses testified that the police had been ag-

Local 359 Workers Return Leaders to Office for 1940

Late Saturday night the three election judges chosen by the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 tallied the votes cast in the two-day annual election and certified that the following men were elected to hold office for the coming year:

For President—James Bartlett, re-elected, who received 315 votes to 35 for his opponent, Joseph Howard;

For Vice-President—Don Penwell, unopposed for re-election, received 344 votes;

For Recording Secretary—Fred Tepilo, unopposed, received 332 votes;

For Secretary-treasurer—Robert Tibbette, unopposed for re-election, received 332 votes;

For Trustees (Three)—Three years, Axel Jensen, 286 votes; two years, Erling Nelson, 282 votes; one year, Phil Snyder, 259 votes. George Cooper, fourth contestant, got 160 votes.

For Sergeant-at-arms (Two)—Donald Rock, 321, and Raymond Lind, 293.

The Warehouse Workers Union was the first affiliate of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council to ballot on officers for the coming year. Voting, by the Australian ballot, took place last Friday and Saturday. Election judges were George Jensen, Jerry Richter and Jack Gridley.

During the next few weeks the other unions affiliated with the Teamsters Council will nominate, with elections extending into the early part of January.

977 Strikes Two Erickson Oil Stations

The strike of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 against the Erickson oil stations at East Hennepin & Central and at Emerson & Plymouth continued this week. Negotiations between the company and Local 977 for a working agreement covering all other Erickson stations are now under way.

Erickson attendants and lessees have already voted to strike, the labor board has been notified, and the 10-day waiting period expired Monday morning, November 27th.

The Filling Station Attendants Union has received strike sanction from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Erickson company has utilized numerous anti-labor devices to avoid entering into a contract with Local 977, including an appeal to the courts for an injunction, the importation of strike-breakers from Wisconsin, and a deal with the CIO's phony "Oil Workers Union."

Labor Lyceum College Is Dedicated

Sunday night the new home of the Labor Lyceum college, at 1800 Floyd Olson Memorial highway (formerly 6th avenue north), was dedicated at a banquet attended by several hundred friends. The Labor Lyceum, founded and run by various Jewish labor and liberal groups, principally the Workers' Circle, has found a warm spot in the hearts of union men and women throughout Minneapolis, because of the splendid solidarity and support shown by the Labor Lyceum group in every labor struggle.

Guest speaker was Dave Shier of Chicago, formerly of this city and first president of the college. Other speakers included S. A. Stockwell, George B. Leonard, Judge Vince Day, Associate Justice Harry Peterson, Alderman W. J. Meagher, John Sola, Dr. S. Z. Lorber, Alderman Henry Bank.

State Drivers Back Fight On Erickson

The Minnesota State Drivers Council met last Sunday in Austin, with representatives from many unions in attendance. Among the subjects discussed was the method to be used in handling grievances with the Gamble-Robinson Fruit company.

After a report on the strike of the Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants Union against the Erickson Oil company, it was voted to back Local 977 in every possible way.

Monday Meeting Votes to Recommend \$1 Assessment On All Local Union Members

Representatives of One Hundred Local AFL Unions Pledge Unanimous Support to WPA Defense Committee—Future of Unionism at Stake in Defense of WPA Strikers—AFL Executive Council to Meet on Minneapolis Defense Case Next Week—Many Pledges for Contributions Made Monday Night

Leaders of about one hundred American Federation of Labor locals met Monday night at the Central Labor Union and, after hearing a report from the AFL-WPA Defense Committee, voted without a single dissenting voice to go before their memberships and recommend a per capita assessment of 25c for four successive months, or its equivalent, to the Defense Fund.

That such a motion could carry unanimously testifies to the widespread understanding in organized labor circles that the fight of the defendants in the present series of WPA strike trials is the fight of every worker, is the fight for unionism itself.

The special meeting Monday night was called jointly by the WPA Defense Committee and the executive committee of the Central Labor Union. The meeting opened with William Sinnott in the chair, and the first speaker was George Murk of the Musicians Union, chairman of the WPA Defense Committee.

It's Your Baby, Says Murk Brother Murk minced no words in driving home the truth that responsibility for the present trials and for the labor defense work rests upon each local union. "This defense work is YOUR baby," he stressed.

The committee has had this baby in its arms ever since the WPA strike ended. I am going to give the baby back to you tonight. The business of defending the government victims is YOUR responsibility as well as that of the WPA Defense Committee. Just as a bricklayer can't build a house without bricks, so your Defense Committee cannot carry on without funds."

Murk reported on the expenses of the defense to date, and the generous response which some labor organizations have made.

Members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 mourned at the death of Carl A. Anderson, 2822 W. 43rd street, who passed away November 18th. Brother Anderson was initiated into Local 471 on August 12, 1919, being one of the first inside workers in a Minneapolis dairy to join the union. Another union veteran has passed away with the satisfaction that he left his fellow workers better organized and stronger than he was the older generation of dairy workers in this city.

Max Kates, Sam Dobrin and Sam Medoff. Organized labor hails the new Labor Lyceum college.

Latest Boss Counter-Offer Unsatisfactory to Puffer-Hubbard Strikers; Reject It

Another in the string of counter-proposals from the Puffer-Hubbard firm was received last Friday night by the strikers, studied by the strike committee, and rejected. Tuesday night a special meeting of the striking Puffer-Hubbard workers, members of Local 1859, was held to consider the boss counter-proposal and the union's answer.

The latest company offer differs but little from former unsatisfactory offers. On vacations, it calls for 3 days pay for 24 weeks' work; 4 days' pay for 32-40 weeks' work; and 5 days' for over 40 weeks' work. The boss would still retain the right to fire foremen at will; to shift workers from department to department with no regard for wages; to fire for ineubordination, inefficiency, etc. The company, or rather the Northwestern National Bank, receiver,

Only 23 More Days to TJC Xmas Party

The Kid: Mom, it's only 23 more days.

Mother: Twenty-three days to WHAT, child?

The Kid: Why, mom, to the Christmas Party in the Minneapolis Armory that the Teamsters Joint Council is giving for us kids.

Mother: That's right, child. And if you're a good boy, mother will take you.

The Kid: Pop said I could go for sure—and he didn't say anything about being a good boy, either.

Mother: The union's a fife thing, son. It's raised your father's wages and shortened his hours so we get a chance to see him at home, and he doesn't worry about losing his job like he used to. And now it's giving this great free Christmas Party for all you children.

The Kid: How many kids will be at the party, Mom?

Mother: Mercy, child, I don't know. Over five thousand, your father said. All the children of all the unions in the Drivers Hall are invited. The eleven Drivers unions, and the Electrical Workers Union Local 160, and the Furniture Workers Union.

The Kid: Will we get candy, Mom?

