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Stand all

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# On the **National** Picket Line

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Marvel Scholl

Labor in a white skin can never be free and secure while labor in a black skin is enslaved, terrorized, pauperized. More bluntly, organized labor in the northern part of the United States will continue to suffer from the low wages and non-union conditions that infest the South, until we aid our white, to overcome these conditions and the oppressors which thrive on these conditions.

Which brings us to the question of the federal antilynching bill, now up for its yearly consideration by Congress. The bill has already been passed by the House of Representatives, as usual, and is up for consideration in the Senate, where the great Democrats of the South will seek to filibuster it to death.

Since the first anti-lynching bill was introduced into Congress, in 1922, there has been a drop in recorded lynchings in the Southern states, though responsible Southern authorities confess that lynching has only "gone underground," that just as many Negroes as ever are tortured and killed by white mobs.

It is not the anti-lynching bill itself that is so important to the white aristocracy of the South-after all, the bill's provisions are not so serious as to really prevent all lynchings-it is the fact that the Southern rulers are determined not to give up one particle of their "rights" to do anything and everything to the Negro people. They are determined to retain these "rights" at all costs, including that of lynching the Negroes whenever they see fit.

to demand that they actually be and 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. No spe-given the right to vote in these cial visits will be allowed unless Workers Defense Leageu is sponthe Negroes might even demand the right to receive an elementary be under the same regulations as the Senate. education! Democracy is all right to talk about but-

Northern politicians, both Republican and Democrat, usually come out in favor of the anti-lynching bill-not because they really oppose discrimination and terror against the Negro, but because it is good politics and doesnt cost m anything. They know that the good Southern Democrats will prevent such a bill passing, as they have for twenty years. If the Northern poliitcians were really anxious to give the Negro his rights, they could find enough to do right here in the North.

It is the duty of all workers to shown by the fact that the total rally behind the anti-lynching bill amount of damages other than per- accidents shows that February is have since November 1, 1939, employment problem and fight for its passage. The sonal was only \$475.60, or less the peak month, with 37, January caused layoffs far in excess of Paul . . ." passage of the bill won't stop than \$5 an accident. lynchings and won't itself better When it is considered that the for accidents are 10:30 a. m. and greatest numbers and for the least the conditions of the Negroes, but equipment drivers work under the 4:30 p. m. it will hearten the Negro masses most hazardous conditions, going Highest number of accidents was from the company by letter that of the South and spur them to on the streets in all sorts of bad caused by city trucks being run serious consequences to the emquicken the fight for justice and weather, and at all hours, such a into from behind while they were ployees would result if their pressecurity. Every person who really safety record is phenomenal. A stopped or moving. In a third of ent union officers were allowed to just talk about it, must support this only one minor accident for every clearly to blame. Eight of the ac- when the company was forced by cal consumers, is another gasoline sympathy for the victims of a vi- everything in his power to provoke to fight for Negro rights; the more driver indeed. freedom the workers of the South have to organiez, the better they organize, the higher wages will be; the higher wages in the South, the higher they can be in the

The lack of even the pretense of democracy in the (Continued on page 4)

# Warden Outlines Rules at Sandstone Des Moines

Tuesday afternoon the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee held its weekly meeting, to discuss with the Des Moines Drivers Union books and records from the union Local 90. The pact covers all truck already confined to prison. The Committee is providing drivers, maintenance men, waredentals for the two, now in the city workhouse.

Sentencing of the five nolo contendere cases has ap-

The Committee will decide what aid it shall render the twelve men mitted to visit. strikers now confined in the federal prison farm at Sandstone, Yaeger returns from a trip to the

The assistant warden at Sandmittee, notifying it of the regula-

"Inmates of this institution," the Committee was informed, "are in sary personal toilet articles. We quarantine during their first thirty days. During these first thirty days they are not allowed to receive any chewing gum, and other approved visitors, and are permitted to write to one approved correspondent a total of two letters per week and any description." are permitted to receive from this one approved correspondent a total of seven letters per week.

to write to seven approved correspondents a total of two letters per week and are allowed to receive from these seven approved correspondents a total of seven letters per week. Of the seven approved correspondents, not more than four

The Southern bosses fear that Visiting days and hours are Satur-the passage of the anti-lynching days and Sundays between the would encourage the Negroes hours of 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m., At Friday Supper permitted to visit any inmate at can be served supper at 5:30. The ther arbitration." one time. Children under the age lecture will start at 6:30 and the

parently been postponed indefinitely.

maintain a commissary for inmates

where candy, cigars, cigarettes,

articles are sold. Inmates are not

allowed to receive any packages of

Can't Read Organiezr

Special Meeting

February 28th

Southern brothers, Negro and Minnesota, after Attorney Carl privileges due to misconduct in the pay raises, a basic 40-hour week, institution. If such action is taken, prison to confer with strikers.

stone has written the Defense Com- tion . . . tions governing prisoners. Now in Quarantine tobacco and matches and all neces

Last week the Northwest Organizer wrote the Sandstone warden, asking for permission to place all "Upon completion of the quartwelve strikers on the mailing list antine period, inmates are allowed A letter from the institution in forms us that the Bureau of Prison regulations prohibits us from mailing them their labor paper. 664 P. B. Members-

One Hour Visit Each Month "Inmates are allowed not more than one hour visiting period in Board section of the City & Sanvisiting periods not on successive will be held Wednesday, Februapproved visiting list. This list will north. A general review of the ordinarily be restricted to mem- past year's event and a program bers of the immediate family with for the future will be outlined and the proviso that no relative or discussed. All Park Board emother person who has served a sen- ployees, members of Local 664, tence in a penal or correctional are instructed to attend. institution for adults may be on an inmate's regular visiting list. Anti-Lynching Bill

# **Bulk Plants** Sign Up in

Fourteen major oil companies Oil, Deep Rock, Cushman-Wilson, tion, and there is no end in sight. Carlson, Carbon Coal and Phillips "Inmates can be deprived of & Dyer companies.

these regular visiting and writing The new agreement provides for all approved correspondents and employees with one year or more visitors are notified of such ac- of services, etc.

Last week Local 90 collected "Money can be received only \$200 back pay due Jos Craven, emfrom approved correspondents of ployee of the Lovejoy Construction on the history of the book suit an inmate. Inmates are furnished company.

# Examination Of 544 Books In 3rd Week

While Local 544 continues to be signed new contracts last week hampered by the absence of its Local 90. The pact covers all truck office, attorneys and accountants house men, bulk depot and ware- examination of the General Drivhouse clerks and watchmen for the ers Union records now sequestered Skelly, Mid-Continent, Sinclair, in Judge Carroll's courtroom. This Cities Service, Texas, Conoco, Pure is the third week of the examina-

The examination is taking place under the watchful eyes of Kelly Postal, financial secretary-treaspay raises, a basic 40-hour week, Postal, financial secretary-treas-a week's vacation with pay for all urer of Local 544, and other union Central Body leaders. The plaintiff's agents apparently aim to keep the union's books as long as possible.

The third article in the series

# **Anti-Labor Moves** Of NSP Company Cited by Local 160 ters, beer cooling equipment, wheelbarrows and wire-sered folding delivery boxes, etc.— is unfair

In addition to the information on the anti-union practices of the Northern States Power company contained in Puffer-Hubbard firm is jobbing its the two lengthy resolutions of Local 160 and printed in grocery boxes to a fixture plant the Organizer, the St. Paul Electrical Workers Union in Downing, Wisconsin, and is job-Local 110 on February 5th adopted a resolution setting bing its show cases and meat counforth a weighty indictment of the company's evasive and ters to plants in Grand Haven, union-smashing policies.

Local 110's resolution, adopted A special meeting of the Park each month or two thirty-minute itary Drivers Union Local 664 evidence that Frank J. Miller, the company's personnel director, "atvisiting days. No regular visits will ary 28th, 8 p. m. in the third-floor tended executive board meetings the policies of our organization. He has also attempted to dictate who the officers of our organization shall and shall not be. According to affidavits he has threatnow dealing with the company if the agreement . . . " and when he cannot name the business agents of these unions . .

