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IBT Intensifies Drive to Enforce Area Pact

On the National Picket Line

San Antonio, the city beautiful of the deep South, is marvelous to see. Tourists rave over the wonderful system of parks which follow a winding river all through the best residential sections of the city. Yes, it is a beautiful place, on the surface, but hidden away from eyes of the tourists is another section of this fair metropolis! The West side.

Here live the peccan pickers and shellers. No beautiful parks, no modern schools, no fair avenues.hovels, stinking, overcrowded. The homes of the workers.

A pamphlet issued by the Pecan Workers Local 172, and by the Pecan Workers Relief Committee reveals conditions far different than those which are shouted in leaflets issued by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Let us quote—

"They live in shacks jammed side by side over San Antonio's West side in what Congressman Maury Maverick and others have described as the worst slum conditions in the nation . . .

"Entire families live in one room nearly devoid of furniture. . . Often as many as fifty families, averaging seven or eight persons each, use the same toilet and get water from the same hydrant.

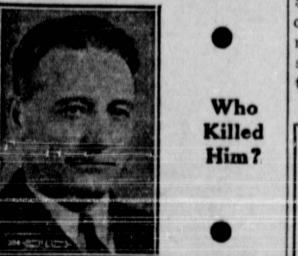
"They live chiefly on a diet of tortillas and beans which produce pellagra, scurvy and other diseases of malnutrition . . . they and their families have a tuberculosis incidence and death rate four times as high as among the other workers in the city and what is said to be the highest in the whole nation . . .

"Their pay checks average little more than TWO DOLLARS A WEEK FOR FIFTY HOURS WORK."

When the Wages and Hours Bill went into effect the peccan industry united in a move to force the government to exempt the peccan pickers and shellers from the terms of the bill. They announced that they were forced to shut down all operations. They cannot afford to pay twenty-five cents an hour as a minimum.

During the past three years Julius Seligmann, virtual monopolist of the industry, has taken more than \$500,000 net profit out of the industry the while he employed a salary of \$1,000 monthly himself.

Ten thousand workers are (Continued on page 4)



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Omaha Mass Arrests Show Bosses' Panic

Last-ditch reactionaries and the police launched a desperate attack on the Omaha over-road strike Wednesday morning. Descending upon the union hall, police arrested everyone present or who appeared during the morning, and by noon 62 strikers were in jail, "held for investigation."

Police justified the mass arrests by reference to an alleged shooting at a truck during the previous night. But upon further investigation, the incident gives every evidence of being an act of provocation against the union, and a clumsy one at that.

A Union Truck!
The truck involved was one belonging to the Wilson Trucking Company of Kearney, Nebraska, a company which had already signed the over-road agreement! The driver, who is reported to have received a flesh wound in the leg, is a member of the union."

Furthermore, while numerous finks and company agents have been found to be carrying firearms, not a single one of the hundreds of union men arrested or searched by the police has carried arms.

A union man, driving a truck covered by the agreement, is fired upon, and the result is that police raid the union hall and arrest every union man they can lay their hands on. Does this make sense? No, but it serves the last-ditch bosses.

Nothing, however, can save these bosses from coming under the agreement. This last insane move on their behalf by the police is simply a token of their panic, in the face of the intensified support of the strike by the International and the arrival of the International's committee to bring the strike to a victorious conclusion.

Casket Section Ready for Pact

On Tuesday night the casket workers section of Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 met to consider the draft of a new proposal which will shortly be presented to all local casket manufacturers. The present contract expires January 9, 1938.

FWS Sections Grow in Mankato, St. Peter

Mankato, Minn.—Last Friday night 73 members, all in good standing, turned out for the membership meeting of the Federal Workers Section.

A report of the dance committee showed the group made a profit of about \$35 on its first dance. It was reported that some 75 workers attended an FWS meeting in St. Peter, Minn., and voiced their determination to join with the FWS in its fight for the \$60.50 wage scale in that area. A committee is now drafting its demands for the higher WPA wage scale, and will present it shortly to the proper authorities.

Attention—All Members Local 289

The general membership meeting of Local 289, previously announced for November 17th, will be held November 30th instead. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be nominated. Please call the attention of all fellow workers to this change in the meeting date.

More Locals Quit Workers Alliance

New York — New defections from the Communist Party-controlled Workers Alliance came last week when six more locals, with a combined membership of over 1,000, voted to leave the Workers Alliance.

Five of the locals are located in Harlem, and the sixth is in Washington Heights. Harlem was the last stronghold of the Alliance in New York.