Mother: Yes, every child will get a present of candy and other nice things. And there'll be clowns and animals and music, just like a regular circus. It'll start at 2 o'clock the Saturday before Christmas, and run all afternoon.

The Kid: Gee, Mom, I can't wait.

Mother: Yes, this year you'll have a good Christmas, son. You can go to the Christmas Party, and your father and I can help Santa to get you some nice gifts besides. IF you're a good little boy.

The Kid: Gee, Mom, I'll be good. And when I grow up I'm going to join the Union, just like Pop.

Union Guard Dance a Big Success

Hundreds of merry-makers crowded the third-floor auditorium of the Drivers Hall last Saturday evening for the annual Union Defense Guard dance and turkey round-up. Over a thousand pounds of chickens and turkeys were given away free. The program of music and entertainment was enthusiastically received and the party was voted one of the best this year.

A substantial sum was raised for the Union Defense Guard, the entertainment committee reported.

Bartlett Re-elected



Jim Bartlett, popular president of the fast-growing Warehouse Workers Union, who was re-elected to office by the membership in the balloting last Friday and Saturday.

C. A. Anderson, Early Member of Local 471, Dies

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# U. S. Government Becomes Nation's No. 1 Union-Buster

Extent of Attorney General Murphy's War on Unions Revealed—Government Thought to Be Attacking Unions in Preparation for War—300-Year-Old "Conspiracy" Charge Dusted Off for Use Against Labor—Judges Disregard Clayton Act of 1914—G-Men and Martin Dies Lay Basis for Yet Further Attacks on Trade Unionism

Laws are important not by virtue of their being written on paper, but by virtue of the kind of people that put them into practice.

The simple truth of this old adage is clearly seen when considering the current campaign of prosecutions launched by Attorney General Frank Murphy and the FBI against trade unions in all sections of the United States.

As in the Minneapolis WPA strike trials, union victims of the administration's anti-labor campaign are being indicted on that most discredited of all charges: "conspiracy."

The charge of "conspiracy" against the working-class was first used in England about three hundred years ago as a legalistic device employed against the workers when employers and judges had nothing to base their case upon save their opposition to the idea of labor organizing. This bloody bit of class legislation first cropped up in the United States in Philadelphia in 1806 when a group of striking shoemakers were found guilty "of a combination to raise their wages," that is, of "conspiracy," and were fined eight dollars each and costs. These prosecutions for conspiracy continued throughout the Eastern United States until the 1850's when the workers finally established the labor union as a legal institution.

### Anti-Trust Law Invoked—Against Labor

After the strenuous struggles of organized labor to force the "conspiracy" formula into disuse, the fight had to be resumed all over again as the result of a tricky legalistic interpretation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, passed in 1890. As its name implies and as any standard history will inform one, the Sherman Anti-Trust Act was passed to curtail the huge trusts which were even then beginning to dominate the economic and political life of the United States. The Sherman Act declared unlawful any agreement in restraint of trade.

But laws are not important. It's the men that interpret them that are important. In this case it was—and is—the black-robed servants of the employing class on the nation's benches who twisted the Sherman Act into a weapon against—the union movement.

Thus four years after it was placed on the books the Sherman Act was invoked for the first time, not against Big Business, but against the striking American Railway Union when Eugene V. Debs was leading them against the Pullman corporation.

During the next twenty years whenever certain corporations found themselves placed in a tight corner by organized labor they would get the courts to invoke the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against the workers.

### Clayton Act to Protect Labor

Organized labor and the public revolted so vigorously against this mockery that in 1914 congress passed the Clayton Act, amending the Sherman Act in such a way as to very specifically protect labor from the terribly unjust "conspiracy" charge. When the Clayton Act became law, Samuel Gompers hailed it as "Labor's Magna Charta." On paper, maybe; certainly not in reality.

The Clayton Act was specific enough, one would think. Section 6 of this Act declares that the "labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce. . . . Nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations, instituted for the purpose of mutual help, and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations from carrying out the legitimate objects thereof; nor shall such organizations, or the members thereof, be held or construed to be illegal combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws."

Yet 25 years later, in the eleventh year of the depression and with the rulers of America preparing again to take the people into an imperialist war, we find this old fake "conspiracy" charge being trotted out again—in vio-

lation of all the laws on the books, but not in violation of the material interests of Big Business.

Extent of Anti-Union Drive That the Roosevelt administration is deadly serious about its attacks on organized labor is seen by the dangerous spread of "conspiracy" indictments during the past two months.

In October the officers of the Drivers Union in Washington, D. C., and General Secretary Thomas Hughes of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, were indicted by Attorney General Murphy.

A few days later seventy members and officers of the Drivers Union Local 807 in New York City were charged with violating the "anti-trust" law.

On November 3rd a federal grand jury in St. Louis indicted William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and three other union officials for "conspiracy."

The same day in Pittsburgh three officials of the local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were indicted on the same charge—"conspiracy."

AFL Feels Brunt of Attack On November 10th in Cleveland the Department of Justice's drive against the trade union movement netted four more union leaders, officers of the Cleveland local of the Painters Union. Again, the charge was "conspiracy."

With the United States government leading the "conspiracy" drive against labor, a New York boss took heart and on November 18th this employer, Isaac Penner instituted a court action for one million dollars damages against three locals of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—Locals 3, 25 and 501. Again the charge was "conspiracy."

Despite numerous protests to Murphy and Roosevelt by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor and by President William Green, the drive on the union movement only seems to grow in intensity. Each time the Attorney General issues oily words of reassurances to the unions, it only seems to be a signal to his underlings to swing the "conspiracy" club with additional vigor. New indictments are pending in a score of cities.

### Danger Signals

Each day the press carries new warnings that the government is preparing to sink its teeth into the unions in a way thought unbelievable a few years ago, in the heyday of the "New Deal."

The role of the G-men in the Minneapolis WPA strike—where they admittedly disguised themselves as unemployed and mingled with the strikers, and where each day during the present trial they could be seen conferring with government witnesses—is only a hint of what the government has in store for the unions.

On November 18th, several newspapers, including the Minneapolis Tribune, carried in their back pages an obscure news article on "anti-espionage" work which throws a good deal of light on the machinations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Anti-espionage," read the article, "relies heavily on 'plants', DETECTIVES IN WORK CLOTHES WHO WIELD PICKS, MAN DERRICKS AND DRIVE TRUCKS."

### The G-Man—Stool Pigeon

This is certainly plain enough. This tells us that the G-men are insinuating themselves into many unions under the guise of fighting foreign espionage and subversive activities—in reality to act as stool-pigeons for the government against the unions.

Even more cause for alarm may be found in the statement of Martin Dies in the Dies Committee

made on November 19th in Pittsburgh. In his statement, Dies intimated that should any strikes break out in the Pittsburgh area in the future, he will attribute them to the work of communists out to sabotage the nation's war industry. This is certainly preparing the Red-scare with a vengeance. No matter how legitimate the grievances of workers who may strike in or around Pittsburgh in the future, Martin Dies is already announcing that such strikes are planned acts of "sabotage" provoked by "communists."

