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Winona Drivers Win for 250 Men

292 NEGOTIATES UTILITY SECTION CONTRACT AT NSP

Contract to Cover Crew Doing Work in Five States; 125 Men Involved

The Utility Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 is in the process of negotiating a contract with the Northern States Power company which will cover the personnel of the crew doing maintenance, alteration and repair work on the company's property in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. About 125 men are members of the regular crew, though often the crew is doubled in size due to the press of work. This crew forms the nucleus of all crews set up to do this work.

Local 292 is proposing that the same sick-leave and vacation arrangements be specified as exist in the Minneapolis division. Practically the same seniority provisions will be proposed, except that the methods of establishing the first seniority list may vary somewhat.

The union's proposed wage scales run 75c for laborers; 75c-85c for truck drivers and material men; 85c for special laborers and helpers; \$1.20-\$1.25 for journeymen; \$1.35 hourly for sub foremen; \$1.50 hourly for general foremen and special switchboard wiremen. Time-and-a-half for overtime, with double time on Sundays and holidays will be asked.

Provisions will be made so that all craftsmen hired by the company from time to time will be obtained from their respective unions and paid the regular union scale.

As to traveling time, the company has submitted a proposal that it pay full expenses on short jobs of a few days, and that an allowance of from \$12 to \$18 weekly be granted on the longer jobs.

When the draft of the contract has been completed it will be submitted by the union to its members for ratification.

Minneapolis Auto Strike Is Settled

The month-old strike of auto salesmen in Minneapolis was ended Saturday with an agreement between the Minneapolis Automobile Dealers Association and the union which calls for the return of all salesmen to work and the throwing into arbitration of the union's demands.

Committees from the union and the dealers will meet Tuesday afternoon at the Nicollet hotel to begin negotiations.

Most of the auto mechanics returned to work Monday with the salesmen. The other mechanics will go back to work as soon as work is made available in the shops.

Minot Cab Strike Firm in 4th Week

(Special to N. W. Organizer)
Minot, N. D.—As the strike of union cab drivers, enrolled in General Drivers Union Local 74, goes into its fourth week, the struggle is still deadlocked. The bosses have pulled all the political strings in city and state, but to no avail. Their attempts to starve out the strikers have so far met with no success, due to the generous support from friends and fellow unionists.

One boss is ready to sign with the union, but is still holding out on the issue of pay for the men while on strike.

The cab strikers vow they will stay out until victory is theirs. The union needs financial support. Any sympathetic unions or friends who want to help, send funds to George L. Wallace, president of Local 74, 509 Valley Street, Minot, N. D.

The Machinists' Locals Go CIO What For?

Last week the Stalinist leaders of the three Machinist locals — Nos. 382, 1313, and 1037 — induced the membership to vote to withdraw from their International and join the CIO. Bluntly and frankly, we say that of all the mistakes made by the irresponsible leadership of the Machinists' Union, this mistake is the most heinous one, the one fraught with the gravest dangers to the very existence of the Machinists' organization. The CIO votes followed closely on the heels of the blunder made by the union leadership when it took the members on a walk-out in support of a poorly organized auto salesmen's strike from which the salesmen will very likely receive nothing, and the machinists will receive only the loss of a month's wages which they have no possibility of recovering.

NOT ONE HONEST PRACTICAL REASON CAN BE ADVANCED FOR TAKING THE MACHINISTS UNION OVER TO THE CIO AT THIS TIME. Far from working to the benefit of the union and its members, this move can only redound to their detriment, and may easily jeopardize the very existence of the organization, which in turn would strike a serious blow at the rest of the local movement.

These locals had signed agreements with the bosses, agreements made under the A. F. of L. The move to the CIO, if it is carried out, will give the bosses the excuse for a renewed fight on the union, a fight which the union can ill-afford to carry through. The bosses have been waiting, hoping, for just such a misstep on the part of the union.

By going over to the CIO now, do the auto mechanics and machinists of Minneapolis rivet themselves to, or isolate themselves from, their fellow machinists of the nation? The only answer is: They divorce and cut themselves off from their machinist brothers internationally. But perhaps, it might be asked, there exists in the Machinists International a strong, well-organized current seeking affiliation with the CIO? No, this is NOT the case. So far, there is no organized movement on the part of any large portion of the International to go in this direction.

By withdrawing from the International, the Minneapolis machinists lose the hope of receiving any support from the most important union in their industry. And what do they gain? It is not even known what sort of a CIO charter they will be handed.

But perhaps it was impossible for the local machinists to exist in the A. F. of L. machinists' set-up? Again, the answer is "no." Nowhere in the country have the machinists been organized on so broad a basis as in Minneapolis. The progressive labor movement here has protected them from the unhealthy and devitalizing jurisdictional disputes that curse the movement elsewhere.

By going CIO in this manner and at this time, the machinists make it possible for certain reactionary International officials to compel local unions to withhold support from them, support which has not and could not be denied if a truly responsible trade union policy were carried out.

And what possible point can the CIO have in taking in the machinists of Minneapolis? No progressive unionist can fail to support the campaign to organize the unorganized of America. But that is hardly the question in this territory. The A. F. of L. has already organized the overwhelming majority of workers in Minneapolis. Organizing the unorganized is one question. Raiding the A. F. of L. is another question. By taking in the machinists, the CIO will only serve to confuse and disrupt the local labor movement. The interests of neither the workers in the A. F. of L. nor in the CIO can possibly be served by such a blundering, irresponsible move.

Then WHAT is the real reason for this shift to the CIO? We charge that this is a job-saving device on the part of the Stalinist leadership of the machinists' union. It is more than this. It is an attempt to maneuver into a position where these union mis-leaders can attack the progressive unions in Minneapolis. That is the SOLE reason for this shift to the CIO.

In all truth, it must be said that part of the blame for the present disastrous situation rests on the shoulders of the Machinists' International, which, by its stupid policies in the past, and its lack of decisiveness, has furnished the unscrupulous leaders of the machinists with just the excuse they were seeking to embroil the Minneapolis labor movement in a minor civil war.

The time has come to speak out bluntly, to say what is. Here you see the first fruits of the acceptance by the Central Labor Union of the order to expel the CIO unions. The first step has been made on the path

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Winona Drivers Win 36-Hour Strike; All Demands Granted

Full Seniority, Time and One-half, 48-Hour Week Provided; 544 Keeps Balking Bosses in Line

On Wednesday morning, August 25, a smashing victory was won by General Drivers Local 799 of Winona, when the 250 men involved in the strike of ice, coal, lumber and transfer companies received signed contracts granting substantial wage increases and improved working conditions. The working agreements were the result of a 36-hour strike which began Tuesday morning. Under the union contracts won, the ice, coal and lumber drivers will receive 52 1/2c per hour. Yardmen, helpers, and ice house men will get 50c per hour; extra men will receive a minimum of 40c. The agreement further provides for full seniority, the 48-hour week, with time-and-one-half for overtime. It will run for one year, to Aug. 31, 1938. All ten companies in the affected industries signed up with Local 799.

