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Till right is done!
Believe and dare
and do!

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LAUNDRY, CLEANING PLANT WORKERS ASK AGREEMENT

GROCERY PACT BRINGS WAGES FOR MEMBERS

Union Contract Signed by
Wholesale Employers
Is Model

Working Conditions Have
Been Reformed Under
Agreement

The Agreement ending the wholesale grocery strike, which lasted for almost two months, in a near model for all union contracts. In it is contained the fundamental conditions so necessary to guarantee the rights of workers on the job. Seniority, Union hours, overtime provisions making sure of the shorter work day and a schedule of pay which raises the income of wholesale grocery workers nearly 25 per cent.

It is a direct signed contract between the Drivers Union and all of the wholesale grocery employers. The struggle made by the workers in this industry to secure the agreement now proves itself to have been well worth while. The signing of the contract brought under union conditions over 400 workers in the industry. The text of the agreement follows:

Agreement Between the Minneapolis Wholesale Grocers and Chain Store Warehouse Operators Covering Employment and Working Conditions of Their Employees (Drivers, Helpers, Platform Workers and Inside Warehouse Employees).

We, the undersigned employers, wholesale grocers and chain store warehouse operators, do hereby adopt and agree to be legally bound by the following stipulations covering employment of drivers, helpers, platform work-

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Teaming Council In Torch Parade

At the last meeting of the Teamsters Joint Council it was decided that driving craft locals affiliated to the Council would march in the Farmer-Labor torchlight parade Saturday, October 31, each under their own banner.

Members of driving unions will assemble at the Post Office at 5 p. m. and there form with their own local union. From there each will march to the auditorium.

The Loser



Scrap Iron Workers Form Union to Reform Vicious Conditions Existing

Wages as Low as 25 Cents
Per Hour Are Paid
in Yards

During the past few months a group of Minneapolis workers have become unionized that have never belonged to a labor organization before. Junk yard and scrap iron workers have been taken into Local No. 544 and negotiations are being carried on at the present time for an agreement covering wages and working conditions in that industry.

Scrap material business has grown to large proportions in Minneapolis and St. Paul during the past few years. It is estimated that over 600 workers are employed in scrap yards. This does not include those workers employed in automobile salvage concerns.

The Union agreement presented to the scrap iron and junk em- wage increases, a shortening of the work day and week and a closed shop. Wages are incredibly low in this industry. Hourly rates of 25 cents to 33 cents are common. No regulation of hours exists and work weeks as long as 80 hours have been reported.

The contract proposed by the Union sets a minimum of 55 cents per hour with a 60 cents and 65

cents of workers. Bob Hawn, who has been charged with the organization of these workers, reports great enthusiasm and well-attended meetings.

The meeting between Union officials and junk yard owners is scheduled for the latter part of the week.

Local 160 at NSP Thanks All Unions

Union workers at the Northern States Power Company report that the demand being made by trade unionists for union meter readers is having a splendid effect on the organization.

Local 160, wishes it to be known that the thanks of the Local go to those who have given co-operation in this matter.

Wrecking Workers Will Meet Friday

Friday night will see a meeting of all workers employed by local wrecking contractors. Failure of wrecking owners to answer a request by the union for meeting resulted in the call for the Friday gathering.

All workers in the wrecking industry are invited.

Official F. L. P. State Ticket

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(Short Term)

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For Governor

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For Lieut.-Governor

Peterson
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Hartig
For Sec. of State

Halverson
For State Treasurer

Petersen
R. R. and Whse. Com.

OWNERS FIRM; STRIKE LOOMS IN LAUNDRIES

Attempts to Secure Working
Agreement in Plants
Fails

Bosses Set on Plan of Smashing
Laundry Workers
Union

Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union Thursday morning were faced with the possibility of a general strike in the laundry and dry cleaning industry. All attempts to negotiate a new agreement covering wages and working conditions for the coming year have proven to be futile.

Last year's agreement between the laundry employers and Local 183 expired this month. Anticipating difficulty in securing a new contract with the bosses, the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union have staged an organizational campaign during the past three months which has had the effect of bringing into the Laundry Union hundreds of workers in that industry who had never been organized before.

Many laundry and cleaning workers in some of the larger plants who have been working under practically slavery conditions are clamoring for wage raises and reforms in working conditions. Piece work system has also been introduced into Minneapolis laundry and cleaning establishments during the past few years which has worked an additional hardship on those employed in such places.

The Union is asking for a signed Union agreement, the establishment of a uniform work day and week, wage raises approximating 15 per cent and general reforms in working conditions.