Any union worker who can view complacently this growing series of attacks and provocations against the basic rights of organized labor is due for a frightful shock and headache one of these days. The attack of the federal government against the union movement has already assumed the proportions of Problem Number One to every man and woman who toils for a living.

## With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

This is just a reminder to all you brothers who must renew your chauffeur's license by December first; the matter is easily put off and forgotten which means a penalty or the necessity of taking the examination over again. The examination is rather difficult and has caused some members considerable time and effort. If your renewal has not gone in, it would be wise to act this very minute; if a check is not available take a chance on sending a lone dollar bill.

Our last membership meeting turned out to be a full house; it seemed like old times again. Geo. W. Lawson's talk was the outstanding treat of the evening. His text was full of valuable information and he is such an able speaker that listening was a delight. He cautioned our union from getting tangled up with the anti-trust laws or becoming a victim of any jurisdictional disputes and warned us not to place too much confidence in the so-called labor laws.

Cecil Fulk is leading the Union Bowling League with a score of 197. There is quite a knack to rolling that ball and Cecil has it down to fine points. Bowling is his religion; he talks it, thinks it and does a lot of it.

Gilbert Chell of Ives came through as a winner for free dues and assessments for next month; it took a lot of drawing to get a winner. Had the following brothers attended the meeting, the prize would have been theirs: 1181, 22, 1596, 1214, 1430, 1173, 1421, 9, 859, 1418, 1650, 1509, 1535, 835, 1048, 726, 1512, 732 and 1033.

If any member of Local 471 desires to add to his education by taking a course in the Minneapolis Labor School our union will pay his tuition providing he attends two-thirds of the classes held. Public Speaking, Parliamentary Law, Labor History, English, Labor Law, Blueprint Reading, Economic Geography, Co-operatives and Shop Arithmetic are offered. You can enroll at the union office.

Gene Larson has worked out a new "Sick List File" for our office; it is expected this file will pay some nice dividends to our union. On a minute's notice we can tell how much has been paid in "sick benefit" to each member since his initiation and for what sickness it was paid. Our benefit pays not over 26 weeks in all for the same sickness. Soon the Sick Benefit will be on the upgrade so we ask your co-operation should any member take an unfair advantage of it.

Al Stern called on Brother Frank Howard at Glen Lake last week. Frank is doing fairly well and would appreciate seeing a few more of his friends.


### George Frosig In Hospital After Operation

George Frosig, vice-president of the General Drivers Union Local 544, had an appendectomy last Friday at the St. Barnabas hospital. At press time his condition was reported good. He expects to leave the hospital late this week.

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### Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



My boss and I are both opposed to war but I don't see how we can avoid it if the Japs continue to attack our investments in China.

## City Park Board Makes New Threat to Jobs and Wages Of 200 Park Board Workers

Employees of the Minneapolis Park Board, members of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, face a new threat to their jobs as a result of action taken at a special joint session of the Park Board's finance and playgrounds entertainment committees, held last Friday afternoon in the Park Board offices.

The special session was ostensibly called to consider a petition of a group of citizens from the Windom Park neighborhood, requesting a warming house for the skating rink at that park. Superintendent C. A. Bossen, commenting on the petition, stated there was not sufficient funds to meet the request. After considerable discussion, the superintendent suggested, if the Board was agreeable, he would seek assistance from the WPA in maintaining the rink.

Seavey Objects to Move Harold Seavey, president and business agent of Local 664, stepped forward at this point to object to such a proposal. Speaking on behalf of the Park Board employees, Seavey stated these workers were strenuously opposed to any further encroachments by WPA on the maintenance functions of the Park Board.

"It is certainly not our wish that any Minneapolis neighborhood be denied recreational services or facilities," stated Seavey. "We believe that regular Park Board employees should be used in such work. The proposal to apply to WPA for such work is a direct challenge to the jobs of men who have given the majority of their working lives to the Park Board. Our union feels it is necessary to call a halt somewhere to the encroachments of WPA."

After further discussion on the proposal to introduce WPA workers into Park Board work, at a lower wage scale, the Windom Park delegation left and the Park Board finance committee went into session.

From the remarks of certain committeemen, it was obvious that the Windom Park petition is being used by labor-haters on the committee as a battering ram to open the way for the introduction of WPA workers on park board maintenance work. Commissioners Armitage and Walter Quist were the chief spokesmen for this reactionary move and maneuvered through a motion giving the superintendent blanket authority to use WPA in any manner he saw fit, or expand present services or create new ones.

This move constitutes a direct challenge to Park Board workers and their union, and has to be accepted as such. The City and Sanitary Drivers Union has already called a special session of its Park Board Grievance Committee for Monday, December 4th, 8 p. m., to consider measures to combat this new attack. Organized labor throughout the city is watching this situation with considerable interest and does not mean to stand by and see the 200 Park Board workers victimized by a reactionary Park Board acting at the behest of the Real Estate Board and the Associated Industries.

Representative on Pension Board (One to be elected) Howard I. Moore, Park Board Officers of the Association (One to be elected) FOR PRESIDENT: Ray J. Helwig, City Engrs. Dept. City Engrs. Dept. FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Chester R. Board, Park Board FOR SECRETARY: Lois A. Johnson, City Clerk's Off. (no opposition) FOR TREASURER: Howard H. Peterson, Pension Board (No opposition)

Executive Committee (Seven to be elected) Oscar C. Berg, Public Library Edward J. Broderick, City Engrs. Dept. William E. Callinan, Registration Bureau Harry E. Erickson, Water Works Dept. William S. Lyness, City Engrs. Dept. Herbert R. Nimmo, Board of Education Edward E. Pearson, Sanitation Dept.

Legislative Committee (Seven to be elected) Henry Patrick Goodin, City Engrs. Dept. William R. Horan, City Comptroller's Office George V. Lieb, City Attorney's Off. Joseph M. Moskalik, City Assessor's Off. Lawrence C. Pratt, City Engrs. Dept. Henry F. Ross, Water Works Dept. Ernest W. Wenerlind, Health Dept.

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## ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Thursday's meeting was well attended and rather long drawn out. Howard Moore, of the municipal pension board, gave us much valuable information regarding the pension plan, thereby clearing up several widespread misapprehensions as to its rules and interest rates. Don't forget next Friday, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., is the day to get down to the courthouse and vote on board members. If you wish to better your ultimate pension, don't fail to vote.

Windom Park residents have finally secured a warming house for their skating rink. There is a possibility of future trouble, however, should the commissioners persist in the idea they can put WPA in charge of said house.