544 DRIVERS WIN NEW AGREEMENT FOR EXCAVATORS

New Wage Scale Runs Up to \$2.50; 15 Minute Driving Time Allowed

Again this week we publish a new contract won by General Drivers Local 544, this time with the excavating industry locally. The new working agreement, signed a few days ago and approved by the Executive Board of the union, covers many more workers than did the former contract.

Wages of truck drivers and small distributor operators, under the working agreement, will be 75c per hour; teamsters (the rate applies only to city of Minneapolis), 60c, with 15c more per horse. Each horse will be paid for at the rate of 25c per hour. Large distributor operators will receive 85c hourly, as will dumpsters and dump foremen. Blade operators are guaranteed 90c; caterpillar operators, \$1.00; elevator and trench digger operators, \$1.20; Bull dozers, \$1.00; a 1 1/2 ton truck, two yards, with driver, \$1.50; a 1 1/2 ton truck, three yards, with driver, \$1.65; dump trucks, 2 1/2 tons or more, \$2.50; blade operators, less than 12 feet, 75c.

The 48-hour week, with time-and-one-half for overtime and double-time on Sundays and holidays is specified.

It was further agreed that the employer shall allow the employee 15 minutes to cover driving time from the garage to site of work, and like time on return. The contract is retroactive to June 1, and will run for two years except that negotiations on wages and hours may be reopened in June, 1938.

Negotiations on other contracts proceeded during the past year. A new contract with the newspapers is (Continued on page 2)

M-W Workers Hold Bang-up Meeting

Last Friday evening a bang-up meeting of Montgomery-Ward workers was held in Local 120's hall at 347 University Avenue. About 250 employees were present, and 50 new applications were received in the St. Paul Warehouse Union, which is leading the organization drive. Speakers at the gathering were Frank Duprey, business agent of Local 20297, George Chikowski, Frank Simmer (a M-W employee), James Bartlett, business agent of Local 20316, Bob Fleming, representative of Local 120, and Grant Dunne, spokesmen for General Drivers Union Local 544. Several other men addressed the meeting.

Judging from the sentiment of the workers, there is every indication that the present organization drive will achieve a solid success, and accomplish its purpose of unionizing the plant and achieving a union working agreement.

On the day following the strike, some of the Winona bosses apparently did not understand the union meant the contract to be carried out to the letter. Three firms—the Winona Dray Line, the Minnesota Fruit company, and the Western Grain & Fuel company—refused to put drivers back to work under their seniority standing. A committee from Local 799, accompanied by Grant Dunne, representative of the NCCDC, made the rounds of the three firms and straightened them out, with the result (Continued on page 2)

Wabash Tries to Spike Local 1859

In an effort to stall and break up the workers organized in Wood-ware Local 1859, the management of the Wabash Screen Door company is continuing to carry on mock negotiations with the Wabash Independent (company) union. It is understood that the "contract" being presented by the alleged Independent group covers only wages; it asks for a nickel an hour increase. The company in considering "accepting" the contract, hoping by this move to spike the real union, to stop the workers from attending the 1859 organization meetings.

Another meeting of Wabash workers will be held by Local 1859 this Thursday night at 257 Plymouth Avenue. It appears that the company is determined to put up a fight against the real union. Negotiations between Local 1859 on questions of seniority continued with the management during the past week. From the organizational gains, it appears as though few Wabash workers are being taken in either by the management or by the all-too-obvious maneuvers of the company union outfit.

Dayton Employees Ratify Agreement

A successful meeting of Dayton store employees was held under the auspices of Warehouse Workers Local 20316 last Wednesday night, Aug. 27. The contract which had been drawn up by a union committee was ratified, and will be presented to the store management the first week in September. The contract committee met last night, Sept. 1, to make editorial corrections in the working agreement.

Tables Turn on Bovey; This Time It's Charlie

Charlie Bovey, 544 member, has chuckled so often at his brother's exploits on the piddle-jumper that it is with mingled emotions that we record the following sad news. Last week Charlie first smashed up his brother's motorcycle, and then on Wednesday smashed his own motorcycle in an accident at the corner of 26th and 15th Avenue. He got a broken jaw and a few yards of skin peeled off him, and will be laid up for a couple of weeks. Charlie is employed at the W. A. McGee company.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Winona Drivers Win 36-Hour Strike; All Demands Granted

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that all men were returned immediately to their jobs.

On Tuesday of this week, Grant Dunne and Arnold Johnson returned to Winona to aid in setting up a smooth-running union office and to do further organization work in that city. On Tuesday night, Dunne addressed an organization meeting of the Warehouse Union which is being set up. On Wednesday night, the NCDDC representatives will appear before a membership meeting of the General Drivers Union at which the election of permanent officers will take place.

On Monday night Karl Skoglund and Curt Zander journeyed to Mankato to speak before the General Drivers union in that city. The local is passing through the usual post-strike phase and is facing the usual problems inherent in such a situation—a number of members delinquent in their dues, and so forth. Skoglund gave a long talk on the experiences of the Minneapolis General Drivers Union in 1934, during and after the strikes here, pointing out how similar problems arose in Minneapolis and how they were solved. There is little question but what the Mankato drivers will successfully cope with their problems.

Due to the illness of Baers, secretary of the Mankato drivers' union, a new secretary, Adams, was elected. A group of drivers from Zumbrota attended the Mankato meeting. Eighteen drivers in Zumbrota have struck against the county and the contractor for higher wages. They were receiving 4c a yard per mile, and are demanding 6c, the amount paid by the county to the contractor. Jackson of the Faribault General Drivers Union is working closely with the Zumbrota drivers.

On Monday noon, Pat Corcoran and Miles Dunne left for a two-day organization trip to Watertown, South Dakota, to assist the General Drivers Local in that city.

Other meetings in Rochester on Monday night, and in St. Cloud on Wednesday, were attended by NCDDC representatives.

Last Friday night the new drivers

Eau Claire Drivers Sign With 42 Firms

(Special to Northwest Organizer)
Eau Claire, Wis.—General Drivers Union Local 662 has now signed union working agreements with 42 concerns, including 6 dairies, 13 transfer firms and 18 lumber and fuel companies.

During the past two weeks, contracts have been negotiated with Ed Phillips, Buris bakery, Farmers store, fuel dealers at Altoona, and beer and ale distributors.

Norman Kleist, Kermit Hanson, and Charles De Longe, officers of Local 662, have journeyed to Bloomer, Cornell, Chippewa Falls and Rice Lake during the past few days, for the purpose of setting up new drivers' locals in these communities. Local 662 is determined to organize this section 100 per cent by the first of the year.

Union Bowlers Will Meet on September 9

A meeting of all union bowlers will be held Thursday evening, September 9, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. During the past few days, the Warehouse Local 20316 has announced it will enter a team in the union bowling league, and Local 125 is also considering a similar move. From all indications, the league will be a better one than last year's. All interested unions are urged to attend the September 9 meeting and help organize the league and plan the schedule for the coming season. All games will be bowled at the Lincoln alleys on Monday nights.