Developments during the past week indicate that the employers

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Al Russel Meeting Is for Defense of Strutwear Picket

A meeting, arranged for the defense of Al Russel, a sympathizer arrested during the Strutwear Strike of last year, will be held Tuesday, October 27, at the Pioneer hall, Lumber Exchange building, Fifth and Hennepin, Minneapolis, at 8 p. m.

Al Russel was arrested during the strike and charged with violating a federal writ of replevin by which the company moved goods from its plant under the protection of Federal marshalls.

Russel's conviction on this charge is being appealed before the Federal Court of Appeals at Omaha. Funds are needed to carry on the defense. If the conviction is not reversed, it will constitute a threat to all future strikers on the picket line and will enable the employers to evade the federal anti-injunction law. All trade unionists should rally to the defense of Al Russel by supporting this meeting.

Milk Deliveries At 6 A. M. Nov. 1

Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union announce that retail deliveries of milk cannot be made earlier than 6 a. m. after November 1. This splendid reform in the working conditions of milk drivers was brought about by an active campaign on the part of Local 471.

The Union is now discussing a still later delivery hour for darker months of the winter.

Truck Owners Will Dance on Nov. 7th

Independent Truck Owners will hold their postponed dance on Saturday, November 7. All truck owners should make a point of attending the first social affair sponsored by their section. Music will be furnished by Local 544 band under the leadership of the peerless Dick Atherton.

Tickets are on sale at the union office and can also be secured from Truck Owner stewards. Remember the time and place. General Drivers Hall, November 7th.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

OWNERS FIRM; STRIKE LOOMS IN LAUNDRIES

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are determined to resist all attempts of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union to secure an agreement. So obvious have become the intentions of the laundry owners to defy Local 183 that the Union was finally forced to set a deadline after which strike action would be taken in case no settlement had been reached.

The Union of Laundry Workers and Dry Cleaners, from a humble beginning three years ago, has grown to a labor organization of huge proportions. Into it are organized a vast majority of all laundry and dry cleaning workers in this city.

The demand that Local 183 be the bargaining agency for all laundry and cleaning workers is a just one. Well over one thousand workers in this industry are organized into the Union. The demand for reforms in wage rates and working conditions is a demand that must finally be granted by laundry employers.

Wages and working conditions in some laundry and cleaning low. The sharp advance in living costs during the past few years has made it imperative that wage adjustments are necessary.

No attempts have been spared by the union committee to adjust the difference between the Union and the employers on a peaceful basis. Continued failure to arrive at a settlement brought the threat of strike action.

Over 15 hundred workers, both men and women, will be involved.

Ruben Latz is the business representative.

With the Laundry Workers Union

Again Local 183 breaks all records for attendance.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, a full membership meeting was held for the purpose of ratifying the recommendation for strike. Before the meeting got underway, a class of 125 new members took the obligation.

Although those members employed in hotel laundries, which will not be affected by the strike, were asked not to vote, a vast majority was rolled up in favor of the strike.

Some idea of the discontentment of the workers in these chattel slavery concerns can be determined by the way rank and file members who never before spoke took the platform and denounced the low wage scale and conditions in no uncertain terms.

At a special meeting of the strike committee the date for the strike was set to be called on Thursday, October 22.

Unless the employers meet the demands of the workers before this date the bosses will experience something they have never seen before, namely, an absolute and complete tie-up of the entire industry. Negotiations are underway with a group of small bosses outside of the association.

LOCAL 160 MEETING SCHEDULE	
October 6	Executive Board meeting and Stewards meeting.
October 7	General Membership meeting.
October 13	Executive Board meeting.
October 20	Executive Board and Stewards.
October 21	General Membership meeting.
October 27	Executive Board meeting.

IN THE END ZONE

RECORDS—

Unless we have been misinformed, Minnesota's win over Michigan tied the record of wins set up by Notre Dame in '26, '27 and '28. There have been other records of more lengthy winning streaks made before the game of football was revised into its present form. Such a record was Michigan's in 1898 or thereabouts. During that time the maize and blue compiled 26 wins, then one loss, then 26 or 27 more wins. The game of football has been much changed since then. If Minnesota can go through this season in the win column, they will establish a new all-time record for modern football. However, Purdue and Northwestern have, or will try to have, something to say about future wins. . . .

REVIEW—PREVIEW—

Minnesota's running and passing attack looks at its best against Michigan. The smooth co-ordination of those Gopher plays was a marvel to behold. On almost every play a Gopher trailed his own ball carrier in readiness for a lateral. Those lateral passes were effective too as one may tell by the score. The line was in splendid form. All afternoon the line charged viciously. The opposition could hardly get underway.

Tomorrow comes Purdue, riding the winning crest of a wave of emotion. The locker room tragedy of training season has those boiler-makers all hopped up—and winning games. They took Chicago to the tune of 35-0 last Saturday and they are out for a win again tomorrow. Hang on to your seats and pray for a win tomorrow. . . .