Some lockdown so and so who has a very crude sense of humor and a very deficient sense of smell smeared gamelot in the cab of No. 20 BPC last week. Boy, how can anybody get that close to such stuff? Phooey!

Brother Harlow Lanigan is about to start building a two-room doghouse for himself and his Irish setter.

Brother Mick Lanigan has been ill the past week and is undergoing special treatment. Hustle back, Mick. Skating starts pretty soon, now.

Brother Chris Jensen says that his name causes some embarrassment among the North Side's fair sex. But he says also that he will keep his name to himself, hereafter.

Excuse it, please. What makes George Smart and Johnny Haight to see Marvin Giving William Pye?

Everybody to the life boats! Don't forget that nominations of officers will be taken care of next meeting night.

Hope you all enjoy yourselves on Thanksgiving. So long.

## Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

The Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union arranged a meeting with the Institute Tuesday morning in an attempt to avert the pending strike. Your b. a. and Miles Dunne attended the meeting, but at present we are unable to determine whether the meeting will produce any results.

We have notified the labor conciliator of our intention to strike. He has set a meeting for Wednesday this week.

Our next union meeting will be important so make every effort to attend.

Norman Carle was in the office last week and gave his regards. He will be up in a wheel chair from now on. He had a three-hour leave from Glen Lake.

Richard Soledad of Liberty Cleaners was struck by a car last week and injured slightly. He is still off from work.

## DEMAND UNION CLERKS

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## Unfair Mortuaries

Do Not Patronize—The following funeral homes are unfair to Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912: Rainville Funeral Home, 222 East Hennepin; Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park; Davies Mortuary, 1403 Harmon Place; Gill Brothers, 1414 Laurel Avenue; McDivitt Funeral Home, 2835 East Lake; Knaeble company, 513 Plymouth Avenue north; Welandier Quist, Hennepin at Dupont, Chicago at 19th, West Broadway at Fremont; Albinson Mortuary, Chicago Avenue at 17th; Fox-Sullivan Mortuary, 113 S. E. 4th; Washburn-McReavy Mortuary, 412 Central Ave.

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.

## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore  
We went around and about among the boys at the J. R. Clark plant (during noon hour, of course) and asked one and all this question: Why did you join Local 1859? We got a lot of good answers which, when properly boiled down and distilled, went about like this—

"Well, I joined the church for the good of my soul, I joined the YMCA for the good of my body and I joined 1859 to keep body and soul together."

Sounds reasonable, too.

Local man has had attack of homesickness. Kenneth Johnson was suddenly stricken with a bad case of homesickness last Monday morning. (Brother Johnson entered the state of holy matrimony Saturday.)

Anderson Eats Again  
Emil Anderson and family drove to Flatwood, Minn., Sunday where they fought their way through a nine-course chicken dinner at the Haro homestead.

The Glenwood Glee club met last Saturday and took care of all unfinished business. Among those present were Russell (whispering) Anderson, Alan Thomas, Ed Norgren, Ernie Eckman and Leo Lewandowski. If Leo says we haven't got his name spelled right, remember: The press got its education in the "little red schoolhouse."

It is with great regret that Local 1859 learns of a sad occurrence affecting Sister Emma Winter of the Northwestern Casket company. Mrs. Winter's son, Harry, died of heart trouble while in Wyoming.

This column wishes to apologize to Brother Joe Novak for last week's error. Mr. and Mrs. Novak are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, weight 7 1/2 pounds—and not a girl, as we erroneously remarked last week.

This column is going to fire all the reporters and hire them over if we don't get better news service. Look at this item. We just hear about it—after more than a month.

Brother Max Schuttenberg wishes to announce that his daughter—Anne is now happily married and will be known to one and all as Mrs. Smolak. Congratulations from 1859 to Mr. and Mrs. Smolak. The wedding took place October 14 at the Holy Cross church. The bride and groom are now at home at 1331 Washington St. N. E.

The officers of Local 1859 were called upon to attend a special meeting at the C. L. U. Monday.

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### Local Union Leaders Meet, Spur Defense Fund Drive

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acy' charges and prison sentences."

**AFL to Consider Local Case**  
Merk told of the proposal made by the Minneapolis Building Trades Council for a 25c assessment each month for four months on each union member, and recommended that several local labor officials be sent to Washington next week for the meeting of the Executive Council of the AFL.

The next speaker, L. Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-WPA Defense Committee, submitted a financial report to the hundreds of union representatives present, accounting for the \$13,500 which has so far been raised and spent on defense work. Johnson pointed out that of the 155 locals affiliated with the Central Labor Union, only 55 have so far contributed. Several contributions have come in from unions in other states.

**Cramer Scores Trial Conduct**  
Robley Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, painted a picture of the mockery of justice that is taking place in the federal court building. "When anyone tells you that workers tried in a mass can get justice, they lie," stated Cramer. "These trials are a judicial lynching, they are an attempt to destroy the right of trial by jury. Unless we rally as one man to the defense of the victims, future strikers will be arrested on the picket line and taken, not to police court, but to the federal court. These WPA defendants are making a wonderful fight in court, just as they made a splendid fight on the picket line. . . . With democracy disappearing in many parts of the world, those are people who say that democracy is not endangered in this country. Go up to the federal court room yourselves—you will think you are in Russia or Germany."

"It has taken a long time to build this labor movement of ours. Now the bosses are changing their tactics. Now the government itself is using the same dictatorial tactics against labor that it denounces in other governments. Labor must mass behind the WPA defendants just as you may be sure the Citizens Alliance crowd is massing behind the District Attorney. . . . You are not only deciding whether to support the WPA Defense Committee. You are deciding whether there will be unions. If you want yourself and your sons and daughters to have any

chance in life, not to be enslaved, then give generously to aid the government's victims."

Following Cramer, several unionists pledged to go back to their organizations and press for a generous contribution.

**Frank Praises Unemployed**  
Walter Frank paid a moving tribute to the organized unemployed of Minneapolis. "The unemployed have suffered more than any of us. They have been the most loyal supporters of the trade union movement."

He said the reason the government was persecuting the workers of Minneapolis was because here the labor movement put up the best fight in the country against the current campaign of the government against organized labor in all parts of the country, with several hundred union men and women now facing conspiracy indictments, and warned that unless labor smashed the frame-up in Minneapolis, the unions would face a black future.

**Wright Praises Defense Work**  
William Wright, local representative of the American Federation of Labor, deplored the lack of response from the state labor movement to the Minneapolis defense work. He suggested that the Minneapolis WPA Defense Committee write the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly and each local union in St. Paul appealing for support to the defense work. Wright interpreted the present WPA trials as a move on the part of the government to put fear in the hearts of labor everywhere so that the unions will be afraid to move in the future. He was warmly applauded.