Charter was presented by Karl Skoglund to the General Drivers organization in Albert Lea; henceforth, this unit will be Local 845 of the Teamsters International. About 70 members attended the meeting enthusiastically accepted the charter, and laid plans to build an aggressive and powerful drivers movement in that community.

544 DRIVERS WIN NEW AGREEMENT FOR EXCAVATORS

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near completion. On Wednesday morning, a committee from Local 544 met with the coal bosses, and a working agreement covering this industry will probably be announced in the near future.

The full excavating contract follows:

The undersigned firms, partnerships, and corporations, hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 544, A. F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.
2. The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.
3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.
4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.
5. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to 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 agreement and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in this agreement.
6. In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or deliberately violates any of the provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority rights, wages, hours of work, overtime differentials and any back pay owed by the Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time and overtime rates; if ordered as provided under Paragraph 7. Such violation must be reported and acted upon within 30 days of the date of the original violation.
7. Any controversy arising over the interpretation of and adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the Union and the Employer. In the event that such controversy cannot be settled it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the Employer. In the event that these four (4) fail to reach an agreement within five (5) days a fifth neutral member shall be selected by a majority vote of the first four (4). The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.
8. The Employer shall not request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line of a striking Union, however, the Union agrees that in the event the Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other Union the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.
9. The term "Individual Truck Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motor cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four wheel trailer, taxicab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any kind of other vehicle used for transportation purposes.
10. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions for Individual Truck Owners shall conform to the schedules which shall from time to time be agreed to by the Union and the Employer.
11. The Individual Truck Owner shall have seniority standing only as a driver. The vehicle shall have no seniority standing. Only Individual Truck Owners certified by the Union may be hired.
12. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer free of charge and shall bear the union label.
13. The Employer shall not arbitrarily charge employees for any loss or damage. The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged negligence resulting in excessive loss or damage. The Union will make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.
14. Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium shall be paid by the Employer.
15. The Employer agrees to cooperate in securing prompt payment of injury compensation claims by their compensation insurance carriers as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.
16. 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.
17. Any controversy over the seniority standing of an employee on this list shall be referred to the Union for settlement.
18. The senior employees shall

Bill Brown Says—

I may not be as good-looking as Bill, the Motorman. But I think I get off better cracks. And I don't smoke a pipe, or talk so finky.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

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 manner other than that set forth below.

- (a) When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement it shall be bulletined by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. Employee making a change to a new classification shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list in such new classification. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle a job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.
 - (b) In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate reason the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and in returning employees to work the last employee laid off, shall be the first rehired. The necessary re-assignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.
 - (c) Where there is an obvious discrimination against a senior employee under the present assignments to the various classifications of work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjustments.
20. Any employee desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall secure permission (written) both from the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.
 21. Proof of drunkenness or dishonesty shall be considered grounds for discharge.
 22. The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged violation of properly posted working rules which do not conflict with any of the terms and provisions of this agreement. The Union shall make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7.
 23. New employees shall be placed in the seniority list after having worked a total of 90 days. Seniority to start from the first day of employment.
 24. The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the following procedure on seniority in the event that the Employer absorbs the business of another company.
 - (a) In the event that a company other than a contract hauler which has previously operated its own trucks discontinues the method of operation and turns its hauling over to a contract trucking company, the employees of this company working on the trucks may transfer to the company taking the contract and be placed at the bottom of the seniority list of that company with first preference for all work done for their former employer.
 - (b) In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the men employed at the company which is losing the contract may elect in accordance with their seniority rights at that company to transfer to the company receiving the contract where they shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list and shall have no preference in hauling other than that provided by their seniority standing at the company to which they transfer.
 25. It is understood and agreed that forty-eight (48) hours shall constitute one week's work for truck drivers and that any time worked in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. Sundays and the following holidays shall be paid for at double time rate. New Years Day, Decoration Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. All time worked on snow hauling, plowing and sanding icy streets shall be paid for at the straight time rate. It is further agreed by the parties hereto that the employee shall give the Employer at least four (4) hours notice that his regular work week as hereinbefore provided, will be completed at a specified time. In the event the employee fails to give said notice, he shall not be entitled to receive overtime pay for that week unless he is authorized to work, in writing, by the Employer.
 26. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. When called to work employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours pay. It is agreed, however, that in the event work is suspended on account of weather conditions or breakdown beyond control of the Employer the provisions set forth in this paragraph shall not apply.
 27. The senior employees, unless it is unavoidable, shall be first to work the full weekly regular hours. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees. The Union shall have the right to examine the payroll record.
 28. 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.
 29. The term "driver" shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motor cycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by similar methods.
 30. All employees shall be paid in full each week.
 31. The following rates of pay shall be paid by the parties in this

Thousands at Central Labor Union Picnic

Thousands of persons attended the annual Central Labor picnic at Powderhorn park last Sunday. A resolution calling upon Green and Lewis to bury their differences and work for a common cause was adopted. Speakers on the program included Governor Benson, Congressman Dewey Johnson and Henry Teigan, Judge Vince Day, Edwin Hudson, A. H. Urthoes, L. Boereback and Bob Cramer.

agreement for all work done by said parties throughout Hennepin County except where the State Federal Regulations provide for higher wages, then such regulation shall apply.

- Truck drivers, 75c per hour.
 - Distributor operator, small, 75c per hour.
 - Teamsters—Teamsters' rate to apply only to city of Minneapolis; all other parts, 15c per horse, 60c teamster.
 - Each horse, 25c per hour.
 - Distributor operator, large, 85c per hour.
 - Dumpster and similar equipment, 85c per hour.
 - Dunn foreman, 85c per hour.
 - Plade operator, 90c per hour.
 - Elevator operator, grader, \$1.20 per hour.
 - Trench digger operator, \$1.20 per hour.
 - Bulldozer operator, 50 h. p. or less, \$1 per hour.
 - Ton and one-half truck, 2 yards with driver, \$1.50 per hour.
 - Ton and one-half truck, 3 yds. with driver, \$1.65 per hour.
 - Dump trucks, 2 1/2 ton or more, \$2.50 per hour.
 - Blade operator, less than 12 ft., 75c per hour.
 - 34. No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer.
 - 35. The Employer shall pay the exchange rate charged for cashing out of town checks.
 - 36. It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the employer shall allow the employee pay for fifteen (15) minutes to cover driving time from the garage to the site of work and fifteen (15) minutes from the site of work to the garage, when the distance is more than one-half mile from the said garage; said driving time shall only be paid for on the basis of straight time and shall not in any event be paid on the basis of overtime, providing mileage is not more than 15 miles.
 1. All speed laws and regulations must be strictly adhered to.
 2. Employees shall be paid from the time they report for work on job until released from duty, but may have the privilege to return to work on same shift if they so desire.
 3. Employees shall not be docked for any time less than one hour owing to break downs or tie-ups providing employees are willing to do other work which does not interfere with other Union jurisdiction.
- THIS CONTRACT shall take effect from the 1st day of June, 1937, and be in full force and effect up to and including the 31st day of May, 1939, except as to hours and wages which may be modified by negotiation between the parties, and in the event any change in hours and wages are agreed upon the same shall take effect as of June 1, 1938.