Stall Union Off

Local 110 accuses the company democratic United States of Amer- arranged for in advance and then soring a supper meeting at which of hindering and delaying settleica, and that the provisions of the only on presentation of a letter a representative of the National ment of an arbitration case for ten lengthy statements on the same trade union leaders who have writbach and Stolte comes as a shock NLRB be applied to the South, from the Warden or officer designated by the Warden or officer designate such permission. These visits will anti-lynching bill now pending in tempted to intimidate members of prescribed for regular visits. Not The meeting will be held at the their actions are attempting to dis- ever been made by organized labor. Federation of Teachers; A. Philip more than four persons will be St. Paul YWCA. Those who wish courage our members from fur- Last week Brother George Hale, Randolph, president of the Pull-

Violate Union Pact

being second with 19. Peak hours normal and these layoffs came in cause directly after notification Co-op Services

overwhelmingly by the member- stantly protected relatives of offiship, states the union has signed cials in their positions, regardless

of threats attempted to intimidate | members in violation of our agreeofficers of our union, and dictate ment and have repeated this viotime again in the same departments. They have constantly workened to break all organizations them in time off, in violation of

Local 110's exposure of the Northern States Power company's For WPA'ers foul practices towards its workers, coming in addition to Local 160's most detailed and documented intempted to intimidate members of our arbitration board, and through dictments of a company that has country of Minneapolis are George S. Counts, president of the American

business agent of Local 110, sum- man Porters; Joseph Schlossberg, The Northern States Power com- med up the union's position by secretary of the Amalgamated pany has also discriminated stating: "The Northern States Clothin Workers; J. R. Butler, against union employees by taking Power company has never accept- president of the Southern Tenant "from these members privileges ed in principle the legal, moral and Farmers Union and others. which all employees had previous- contractual rights of its employees Butler's letter to President ly enjoyed and retaining them to bargain collectively, and has car-non-union members only." When ried on a vicious and destructive "Dear Mr. President: the union negotiated wage raises campaign of intimidation and cofor some employees, the company ercion of union members on many

increased load in gas and electrical charges were dropped against 125 labor dispute. Local 110 charges the company output and the increased earnings of the people but 32 had already "to make layoffs and demotions ployees at this time is contrary to six years among the underprivi- for work in three days' will be and promotions according to the good policy and adding unneces- leged and oppressed tenants, share- terminated from WPA; or his re-A detailed break-down of the terms of our agreement. They sary burdens to the present un- croppers, farm laborers and dis- fusal to negotiate with represenin St.

Newest business of the Coopera-

# Ready for Action To Gain Demands

Glotzbach

U.S. Senate

Over the protests of organized

labor, of Farmer-Labor Senator

Ernest Lundeen, and of at least

one Minnesota farmer, the United

States Senate on Monday confirm-

ed Roosevelt's appointment of

Linus C. Glotzbach as regional

WPA administrator and of S. L.

Stolte as Minnesota administrator.

Lone man to speak up against the

promotion of the strike-breakers

Lundeen was unsuccessful ir

blocking the senate action, the

Minneapolis labor movement deep-

ly appreciates his generous co-

Glotzbach and Stolte had the

united support of Stassen, Ship-

stead, Roosevelt and the employ-

At least one Minnesota farme

added his protest to that of organ

zed labor against the appoint-

ments. On February 5th John En-

estyedt of Sacred Heart wrote the

president and Congress that "the

Promotion Is "Disgusting"

recommend for promotion a man

who has shown himself both un-

to close projects where there is a

"Just to innumerate a few in

stances: Like Mr Glotzbach's

operation in this matter.

ers of this area.

**NSP** Workers Get

# Hit by

Last Wednesday evening the Minneapolis Central Labor Union adopted a stiff resolution placing all products of the labor-hating appears on page four of this issue. Puffer-Hubbard company on the 'We Do Not Patronize List" and directing the secretary to send copies of the resolution to all central labor bodies throughout the United States.

Approved by Everything manufactured by the strike-bound Puffer-Hubbard company-refrigerated display counbeer cooling equipment, to organized labor and no serious worker should handle them.

Michigan, and Eau Claire, Wiscon-

The strike of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 against the Puffer - Hubbard company started as a lockout on September 8, 1939. The Northwestern Nabe allowed to persons not on the hall at 257 Plymouth avenue of our union, and through the use changed working schedules of our tional Bank, which has an important interest in the company, is believed to be the major factor lation of our agreement time and holding up a settlement of the dis-

# Urge Pardon

Among the prominent national proposed appointment of Glotzin Minneapolis in July of last year It is positively disgusting to have the president of the United State

able and unwilling to negotiate with organized labor in accordance "Some months ago mass prosewith the long-established rules cution of WPA clients was begun laid down by WPA itself. I am

"At the request of Assistant At- referring to the policy of the WPA "In view of the unusually large torney General John Rogge, all

> "Having worked constantly for threat that those who don't 'report placed farm people of the South, I tatives of labor's own choosing have come to know the despera- or his calling for police protection tion of men, women and children to run a few people through the faced with loss of jobs and starva- picket lines, show his unfitness for the job. In fact, in following the

"Not viciousness but terror strike, as I did through the news-Open New Station prompted these 32 convicted peo- papers, I was unable to see any ple to join with their fellows in merit in one single act performed demonstration for which they by Mr. Glotzbach. On the con-

Many union leaders thought it States refuse to confirm his apmore than probable that the Presi- pointment, and my further de- Labor club will sponsor a card dent would indeed pardon the WPA mand is that his right-hand man, party Saturday, February 24, at seen what a hazardous position refute charges of reactionaries 15 years, even though that change ned by members of Local 977 and strikers, as a political gesture cal- Mr. Stolte, should not be confirm- 8 p. m. in the fire station at 42nd they are in most of the time," it that city drivers are not first-rate meant a lessening of the service to are thus eligible to receive the culated to win back the support of ed as WPA administrator for Min-street and Cedar avenue, to which

Stassen Throws Dispute to Three-Man Commission for Thirty Days—Nothing Accomplished in Meetings with Labor Conciliator, Who Only Repeats Company Stand -Locals 110 and 160 Inform Haney His Office's Suggestions Are Inadequate and Unacceptable

Negotiations between the Minneapolis and St. Paul Electrical Workers Union Locals 160 and 110 and the Northern States Power company entered a new stage Monday when the union was notified by the state labor conciliator that its dispute was tossed into the lap of a three-man commission under terms of the Stassen Labor Law. Serving on the fact-finding body are Earl Lyons of Minneapolis, attorney, representing

"the public"; Frank J. Allen of Winona, manager of a woolen mill, representing the employers; A. J. Kampmann of St. Paul, member of the Typographical Union, representing labor. For a thirty-day period this commission will func-

During the ten day waiting period which ended February 19th, three meetings were held between union representatives, company spokesmen, and the labor conciliator, Norris Jackson.

At the first meeting held last Thursday, the company immediately indicated its bad faith by making it plain that if any decision or findings of the conciliaor or the three-man commission did not please it, it would "hoid on to our legal rights."

Absolutely nothing was accomolished in the three meetings. At he last meeting, held Saturday, he conciliator finally made a proposal to the union which was nothng more nor less than the same old proposal the Northern States Power company has been striving to serve up.

The proposal suggests a preferntial shop bound by such restricions as to make it meaningless and easily voided. The conciliator uggests that the St. Croix wage ssue be arbitrated according to procedure outlined in the expired 1939 contract.

Unions Reject Suggestions On Monday George Hale of St. Paul Local B-110 and William Heigel of Minneapolis Local B-160. representing the joint union nego "At no time in the history of tiating committee, sent a brief let-WPA has a labor problem been ter to Lloyd Haney informing him handled in a more incompetent that the suggestions made by the state labor conciliators' office manner than was the WPA strike were "inadequate and therefore not

> On the same day Haney announced the establishment of the hree-man fact-finding commission. Union Prepares for Action

acceptable."

The company having made it plain that it has no intentions of granting the unions' demands, Loeals 110 and 160 this week set about the work of preparing mathinery for definite action against he company in the near future.

#### 160 Auxiliary Dance Nets \$123.85 for WPA Defense Group

Monday the Minneapolis WPA Defense Committee received a check for \$123.85 from the Women's Auxiliary of Local 160 which staged a benefit dance to raise funds.

The expenses of the WPA Defense Committee will continue so long as any defendant remains in jail. Those unions who have made pledges but who have not yet redeemed them are asked to do so as quickly as possible.

#### 7th Ward FLP Card is that the Congress of the United Party Saturday

The Seventh Ward Farmer-

# Cite Low Accident Rate for City's Equipment Drivers

of sixteen years will not be per- public is invited.

The amazingly good driving record of the 138 drivers would tell such workers that "their occasions when they have attemption Minneapolis, Minnesota. employed by the equipment division of the city of Minne- raises would have been greater if ed to exercise these rights. apolis is set forth in a report made last week to the city they were not in the union." council's efficiency and economy committee of which Erik

Though in 1939 the division drivers worked a total of with innumerable violations of the of the company we feel that the been convicted. more than 200,000 hours, the division's 102 trucks were old agreement, including its refusal present policy of dismissing eminvolved in only 106 accidents. The

minor character of the accidents is

streets and must start, stop, turn all during the year.

ing up.

and park at the convenience of the The accident report was passed demotion of the employee by urday night, March 2nd at 8:45 crews of the different departments on to the efficiency and economy changing operating practices which when the drawing will be held. hiring this equipment, it is easily committee of the city council, to the department had in effect for All co-op gas stations are man-

of their seniority rights . . .