**Fund-Raising Motion Unanimous**  
Claude Skeldon of the Electrical Workers Union Local 292 then rose and moved that the meeting go on record to recommend to their organizations that an assessment of 25c for four months, or its equivalent, be assessed on each member. The motion carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

A spokesman from the Lathers Union wound up a spirited speech in behalf of the defense work by suggesting labor take as its slogan: "It's Our Baby—Let's Feed It."

**Many Union Pledges**  
When Chairman George Merk announced that the Defense Committee was in immediate need of \$5,500 to pay the defense counsel, a number of union representatives rose and pledged amounts from \$25 to \$1,000.

Two other motions carried, to send letters to each union council asking it to appoint a sub-committee to work with the WPA Defense Committee in raising funds, and to write all local AFL unions notifying them of the action taken by the special meeting. The suggestion was made that each local

### Independent Truck Chatter

**R. F. Hornig**  
Look for a large attendance at our meeting next week December 7. Why? City's down and most of the men are at liberty.

The boys on the Sixth Avenue job won their argument and two shifts of nine trucks are doubling on a sixty-hour work week. And all the boys say it's a good job.

A new program is going to be pushed with the start of the new year. Some limitation of crossing on several seniority lists is going to have to be attempted. There are too few haves, and not enough opportunity for our havenots. Without some modification in this respect we are going to face a blowup.

Thank Alderman Hoppe for the delay in the purchase of any more trucks by the city. And, by the way, where were all you men who have worked all summer out Cully's office. Have you so many jobs waiting for you that this problem doesn't worry you. We have too many members who believe "let George do it."

Will someone get in touch with Malmberg, Jullie, LeVair and Rose? We still need a couple of regular bowlers for our Friday night league.

It seems to be hospital week for the ITO. Sam Rosenfield has been interned so Milt informs me. Ray Nelson's wife and baby have been hospitalized for a week and John Moller's new baby has not yet been released from the hospital. And, of course, the Morrie Olson's have added one more to their household to make it a happier family of five—girls. I think all of these boys are carrying hospital insurance and it should be an example and a warning for the rest of us to keep our policies up to date.

### "Scandinavia and War" at Forum

"Scandinavia and the War" will be the subject of discussion at the Sunday Forum on December 3rd, 3 p. m., at 919 Marquette Avenue. Dorothy Schultz of St. Paul is the speaker.

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union appeal to its International for financial aid in the Minneapolis defense, which in essence is the fight of organized labor all over the country.

**Meeting is Good News for Labor**  
The national administration and the District Attorney and his reactionary local supporters will get precious little satisfaction out of Monday night's meeting. But the WPA defendants, and organized labor everywhere, will be greatly cheered by the splendid spirit of solidarity voiced at the meeting. The Minneapolis union movement has announced to the world that it is going to redouble its support of the WPA victims and means to deal a smashing blow at the whole structure of "conspiracy" trials which the administration is fostering against the union movement.

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### Hello, Women Readers

By B. and C.

We've read them all—and we still think the Northwest Organizer is the best weekly paper in the world. But we want it to be best for the 20,000 women readers, too. So, beginning with this issue, we're going to try to bring to them news of people and events in Minneapolis and St. Paul—for that's where most of our feminine subscribers are.

We don't want to be too feminine about this, but we think women figure prominently in many, many ways that are never called to our attention. Social affairs of all kinds, women's auxiliary activities, benefit movements—there are only a few of the things on a local scale that are never mentioned from a woman's point of view. Let's hear about them!

Do you think married men should work? No, we don't mean women, we mean men!  
Ever since 1929 the question of whether or not a married woman should work has popped up in every organization in the country. Widespread unemployment seems to encourage such cure-alls for depressions.

Two weeks ago these people who take care of your children from 9 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon—the American Federation of Teachers—asked the Minneapolis Central Labor Union to reaffirm its policy of "maintaining the right of women to engage in gainful employment regardless of marital status."

That's good enough for us. But the Building Trades Council—a masculine trade union organization if there ever was one—is undecided about this matter. They have appointed a committee to make a study of this problem, to bring in a report soon.

Our experience has been that most married women work because they have to help support their children. Unfortunately, in many cases a man's salary is not enough to provide for an average family of four or five. It will be interesting to see what this committee decides.

It sounds silly to question the right of married men to work, doesn't it? Well, we think it's just as silly to question the working rights of married women—or of anyone, for that matter. What do you think about it?

In the last issue of Consumer Notes—a government bulletin issued weekly from Washington, D. C.—we note that this year's crops of the following food items are either record crops or considerably larger than last year: Turkeys (this is good news!), cranberries, almonds and walnuts, apples, Florida oranges, eggs, fresh pork and better grade beef.

If your grocer tells you these items are scarce and therefore high-priced, tell him you have it on the authority of the U. S. government that it's not so!

We saw many familiar faces at the Union Defense Guard Dance and Turkey Roundup last Saturday night. Dressed and live turkeys and chickens were plentiful. Guests took home almost 1,000 pounds of it!  
Helen Hanifan—the girl you saw at the ticket window—looked pretty swell in a wine-colored velvet frock with turban to match. Just a touch of gold jewelry on both was a pleasing contrast to the over-abundance of gew-gaws that jangle on so many costumes this season.

By the way, Helen is accountant and bookkeeper for Local 544.  
care? Of course, experts don't have to partake as long as we beginners.  
Do to the fact that this week on the Organizer is one day shorter we regret the fact we have no more dirt to give you.

So, Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward All Working Men and Their Friends and the best way to gain all of that is to obtain the Right to Vote on All Wars.

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If he stays away, He is a shirker;  
If he tries to collect dues from members, He is insulting;  
If he fails to collect the dues, He is slipping;  
If he asks for advice, He is incompetent;  
If he does not, He is bullheaded;  
If he writes his reports complete, They are too long;  
If he condenses them, They are incomplete;  
If he talks on a subject, He is trying to run things;  
If he remains silent, He has lost interest in the organization;  
If he is caught at the hall, Why doesn't he get out?  
If he can't be found, Why doesn't he come around sometime?  
Ashes to ashes,  
Dust to dust,  
If the others won't do it—  
The Business Agent must.

—Michigan Review.

### The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren  
Next meeting will be the Retail Section, Thursday evening, December 7, 8 o'clock p. m.

A very good turn-out at the general membership meeting with about 175 present. Many members said it was the most interesting meeting they've attended for a long time.

Ray Mills, secretary of the Midwest Bakery Council, gave a very good speech outlining the accomplishments of the Council for the past year and one half. Jimmie Murphy, formerly with Continental, now business agent for the Sioux City drivers, made a very nice speech thanking our local for past favors and further thanking us for our participation in the Bakery Council. He described many instances where Harry De Boer and Ray Mills had helped him out in organizing bakery drivers and securing uniform contracts. Jimmie spent the day after the meeting at Continental plant renewing old acquaintances.