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Independent Truck Chatter

Help Wanted
Editor for this column. Must be nosy and have a big understanding. Apply at Ways and Means Committee any Wednesday night. Salary????

When Traveling
Stop at George Parrish's resort at St. Cloud. You will find and enjoy entertainment that is unequalled anywhere.

Seniority
William Camp, member of the Ways and Means will defend the principles laid down even if he has to go as far as to spill blood for it.

One and One-half Ton
Referring to Bovey and notifying the members that he is back in town looking for work.

Marriage
Cigars are in order from Lawrence Haley, we hope!

The Famous Green Car
A new deal came August 23rd for the driver and the riders of that green car. They tell us working at White Bear is a pleasure and also an honor.

Under Pressure
Gene Lundholm is willing to give up his job if the heat does not cease.

Ain't Love Grand?
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes are now enjoying a cabin on Highway 15.

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See Curt Zander at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

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Notice
Watch this column for official notice for meeting regarding Seniority with City of Minneapolis.

Fair Play
We wonder if it is fair play when the transfer men frame up on the I. T. O's and put 6 heavies on their end of the rope?

Attention Dump Truckers
Contracts are signed with Excavators. Driving scale 75c per hour 2 yard loads, 1.50 per hour, 3 yard loads, 1.65 per hour, dump men, 85c per hour.

Things That Will Happen
We regret to hear of the serious accident in which Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Combs were involved and hope for their speedy recovery.

Notice
All I. T. O. members in coal yards. According to contract you must be on call November 1st to maintain your seniority.

Sold Out
A pat on the back for Herbert Larson. Finding work is an accomplishment but to go out and sell your truck with the job is really going places.

Dark Nights
The experience Brother Skoglund had exploring and driving over roads under construction is something the General would like to assign to his stooge from now on.

Meeting
Ways and Means meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 P. M. promptly.

Late '34 Truck
Will sell body, tires wheels and all for \$350.00 CASH. Can be seen at 2634 Pierce Street N. E.

Necessary
You must have unemployed card in office on second floor by Thursday at 4 P. M. of each week. That list will be used the following week.

Yellow Notes

By Don Bain
"Tiny" Harlan will be back on the job by the time this issue is released. He has been laid up with an attack of kidney trouble the past two weeks. We are all glad to see that he has recuperated so quickly.

"The Nine Old Men" of the Yellow Cab Team took on the Yellow Cab All Stars last Sunday p. m. For a period in the seventh inning it looked like the All Stars might give them a close race. The score in the first half of the seventh was 8 to 9 in favor of the regulars. The game finally ended with a score of 17 to 8 in favor of the regulars. Pat Hurley officiated the duties of an umpire.

Judging from the applause and the promptness of approval a certain measure received at our last meeting, it appears the boys are rather fed up with gambling on our chances of earning our daily bread and butter.

Contrary to all expectations, Walt Hagstrom hasn't lost much weight as yet on his new assignment.

Lathers Resolve to Oust State Architect

A call upon Governor Benson to remove Albert O. Larson as state architect was contained in a resolution approved Monday night at a joint meeting of plasterers, lathers, and plasterers' tenders unions held at 310 East Hennepin. The resolution is motivated by Larson's statement that a homemade bomb that exploded in front of his home last week might have been thrown at the direction of the plastering trades unions, who, he said, had been having a disagreement over the wage scale at Moose Lake hospital. There is no strike of lathers and plasterers at the hospital.

Maternity Deaths in U. S. 13,000 Yearly

New York City.— According to figures recently released by the Maternity Center Association, there were nearly 13,000 maternity deaths in the United States last year, two-thirds of them needless and preventable.

The actual loss of mothers is only a part of the total bill for maternity in America. Thirty thousand babies died in their first day of life and 40,000 more within the first month. Thousands of these deaths, too, were preventable if mothers had secured decent maternity care from the beginning of pregnancy.

One of the greatest of all the great crimes of capitalism is its utterly callous attitude towards childbirth. The various welfare agencies only scratch the surface of the problem of caring adequately for mothers and babies before and after birth.

On the Route With the Milk Man

The fifth annual picnic of Jersey employees and their families was held last Wednesday, August 25, at Christmas lake. The fifty employees, all members of Local 471, were present at the outing.

A feature of the afternoon's program was a ball game between the Inside Workers and the Drivers, the former winning by a score of 14 to 10.

The regular meeting of the Milk Wagon Drivers union will be held Tuesday, September 7. Several important reports will be made, including that of the old age retirement committee.

Business Agent Tom Ammerman returned Monday from a week's vacation in the north woods. It seems all business agents go north during vacation time. He reports having a good time, and the vacation doesn't seem to have harmed him.

All members still having picnic books from the Central Labor Union picnic held Sunday at Powderhorn Park should return same to Bill Sinton as soon as possible.

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Machinists' Locals Go CIO

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which can lead the Minneapolis labor movement down from its present great height into the old swamp. The Teamsters Joint Council, together with the other unions locally, has too big a stake in the continued progress of the labor movement, to stand aside and permit a labor movement which has the admiration of the entire nation to be racked and torn by senseless factional disputes.

Those who seek to split the local labor movement must be stopped in their tracks. The movement must be reunited. The action to expel the CIO locals from the Central Labor Union must be condemned. What yesterday was pointed out by the progressive unionists is today apparent to all.

The members of Locals 382, 1313, and 1037 must reconsider their actions of last week. The International must guarantee that the Minneapolis machinists will continue as in the recent past, actually if not in name, as a united all-inclusive metal trades union.

For the good of the labor movement — locally and nationally — so that labor in Minneapolis may continue its magnificent forward march — the Teamsters Joint Council, together with the other progressive unions in this city, calls upon the labor movement to unite on the above program. Divided, we only weaken our front. UNITED, WE CAN CONTINUE THE MARCH TO STILL GREATER HEIGHTS!

Auto Workers, Teachers Convene; 15,000 N. Y. Painters Strike; Big Five Mediates

The annual conventions of the United Auto Workers and the American Federation of Teachers, the city-wide strike of 15,000 painters in New York City, and the action of the Big Five railroad unions in throwing their demands for 20 per cent wage increases into the lap of the National Mediation Board constituted the highlights of the week's labor picture.

At Thursday's meeting of the United Auto Workers Union convention in Milwaukee, the Martin forces suffered three successive defeats at the hands of the "unity" faction. The most heated discussions came on the proposal to change the method of fixing the convention's voting strength. Now there is one vote for every 100 members. The Martin caucus proposed to change this to permit one vote for the first 100 members, one for the next 300, and one vote for each 500 after that; they were defeated when the delegates opposed the move and sent it back to the committee. A proposal of the Martin caucus for biennial conventions was also voted down, as was a proposal concerning the method of calling a special convention.