DUD—

Well, we took it on the beak last week. Old South came through and whipped our favored West and Roosevelt woke up long enough to beat a weak but scrappy Washburn outfit. So we came out with only 600 per cent on last week's predictions. May we add that our average so far this season is 800 or 16 good ones out of 20 chances. . . .

THIS WEEK—

The prep school go back at it this week again with some more fine games. Edison entertains Marshall—South goes to Central—Roosevelt stops at West and Washburn goes North. Most of the outcomes are obvious but there is always the possibility of an upset. . . .

WE THINK—

That the winners should be as follows:

- South to beat Central.
- Edison to beat Marshall
- West to beat Roosevelt.
- North to beat Washburn.

WHY—

South's near champions should have but little trouble with Central. Edison's fine eleven should show the second rate Marshall outfit how football should be played. West will wade through Roosevelt and North should overcome a much-beaten Washburn. . . .

In one short meeting more in the way of negotiations was accomplished than in the entire six or seven weeks of negotiations with the large Citizens Alliance-controlled employers. This is convincing proof of the strangle hold the Citizens Alliance has on the big shots in this industry. It also shows why the big bosses are prepared to spend thousands of dollars in order to crush the Union rather than add two or three cents to a laundry girl's pay.

Bill Brown Says—

I wonder if the two old political parties think that the workers believe the hooey that they have spread over the country every night since the campaign started. Every candidate is a friend of labor according to them as they send their message of good will to organized labor and after they get this off their chests they hurry to their bosses, the organized bankers, and tell them how they will try to break all unions if they are elected. Unions have existed for hundreds of years and will continue to exist long after the two old parties and the so-called captains of industry have lost control.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

Federal Workers Join With Other WPA Groups Demanding Reforms

Anoka and Wright County Workers to Arrange Protest

Large delegations from Wright and Anoka counties and 400 WPA workers of Hennepin county met in the Drivers hall last Friday and adopted a sharp resolution to the local, county and state relief authorities demanding immediate granting of supplemental relief to WPA workers with families. "Failure to so comply," states the resolution, "is interpreted as a challenge which must and will be met by concerted withdrawal of family heads from WPA projects accompanied by a concentrated drive for maximum direct relief benefits."

Simultaneously, the Workers Alliance of Minnesota took steps to amend their schedule of demands to coincide with the Federal Workers demands for Supplemental relief, to be furnished to all workers in need, whether on WPA or not. Wages actually received are to be supplemented by rent, grocery or fuel orders to bring monthly incomes up to a MINIMUM of \$60.50 for single persons, \$66 for families of 2, \$72 for families of three and \$8 for each additional dependent. Clothing to be in addition.

Press reports that L. P. Zimmerman, director of the State Relief agency, advocated abolition of direct relief aid by the state and substitution of work relief for all needy employables, before the legislative interim tax committee last Friday, lead to various conclusions by officers of the FWS as follows:

1. The State Relief Agency evidently thinks relief clients are willing to work for wages that are no higher than the miserable direct relief pittance by which body and soul can just barely hang together. That is a challenge to the unemployed.
2. The Agency's assumption that localities can carry their own direct relief load in an extension of the untenable national Republican plank to "return" to states and localities a relief load which they never had and cannot carry. That is a challenge to every locality and its taxpayers, and an evasion of governmental responsibility.
3. The unemployed and relief workers, despite the liberal relief laws of Minnesota have no remedy except to organize themselves, get the broadest possible support for their organizations and then demonstrate that their needs must and will be met.

Hoigaard Workers Back on the Job

The Hoigaard Tent and Awning Company signed an agreement with General Drivers Union Wednesday, October 14. The men, who had been on strike at this firm for several weeks, returned to work Thursday morning. The contract at the Hoigaard Company provides substantial wage increases and new working conditions for the men involved.

Grocery Workers Hold Special Meet

Wholesale grocery workers held a special meeting Friday, October 16. This was the first meeting held by the grocery workers since the ending of the strike.

The gathering was well attended and stewards reported that many grocery workers had joined the union since returning to work. Few violations of the agreement were reported by the men.

On WPA Projects

WHAT PRICE SOLIDARITY? The labor situation at the Sewage Disposal WPA project is in a sorry mess. Inequalities between Minneapolis and St. Paul wage scales is only part of the cause. The presumption of B. A.'s to turn over common laborers, lock, stock and barrel, to the tender mercies of government officials without so much as a by-your-leave to their own organizations, is an error which may lead to accelerated dangers to the Labor Movement. WPA and PWA are on the alert for just such breaches in labor vigilance. But for the more farsighted policies of the FWS there'd be a much worse mess at Pig's Eye Island than there is now. Better labor co-ordination is on the order of the day.