"The company has constantly ed employees overtime and paid Unionists

believes in democracy, and doesn't driver of a private car who had the accidents, other parties were represent them. Upon one occasion tive Services, owned by 2,000 lo- faced sentence. Surely your deep trary, it looks to me as if he did anti-lynching bill. From pure self- 1,869 hours of driving would con- cidents were caused by drivers do- our union to grant seniority rights service station which opens this cious condition inclines you toward the workers, who it is now generinterest organized labor is smart sider himself a very fortunate ing damage to property while back- to an employee in the matter of a week at 3501 Lyndale Ave. S. a favorable consideration of this, ally agreed, voluntarily walked promotion, company officials The grand opening will be staged my request, added to the thousands off the projects as a protest "When one realizes that our Sixty-three of the 138 equip- threatened to get the employee Saturday, March 2nd. A radio will you have no doubt already re- against the cut in wages and inequipment ordinarily works on city ment drivers had no accidents at because he had demanded his be awarded to some lucky person ceived, that you issue a full execu- creases in hours . . . My demand rights. They finally secured the who visits the station before Sat- tive pardon to these people."

the public. The company has con- business of union men and women. the unemployed.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# Week's Paid Vacation Won by Taxi Drivers In New Two-Year Pact

Below is printed the new two-year working agreement covering the four hundred Minneapolis cab drivers. Major improvement over the former pact is that for a week's vacation with pay for all employees of two years' seniority standing. The agreement went into effect February 15th and will run until February 15, 1942.

The Minneapolis Cab drivers and the Employer of the first four (15) day supon written permission from the Union Committee and the Employer. A fifteen (15) day extension may be granted upon the approval of the Union Committee and the Employer. There shall be no split shifts in any classification of work, provided, however, that his does not affect employees this does not affect employees working; on both the Union and the Employer in a gree to be bound by the following terms and provisions governing hours and working conditions.

SECTION II.

I am against high wages because my boss is against them, and whatever hurts business hurts me.

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SECTION L A. The Union shall be the sole representative of all employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

B. The Employer agrees that all taxi drivers and cab service men shall be in good standing in the Union (Local No. 958, A.F. of Cab service men shall in-all men who read meters, check oil and gas, wash cars, and nerally service cabs, except ose men in direct supervision preof. The Employer further agrees that unless special excep-tion is made in individual cases, all of the above qualified employees shall have their monthly union dues deducted from the first payroll check issued after the 10th of each month. None of these provisions, however, are to be construed to place any responsibility or liability on the Employer for any said dues, or the collection of each dues.

said dues.
C. The Employer shall have the ing new men; however, the Union may reject any man selected by the Employer, or the E right to select its drivers when hirthe Employer, or the Employer may reject any man selected by the Union. It shall be further understood that any Employer in hiring new men shall give priority rights to members in good stand-ing in the A. F. of L. Teaming Craft Union, if available, provided these men are in good standing with the Employer, and provided further that they have had taxicab

The Employer shall have the right to hire new men as they are required and shall be given the right to put on new men who are hired on a thirty (30) day probation period and reserves the right to discharge these men at any time during this thirty (30) day period for any reason it deems necessary; however, the Union shall not have the right to protest any discharge through the probationary period.

SECTION II.

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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.

SECTION III.

The Employer agrees to grant

The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without pay

time of the signing of this agree-ment, and the conditions of em-ployment shall be improved wher-

any back pay due the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the straight time, and overtime rates. SECTION VII.

Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Union and the Employer, provided, however, that in any case where the that in any case where no agree ment can be reached as above provided, that in such case the disagreement may be submitted to arbitration to a Board composed of two (2) members of the Union, and two (2) representatives of the Employer, and a fifth (5th) neutral member selected by a ma-

SECTION VIII.

The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlemay arise.

SECTION IX.

The Employer shall not knowingly 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 Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement. SECTION X.

The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, other than a cap, the same shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer free of charge, and shall bear the Union label. Jnion label. SECTION XI.

The Employer agrees that there shall be no charge for gasoline, oil, parts or mileage, or any damage done through an accident ei-ther to the Employer's taxicabs, or to any other individual's automobile, nor shall there be any charge for labor for adjusting said acci-

SECTION XII Should the Employer require my employee to give bonds, the premium on same shall be paid by the Employer. SECTION XIII.

SECTION XIII.

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.

SECTION XIV.

Any controvers over the seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place.

Any controversy over the seniority standing of an employee on this list shall be submitted to the Inion and the Employer for set-SECTION XV.

A. The Senior employees shall have first preference on the job, provided, however, that the present assignment of employees in the various classifications of work shall not be disturbed in any manager other than set forth below B. When a job becomes open

or any reason in any classificafor any reason in any classifica-tion of work covered by this agree-ment, it shall be bulletined and posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing, provided they possess the qualifications, are el-igible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present without jeopardizing their present seniority standing. Thirty (30) days shall be allowed for the emand without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a labor convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

SECTION IV.

The Employee agrees not to enter of the employee to qualify on the new job, or return to his former job. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle the job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph VII. of this job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph VII. of this

SECTION IV.

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

C. The Union agrees that the Employer may select any employer gradless of seniority to fill vacancies on their telephone switch-board, provided, however, said conditions of employment relating to wages, 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 agree—

SECTION IV.

The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, 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 agree—

SECTION IV.

The Employer in no instance, shall be held responsible to exceed ten days' wages for the employee that the event of a reduction or instance, shall be held responsible to exceed ten days' wages for the employee union discharged or laid off, and unless the protest in writing is filed and delivered to the Employer with said seventy-two (72) hours, the Employer shall not be increase of the—taxicabs now operated by the company the minimum numbers of employee Union discharged or laid off, and unless the protest in writing is filed and delivered to the Employer within said seventy-two (72) hours, the Employer shall not be increase of the temployee who is discharged or laid off, and unless the protest in writing is filed and delivered to the Employer within said seventy-two (72) hours, the Employer shall not be increased or decompany the minimum number of employee within said seventy-two (72) hours, the Employer shall not be increased or the company the minimum number of employee within said seventy-two (72) hours, the Employee shall not be increased or the temployee whis days' wages for the employee who is discharged to the Employee whis days' wages

ployment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in off shall be the first rehired. The provement are made elsewhere in this agreement.

SECTION VI.

In the event that the Employer knowingly violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, or violates any of the provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority rights, wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, any back pay due the employee index to the various classifications of work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjustments.

An employee desiring a Leave

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am against high wages because my boss is against them,

forth herein and shall not result in loss of seniority rights. Employees who voluntarily leave the job without proper leave of absence to exceed thirty (30) days. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not be subject to the limitations as set forth herein and shall not result in loss of seniority rights. Employees who of seniority rights. Employees who voluntarily leave the job without proper leave of absence without permission of the Union Committee and Employer, shall automatically forfeit seniority rights.

SECTION XVII. The Employer shall have the right to discharge and/or lay off any employee for drunkenness on any employee for drunkenness on duty, dishonesty, and any viola-tion of working rules not conflict-ing with the provisions of this contract. The Union shall, how-ever, have the right to contest the discharge or lay off in the manner provided in paragraph VII. of this agreement, but if it desires to con-test the same, it shall file a pro-test in writing, with the Employtest, in writing, with the Employ-er, delivered to the Employer or any officer thereof within seventytwo (72) hours after such dis-charge or lay off. The Employer in no instance shall be held responsible to exceed ten (10) days' wages for the employee who is discharged or laid off, and unless discharged or laid off, and unless the protest in writing is filed and delivered to the Employer within said seventy-two (72) hours, the Employer shall not be held respon-sible for any wages.

SECTION XVIII. SECTION XVIII.

The Company shall have the right to assign any driver, whose bookings are five per cent (5%) below the average of his shift in any thirty (30) day period, on any shift the Company desires for a period of sixty (60) days. At the end of the sixty (60) day period, the driver shall then, at his option, return to his regular shift with no return to his regular shift with no loss of seniority rights. It shall be understood that the assignment of his cab during the sixty (60) day period shall be on a temporary basis for such period and that the driver shall be allowed to have his cab back at his option.

SECTION XIX. Employer may prefer charges against an employee for violation of the proper posted working rules which do not conworking rules which do not conflict with any of the terms and provisions of this agreement. The Union shall, however, have the right to contest the discharge or layoff in the manner provided in paragraph VII. of this agreement, but if it desires to contest the same, it shall file a protest in writing with the Employer delivered to the Employer or an officer thereof, within seventy-two (72) hours after such discharge or layoff. The Employer, in no instance, shall be held responsible to exceed

standing in the Union and qualified to handle that job. This shall cover the telephone switchboard only.