Frank Cronin, also from Iowa—Waterloo, to be exact—spoke and was very well received. Following this a collection was taken up for Earl Hatcher of Monahan's, who is seriously ill in the hospital. Harold Russell reports that \$22 was collected and he thanks everybody who donated, saying that it will be highly appreciated.

In the drawing for free dues, Eddie Martin of Zinsmaster and George Schumacker of Excelsior were the lucky winners of next month's dues free. Eddie was heard to remark, "Boy, am I glad I came to the meeting." And that's the way they all feel, so don't miss these meetings as everybody has an equal chance to win.

Following are the nominations for the coming year:  
For President: \*Harry De Boer and Frank La Grave.  
For Vice President: \*James Hanna and Sam Ash.  
For Secretary-Treasurer: \*Joe O'Hare unopposed.  
For Recording Secretary: \*A. M. Ogren and Gregory Helwig.  
For Three Year Trustee: \*Chester Ryan, Morey Locke, Frank Gates, Frank Femling.

Star denotes officers running for re-election.  
Remaining trustees are Loren Johnson and Mel Edstrom, who have one and two years to serve respectively.  
For bowling results please look elsewhere in the paper as I am writing this previous to the games. I will, however, predict that 289 will make a clear sweep of three games.

To the Ladies: According to an article I read recently, captioned "What a Man Loves Most":  
At the age of one—his nurse; at the age of five—his mother; at the age of ten—his vacations; at the age of 18—his freedom; at the age of 20—his sweetheart; at the age of 30—his wife; at the age of 40—his children; at the age of 50—his security; at the age of 60—his comfort; at any age—himself.

Important: Every member get out and vote! Thursday, December 7, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

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### TJC Sponsors Wrestling December 15

Wrestling fans who attended the first card presented by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council last Friday night in the Teamsters Hall were loud in the praise of the quality of sport offered by the grunt-and-groan artists. Though the crowd was rather small, due to the extremely short notice on which the wrestling card was presented, every person in attendance raised his hand enthusiastically when the question was asked from the ringside if the fans wanted to see the program continued.

The Teamsters Joint Council will present its next wrestling card in the Drivers Hall on Friday, December 15th, at 9 p. m.  
The main event will find Young Dusek of Chicago, weighing 175 pounds, wrestling Jim Morgan of Kansas City, weight 173. This match will be for one fall with a one-hour time limit.

Chief Little Wolf, Indian grappler from Oklahoma, will take on Curly McGee of St. Cloud in the semi-windup. Little Wolf weighs 190, his opponent, 183. The match will be for one fall with a thirty-minute limit. A lively 30-minute opener has also been scheduled.

Admission is 40c, children being admitted for 25c. Remember the date of the next union wrestling show—Friday evening, December 15th. Fans who like to see real wrestling rather than the commercialized spectacle that is now offered the public at most sports arenas, will welcome the union wrestling cards.

### Let the People Vote on War

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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.

## Food Stamps Introduced Over Labor's Protest

Over the protests of the local labor movement and the organized unemployed, the city and federal governments are now set to force their orange-and-blue stamp plan down the throats of the poor in Minneapolis. On Wednesday the first stamps went on sale.

The stamp plan, which originated with the nation's food trust, will not only be of no benefit to the unemployed but will leave them worse off than before. Already the stamp plan has been used as an excuse by Minneapolis relief authorities to smuggle through a 25 percent cut in relief. With Mayor Leach now boasting that the plan will save the taxpayers an additional \$750,000 yearly, we can anticipate the plan will be used as the basis for initiating further relief cuts.

The principle of the stamp plan is very simple. Whereas hitherto large quantities of surplus commodities have been distributed free to the unemployed, first by the Red Cross and later by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, under the stamp plan these surplus commodities will be routed through the grocery stores where the middleman can take his cut of profit before selling the produce to the unemployed. Just as before, the unemployed worker will receive free surplus commodities, except now he will have to go through the stamp rigamarole to get the surplus commodities.

If there be any jobless worker who thinks the stamp plan is going to alleviate his distress, he is in for a rude awakening. Today he can purchase food stamps from his cash relief, if he wishes. Tomorrow—if the stamp plan works out as labor circles anticipate it will—he will find it compulsory to accept food stamps in place of cash relief. The next month he will receive clothing stamps in addition to food stamps. Soon the unemployed will be living in a queer moneyless world of their own, a special caste cut off from the rest of society.

The stamp plan is being introduced in this city over the protests of organized labor and the organized unemployed. The unions and the unemployed were never asked their opinion on this plan. It was all cooked up by the government and the food trust as a fancy way of giving a government subsidy to the food industry. We urge labor to be on guard against any attempt to use the food stamp program as a means to further slash relief or to regiment the unemployed.

## The Government as Union-Buster

(The following editorial by Philip Pearl appeared in the latest AFL news service and is based on the recent drive by the U. S. Department of Justice and J. Edgar Hoover's G-men upon organized labor in all parts of the country.)

A new trust-busting crusade is under way in this country. In Teddy Roosevelt's day the Government started to shake the big stick at corporations. This time the Department of Justice is cracking down on labor unions.

When the Clayton Act was adopted and hailed by Samuel Gompers as the "magna charta" of labor, the accepted belief was that this new law specifically exempted labor unions from being considered trusts, or combinations in restraint of trade. However, with the passage of time, new interpretations have been placed on the law and the Government is now proceeding on the theory that unions can be prosecuted under the anti-trust acts.

Therefore, labor is faced with an extremely serious problem today. It is a problem that threatens its future existence.

For labor unions are combinations of men and women for the definite and express purpose of maintaining and increasing wages, lowering hours and bettering conditions of employment for themselves and other workers. Those are the reasons for the existence of labor unions. If it can be charged that such activities of labor unions are in restraint of trade and in violation of the law, the unions can promptly be put out of existence.

The question now is whether our Government is going to try to emulate Stalin and Hitler and attempt to wipe out free and independent labor unions through the medium of laws enacted to curb big business trusts.