Roy Orgon, militant FWS steward on the WPA project at Fletcher, Minn., tangled with the foreman last Thursday and received serious injuries. A complete investigation is being made and appropriate action will follow.

Supervisor Mrs. Meyers at the Robbinsdale sewing project is busy trumping up denials that she ordered girls to remove their FWS buttons or be fired. Much bigger shots than Mrs. Meyers have been deflated by 544.

Our job committees were somewhat disjointed in recent extensive shifting of workers to new WPA projects. Stewards must not leave projects without arranging for an active steward and job committee to remain.

Robbinsdale FWS is jubilant over prospects that Supt. Haines is to be reinstated as the workers demanded. But if it isn't done Monday the workers are ready to strike.

The last stewards meeting passed a motion that Dave Sauver bring each steward a duck.

A FWS CARD AND PRIZE PARTY is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 14, to raise funds for a statewide organization drive. The stronger our Section is, the stronger the state organization will be.

Independent Truck Chatter

Don't forget to vote on November 3 and vote the Farmer-Labor candidates into office.

FOR SALE

One six-inch wheel for truck. Will fit '34 or '35 Chevrolet truck. See Eugene Rivard, 715 Jefferson St. N. E.

FOR SALE

One 32 x 6, 10 ply heavy duty tire and flap. In A-1 shape. Will sell for \$7.50. See Ed Anderson, 3431 4th St. N.

Louie Grath has been behaving lately. Huh?

Warning: You must have your dues book on you at all times. There is going to be a checkup on this before long and anyone found without the book will not be permitted to continue working. A word to the wise is sufficient. Take a hint from what happened on the airport job.

We are calling to the attention of all independents the fact that our next meeting will be held on November 5 and that all members should make it a special point to be there.

For the benefit of new members, we wish to inform you that the meetings of the Independent Truck Owners Section are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Make it a habit to attend regularly.

November 5 will be the last day that we will have an opportunity to change or rearrange the city of Minneapolis payroll. If anyone has anything they would like to bring up regarding this, they must do it on the fifth. No changes will be accepted after this date. This is very important, in view of the fact that there is now in effect an ordinance which provides for seniority for trucks hired by the city.

A new member of the Ways and Means committee will be added to our next meeting on November 5. This is done to replace one of the members who was removed at a previous meeting for disciplinary purposes.

LOCAL No. 544 MEETING SCHEDULE	
Friday, Oct. 9	Local No. 544 Job Stewards.
Monday, Oct. 12	Full Membership.
Wednesday, Oct. 14	Market Workers.
Thursday, Oct. 15	Independent Truck Owners.
Friday, Oct. 16	Federal Workers.
Monday, Oct. 19	Coal Workers.
Friday, Oct. 23	Local No. 544 Job Stewards.
Monday, Oct. 26	Full Membership.
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.
NOTES:	
Local 544 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday at 8 p. m.	
Local 544 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m.	
Federal Workers Job Stewards meet each Wednesday at 8 p. m.	

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GROCERY PACT BRINGS WAGES FOR MEMBERS

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 ers and inside warehouse employees in Minneapolis, upon the immediate termination of the strike.

I.

That all employees, including all members of General Drivers' Union Local No. 544, shall be returned to work without discrimination and in accordance with seniority.

II.

That the Minneapolis wholesale grocers and chain store warehouse operators agree to recognize the right of their drivers, helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees to have full freedom of association, self-organization and designation of representatives of their own choosing, and agree to confer at any time with any individual employee or representative thereof or with the representatives of any group of employees, whether such representatives be a person, committee of persons, board, Labor Union No. 544, or any other labor union or agency, for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection.

III.

There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliation.

IV.

Seniority rights based on length of service shall prevail and govern the laying off and rehiring of employees due to fluctuation in business volume and changes in methods of transportation and distribution.

V.

That the regular work hours for drivers, helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees shall be forty-four (44) hours per week and time and one-third for overtime. Weekly schedule of hours now in force and effect in various wholesale grocery houses shall be maintained.

VI.

That the rate of pay for drivers shall not be less than sixty cents (50c) per hour. Pending arbitration of wages for helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees, the same shall receive fifty cents (50c) per hour, but any arbitration award in excess of said amount shall be retroactive as of the date of the termination of this strike.

VII.

All employees who have completed one year of service with the company shall receive one week's vacation with pay each year.

VIII.

Wage rates fixed in this agreement, or wages which may be later set by negotiation or arbitration shall be minimum rates of pay only. No wages paid in excess of the minimum prescribed shall be reduced.

IX.