D. 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 secessary reassignment of employee the straight time pay for their Sunday hours. The assignment of days off for employees in other classifications of work shall be in accordance with the schedule that cordance with the schedule that meets the approval of the Employer and the Union Committee. SECTION XXI.

Employees shall receive full pay

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work involved, plus ten cents (10c) per hour. SECTION XXII

as the shortage has been made up. There shall be no loss of commission or surcharge on shortages.

SECTION XXIV The employer agrees that there shall be no advertising matter used on the outside or the inside of the taxicabs that does not bear the

union label. SECTION XXV SECTION XXV

It is agreed that the driver shall not be held responsible for the passenger's refusal to pay cab fares, provided, however, that such passenger is turned over to a police officer or an official of the Company.

SECTION XXVI

The term "Individual Taxicab Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a taxi-cab. An individual taxicab owner who owns and operates one or more taxicabs shall be considered an Employer.
SECTION XXVII

A. The individual taxicab own-ers shall have seniority standing on their own cabs only; the vehicle shall have no seniority standing. In the event an owner desires to change shifts, he shall post his intention of such change for a period of seventy-two (72) hours. He shall not be permitted to again change shifts until thirty (30) days time has elapsed.

B. The Union will not permit

b. The Union will not permit two or more members to own and operate the same taxicab and where there is a joint ownrship of cabs, Union membership will be denied.

C. All individual taxicab owners must hire at least one (1) or

ers must hire at least one (1) em-ployee union driver a full shift each day the taxicab operates, ex-cept when the individual taxicab owner's driver is on his vacation. and except during the summer reduction period, the company shall have the right to allow reduction of the employee Union drivers to the minimum number of.... In the event of a reduction or increase of the—taxicabs now op erated by the company the mini-

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operator and company in any ga-rage, both day and night, to de-termine if taxicabs have been sent 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. ity list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

SECTION XXIII

All employees shall be paid in full each week. Under no conditions shall the Employer advance or loan money to any driver, nor shall any driver cash in short in excess of thirty-five per cent (35%) of his booking receipts for any day. Any driver who does cash in short more than thirty-five per cent (35%) of his booking receipts in any one day shall not be permitted to work until such time as the shortage has been made up. There shall be no loss of commissame to the supervising steward and request that it be submitted to the Teamsters Joint Council for determination. In the event that a violation of any of these provisions is found to have occurred, then the same shall be remedied forthwith in a manner determined

forthwith in a manner determined by the Teamsters Joint Council, and unless the same is remedied immediately by the Teamsters Joint Council, then the provisions herein relating to minimum wage guarantees and cab reduction per-centages shall be considered SECTION XXIX

A. The Union and the Employer gree that a rotating system of cheduled days off shall be in ef-

nies, associations, holding compa-nies or groups operating under color scheme or trade name shall reduce from the total number of licenses issued to them one-seventh (1/7th) of their cabs each and and every day from May 15th to August 15th. It is further agreed that any of the above mentioned operating less than seven (7) cabs under one color scheme or trade name shall not operate any of their cabs to exceed six (6) days in any week during the period this reduction is in force. SECTION XXX

The Employer and the Union agree that any employee, if he so desires, may take time off with-out pay in case of sickness, acci-dent, or death in the immediate family, or where said employee is excused by the Employer, or where said employee gives the Employer forty-eight (48) hours' notice that he wishes to lay off.

SECTION XXXI It is agreed that the existing conditions with reference to Inde-pendent Operators owning more than one cab is and will be recognized and will not in any way af-fect Union rights or membership of the present Union members; any future change in the increase in multiple ownership of cabs shall be subject to the approval of the



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SECTION XXXII

The following shall be the minimum rates of pay and the maximum number of regular hours for the various classifications of work.

TAXICAB DRIVERS—Every driver shall receive a commission of 40% of his gross receipts, provided, however, that no driver shall receive a the work week shall be a paid for all time worked over 8 hours in any one day and for all time worked over 48 hours per week.

of 40% of his gross receipts, provided, however, that no driver shall receive less than the sum of \$18.00 for any week in which he shall have worked the number of days and hours hereinafter prescribed. If a driver fails to work a full week due to any cause other than absence without leave, he shall be entitled to receive \$3.00 to every full day of work or

day, which, however, shall not be computed as working time. Emergencies may be declared to exist by the Employer on any Saturday manner:

A vacation shall be provided for the various employees covered by this agreement in the following manner: by the Employer on any Saturday night, or any other day, during the life of this contract. In the event of emergencies, drivers shall work two (2) additional hours at their two (2) additional hours at their vacation of one (1) week at the rate of pay for their various classifications of work, vacation pay in any one day.

OPERATORS AND DIS-PATCHERS—Operators and dispatchers shall be paid at the rate of \$24.00 per week on the shift starting from 12:00 o'clock midnight to 8:00 a. m. the following day. The other two shifts shall be paid at the vete of \$25.00 a.m. day. The other two shifts shall be paid at the rate of \$25.09 per week. The work day shall be 7½ hours. The work week shall be 45 hours. Time and one-half shall be paid for overtime over 48 hours hours per week. One-half hour off duty away from ich fer hyrch.

ORDER TAKERS — Order takers shall be paid at the rate of 52c per hour. Time and one-half shall be paid for overtime over 48 hours per week. One-half hour off duty away from job for lunch.
STARTERS—Starters shall be paid at the rate of \$26.00 per week. The work day shall be 8 hours. The work week shall be 48 hours. Time and one-half shall be

paid for overtime over 48 hours per week. One-half hour off duty scheduled days off shall be in effect, and that all employees covered by this agreement shall have one day off in each pay roll week.

B. It is agreed that all companies, associations, holding companies, associations, holding companies associations and the paid for systime and one-half shall be paid for systime and that all employees covered by this agreement shall be paid at the rate of \$24.00 per one shall be paid be paid for overtime over 48 hours per week. One-half hour off duty away from job for lunch. METER READERS AND EX-TRA FLOOR MEN—Cab service men and inside workers shall be paid at the rate of 5% per hour.

men and inside workers shall be paid at the rate of 52c per hour. Time and one-half shall be paid for overtime in excess of eight hours in one day or 48 hours in one week. One-half hour off duty away from job for lunch.

HIKERS—Hikers shall be paid at the rate of \$22.00 per week. The work day shall be 7 hours. The work week shall b 42 hours. Time and one-half shall be paid for overtime over 48 hours per week. One-half hour off duty away from job for lunch.

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RELIEF MAN FOR RELIEF shall be entitled to receive \$3.00 to every full day of work or 33 1/3c for every full hour's work during the said week or 40% of his gross receipts, whichever is the greater.

All taxicab drivers shall work as per above schedule when relieving on nine (9) hours per day, six (6) days each week; one-half hour off duty away from job for lunch each day, which, however, shall not be a vacation shall be provided for

ifications of work, vacation pay to be paid in advance, provided two (2) additional hours so to be paid in advance, provided worked shall be allowed within the next weekly pay period without two years or more prior to the loss of guarantee for day for signing of this agreement. No employee will be permitted to work Owner drivers may, at their option, work one (1) additional hour clause shall not apply to employees the best left the programmer of the progra who have left the company's service by leave of absence to take employment elsewhere; and it is further understood that the vacation period provided for herein is in lieu of any previous arrange-ment for days off heretofore given to any employee under any prac-tice existing in the past, and that tice existing in the past, and that no employee in any classification is to receive any other time off with pay, except the vacation period herein provided. In further explanation of the pay to which the employee on vacation is entitled the drivers for example, shall be entitled to \$18.00 per week as specified in the wage week, as specified in the wage schedule, and employees in other classifications to the weekly wage

specified in the schedule herein.
SECTION XXXIII It is understood that the shall in no way interfere with the existing business arrangements of the Employer. SECTION XXXIV

In the event that the Union e ters into an agreement with any other individual owner, associa-tion, company or taxicab opera-tor, operating within the city of inneapolis, providing for

1. A lower wage, or

2. Lower rates of pay, or

3. Longer hours of employers

then and in that event, the em

ployer herein may, at his option, declare this agreement null and void. It is agreed between the Union and the Employer that the Union agrees that hereafter it will include in its contract with any com-

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In addition to the Drivers' Hall health group the following union bodies at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. are forming groups at the present time: Construction Drivers Section, Local 544; Filling Station Attendants, Local 977: Electrical Workers, Local 160; independent Truck Owners Section, Local 544.

or operator and its contract with any of the companies, independent companies and/or operators, each and all of the provisions of this contract, and also a provision whereby a company and/or holding company operating or owning taxicabs shall assume full respon-sibility for carrying out all obligations of any contract involving any of the individuals with the company or holding company, so as to avoid violation of the Union agreement by an individual oper-ator. And the Union hereby undertakes and agrees not only to in-clude said provisions in said contracts with other cab operators, but also to enforce each and all of the terms and conditions thereof against such other cab operators and upon its failure so to incor-porate said terms in such other contracts or to enforce the same against such other cab operators, the Employer herein, at its option, may declare this agree-ment null and void and of no force and effect, and the employer will

and effect, and the employer will thereupon be released from any and all liability hereunder. This agreement shall be in full force and effect from February 15, 1940, to and including Febru-ary 15, 1942.