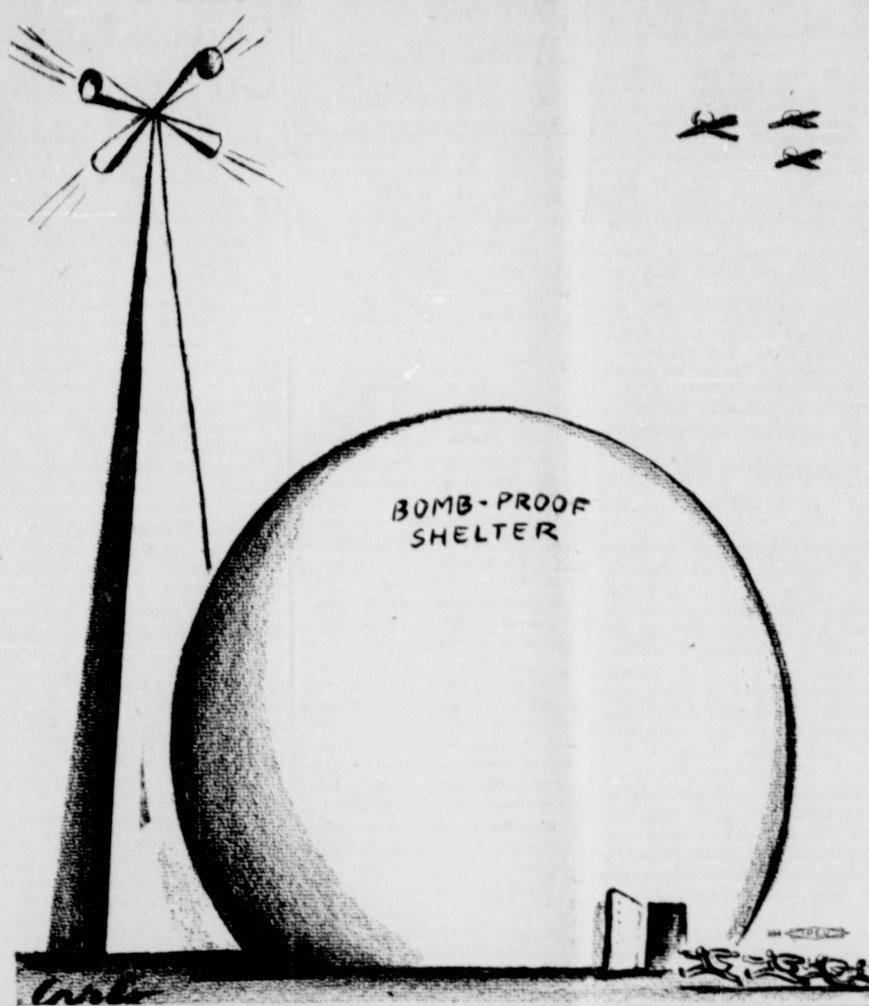
What is the purpose behind this new anti-union drive? Presumably the Government is deeply concerned over the high cost of building construction. The first theory is that revival of the building industry would spur industrial recovery as a whole and promote general prosperity. That is a sound theory. The second theory is that high construction costs have retarded building activity and made it impossible for millions of families who need new homes to purchase them. There may be a good deal of truth in this theory also. The third assumption is that the building trades unions have maintained such artificially high wage rates that building costs cannot be lowered. This is just plain ridiculous nonsense.

In the first place... Why don't you study the industry itself? The building industry is a sick industry. Those engaged in the manufacture and sale of building supplies should be included in the inquiry. So should the entire contracting system. And don't forget the matter of real estate financing.

You see, it is not the cost of labor that makes construction too expensive for American pocketbooks. It is the artificially inflated cost of materials. It is the inflated cost of land. And it is the heavy but unproductive cost of financing.

We urge those responsible for the present anti-union drive to look into these matters. And may we also call to their attention the fact that if they succeed in cutting the wages of the building workers—and, brothers, that's quite a job for any college professor—they will only succeed in killing the market for the homes they hope will be built.

## The World of Tomorrow



## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Morrie Olson, former Tenth Ward alderman and Local 544 member, has out-Cantored Cantor. His fifth daughter in a row was born last week.

Over-the-Road agreements are being signed by Minnesota long distance truckers.

Several fruit and produce firms will soon leave the old market and take up quarters in the new Rock Island Terminal.

Overtime pay is due many members because of violations of the wage-hour act by employers.

Make a date with yourself today to take your children to the Teamsters Joint Council Christmas party for youngsters of all teaming craft members. The kids will be wild about it and we will bet you will too.

Despite the bad prospects at the start, a number of ITO's have placed their equipment on the new Olson Memorial Highway job.

The state drivers meeting in Austin Sunday was poorly attended. Probably due to a state-wide fog which blanketed the entire state making driving plenty tough.

George Froisig fell beneath McCrimmon's knife Friday evening. He lost his appendix in the deal, but is resting easily in Room 514 in St. Barnabas hospital.

A meeting of the Area Committee will be held in Chicago, December 11.

The Saturday night dance, turkey party and what-not held by the Union Guard was a wow to say the least.

The St. Paul Building Trades Unions have withdrawn from the Trades and Labor Assembly. You won't believe me when I tell you it was over the Thanksgiving day date!

It's all right to comment on the fine November weather we are enjoying, provided you do not address your remarks to any of the coal workers.

Reports from the state indicate that plenty of road jobs are still going forward.

HANDY HINTS TO MOTORISTS Here's a hint I want to pass along. For scraping sleet and ice off your windshield nothing beats the cover from a Mason jar. It works like a charm. Keep one in your tool box or compartment.

The paper goes to press one day early this week in order that the staff may have Thursday off, to ponder over what they have to be thankful for.

Thursday, November 30, will be the official Thanksgiving Day holiday as provided in our union agreements.

## Bakery Drivers to Elect December 6

Last Thursday night the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 held nominations for office for the coming year, and the following were chosen:

For President: Harry DeBoer (incumbent), Frank LaGrave.

Vice-President: James Hanna (incumbent), Sam Ash.

Secretary-treasurer: Joe O'Hare (incumbent), unopposed.

Recording Secretary: A. M. Ogren (incumbent), Greg Helwig.

Three-year trustee: Chester Ryan (incumbent), Frank Felling, Frank Gates, Morey Locke.

To Vote Dec. 6th Members of Local 289 will vote next Thursday, December 6th, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., in the main floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue north.

At a farmer costume party in Hollywood recently, all the guests arrived in checkered suits and overalls and boots and side whiskers. All that is, except Lionell Stander. He arrived magnificently attired in top hat, white tie, tails, and diamond studs. "I," he explained, "am an Associated Farmer!"

Latest Company Trick Newest company trick was to

## Defendants Show Cop Brutality

(Continued from page 1) gressors against a peaceful picket line.

Pretense of the government and the boss press that Patrolman John Gearty was killed as a result of a beating he received at the hands of strikers was effectively spiked by testimony of Dr. Callstrom, deputy coroner, who stated from the stand that there was no question but what Gearty had died of a heart disease of long standing.

Masses of government testimony cooked up between the FBI and government witnesses was ridiculed by defense testimony. An example was the attempt of the government, earlier in the trial, to imply that Mrs. Sigrid Asuma, a defendant, had seized a fink, Winifred Secora, by the throat and threatened to kill her.

Fink Gets Sore "I saw Mrs. Secora standing on the corner near the sewing project. She seemed nervous. I said to her: 'Listen, Secora, why don't you go home and calm yourself?' She got sore at me. But I didn't try to prevent her or anyone else from entering the project."

Mrs. Thelma Brinda, sewing project worker, substantiated Mrs. Asuma's testimony.