It is understood and agreed that the Board of Arbitration shall be constituted of and composed of

Yellow Notes

During the last week a call was broadcast over the police radio to all squad cars to pick up cab No. 55 as the driver was reported as drunk. The driver, when found, proved to satisfaction he wasn't drunk and hadn't even had a drink. In all probability the party that made the complaint was the guilty one.

From all indications it appears a certain 4 to 2 driver is going to be voted an "undesirable vacation" at our next meeting for chiseling on hours. His act of greed may cost him considerable more than it netted him.

To those who have been in doubt. The grievance box, that was installed in the drivers room, was made in a 100 per cent union sheet metal shop.

Edwards lost six buck of his own money the other night. No, not in a crap game or a poker game, but to two hold-up men who relieved him of his cash and his cab. The cab was found at the Milwaukee depot and also his billfold.

Wonder who Phalen is going to vote for?

Committee-man Hagstrom has been on the sick list again. His diet consists of milk and then some more milk.

Obie Hanson was seen hobbling around the garage a short time ago.

Believe it or not, we will have frost shields on our cabs this winter. (That is, if Cy doesn't forget to order them before Easter.)

four members, two to be selected by the employer and two by the employees, the union to select the two for union member employees. Such board shall have authority to hear and arbitrate all grievances not covered in this agreement which may arise in the course or conditions of employment. In the event that these four representatives are unable to agree, they shall select a fifth and impartial person and all matters not agreed upon shall be submitted to such fifth person, whose judgment shall be final and binding upon both the employer and employee herein.

This employment policy is effective upon the signing of this agreement and the termination of the existing strike and will continue for a period of one year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused these present to be duly executed this _____ day of _____ 1936.

Jordan Stevens Co., by C. B. Jordan, vice-president.

Slocum, Bergren and Wash Co., by P. Wash.

Red Owl Stores, Inc., by J. F. Bell.

Strand Johnson Co., by K. W. Malmquist.

Brecht and Richter Co., by Junior F. Hayden.

Wholesale Supply Co., by L. G. Punch.

Winston and Newell Co., by L. B. Newell.

K. Aslesen Co., by E. B. Aslesen.

Mutual Wholesale Food and Supply, by L. W. Bailey.

National Tea Co., by A. J. Hansen.

Quality Food Stores, Inc., by J. D. Barrett.

Western Grocer Co., by J. McConnell.

Minneapolis Allied Grocers, Inc., by Harry Martin.

Hancock Nelson Merc. Co., by H. E. Clay.

Resolution Has Been Adopted By WPA Workers

October 16, 1936
 Unanimously adopted by a meeting on this date attended by large delegations from Wright and Anoka counties and 400 WPA workers of Hennepin county.

Resolutions on Supplementary Relief

WHEREAS, our admittedly moderate and reasonable demands for Supplementary Relief as per attached MINIMUM schedule were served upon the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare more than a month ago, and

WHEREAS, Said Welfare Board has failed to make any move toward meeting the aforesaid demand, but instead has side-stepped the issue and tried to evade its responsibility therein, and

WHEREAS, The taxpayers and business interests of this state and its communities stand to lose immense sums in WPA wages if said wages are discontinued or diminished as a result of WPA workers returning to straight direct relief, and

WHEREAS, Family heads on WPA have determined that they will no longer work unless their families are adequately provided for,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION, LOCAL 544,

That we give the relief authorities opportunity to immediately comply in full with our said demands and that their failure to so comply is interpreted as a challenge to our membership which must and will be met by our concerted withdrawal of all family heads from WPA projects accompanied by a concentrated drive for maximum direct relief benefits.

An agreement has been reached between the Workers Alliance of Minnesota and the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, upon the MINIMUM schedule of demands referred to in the foregoing resolution and that CLOTHING IS TO BE IN ADDITION:

Copies to Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare, Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, State Board of Control.

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION, LOCAL 544
 By Grant Dunne, Chairman

Open Meet Is Plan Of Stenos' Union

The organizer for the Stenographers, Bookkeepers and Assistants Union announces that the organization will sponsor an open meeting on Monday, November 2. This meeting will be open to all office workers, union and non-union.

All office employees who are interested in finding out what a union can do for them should make a point of attending. 18 N. 8th St. is the place. The meeting will start at 8 p. m.

Glenwood Drivers Met Monday Night

Monday night drivers employed at the Glenwood-Inglewood Company met in the Union hall. It was a well-attended meeting of all the workers employed by the Glenwood Company.

The questions of seniority and various changes in working conditions was taken up.

Birth

Jack Smith, member of the Executive Board of Local No. 544, became the father of an eight pound baby boy at 11 a. m. Tuesday. Both mother and baby are reported to be doing excellently.