On Friday the convention unanimously adopted a motion calling for a special assessment of \$1 on each of the 400,000 members to raise a war chest for the campaign to organize the Ford-Motor company. When the vote was announced by Homer Martin, union president, the floor demonstration got under way, with the band playing "Solidarity Forever." For ten minutes 1,100 delegates waved their banners, pounded the tables and sang their approval.

It took John L. Lewis' presence to straighten out the factional fight in the union. In urging the retention of the present officers, Lewis indicated he favored a compromise settlement of the fight by which two "unity" adherents would be retained in office. In his address Lewis intimated that in a short while he would suggest the CIO publish a "great national newspaper."

Under the compromise settlement of the inner-union factional fight, the number of staff officers is increased from five to seven, retaining incumbents and adding two vice presidents, leaders of the two factions. The list of officers comprises: President, Homer Martin; vice presidents, Frankenstein, Wyndham Mortimer, R. J. Thomas, Ed Hall and Walter Wells; secretary, George Addes. The Martin "progressive" group won a majority of the seven staff officers — four out of seven.

Teachers Vote Referendum
After four days behind closed doors, the affiliations committee appeared before the American Federation of Teachers convention in Madison, Wisconsin, split 13 to 8. The

majority report proposed a referendum on the issue of CIO-A. F. of L. affiliation no sooner than Feb. 1, 1938. Stressing labor unity, it asked for endorsement of a national convention of all bona fide trade unions, A. F. of L., CIO, the railroad brotherhoods and genuine independent unions. This report carried the convention.

Early Thursday the convention voted to assess all members \$1 apiece to raise a \$25,000 organization fund for employment of paid organizers to recruit new locals and members. Professor Jerome Davis, ousted Yale professor, was elected president of the federation. Convention delegates were aroused Thursday night when a Negro delegate, Eugene Holmes of Philadelphia, was abused by a hotel coffee shop manager who broke the dishes used by Hughes after the dinner. Delegates threw a picket line around the hotel and obtained an apology.

Painting and decorating jobs throughout New York City were brought to a standstill Thursday when 15,000 members of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers went on strike for a thirty-hour week, at a minimum rate of \$1.75 per hour. The union is also demanding employers hire at least 50 per cent of their men directly from the union, to eliminate the "kick-back" by which employment agencies take at least \$2,000,000 yearly from the painters' pay.

The following day, the union issued a statement announcing that union painters in Indianapolis, Milwaukee and various parts of six eastern states have walked out on building construction and alteration jobs being done by New York contractors. Nearly 1,500 women, wives of the strikers, joined in the picket lines Saturday. On that day, the Association of Master Painters and Decorators announced it would probably begin negotiations with the union on Monday looking toward a settlement of the dispute.

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for a strike in case the railroads refused their demands for a 20 per cent wage increase, and after the managements broke off wage negotiations and announced they would not grant the wage increase, all five presidents of the unions agreed last Thursday to accept the services of a mediator for the National Mediation Board to settle their differences with the railroads.

The overwhelming strike vote was interpreted by informed labor leaders as signifying that the railroad employees want action, want a new union set-up and are willing to fight for their wage increase. By throwing the dispute to the Mediation Board, the union officers have indicated that they are willing to permit the arbitrators to take an almost unlimited time to argue the merits of the case, during which everything will remain "as is."

What appeared to be developing into a sharp dispute between the Grand Opera Artists Association (A. F. of L.) and the American Guild of Musical Artists was finally settled peacefully last week when officials of the two organizations tentatively agreed on an amalgamation. Earlier in the week, the Guild had been charged with being a company union by the A. F. of L. international. Under the new arrangement, the Guild will lower its dues from \$25 a year to a sliding scale ranging from \$12 to \$100 according to income.

Rubber Workers Win
The United Rubber Workers demonstrated its strength in Akron rubber.
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On Friday, September 13, a sectional meeting of all members of Warehouse Workers Local 20316 engaged in the plumbing and heating supply industry will be held, at which problems peculiar to this industry will be discussed. At the same time, plans will be made to seek settlement of many questions that have arisen lately.

Local 20316 also reports that a few grievances have cropped up at Sears, Roebuck plant. One case in particular involves Maxine Wasten one of the most active unionists, who has been laid off permanently on the claims of the company that she was inefficient. The union executive board is taking exception to the company's position in this case. Unless an immediate settlement is made and back pay given to this worker and to any other worker unjustly discharged by the management, the management will be compelled to answer to the union. A number of violations of the working agreement, arrived at as a result of the May, 1937, strike have come to the attention of the union.

Boney Silenski has been appointed director of all recreational activities of Local 20316. Members interested in such activity may consult Brother Silenski at union meetings or write him at the union office, 257 Plymouth Avenue. The Warehouse Union has already entered a team in the union bowling league. Local 20316 will begin publication of an inner-union bulletin within the next two weeks. Leonard Bagne of Sears, Roebuck, has been placed in charge of this paper by the executive board. All members who have news items should get in touch with him. The gate prize at the Warehouse picnic on Aug. 15, was won by Number 1329, the union has announced.

BAKERY BLAB

By A. M. Ogren
Has Tomte of Regan's told you about the two and two and one-half pound crappies and sunfish he's been catching?
Ole Ree of Monahan's is expecting a son and heir in a short while.
They tell me that Bob Clausen has closed up shop. Boy, you'll have to figure that out for yourself or ask Bob about it.

We are now entering a new month and it should be somewhat cooler, so let's get out to the meetings. I suppose this sounds like old stuff but some of you guys haven't seen the inside of the union hall since you joined.

Retail Clerks Prepare Contract for Leader

The Retail Clerks Local 1086 announced this week that a union committee is preparing a working agreement which is to be presented shortly to the Leader department store. The contract will specify an \$18 weekly minimum for girl employees, a 42-hour week, time-and-one-half and double time for overtime and one week's vacation with pay.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the employees of the Standard Clothing company was held Tuesday night under the auspices of Local 1086.

Local 804 Negotiates With Retail Grocers

A committee from Grocery Clerks Local 804 is still negotiating with the Retail Grocers association, on a working agreement to cover the several hundred employees of all association stores in the city.

Cliff Erickson at Purity North Plant told a story about cooperation. He says he saw one of the Siamese Twins eating watermelons and the other one spitting out the seeds. But seriously, we need the cooperation of every member. Live up to the rules of our contract just like you would expect the company to live up to its end.

Our drive on hours is showing good results, although it's not what it might be. But we'll get there if you'll work for it.

Art Engstrom at Continental sure is a bear for punishment. In a two weeks vacation (you'll have to ask him how he rates two weeks), he drove to the Black Hills, Yellowstone Park, Grand Canyon, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Lord knows where, covering over 6,000 miles. What's he driving? Why, a brand new 1937 Packard, no less.

Herman Peterson doesn't like peddling milk, I guess, because he's back to his old stomping ground on a bread wagon for Regan's again.