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very good and large size mirror. about it. Anyone having a first-class looking-glass that is not in use, get on the second floor at the J. R. Hurry!

all last week. Jack Savada told Eastman and Ed Kirby presented facturing company at 28th and me George had a touch of pneu- Brother Lohse with a ten-inch Washington Ave. N. The Cleland monia but is getting over it now. cigar in honor of the occasion.

\* \* \*
Klas Kalgren paid a visit to

Frank Morrison, Henry Lunde, Emil Carlson, Ed Jordan and Klas Kalgren got their fishing tackle

should know that Klas Kalgren is Loger suspects dirty foot awerk. Unfair Standard a man who always equips himself with the best and the cost of high him was more than that of all four of his companions. With such

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line broke and the fish got away. Air-Loc seaing company is pracone and all and Frank Morrison lack of business. when he contacted a sanitary

it will be nice and cozy and warm us, Eddie! Heh, heh! Clark plant. Hurry! Hurry! from now on. John installed a heating stove December 20, during George Solder was home sick the cold snap. Loran Rhody, Vern cleaners from the Cleland Manu-

Oscar Norgren's home last Mon- work at the J. R. Clark plant last for the farmers' products. Monday.

Wally Fern bought a '34 Ford last Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard together a week ago come next "Dick" Brandt-a son, Frederick Miller. Saturday and after lining their Albert. Little Fred weighed in bellies with flapjacks and coffee to this world at 2% pounds. Mrs. they went up to Ripple Lake on Brandt and the baby came home one of these here piscatorial perri- from the hospital Saturday, Febgrinations which I have been hear- ruary 10. Congratulations to Mr. ing a lot about but never see any and Mrs. Brandt from Local 1859.

Johnny Loger was the victim of By the way, they took along cruel and inhuman treatment last Mr. and Mrs. E. Johns from 1859. nine gallons of coffee so as to have week when somebody entered his something to drink. Now you room and swiped his suit. Brother

\* \* \* Saturday, February 3, while class fishing tackle he had with coming home, Mrs. Gertrude Shirmers suffered a bad fall on the icy Listed by 977 walk near her house. Mrs. Schir magnificent equipment Klas should mers struck her head so severely have got his fish but he didn't. that she has been confined at home He didn't catch a one, but Frank since that time. Mrs. Shirmers is Emil, Ed and Hank caught plenty. the wife of Nicholas who works in And to top it all off, when Klas the warehouse at the J. R. Clark finally did get a bite his fine fish plant and the mother of Burt. Wally and Chet who are all wellknown to members of Local 1859.

> The Air-Loc seating section held meeting last Friday, February 16. for the purpose of writing up their contract for the coming year. However, due to the fact that the members were not informed of the meeting sufficiently in advance, there were not enough members present to take care of the business on hand. A report was made on grievances and seniority discrepancies. It was decided to take up the contract at the next neeting. It was reported that the

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However, a fine time was had by tically closed at present due to

Rumor has it that Edward Kirby driver on the lake who explained ran afoul of the law in Golden very carefully to Brother Morri- Valley last Sunday and the traffic on who, when and what Confucius officers of that fair village done was. Anybody who wants to know their duty, thereby causing Broth-Wanted by Johnny Borecki, a about Confucius may see Frank er Kirby to peel off some of his folding lettuce last Monday p. m. Should this report be erroneous. Maybe John Lohses' basement which we doubt, please note we in contact with Brother Borecki retreat room isn't bomb-proof but said this was a rumor. Can't sue

> Farmers buy union-made grain company pays its men union wages and every farmer knows that well-Thirty men were called back to paid workers mean cash customers

Berg Miller of Cleland company bought himself a new black Olds mobile coach last Saturday. Oil not, neither will ye spin, Brother

Louise Holzinger started back to work at the Northwestern Casket company about January 16.

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## The 289 Blab By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Retail Drivers the unemployed and the war quest The Auxiliary Dance Commitneet Thursday evening, 8 p. m., tion. W. W. Norris will lead the tee urges everyone who has not March 7. Say, it just struck me discussion, speaking on "Jobs, Not settled for his dance tickets to that the Retail division could just Battleships!" The meeting will be please do so. Please turn in any as well meet at 7:30 p. m. like all held at 919 Marquette avenue at monies and unsold dance tickets the rest of the sections, now that 3 p. m. they get through work earlier. Think this over and bring it up at

your meeting. Heard here and there: Joe O'Hare-"Hello, Keed." Sam Ash-"Who's playing?" Chet Ryan-"I'll raise." Frank Smith-"You got the best

ooper dooper." Jerry Chapman-"Boy, I had a weetheart of a ticket yesterday, ally that your dues are paid up if it hadn't been for one team . . .' Harold Russel-"I move we ad-

"Red" Johnson - "Who's short?"

what happened to those two bucks days in Europe. today?" \* \* \*

More bowling in the Zinsmaster League last Friday night:

a 236 score to win high single honors in the league so far. Close other winter comes. behind and breathing on his heels were Art Wiggin with a 227 and Don Novack with a 222 and yours truly clipped out a 148 which is pretty good for me.

Here's a funny thing. Regardless of reported large war orders, railroad orders, etc., unemployment remains about the same. Seems to me that reports being true, we should feel the effect of this with men going back to work. but I guess the machines are able to keep up with the increases pret-

Harry DeBoer and party must be pretty near down to Mexico by now I guess, but as yet nobody has heard from them.

\* \* \*

Ray Ferguson is on the sick list

being laid with a bum leg. Sure has been a tough winter for accidents and lay-offs.

Negotiations for the Wholesale Drivers contract are expected to get under way shortly. \* \* \* Report from Loren Johnson

dance chairman, gives a loss for the dance of approximately \$60, which isn't bad considering the comparatively small crowd we had. To the Ladeez: It's no wonder

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## "Jobs, Not Ships" Is Forum Subject

The Sunday Forum for Sunday, February 25th, will center around

# TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

burial at Lakewood cemetery. He job again. was the father of Miles Dann, of Harold Simons—"Let's get a the Y. C. unit.

> When laid off. See to it personand get a withdrawal card. We want to see you back on the job.

Don't complain about these Labor Conciliator? balmy winter days, boys, they're George Zuckman - "I wonder much better than the "bombq"

Don't get angry when a "con-The 289 bowling team is still scientious objector" calls you your utmost to get better working hanging onto the lead in the Driv"robber," etc. Just explain the conditions; I'll be a louse and take ers' League despite losing two city-surveyed meter-lane and the the benefits." games to the Meat Drivers last boys from the weights and measures that check and seal every meter. It works.

Another "rooming" house fire Johnny Moran of the Whites in Minneapolis. The WPA report

> drivers for the city; among them were some mile-mongers from Local 958 who, during the daily grind make a lot of hospital runs emergency and otherwise, that acquaint them with every problem the "meat wagon" driver faces.

> "Fresh eggs' Duncan is all set for fire or foul weather: he carries a couple of sacks of coal in that Ford to keep the wheels down in the drifts and if he gets lost in blizzard he can keep warm burning coal.

When getting your dues-book tamped, give your address to the shop steward as the N. W. Organizer is bringing its mailing list up

"Carmichael" McNeal, the Johnsville troubador, claims he can give Floyd "Landlord" Anger clarinet lessions easier if he paints the instrument white so it can be seen against the background.

Walter Pearson who has been shanghaied" into riding to work vith Syd McNeal in that Whippet oupe claims the years he lived in trailer taught him how to queeze his big frame into small

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# **Watt Notes**

as soon as possible so that the Committee can make a complete financial statement.