News Drivers Are All 544 Members

All Minneapolis newspaper drivers and helpers will soon be covered by a union agreement if the plans of General Drivers Union do not miscarry. Only drivers at the Minneapolis Daily Star are now working under union contract. Drivers at the Tribune and Journal are members of Local 544 but are not covered by a signed agreement.

The wage scale for news drivers is somewhat higher than those of other truckers. The wage rate of Star drivers is 67½ cents per hour. A meeting will be arranged with news owners in the near future. Jack Smith is in charge.

Laundry Drivers Meet With Bosses

Negotiations between Laundry owners and Local 131, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers, are proceeding smoothly and it is almost certain that November 1 will see a signed union agreement, bringing wage raises, which will benefit all laundry and dry cleaning drivers.

The initiation fee of Local 131 will be advanced to \$15 November 1. All laundry and cleaning drivers are urged to enter the union now at the lower fee which will be in effect until November.

Roy Johnson who is now full-time representative of the union, reports that the organization is making splendid progress. Union headquarters is at 18 N. 8th St.

Notice to All 544 Members

Members of Local 544 are again warned that failure to carry their union card on their person, at all times, while on the job, may result in drastic action being taken against those who fail to obey this union ruling.

Union organizers report dozens of cases, occurring during the past week, where men wearing a union button did not have union cards. A union rule provides that members must have the union dues book on their person at all times.

Carry union credentials and avoid penalties.

Coal Committee Reports Progress

The committee representing the Union who are responsible for the negotiations for a new agreement between the Union and the coal employers report that considerable progress has been made and that it is evident that an agreement will soon be reached.

Coal workers are asking for substantial wage increases, the abolition of piece work and other reforms in working conditions.

Owners Join Union On Airport Job

Truck drivers at the Airport project, who have been resisting attempts of the job steward to organize them were visited by union organizers Monday morning.

As a result of the visitation, job, reported Monday night that the job was now 100 per cent union.

Wonder who the "Live Guy" was that Jack H. had the other night?

FLP Mass Rally In Union Hall On October 29

Thursday, October 29, the Hennepin County Campaign committee of the Farmer-Labor association will stage a huge rally and mass meeting in General Drivers hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

This meeting will be the last preliminary meeting prior to the Olson Memorial rally at the Minneapolis October 31. All members of the trade union movement and all friends and supporters of the Farmer-Labor party are urged to make the rally at Drivers hall one of the most successful meetings of the campaign.

The Drivers auditorium will accommodate about 2,000 and it is expected that an overflow crowd will be on hand. This meeting should give all members in the driving crafts an opportunity to hear all endorsed candidates on the Farmer-Labor ticket including Ernest Lundeen, candidate for U. S. Senator, and Elmer Benson, the next Governor.

Besides the speaking program there will be entertainment and music.

The meeting will start promptly at 8 p. m.

Coal Meeting Hears Report Of Committee

The Monday coal workers meeting, which was held in the union hall, was devoted to a thorough discussion of the state of the negotiation between the union committee and the coal employers.

Carl Skogland reported that two meetings had been held where terms of the coming agreement were gone into. He said that the signing of the St. Paul coal contract, which called for a lower wage than was being asked in Minneapolis, was having a bad effect on the negotiations.

After many members had expressed their opinion in regard to backing down from the agreed-upon wage scale the meeting voted to stand by the original demands. Wage demands of coal yard workers and drivers amount to a 15 per cent raise over the existing scale.

Packing Employers Get Union Contract

Last Friday saw the first meeting between union officials and employers in the packing industry.

A committee representing the union presented a union agreement to the packers covering wages and working conditions of packing house drivers and helpers. No settlement was reached.

"Papa" Bjerre took a ride to St. Cloud the other night. (For his health, it appears.)

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

By Central Labor Union Educational Committee

GREETINGS:

Thursday, Oct. 22—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Low Cost Housing in All Aspects, by Albert O. Larson, Architect.

Friday, Nov. 13—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Bread in the Making. Why Not a Co-op Bakery? By John H. Bosch.

Friday, Nov. 27—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Women's Activities and Economics. By Marian LeSueur.

Minnesota Co-ops in Pictures. By Minnesota State Educational Dept.

Erich G. Wachter, Chairman. Violet Johnson, Secretary. Adolph Montan, Treasurer, Educational Committee, C.L.U.

Local 1859 Meeting Schedule

- Executive Board, Local 1859 and Committee Men—October 17, 9 a. m.
- Box Industry, Local 1859—October 21.
- Puffer-Hubbard Section, Local 1859—October 22.
- Executive Board, Local 1859—October 24, 9 a. m.
- Executive Board and Committee Men—October 31, 9 a. m.
- General Membership Meeting—November 4.
- Executive Board, Local 1859—November 7, 9 a. m.