Another blessed event: Leonard Hagen, Emerick's, is the proud papa of a 10 1/2 pound baby boy.



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On WPA Projects

The McKenney case is still hanging fire as far as the union is concerned. All effort to have the man reinstated has so far failed. The local WPA officials, in the face of proven downright falsehoods by the superintendent in charge who issued McKinney's 403 have been of no avail. Time after time it was disclosed that the superintendent was lying at the hearing but this had no effect on his judges. The statement by the superintendent that he was a member of the Switchmen's Union was not verified by the president of that organization as no trace of his name could be found in the books as far back as 1908. Local 544 will carry this fight to the limit in order to stop rank union discrimination on WPA by some superintendents. Efforts will be made to bring this case before the state office in the near future.

According to the New York Times of August 25, President Roosevelt "denied with regret an appeal presented to him by a group of 'job marchers' who asked that the government reinstate all ousted WPA employees unable to find work." His views were transmitted through Marvin McIntyre, White House secretary to a delegation of the Workers' Alliance of America headed by David Lassar, president of the organization. Mr. McIntyre stated to the delegation, "I am instructed by the President to say that he regrets it is not within our powers to agree to this request."

Mr. McIntyre's letter further apprized the delegation that two other demands which included the stoppage of WPA dismissals and the re-employment of persons with temporary em-

75,000 Expected at Ohio Labor Day Picnic

Akron, Ohio.—Upward of 75,000 persons are expected to turn out for the Labor Day picnic and celebration for rubber workers at Chippewa Lake Park near here. The affair is being sponsored by District No. 1, United Rubber Workers of America. All members of organized labor in the district have been invited to attend. A cash prize of \$50 is being awarded the winning union ball team. A bathing beauty contest will be open to any girl who carries a union card. The winner of the Bathing Beauty Contest will be acclaimed Miss Organized Labor, and will be given a large loving cup in addition to an award of \$25 in cash. An amateur radio talent program, open to men, women and children will carry cash prizes of \$60.

ployment "will be definitely adhered to." Incidentally, these policies have been in force for some time, as the curtailment on WPA "some time ago reached a point where further dismissals were not necessary to meet quota requirements."

Lassar, chairman of the Workmen's Alliance of America, characterized President Roosevelt's reply as "evasive." The president's evasiveness was due in part to his conciliatory attitude toward the reactionaries in Congress, further stated Lassar. The wholesale lay-offs on WPA in large part was blamed on the President and the administration.

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her factories last week when Good-year Local won the city's first N.L.R. Board election by a three to one count. The vote was 8,464 for the union as sole bargaining agent to 3,193 opposing the union. The following day, employees of the B. F. Goodrich company completed a similar election with about the same proportion for the union. Henceforth, the United Rubber Workers will represent all workers in these factories. Union forces found the victory all the sweeter because of the company's drive for votes against the union. The company's campaign was conducted by radio, newspaper advertising, and through a personal appearance in Akron of Senator Rush Holt, anti-laborite from West Virginia, who spoke over the radio and at a mass meeting.

Chowderhead in New Fraud
Trade unionists all over the nation rejoiced when news appeared last week that Chowderhead Cohen, a leading professional strike-breaker and ex-convict, pled guilty in the Bronx court of special appeals to a charge of defrauding a relief agency of more than \$700. Cohen had accepted 13 relief checks while he was gainfully employed. Because he has a criminal record, this "noble" may be committed to the penitentiary. He has helped break strikes in all parts of the United States.

Nearly 300 elevator operators and service employees who went on strike August 18 at the Hudson Terminal buildings in New York City for higher wages and better working conditions, returned to work Monday under a new contract for one year granting wage increases from 5 to 7 per cent, and reduction in hours.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor announced the opening of a vigorous organization campaign in the maritime field along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. The Federation received the resignations of all officers of the International Seamen's Union, and that organization, torn by internal strife in recent years, will henceforth be administered by an executive board consisting of William Green, Joseph

Ryan, and Holt Ross, the latter an A. F. of L. organizer from the South. It was reported in the press this week that the Executive Council in its closing sessions at Atlantic City, had decided not to recommend to the A. F. of L. convention expulsion of the 10 CIO unions it suspended last September 5, thus leaving the door still ajar for a possible reunion.

CIO Maritime Conference
There opened Monday in Chicago a delegated conference of maritime unions sponsored by the CIO designed to organize unlicensed seamen into a national union. Not present at the meeting were delegates of the left-wing Sailors Union of the Pacific, which is refusing to go along with the CIO unless a real industrial union is established, and inner-union democracy guaranteed.

In Detroit Monday police charged picket lines around the Detroit Casket company which attempted to reopen after a week's strike, arresting five members of the Mechanics' Educational Society, the union calling the strike. Five hundred pickets stoned seats who attempted to enter the plant.

As the Seattle Newspaper Guild's strike against the Seattle Star entered its ninth week, a number of arrests and beatings took place. "Rioting" charges were filed against three Guild officials, a Guild member and a member of the teachers' union, following arrests on the picket line. Twenty-four other strikers were arrested for mass picketing of the newspaper. Mayor John Dore ordered police to send pickets "to the hospital or the morgue." Jack Heiss, Seattle Star Guild unit chairman, was twice attacked and beaten.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea
New York news item: "Widespread labor unrest and strikes are the important reasons why Police Commissioner Valentine asked for an addition to the police force," he said today.

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The real "important reasons" for cops the world over are strikes and labor unrest.

Moscow news item: "The Communist party leadership is showing concern at the slowness with which local party organizations are recruiting new members to replace old ones who have been liquidated."—New York Times.

Now isn't that hard to understand?

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Julius Streicher, Nazi minister: "History's greatest physician is our Fuehrer."

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At that, Hitler has prescribed more castor oil than any doctor since the world began.

From the N. Y. Times: "To help relief recipients keep well-nourished and healthy, the Health Department suggested yesterday some ways in which a family of five might eat on \$8.05 a week."

One way was to turn into jackass and eat grass, I bet.

That's about 8c a meal. I suggest the members of the Health Department try it out for a year. If they're alive at the end of twelve months, we'll agree to try it.

From a report of the New York Chamber of Commerce: "The available records for strikes within comparable periods in the history of Am-

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erican industry were broken in the first half of 1937; during this time, 2,512 strikes were begun, compared with 1,077 for 1936, and 2,048 for 1937, the former peak year.

Aside from about 500 strikes a month, there ain't no class struggle in America—much.

For labor, the great strike years are, as a general rule, the years when labor makes its greatest gains.

N. Y. Commissioner of Agriculture: "I want to warn those striking farmers in the northern part of the state against disorderly conduct. The more orderly they are, the more easily they can gain consideration for their viewpoint from the general public."

The old hooey—as though it were the "general public," whatever that is, from whom the strikers were going to gain concessions.

One thing in this world is dead sure—unless you believe in your cause enough to fight for it, NO ONE will give you the slightest consideration. Nor would you deserve the slightest consideration.