As this column is being written Brother C. A. Shaw of the Meter Department is on the sick list Hope it is nothing serious, Charles, Died: Louis Dann, February 18, and that you will soon be on the

> Wonder why a great many of the members present at the last membership meeting laughed out Smith was one of the company's representatives when the company and the union met with the State

The garage outside of one "lone" member is one hundred per cent union. He evidently says. "You boys pay the freight and do

#### Reprinted from the Union Advocate of February 15, 1940.

There has been much talk about the tragedy of the older worker knocked 'em over to the tune of was right, we have more fire-traps but from an Electrical Workers' ready to go up in smoke when an- union comes a suggestion of something that can be done for these workers. The new contract recently signed by Local No. 3 of the taken the exams for ambulance International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers provides that one worker over 55 years of age must be employed for every ten workers under that age. A joint committee, consisting of three representatives each for employers and workers, is to plan a pension program for electrical workers between 60 and 65 years of age.

If each industry would make such an arrangement with the appropriate union or unions, we night avoid such ruthless scrapping of experienced workers as we have witnessed in late years. Raising the standard for employable age at the other end of the line would also contribute to the same end .- American Federation-

The personnel of most of the ound table discussions on the ralio reads like a roster of the Naional Manufacturers Association. The meeting of the Labor Probems class at the Labor School on the evening of February 20th was

Do you fellas know what you ere doing two years ago this veek? We looked back in our files and found: The firm of Miller and posedly edible foods . . . After return to his home. picket duty the "boys" were learnng the art of gentle parlor tricks, such as the "hot-seat" remember? Card games, telling tall tales and garettes were scarce, the stogies moked his in a pipe.) This was part of the price of progress.

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#### interesting to say the least. It dealt specifically with things that we are dealing with at this time. Will any members who had

"Committee Buttons" for the dance put on by the Ladies Auxiliary and who failed to turn their buttons in to the Committee, please leave them at the union

Brother Maynard Larson turned to work Tuesday, Febru- to see yegg departing with the ary 20th, after being laid up with company bank roll. The chase was injuries due to an auto accident, on-through alleys and up streets.

to 9:30 p. m. last Tuesday and About that time Carl spies that hearing how business is on the up- sign in front of the Orpheumtrend in Minneapolis, we asked the irony of it all-GONE WITH ourselves a question: "Do wage earners earning union wages and thereby having a greater purchasing power have anything to do with the increase in sales of com- Dayton's 8th street door? modities?" Funny this angle was not touched on over the air last Tuesday night.

anyway? Is it composed of stock- be. holders, management, and employees, or is it just the management? Incidentally, are the individual fucius says. Old ladies who clip stockholders ever consulted about coupons should keep nose out of whether a corporation should car- union business. ry on a union-busting campaign?

Should or should not a private monopoly pay better wages than feurs, we sure would have some highly competitive small indus-

Many times we have heard the argument that an employer should pay better wages if he can afford to. That's swell.

pany's employees are making frequent visits to St. Paul of late. Don't think they heard any news to cheer about, however.

We wish to thank the members of Local B-160 and the Ladies Auxiliary for the many beautiful gifts and messages of congratulation given to us at our recent anniversary.

We hope that when you and yours celebrate, you will derive s much pleasure from our presence as we derived from yours. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kline

# **Gassing With**

All members of the local should ear in mind that if they, or any Name had to be passed up this nember of their family become inolved in an accident and are in jured, they should call the office of the local and obtain full details and advice before taking written action of any kind.

Secretary Davidson has been inder the care of the union doctor, and confined to St. Barnabas Wallace were recruiting help to hospital since Sunday, February run the commisary and with a 18th, with an infection in his foot, motley crew of kitchen mechanics At this writing, Larry is much imwere stewing and brewing sup- proved and may be permitted to

Now that the dues books have been checked and returned to the membership, we suggest that you just plain loafing. "Taylor-made" keep them stamped to date; this their sympathy and best wishes to will be necessary proof that you were getting shorter. (W. Powers are a member in good standing and eligible to union benefits and protection.

> President Sturdevant and Secreary Davidson spent last Friday and Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa, in conference with the officials of he Petroleum Workers union of that city. They will give a detailed report at the next general membership meeting.

> Bro. Ed Greig of the Northern Tire Company, is confined to Swedish hospital with a severe case of asthma. We have been informed that his physician recommends

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#### With the Limousines By Home James

Buck Gustafson rides again Last Saturday night brother Carl appeared at his gas station in time but alas, the fleet-footed yegg gave After listening to WTCN from him the slip at 9th and Henn. THE WIND (so was the dough.)

> Do we understand that union chauffeurs are not welcome at

How about our charge accounts? We say some fink flunkys Who makes up a corporation are not as careful as they should

Oh well, to h--- with what Con-

bers as J. D. McMillan gets chauf-

local. Anyway, the transfer companys get some business. Soon we may be able to name the one that pinched that oil.

New contract committees have been formed to draw up new and perhaps better contracts for the coming year for both livery and private sections.

From now on watch us grow as our drive for new members keeps bringing them in. Remember that what is passed

at the meetings is what counts. What you hear besides that means It seems that beer at 5c a bot-

the entertainment committees found out. Looks like trouble with bird lown at Boutell's. He has a fink

tle doesn't bring any profit-so

out on the street now. \* \* \*
This is one of the great reasons why we must stick together and fight for what we believe is right.

Due to the fact that there is no sbestos in this sheet, What's My week because of the danger of fire. Can it be possible that some of our finky friends buy our paper to read?

Isn't it funny that these Repubicans always quote Lincoln and the good that he did, but we can't find anything that one of them has done since that time unless it is the Old Age Lien Law, and they have no reason to be proud of that \_hut Stinky is

Canada for a change in climate to relieve him of this condition. The members of the local extend Bro. Greig.

In answer to many inquiries, the \$1.20 medical service fee is good for one year. This service must not be confused with hospitalization service. The hospitalization separate; mail your application filled out completely to the office of the local.

#### ORGANIZER WANT ADS

(If you are a subscriber, your ad will be published here free of charge. Mail or phone the Northwest Organizer, 253 Plymouth Avenue North, Bridgeport 8741.)

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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.



# Behind the 544 Suit

III.

The five plaintiffs and their attorney, Arthur Anderson, have maintained publicly from the start of their suit against Local 544 that the case was being waged, not against the General Drivers Union, but in behalf of the union and its membership. That is, the plaintiffs have maintained that they are loyal members of Local 544, and it is this claim that Judges Reed and Carroll have accepted as the basis for turning over the union's books and records to the finks.

Let us examine the claim of the plaintiffs to loyalty to the membership of Local 544, to the union.

During January, 1940, a score of Local 544 members together with members and officials of other unions presented testimony in Judge Carroll's court-

1. Frank Bronce, 544 member. Testified Svenddal came to the Hartzell Coal company in March, 1938, and solicited the 544 members there to join the "Associated Independent Union Number One." the drivers told Svenddal they were quite satisfied with Local 544, Svanddal became angry.

2. Charles Christie, Jr., truck driver. Testified that John Asplund, a plaintiff, told him early in 1938 that "Some Minneapolis business men are furnishing the money to sue Local 544."

3. Lee Hoffmockey, 544 member. Testified that Asplund had asked him to join the Local No. 1.

4. Joe Prause, ITO member. Testified that Adolph Svenddal, early in 1938, solicited Prause and other drivers "to join a good union, the Minnesota Mutual No. 1." This was just about the time the suit

5. Earl Peters, ITO member. Testified that Svenddal identified himself as an organizer for Local

No. 1 in February, 1938.

6. C. B. Carlson, ITO member. Testified he has attended every Local 544 general membership meeting and every meeting of the ITO section since 1935, and has never heard any of the plaintiffs, nor anyone else, demand an accounting of funds. Carlson testified to the Local 544 practice - known to all members - of submitting regular financial reports to the membership.

7. Eugene Lundholm, secretary of the ITO section. Testified that Robert Fisher, plaintiff, had never (as Fisher claims) demanded an accounting of union

funds at any meeting. 8. John Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and head of the Allied Printing Trades. Testified his unions had had trouble with the fink unions and that the Independent Unions were trying to palm off a label that was practically a forgery of the AFL Printing Trades Label.

9. L. Boerbach, business agent of the Painters Union, testified the building trades unions had also had trouble with the Associated Independent Unions who chiseled on the union wage scale.

10. Douglas Raze, cab driver, formerly a member of Local 544. Testified that in a pamphlet he signed several years ago, he never meant to imply that Local 544 had anything to do with "Chicago gangsters." Testified he had never been intimidated by any of the union officials, and that he was always granted his democratic rights at Local 544 meetings. despite his hostility at that time to the leadership of the General Drivers Union.

Inasmuch as Raze's pamphlet was used by enemies of Local 544 as a source for many of the lying charges of "gangsterism" directed against Local 544, friends of the union movement will welcome Raze's honest testimony.