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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."

Board Order

Some time ago the general membership of Local 544 voted to approve the recommendation of the Executive Board that all groups of members in the various companies wishing special meetings be required to contact the Union office and have the meeting definitely scheduled and an official of the Union assigned to be present at the meeting. In making this recommendation, the Executive Board pointed out that when the members pursue the habit of descending in small groups without previous announcement upon the Union headquarters a situation is created in which on some evenings of the week there are ten or twelve groups in the halls wanting to hold meetings when it is a physical impossibility for these requirements to be met. To correct this condition and to permit the Executive Board to efficiently serve the needs of the membership in these group meetings this decision was made.

There has been considerable improvement in this matter. However, there are still some groups who do not comply with this arrangement. We wish to again make it clear that any group of members from any individual company or group of companies desiring to hold a special meeting must contact the recording secretary to have him assign a definite night for the meeting so that meeting facilities will be available and a Union official can be present to assist in the meeting. Those members who fail to comply with this requirement will have to take their chances on being able to hold a meeting when they come to the headquarters without having made previous arrangement.

There can be only one legitimate exception to this rule and that is when there is some special and unexpected event or happening on a job which requires prompt attention and immediate action.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LOCAL 544

Workers Education

As time goes on it becomes more and more apparent that Victor Christgau, state relief administrator, is determined to drop Workers Education in Minnesota. Indications for the past few months have proven that the administrator was no friend of the Education Program. This program which has given employment to hundreds of leachers and students and which has brought enlightenment to thousands of workers who were unable to obtain it in any way must not be allowed to go by the boards. It has been a worthwhile project from the beginning. It marked the first time that the Federal and State government has interested itself in bringing information to workers on working class subjects.

Hundreds of trade unions sponsored classes in such subjects as the history of the labor movement, parliamentary procedure, conduct of union meetings and many other subjects that made the students better union men and women. It gave employment to hundreds who otherwise would have become public charges. The trade union movement should align itself solidly to resist every attempt of the administration, through the administrator, to bring to an end this splendid addition to working class education.

All labor organizations are urged to protest emphatically to Mr. Christgau against the sabotage of the Workers Education program.

Coal and Wages

An added argument for a similar wage scale for Minneapolis and St. Paul is found by the negotiations that are now being carried on between Local 544 and the Minneapolis coal employers. Minneapolis coal yard workers were set, this year, to make a demand for a 15c an hour increase. All conditions in the coal industry warrant a substantial increase being granted the workers. The price of almost all coal has been raised.

The coal agreement between the coal employers and Local 544 expired in April. Attempts to secure a new contract at that time proved to be unavailing. Some of the coal employers were for the policy of refusing to have further dealings with Drivers Union. During the summer months any attempts to force an agreement with the coal bosses was obviously impossible. Shortly after the ending of the wholesale grocery strike, the coal employers indicated that they wished to open discussions with the union relative to the signing of a new contract.

However, between the expiration of the coal contract in April, and the end of the grocery strike, the St. Paul Drivers Union and the St. Paul Coal Yard owners entered into an agreement. This agreement provided for a lower wage scale than was being asked by the Minneapolis union. To say that the signing of the St. Paul agreement had a bad affect on the Minneapolis contract would be putting it mildly. It is almost certain that the union will meet with greater resistance from the coal employers because of the St. Paul agreement.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Coal workers held a spirited meeting Monday night. It was on the new agreement.

The father and mother of Ben Dankowski, LaBelle helper, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Saturday night.

WELL OF ALL THINGS

The number of the new market project is 544.

Local 544 football team won a smashing 13 to 0 victory at the Parade Sunday. Nice going, boys.

Quick has been making things tough for the finks on the Airport project.

Frank Miller, former secretary of the Regional Labor Board, is now "Labor Relations Director" at the Northern States Power Company.

The Farmer-Labor Campaign Committee will stage a rally and mass meeting at 544 hall on October 29.

Glenwood-Inglewood drivers met in the union hall Monday night.

First meeting with the meat employers was held Monday afternoon. No progress.

The Municipal Market Project is employing a large number of union drivers.

Inside laundry and dry cleaning workers are on the Verge.

Local 131 is moving in too.

Ray Rainbolt is carrying his left hand in a cast. Steamboat accident.

The duck hunters who went out Sunday returned Muttering Low.

Smith and Skogland whipped Lake Minnetonka to a froth Sunday with no results.

Scrap iron and junk yard workers are organized about 600 strong.

The Wednesday meeting of the Central Labor Union sounded like old times.

Only one man at the Yellow Cab does not pay his dues through the check-off. A mystery, Watson.