Anderson Worried Obviously worried by the effective defense testimony, District Attorney General Anderson dawdled endlessly in cross-examination, picking here and there in an attempt to discredit the testimony. Several times Tom Davis, defense counsel, has had to object to Anderson's "windy" behavior, after which the judge has reproved the prosecution for treading and re-treading the same ground.

Trial on Turkey-Day In an effort to speed the trial, delayed in the first three weeks by testimony from 158 government witnesses, Judge Joyce has proposed that the court run half a day on Thanksgiving.

Tom Davis has indicated the defense will introduce a number of photographs conclusively proving the brutality of police and the fact that they shot indiscriminately into the crowd. Davis is expected to move for a directed verdict in favor of defendants.

Union Mails Answer Strikers through their union have mailed a union counter-offer to the latest boss proposal. The union demands a closed shop, the body of the pact to be the same as last year with an interpretation of seniority as handed down by mediator Charles Horn in 1936 to be added. The union is willing to concede the boss the right to transfer workers from one job to another, so long as the worker's pay is not reduced if younger men are working at his regular type of work. Strikers are firm in demanding a 5c straight hourly wage increase and pay for all time lost during the strike.

Without the Utopias of other times, men would still live in caves, miserable and naked. It was utopians who traced the lines of the first city... Out of generous dreams come beneficial realities. Utopia is the principle of all progress and the essay into a better future.—ANATOLE FRANCE.

## On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1) that the company advance each striker \$15 so that he might provide his family with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner was also refused, as was the further demand for a week's vacation with pay for all eligible workers.

The CIO affiliated Foremen's and Supervisors Union which presented a demand upon the company last week, after 47 of its members had been discharged, for recognition and bargaining rights, threw a further monkey wrench into the already gummyed-up conference. The company now claims that if it deals with either organization it will be "turning the company over to the CIO," because one clause in the UAW contract provides that minor grievances can be settled by foremen and supervisors in the departments. The union's interpretation of this clause is that such grievances must be settled by department heads, who are not eligible for membership in the CIO Foremen's Union.

The Foremen's union immediately withdrew its demand for negotiations, but the company seized upon the very existence of such an organization to refuse further negotiations. The union answered this with the official calling of a strike. More than 115,000 workers are now idle. A strong picket line is working.

R. J. Thomas and Herman L. Weckler, operating vice-president of the corporation, have been carrying on a polemic in the newspapers. In regard to the demand for a wage increase of 5c per hour, Thomas points out that the United States Department of Labor has compiled statistics to show that a family of four in Detroit must have \$1,425.-85 per year to maintain a subsistence. Average hourly earnings of the auto workers for 1938 were 92.2c per hour. They work, on an average, forty weeks per year, many of them much less. The highest average yearly earnings amount to about \$1,190. The proposed raise of 5c per hour would cost the corporation about 8 million dollars a year. They are offering 2c or 3 million.

So far the company has lost over 17 million dollars in net profit. Each day the workers lose more than 400 thousand dollars in wages. The company has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, for paid advertisements in the newspapers. The relief load for the city of Detroit has risen by leaps and bounds. In one day the case load rose 293 families, most of them Chrysler employees.

This is the peak season for automobile manufacturing. The rest of the industry has already put out 857 thousand units. If Chrysler was operating the weekly output would be upwards of 100 thousand units per week.

In view of all of these facts—can any other conclusion be drawn but that Chrysler has chosen to fight the union until one or the other of them goes down to defeat? And can it be supposed that Chrysler has chosen to fight FOR THE REST OF THE INDUSTRY—UNLESS THIS CORPORATION IS BEING SUPPORTED AND COMPENSATED FOR ITS LOSSES BY THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY?

But the Auto Barons have reckoned, again, without their enemy. For three years, ever since it was born amid strife and bloodshed, the United Auto Workers Union has grown in militancy and power with each blow dealt it, both from internal and external forces. Composed in the main of aggressively militant rank and file members who don't know how to quit, the organization has proven over and over again that Labor, organized, is the strongest force in the world.

It will be very interesting indeed to watch events as they transpire.

Give me 50,000 men in earnest who can agree on vital questions, who will plant their shoulders together, and swear by all that is true that for the long years they will put their idea before the country, and these 50,000 men will win.—WENDELL PHILLIPS.

## Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Now that it is betwixt and between the fall and ice fishing, E. T. Scott has temporarily taken up another pastime, that Paul Bunyan sport of felling and trimming trees.

M. Fournier (Porky) has been at Northwestern Hospital since November 15th, but he is now well on the way to recovery from pneumonia. "Pork" sez, "C'mon down and see me some time. You'll find me in Room 211."

Pete Guzie (football star), son of Pete Guzie, repairman at Riverside, is now in Detroit engaged in that great pastime of American youth, seeking a means of livelihood.

The railroads and large coal companies, through the agency of the Guffy Coal bill, are stealing from the Northwest the benefits we have gained from river transportation. They intend to force the dealers to pay a price so much higher at the mine when delivered by river that the delivered price will be the same as if it had been delivered by rail. "Nize pipples."

Muller is looking for a flute. Why not a piccolo, Earl?

Local 160 had a fair representation at Local 110's dance in St. Paul last Friday night.

Martin Day and Oscar Pearson won turkeys and Ernie Kline won a bottle of "yum-yum" in the drawing at the dance.

A tip to the Auxiliary: Call Geneva 2779 and Dupont 2026, and you will have two new members for the Auxiliary.

We understand the Thirty-Hour-Week committee is hard at it.

Special meetings this week are to be held on Friday, December

1st, at 8 p. m. for the Meter Department and Saturday, December 2, at 10 a. m., for the night men and the Art Department Committee.

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## 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 Thursday, 7 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 Thursday. 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.

**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**  
November 15—J. R. Clark  
November 20—Casket Industry  
November 21—Box Industry  
December 6—General Membership  
Nov. 16, Dec. 7—Grievance Board  
Nov. 27, Dec. 11—Twin City Stewards  
Every Friday night—Executive Board

**LOCAL 20481**  
December 6—General Membership

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

**LOCAL 544**  
DECEMBER, 1939  
Friday, December 1—Job Stewards  
Monday, December 4—Package Delivery, Department Store  
Wednesday, December 6—Sausage, Petroleum  
Thursday, December 7—Greenhouse, ITO  
Friday, December 8—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers  
Monday, December 11—General Membership  
Tuesday, December 12—Lumber  
Wednesday, December 13—Market, Excavating Drivers, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor  
Friday, December 15—Job Stewards  
Monday, December 18—Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing  
Thursday, December 21—Tent and Awning, Newspaper (10 A. M.)  
Friday, December 22—Cold Storage  
Monday, December 25—Spring Water  
Tuesday, December 26—Sand and Gravel  
Thursday, December 28—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug  
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 designated