11. Curt Zander, 544 trustee. Testified that Asplund chiseled on the union wage scale.

12. George Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota

State Federation of Labor. Testified that he knew of the existence of the fink Independent Union No. 1, and that representatives of this organization testified before the last session of the state legislature in behalf of the Stassen Slave Labor Act.

13. Miles Dunne, 544 trustee and secretarytreasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. Refuted Fisher's testimony that he had ever heard Fisher ask for an accounting of union funds, or that he had ever threatened Fisher.

14. Al Stein, 544 member. Testified that in March, 1938, Ryan told him "a bunch of 544 men were breaking away and starting a new union. Dues

will be low because we have outside backing. 15. Tom McCue, ITO member. Testified that all union members, including those opposed to Local 544's leadership, are accorded full democratic rights.

16. Perry Stevenson, 544 member. Testified that as early as November, 1937, in a meeting at the Couiseum hall, Svenddal advocated the formation of an organization dual to and hostile to Local 544.

17. Paul A. Forsburg, ITO member. Testified that Syanddal told him he should join the Local No. 1, and that he could get in for four-bits.

18. About twenty more members of Local 544 testified before Judge Carroll that all members were given their democratic rights at all union meetings, that financial reports were delivered monthly, that, though questions are often asked as to items in the financial report, no demand for an accounting of

funds has ever been made.

So much for the false claims of the plaintiffs, so much for their pretense to be loyal members of Local 544.

Continued Next Week

# Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The burial service for Brother Elmer Orr was delayed by a fire which broke out in the roof of St. Stephen's church just before the requiem mass. The services were continued in the chapel of are still at work on rural jobs. the parish school.

The Belt Line, one of the bones of contention in the I. T. O. section for several years, has proved its worth by continuing to employ a number of Independent Truck Owners throughout the

The Monday membership meetng was poorly attended. Probably the result of the special session called between the regular, meetings.

YOUR TWENTY YEARS ARE UP, WAKE UP, RIP!

An UNSIGNED letter in today's mail suggests that it would be a good idea to post seniority lists in all places of employment.

A lawyer wants to know if our books are kept honestly!

Curt Zander, T. Williams and President Skoglund atSome of the county truckers

ify for the courthouse Hanger-on Club. The book suit keeps him there every day.

sand miles. The Shirmer and Strasburg

ross the St. Paul line. Five members of the local union

Larry Davidson was taken to St. Barnabas hospital Sun-

News from Fargo that the Gam-

An insight into the terrific pressure under which drivers of some over-road companies operate is given by will be put to work this coming Drivers league. They will start studying some of the letters which the Elscholtz company summer to earn the money that about 7 p. m. so come a little early sends out specially to its drivers.

On February 6th Walt Tibbett, Elscholtz driver, re- off this spring. Think it over. ceived the following letter from A. C. Elscholtz:

# With the **Dairy Workers** Local 471

By George Bergquist

be the place again this year. We hope that this dance will be the largest, finest and most valuable get-together Local 471 has ever had. Your co-operation assures success, so let's all peg the evening of March 26, and arrange to attend. There will be several tables of cards for those who do not care to dance; if you do neither, come anyway and have a couple beers with your brother worker Our union thrives on sociability and friendliness so let's stir some up, one way or another. Prizes are to be given away; tickets for free airplane rides, souvenir balloons, etc.

Congratulations to Johnny thanks for the fine smokes. You January 22 you did not show the

We take this opportunity to call to your attention a clause in our contract which says "there shall be no split shifts." Our union struggled for many years to wipe this evil from the milk industry and it was finally won during our last negotiations. There are no exceptions, emergencies, or special set-ups regarding this improvement in our working conditions. Every violator will get the 'works" from the Executive Board, so let's take heed and be careful. Drivers who have completed their day's work, gone home are equally liable.

Just a suggestion for the great minority of our Local; those who pay income taxes. Violet Johnson will be at headquarters on Tuesis a notary as well.

Our union expresses its deepest ympathy to Brother Moe Ratman in the loss of his infant daughter.

one more in detail than our ex- port accordingly to the member- his bereavement. Alvin has been a what driver's truck stood for two ecutive board? Milk Drivers Local ship. Chairman Henry Johnson member of our local almost from hours without moving was because 421 of Dubuque, Iowa, wants to know how our "Sliding Scale" is Brother John Essler is doing a

We were glad to find out Brothto effect the return of his wife. First reports had it that at Miami half cent less.

Friday night our dear stewards from the bad influences of a big sick all last week, but is back to Service Cleaners a couple of weeks had a fine lengthy session; they city.

tended an over-the-road meet ing in Sioux Falls last Sun

Kelly Postal will soon qual-

Farrell Dobbs is back in town after a three weeks' vacation. He rested up by driving seven thou-

company employees will soon be forced to transfer to Local 120. The firm is moving ac-

have passed on since the first of this year.

day morning with blood poisoning in his foot. He is recovering nicely.

ble-Rob workers there are now organized into the Drivers' Union

# **Boss Letters Show Pressure** Placed on Over-Road Drivers

"I am advised that last night

the Bismarck Hotshot was fifteen and that you arrived in Fargo 40 the loss of his mother. minutes late. This means you lost 25 minutes coming in from Min-Tuesday, March 26th, has been 15 minutes late out of Minneapo- ery. selected as the date for our 1940 lis, that time can easily be made at Fargo does not show that there was anything wrong with the truck ever, I would be glad to hear from you, but keep in mind-this truck must be kept on schedule." A few days earlier, Driver

> er, received the following epistle: "You certainly are giving me a beautiful headache driving the Bismarck Hotshot. On the week ending January 27th you handled that truck out there on three different trips, and all three trips you took a whole lot of time. On the

ime you arrived in Bismarck "But on the trip that arrived show the time, which was 12:20 noon, and it took you seven hours and thirty minutes to arrive there from Fargo. Now Kragerud, I understand that there is something wrong with your stomach and you cannot make that trip in six hours as per the scheduled trip from Fargo to Bismarck, then you cer-

pany's staying in business, not a and if you cannot

days and Thursdays to fill out your there on time, then you certainly income tax returns. It is free if owe this company enough to ask you pay no tax, the charge is one to get off it, and let somebody else dollar if you are the paying type. get on it that can. I would like Miss Johnson is very efficient and to see you about this at the first will be glad to give you a lift; she opportunity. Last night you did not even take the trouble to sign out on the Fargo outbound register."

Possibly you can answer this bers the "once over" and will relits deepest sympathies to Alvin in has a new Secretary for 1940; its beginning. nice job.

Whether it is fish or money the Magnus Peterson had number 15 bad for slack season. Beach he would find out why he on the Lewis-Godoy fight and he Beach he would find out why he went home with the "jackpot." Chet Kurch, Master Cleaners, went home with the "jackpot." Possibly they live "right." They has been sick since the first of are out in the country more, away

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Rase

It looks, at present, as though organized labor in Minneapolis will soon realize its long-cherished dream of a Labor Temple. A deal with the Minneapolis school board for the acquisition of the Old East High building, is being undertaken. The building is located at University and Central Ave. N. E. and is ample in size for the needs of all local unions. A Labor Temple would do more to make Minneapolis union-labor-conscious than any other one thing. It would lend dignity and favorable publicity to the labor movement in general and would impress favorably those of our citizens who do not belong to a union and who consequently have given little or no thought at all to the benefits of unionism. God speed the day when a Minneapolis Labor Temple becomes a reality.

The skating rinks closed February 18 officially. The sloppy weather, however, stopped skating for several days before the eighteenth. The B. P. C. claims the rinks served more patrons this winter than ever before.

The annual spring lay-off among two games. the B. P. C. employees is now under way. A concerted effort on the part of all B. P. C. employes altogether. I'll bet more extra men make up the 544 team in the Union will be put to work this coming Drivers league. They will start the B. P. C. saved by laying you if you want to watch them go.

Sorry to hear of the death of the mother of Brother Ed Coash recently. The membership extends minutes late out of Minneapolis, its sympathy to Brother Coash in

Brother Eric Pearson, B. P. C. driver, is in serious condition at neapolis to Fargo. Now Walt, Homewood hospital. He may be in there is no excuse for losing 25 Rochester at present reading. minutes on that run. If you were We're hoping for his quick recov-

Brothers Rundeen, Lange and dance. The Marigold ballroom will up between Minneapolis and Far- Freeman are still on the sick list go. You should have pulled into as is also Brother Henry Forsman. Fargo on time. Your register here Brother "Gravy" Davy Shea has been having a hectic season at Columbia toboggan slide. It's got and therefore I assume there was so that Davy can't get through nothing wrong. If there was, how- a manhole anymore without peeling off his jacket. It also seems that Davy took an impromptu ride down the slide one night and durn near dropped dead getting back Kragerud, Bismarck Hotshot driv- up the hill. Don't abuse the old ticker that way, Davy, as it will have to do you from here on.