Drivers employed by the North American Creamery are being taken into Local 544.

STREET SCENE

A non-union Nash Finch driver saying to union men who had stopped his truck, "I wish to hell we had a drivers union in St. Cloud."

Big Bill Ambrose has been silenced for a year by the Independent Section. Oh, yeah!

Heaters are being installed in the union cars this week.

Green House workers, union and non-union, will stage a mass meeting at the union hall Friday, October 23.

The complaint file has been cleared up for the first time in several months.

Coal employers have been presented with a new union agreement calling for increased wages in that industry.

Stanley Anderson, former business agent of the Painters union, spoke to the striking Battery Workers Monday night.

Irving Scott is recovering from an eye infection.

The Great Lakes boys don't like the St. Paul set-up.

Dayton drivers are beginning to See the Light.

HARD TO BELIEVE DEPT. Bill Brown is still Carrie Nation's right hand man.

The Hormel Company is making a real drive against the Austin Union.

Walter Frank was seated in the C. L. U. Wednesday night.

WELL KNOWN FACTS Martin Nelson doesn't like unions.

If all Department of Labor mediators were laid end to end... it would be a d---m good thing.

A drivers charter is in prospect for St. Cloud.

We hope the Greenhouse workers don't have to do it... The glass, you know.

If the retail grocery clerks do not organize now there is something wrong.

MINIATURE DESCRIPTION Fink: workers back, bosses brain.

A new transfer agreement is being discussed.

Local 160 reports that the demand for union meter readers is causing the company a big headache.

All quiet on the wholesale grocery front.

It is soon going to be moving day on Eighth street.

Everything is Jake with the Tent Makers.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea

Ontario news item: The Canadian stork (baby) derby ends this month, and there is a possibility of a five-way tie.

No doubt there'll be loud demands for a recount.

Editorial in Dallas paper: There is an erroneous idea that business men and bankers cause war. That is entirely untrue. All that the masters of industry and finance ask from their government is protection for their capital when they risk it in trade ventures that are for the good of the entire human race.

Like the last—and the next—World War.

Mrs. William Becker, regent of the D. A. R.: Our founding fathers were not revolutionists.

Tell that to the British, Mrs. B.

Hollywood: Actors Equity Association, actors union, has suspended the following for refusing to join the Screen Actors Guild, a sister organization of film actors: Lionel Barrymore, Jack Oakie, Alice Brady, Nat Pendleton and twenty others.

And they were pretty good actors, too.

Battery Workers Near Settlement

Battery workers who have been on strike against three battery companies for about five weeks, report that negotiations are now under way for a settlement of the strike.

Battery workers are asking for a union contract with battery employers covering wages, working conditions and terms of employment in the battery industry. A minimum of 60 cents per hour is being asked by the strikers as well as many reforms in working conditions.

An attempt is being made by the workers to do away with piece work in the industry. Several meetings have been held with the employers during the past week.

London: Lloyds, famous insurance brokers, today refused to issue new war insurance to landowners in Great Britain.

Saying there'll be no war may be good politics—but its bad business.

Lisbon: Twenty-eight of the sailors who mutinied September 8 were court martialled today and received sentences from 16 to 20 years.

The honor of the international working class will not be clear until we free these brothers.

London again: The British War Office, heeding vigorous protests of the musicians union, has forbidden regimental bands to play dance music for the public.

The jazz banders must have figured that if Mussolini could make the War Office back down, anybody could take them.

Seattle news item: Twenty women, who said they were "just Seattle housewives and good Americans," unexpectedly picketed the Labor Temple here today, demanding the reopening of the strike-closed Hearst Post-Intelligencer. They refused to give their names or organization.

Maybe they're good housewives—like Marion Davies.

Rudolph Hess, Nazi minister: Germany will go the limit in armament, even if it means privation for the German people. Guns are better than butter.

Maa-Maa—I wan' some mustard gas on toast.

Boston news item: Members of the Lydia Partridge Whiting chapter of the D. A. R. will wear revolutionary costumes at the Guest Day next Tuesday.

Their idea of a "revolutionary costume" is a policeman's club and a militiaman's bayonet—to beat back the people who want to finish the revolution their great grand-daddies started 160 years ago.

CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION

FWS Stewards, each Wed 7 p. m.
FWS membership meetings, first and third Friday of each month, 8 p. m.
FWS Leadership class No. 1, each Friday 2 p. m.
FWS Leadership, class No. 2, each Saturday 10 a. m.
Direct relief grievance hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 to 12 a. m.
Federal Workers Stewards Meetings—Each Wednesday at 7 p. m.
Federal Workers Membership Meetings—First and third Fridays of each month, at 8 p. m.