James 'Doris Duke' Cromwell says: "The future existence of capitalism, without which democracy and person-

al and economic liberty cannot exist, is today threatened."

The way the rich identify democracy and liberty with capitalism is really a scream, if you stop and think about it.

Capitalist democracy in reality is the dictatorship of the bosses, based on hypocrisy. Fascism is the dictatorship of the bosses, based on bayonets.

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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.

Minnesota's "Solid South" Is Cracked

One of the most heartening and significant aspects of the recent organization drive led by the North Central District Drivers Council is the success which has been obtained in organizational work in the southern part of the state. Right up until this summer, neither the union movement (with the exception of Austin) nor the progressive political movement has ever gained a foothold in southern Minnesota. Always the small-town bankers and their allies in this area have managed to combat and keep down union organization. Politically, this has expressed itself in the overwhelming Republican vote delivered from this section.

Today this picture is changing very rapidly. The success of the drivers' unionization campaign has cracked the South wide open. Strong drivers' locals have been set up in such towns as Winona, Mankato, Austin, Albert Lea, Faribault, etc., and have achieved signed contracts with the bosses. In several cases it was necessary to crack down with a strike, and in every instance, the strike weapon has been successful. Incipient vigilante movements, sponsored by the employers, have melted away under the power and unity displayed by the workers.

As a result of the successful unionization campaign, wages of workers in the driving industry have been raised as much as 50 per cent. For the first time in their lives, these workers know what it is to have job security and the special sense of self-respect that comes to one when he knows he is part of, and has the backing of, a strong union organization.

Naturally, this success of the drivers has had the effect of setting aflame the workers in other industries in southern Minnesota. In industry after industry and in town after town the workers of southern Minnesota are eager and hungry for unionization. Never was the time riper for a concerted drive to bring these long-oppressed and exploited workers into the ranks of organized labor.

The unionization of southern Minnesota, even to the extent so far achieved by the drivers, has accomplished three things: It has blazed the trail of progressive unionism into the heart of a territory hitherto dominated by the terror of reactionary employers and the wealthier class of farmers. It has demonstrated to other unions what CAN be accomplished in organizing in the towns of this section. And by bringing union conditions to the drivers in these communities, it has helped by that much to protect the wages and the living standards of drivers throughout the Northwest.

Andrew Mellon Dies

Last week the "greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton" cashed in his checks. The boss press has had its say, in lavish eulogies, on the significance of Andrew Mellon. The labor press should have a word to say on this subject too.

At an early age, Mellon began learning how to make money in the bank of his wealthy father in Pittsburgh. American industrial expansion was just beginning then. Coal lay waiting to be carved from mountain sides. The earth's crust still had to be punctured before the age-old petroleum stores could be extracted. Steel could not be made fast enough to fill orders. Hard-up young inventors needed funds to develop their discoveries. And Pittsburgh was the center of all this. Mellon staked his claims in this expanding wealth. He knew how to use one dollar to make ten, and ten to make a hundred. He knew how to get a good share of the increase during good years, and how to push the losses onto others during the bad times.

Mellon did not have the narrow concept that 2 plus 2 equals 4. In adding stock certificates in corporation mergers, \$2 plus \$2 of the old stocks could become \$6 or \$7 of stock in the new corporation. The extra-watered stock represented hundreds of thousands of dollars, and always included a generous cut for the banker who financed the merger. Mellon put through many such deals.

When Charles Hall proved that he could make aluminum cheaply by his process, Mellon was willing to finance him—in exchange for a controlling interest in the company formed. Then Mellon proceeded to build up the tightest monopoly ever in control of a basic metal. Possible competitors were crushed. All supplies of the bauxite, or ore, were bought up. The Aluminum Company of America fixed its own price for years. Mellon's corporation and a similar outfit in Germany agreed to divide the whole world market between them.

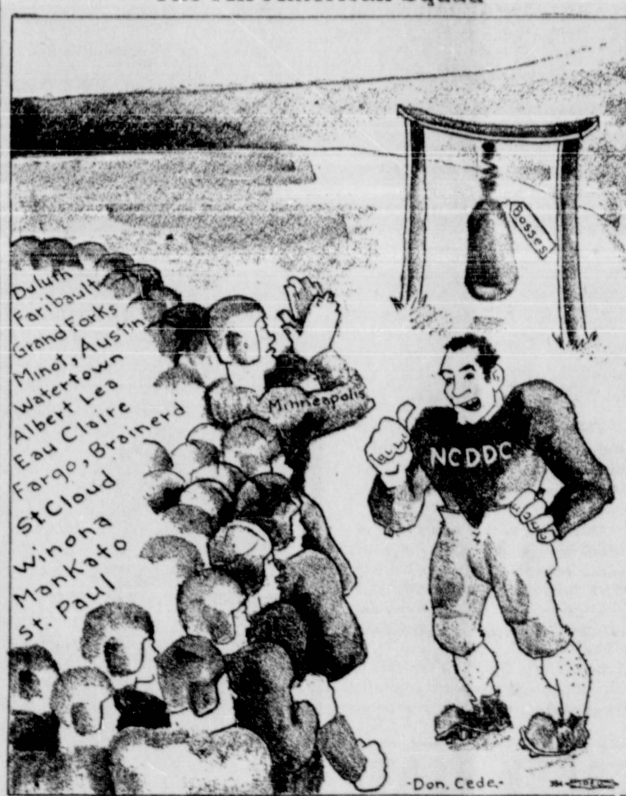
The business press is now engaged in building up a picture of "Saint Andrew" W. Mellon. He is portrayed as the shy, sensitive, art-loving philanthropist and statesman. His fortune is represented as the just reward for hard work and confidence in his country's future.

We regard Mellon with different eyes. We remember the thousands of other men who have toiled to bring forth the aluminum, steel, glass, oil and other products represented in the shares of stock bulging the vaults of the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh. These were the men who prospected for oil, the men who used pick and dynamite, the men whose laboratory work uncovered new metallurgical processes. Several of these men also died recently. Their deaths were fully as painful as Mellon's; their families were as grief-stricken as his.

These men did not expect to make millions out of their work. But they did want 60c an hour. In Alcoa, Tennessee, however, workers were expected to be satisfied with 45c. On July 7 this year the company used plenty of lead and powder to impress the Mellon plan for industry upon the union workers. Those who were not killed or wounded have now gone back under the old scale. The art treasures which Mellon has donated to museums will never seem very beautiful to these workers.

Throughout his entire life, Mellon showed an utter disregard for the welfare of the workers who manufactured profits for him. In public office he used his position to hammer down the rates on the excess profits tax, the income tax, the inheritance tax. He bought art by the carload, not as a lover of beauty but as a lover of vulgar display. His fortune still marches on, in the hands of his family. Even in death, as in life, Mellon cheated the society which so lavishly rewarded his ruthlessness and selfishness. The day he was buried it was reported he had, many years ago, transferred the bulk of his

The All-American Squad



-Don. Cede-

wealth to his heirs, thus avoiding the inheritance and death taxes.