Brother Husebo had a tough time last meeting night, keeping his cap on the empty chair at his right. At 30 second intervals the cap moved over to the chair on his left. No doubt, some of those Sandberg on the new baby and trip that arrived in Bismarck on durned truck drivers can explain the phenomenon. Incidentally, thanks for the fine smokes. You have us all guessing though, how you arrange these major happenings to come exactly on your day ed in this column. Winchell would there on January 24th you did gnaw his lip raw from pure envy. delights in unduly publicizing the pecadillos of the public, let it lay,

The proponents of the one-manmanager, 9-man council form of government have put on another burst of speed and intend to put the idea to a vote this summer or tainly have enough loyalty to the next summer, perhaps both times. company to ask to get off that run Have been appointed, along with and get on some other run. We Brother Seavey, to study this cannot run in competition with scheme and give it the proper type and come in of publicity from time to time, continually behind your schedule. from here on. Suffice it to say, at and come back to drive specials It's just a question of this comemployes' wages and, as a natural question of whether you drive consequence all employers in the that truck or not. We must get city will cut pay checks too. The into Bismarck just as early as Tax-Payers Association is behind the scheme 100 per cent in an efdrive that truck and get it in fort to shift relief taxes from real estate to the pay checks of the working people. More on this later.

# Gas and Suds

Mrs. Alvin Wanzer passed away ability. Tuesday after a long illness. The have given some prospective mem- membership of Local 131 extends

You guess which dry-cleaning plant has put on three new routes since the first of the year. The er C. J. Steiner is going to Florida prize always goes to the Milk drivers themselves tell us they are Fingerhut, formerly of Modern Haulers Section of Local 471. hitting around \$200 a week. Not

work now. John Cogger handled ago.

## Independent **Truck Chatter**

By R. F. Hornig

What to do about the WPA question proved to be a problem that took a long stormy session of the Ways and Means committee to arrive at just the beginning of an answer. Several approaches to accomplish a return to decent standards of wages will be considered at the March meeting.

Although the city alone hired more than 85 truckers last September no one seems to know where everybody is keeping them selves now that all the jobs are

To Whom It May Concern: It sounds like a good deal, but Philadelphia is too far away. The local boys will grab that off. Let me warn you, however, if you did not pay for that stamp, I'll tell Kelly.

All the ITO's will be looking for an early spring this year and no need to say why. The only good news that has been offered lately is that the county has stepped up the quota to five, one from each district. And, oh, yes, that publicity about the City Contracts last week went to their heads. Last Friday the Minnesotas took them for

The City team draws a bye this week and Tony Palaia has arranged could shorten these lay-offs con- for a match game between his siderably, if not do away with them team and Bill Ambrose's men who

It just seems like the Belt Line crew are going to have to get around to nicknaming one of the men "Pussyfoot."

Reports trickling in finally indicate that some of the ITO are at least getting aroused over the as pects of the park construction program. Remember, men, that taking care of this work was your regular job before the work relief projects were started. It is a terrible and discouraging thing that those officials in charge of administering relief monies should do so in such manner that you are detached from your jobs like this and literally forced to beg for consideration to enable you to make your wages. \* \* \*
An interested outsider who fol-

lows our column offered the criticism the other day that I was becoming too editorial in my writing. To our members who likewise find the change too much of a burden my answer is, what else can there in such an outrageously slack off-season? Since none of you have seen fit to make this a society column by letting us in on the frivolities of the social whirl, what can I offer besides news reports on meetings and then run on and on? Particularly so, if sometime I were to be told that the Committee adjourned for further discussion to the Red Room, where the more pleasant stimulation of lights and ground for consideration of the more serious problems to be faced. Why, the home offices would dissolve the committee!

In a week of poor scores Ralph Mengelkoch came through with an even 500 . . . Hansen, Hamel, Tommy Williams and Rainbolt tried out our alleys the other day. Let's hope they keep it up and maybe we can challenge them into a match for a little stake on the side . . . Gene reports a raise in insurance rates by one of the farm

### 544 ITO BOWLING LEAGUE

THE STATE STATES		
	W.	L
City	54	12
Diesel	41	25
Dragline	40	26
Committee	37	25
Gravelers	35	31
Minnesota	30	36
Muckers	20	46

his route while he was off and i still helping him.

One of our drivers had his pic ture in the Star-Journal last week. It was in connection with vocal

What boss felt relieved (?) when he found out the reason that he got in a pinochle game on the route?

Emmett Carlson is going to work for Majestic next week. Jack Cleaners, has gone into business for himself under the name of Jack, Cleaner.

Lawrence Brink, formerly with last week. McClay of Model was Adams Cleaners, went to work for

# On the National Picket Line

southern part of the United States is unbelievable to a Northerner who has never observed it. An example of the class can be gleaned from a remark Senator Ellender of Louisiana made the other day in Washington: "Negroes are taking advantage of the situation (caused by the debate on the anti-lynching bill) to demand they be allowed to vote. Of course the Negroes won't get anywhere, but it just goes to show you what this thing may lead to."

Last Friday night we happened to attend a public meeting on Negro rights sponsored by the Minneapolis Urban League and held at the YWCA. A prominent Minneapolis judge was chairman of the meeting. He utilized the occasion to describe the blessings of American democracy and to beat the war drums for "poor little Finland" (what about "poor little WPA," now suffering aggression without any Mannerheim line to fall back on?) A well-meaning preacher followed the judge, describing the gains of democracy in the most idealistic-and unreal istic-fashion. Then came the main speaker of the evening, a Negro, head of the Chicago Urban League,

Quoting from unimpeachable government statistics, this speaker brought out that the average annual wage for a Negro worker in Alabama is about \$350, for a white worker, about \$550; even in Illinois, the Negro receives an annual wage of only about \$600, the white, about \$1,100. The speaker wound up by stating: "Nothing that Hitler or Japan or the Soviet Union is any worse than what the Negro has received at the hands of white America."

The judge and the preacher smiled pretty sickly smiles as this Negro quietly but effectively built up the indictment by his race against the rulers of America, riddling all the pious pretensions of "American democracy."

More and more, the defense of all democratic rights is falling on the shoulders of the labor movement, the only group in society whose interests are best served by the utmost real democracy, the sort of democracy that hasn't anything at all to do with the hypocritical war-mongers who are seeking to drum up a martial spiirt for another "war to save democracy." Imperialist war is the unrelenting enemy of democracy and all civil liberties and workers'

While organized labor con-ducts the fight to defend and extend democracy and civil liberties, it must make it clear that it stands for democracy for all people, no matter what the color of their skin. As the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council stated in a recent

"Our Council stands for the full social, economic and po-litical equality of the Negro people and welcomes Negro workers into its unions. There is room in the brotherhood of labor for all races and creeds and colors, for all the opof democracy, and this is what the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council stands for."

Two workers were wheeling dirt in barrows. The boss went up to one of them and said: "See here, you! Your partner is wheeling

two loads to your one!" "Don't blame me, boss," replied the worker. "I've told the chump about it at least a dozen times al-

#### UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership — First and third Tuesday 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 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Commit-

tee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month. LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each

PETROLEUM DRIVERS 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 Thurs-

day, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednes day, 9 p. m. FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership — Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Defendants—First and third

Mondays, 8 p. m LOCAL 289 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

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

LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays.
Executive Board — First and
third Mondays.

LOCAL 160 First each third Thursdays.
Seniority Board—Every Mon-

day. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preced-ing 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

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

LOCAL 1859 General Membership-January 8
Box Industry—January 9
Casket Industry—January 15
J. R. Clark Section—January 17
Puffer-Hubbard—January 18
Grievance Board—January 4
and 18 and 18
Executive Board — Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—January 8
and 22

7th

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

LOCAL 544 Thursday, February 1—Green-house, Independent Truck house, Independent Truck Owners. Friday, February 2—Job Stewards.
Monday, February 5—Package
Delivery; Department Store
Wednesday, February 7—Sausage; Petroleum.
Friday, February 9—Wholesale
Grocery; Meat Drivers
Monday, February 12—General Membership
Tuesday, February 13 — Lumber.

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Wednesday, February 14 —
Market; Wholesale Paper.,
Wholesale Liquor.

Thursday, February 15—Tent & Awning; Newspaper (10 a.m.) Ways & Means ITO.

Friday, February 16 — Job Stewards.

Stewards.

Monday, February 19 — Furniture; Coal.

Thursday, February 22—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug.

Friday, February 23 — Cold Storage, Produce.

Monday, February 26 — Spring Water.

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Wednesday, February 28 —
Excavating, Sand & Gravel.
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,
first floor.
The Executive Board meets
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