There lies Andrew Mellon, a fitting representative of his class, and a symbol of the rottenness of a capitalist society.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The CLU is again purified. Harmony has been achieved by expulsions.

In Winona the driving boys combed the employers' hair with a well-timed two-day strike.

A report of the Central Labor Union picnic will have to await the report of our spies. The speakers' list sounded like a summary of who is who in politics.

Vacations have cut the staff down to a skeleton.

Union officials are meeting with the coal employers.

OH, YEAH
What CIO union is going to take over the drivers?

Some of these radio politicians are going to be made to prove some of their statements if they keep up their present line of chatter.

P. Corcoran and M. Dunne Waterdown Monday and Tuesday.

The Organizer is going to be bigger this week.

The Picnic Committee has not yet made its final report.

Three Machinists Locals took the leap to the CIO last week. Nice going, Unity Committee.

And then the lion and the lamb laid down, side by side... and made a meal of each other.

Eighth Street Headquarters was thrown into a turmoil last week. A

20316 Ends Pepsi-Cola Strike in 24 Hours

On Thursday noon, Aug. 26, two inside workers at the Pepsi-Cola Bottling company, 24 North 1, were fired, without cause. It took the Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316, of which these men are members, just 24 hours to put the men back to work, and to assure their seniority rights.

On Monday negotiations began between the company and the union as to terms of a union working agreement covering the ten inside workers at this firm.

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Wanted

The Northwest Organizer is rapidly building up its circulation throughout the Northwest, and today a score of locals outside the Twin Cities subscribe 100 per cent to our paper.

However, we are far from satisfied with the amount of news for publication which we receive from locals outside the Twin Cities. Therefore, we appeal to every local subscribing to the Northwest Organizer to appoint a reporter whose duty it will be to mail in regularly stories of union activities in each territory. We want news stories, and we want photographs of interest to the union members—pictures of union headquarters, of active union builders, of strikes, etc. We ask each local to cooperate with us in this matter.

Letters from Worker - Readers

KENTUCKY UNION LIKES PAPER

To the Editor:
I have received and read a copy of "The Northwest Organizer." I am very much interested and pleased to note the progressive tone of your paper. I believe our truckers' local down here will take a bundle order each week. At least I shall propose such action at our next meeting. In the meantime, I'm going to take it upon myself to order a bundle of 100 copies to be distributed at our next meeting.

Enclosed herein you will find a check covering the cost of this first hundred. I'm quite sure that this will continue indefinitely.

Thanks for this service.
Fraternally yours,
FRANK KWALLEK
Business Agent
Local 779, Lexington, Ky.

Editor of N. W. Organizer

Dear Sir:
Your publication of last week happened to fall into my hands by a friend, and I want to state that I thoroughly believe in organized labor, but this is a queer mixed-up affair in this town. Look at the laundries and many more places, some union workers and some non-union workers all working together.
I belonged to unions for 25 years and a non-union man could go to work but at his second payday he or she had to join the union or else had to quit right there. I think that's the only way they should do; then workers could demand a living wage.
Of all the ungodly places for starvation wages, the worst is the Goodwill Industries located at 415-17 Third Street south.
I worked there a few days and never asked what pay they paid, thinking they paid a reasonable wage. When the week was up I got \$5 for the 5-day week. I never showed up after that, but I know many working there now, and few get over \$7.50 a week. Two dollars a day is the top wage. They claim to employ old people and people that are handicapped. Yes, bless the Lord, they have a few handicapped persons there, though most of them are able-bodied and young. There are not more than 3 or 4 who are over 60 years old, if that.
The people that are handicapped

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all do just as much as if they were able-bodied. They have posters up stating 75% of every dollar spent in the store goes for wages. That is false. I doubt if 1/4 of 1% is paid for wages. Everything is given them, and they sell for more than any second-hand store in town.

Yes, they have chapel service every morning except Saturday, and the Lord's name is used for a selfish purpose to mislead the people and make them think they are doing a wonderful thing for the handicapped.

What has a person got left out of \$5 and \$7.50 weekly after lots of them have to pay streetcar fare, rent and groceries? They would not give a poor person even a shoe string free no matter how poor that person was. There are hundreds of things lots of poor people would like to have, such as dishes and furniture, but the Goodwill would rather break them all up and haul them to a dump before they would let anyone have them.

What they need is, to be organized, and I have talked to lots of them and they want it, but can't get an organizer to do it. It's up to your organization to get busy as they all will gladly welcome you. The blind people are organized, why not the handicapped. The superintendent there is the cheapest guy in town and he sure can give out hot air. The painter that refinishes the furniture, the carpenter that repairs it, the watchmaker, and the electrician receive \$7.50 for five days' work.

They have a workers' meeting once every month, and it is nothing as the superintendent shoots off some hot air, and mostly it's for the 20c each for the supper they have, sour beans and hamburger. I have written this up several times and sent it to the Star

and Tribune but they won't put it in their papers.

Yours truly,
A. P. ZAIGEE

To the Northwest Organizer:

A short time ago a friend gave me a little puppy dog. I fed him quite regular, but one day, not having anything in the house for him to eat but just a bone, I gave him that. He grabbed the bone, chewed away at the same, but kept on growling all of the time. Wanting to find out what was the matter, I reached down to take the bone away from him. But, believe it or not, the pup struck, bit me, and took a chunk of hide out of my hand.

Well, I sure was surprised, but on second thought perhaps I was to blame for attempting to take the bone away from him.

Now this little story has a real meaning to it and also a warning to some relief and WPA officials who today are attempting to make life more miserable for the unemployed.

The Pup, the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, is now a full grown dog with sharp teeth and any attempt in the future to take anything away from him may result in some very unpleasant doings to somebody.

Signed,
"UNEMPLOYED"

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George Norris says: "I still favor Hoover for ex-president."

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UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

- Local 289: Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
- Private Chauffeurs: The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- Local 292: Inside Section—First Tuesday. Utility Section—First Thursday. Full Membership—Third Thursday. General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays. Advisory Board—Every Tuesday.
- Local 544: Wednesday, Sept. 1—Sausage Drivers; Petroleum Drivers Thursday, Sept. 2—Independent Truck Owners Friday, Sept. 3—Job Stewards Sunday, Sept. 5—News Drivers, 3 p. m. Monday, Sept. 6—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, Sept. 8—Market Sunday, Sept. 12—Wholesale Groceries, 10 a. m. Monday, Sept. 13—General Membership Wednesday, Aug. 15—Petroleum Drivers Thursday, Aug. 16—Tent and Awning; Print Drivers Friday, Sept. 17—Job Stewards Thursday, Sept. 23—Transfer; Wholesale Drug Tuesday, Sept. 25—Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m. Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 8 p. m. in Hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. Hall No. 2. Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.
- Local 1859: General Membership—Sept. 1. Casket Industry—Sept. 14. Clark Company—Sept. 15. Puffer-Hubbard—Sept. 17. St. Paul Section—Sept. 21. Executive Board—Every Friday.
- Local 20316: Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.
- Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule: Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.