The policies of the Alliance, to fawn on the national administration and sabotage all proposals for a militant fight for higher relief standards, are responsible for the withdrawals.

The new Unemployed and Project Workers Union in New York has rallied most of the former Workers Alliance locals to its fighting program.

Tobin's View Gains Ground Inside AFL

The powerful stand for labor unity of the AFL and the CIO taken by Daniel Tobin at the recent Houston convention has already made a profound effect on the American Federation of Labor, judging by a significant editorial in the current issue of the American Federationist.

In the Federationist William Green states that "the American Federation believes the difficulties in the way of unity are not insurmountable if there are sincere and disinterested efforts to make peace. Questions of overlapping jurisdictions, rights in union benefit systems, treasuries, etc., can be solved when the will to unity can prevail."

Such a statement can only mean that the executive council of the AFL is swinging towards the idea of labor unity.

The New York Times, commenting on the editorial, pointed out that Green "is approaching the viewpoint of Daniel J. Tobin, head of the Teamsters Union, who appealed to the Houston convention in a dramatic speech to make peace with the CIO."

Scores of city and state labor bodies, both AFL and CIO, hundreds of local unions, and some international bodies have recently adopted resolutions backing Tobin in his stand for unification of the American trade union movement. At the coming Pittsburgh convention of the CIO it is anticipated that a strong block will carry the fight for the immediate resumption of negotiations with the AFL.

Labor Unity Will be Dominant Issue At Convention of CIO in Pittsburgh

On November 14th in Pittsburgh, the city that 57 years ago saw the formation of the AFL, the CIO will meet to set up a permanent organization. According to CIO officials, between 400 and 500 delegates will be present. The meeting will adopt a new name, a constitution, and will lay down the policies which the organization will follow in the coming year.

Labor Unity Paramount
The most important question facing the convention will be that of labor unity. Other vital matters that will probably come up before the delegates are the threat of a new war, the growth of American fascism, and the question of political action of the workers.

To impress the American Federation of Labor and the public, John L. Lewis is building up an imposing appearance of strength for the Pittsburgh convention, and is preparing to issue truly startling membership figures. **Membership Estimate**
An illustration of the sort of "padding" to be expected may be seen in the Steel Workers Organizing Committee figures. The CIO has set the SWOC membership figure at 525,612. The figure is about fifty per cent exaggerated, and was probably reached in this manner: The U. S. Steel Corporation employs about 200,000 workers. The SWOC has a contract with U. S. Steel, therefore 200,000 workers are included in the

Three Large South Dakota Operators Sign Area Pact Covering Majority of Units in That State

Three companies — Wilson Transportation company, Wilson Storage and Transfer, and Flaming Motor Express—on Tuesday signed the standard over-the-road agreement with the Area Committee, for their operating system.

This group of companies represents a majority of the units operated by major over-the-road trucking firms in the state of South Dakota. The companies engage in inter-state trucking to such terminals as the Twin Cities, Sioux City, Omaha, etc.

The signing of the agreement clears the road for this operating system to initiate operations in Omaha.

The concluding negotiations were conducted by a sub-committee of the Area Committee, with Kenneth McCreery, president of Drivers Union Local 749 of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, participating.

The contracts were signed in Minneapolis Tuesday following the negotiations in Sioux Falls.

Special Meeting in Indianapolis Appoints Powerful Committee to Guide Strike; Odequate Financial Backing Assured; Fight Will Continue Until Victory Is Won

The drive of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for the enforcement of the 11-state over-the-road wage contract took a tremendous leap forward in a conference held at the International headquarters in Indianapolis on November 2. Present at the meeting were the General Officers and three General Organizers of the International, the Area Committee and representatives of the Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Louis Joint Councils.

The conference decided to concentrate all available resources behind the main struggles now being waged in Omaha and Des Moines and to continue the fight until the operators in these terminals sign the union contract. Special provisions were made to provide adequate financial backing to the union men who have been locked-out for two months in Omaha, Sioux City, Lincoln, etc.

Committee to Direct Campaign
A committee of five was selected to devote their full time to the direction of the campaign in these terminals, with full power to enforce its decisions. On the committee are General Organizer Edward Murphy and Area Committee members Farrell Dobbs, Minneapolis, John L. O'Brien, Chicago, Joseph Scislowski, Milwaukee, and J. M. O'Laughlin, Detroit. The committee is now in the field and going ahead at full speed.

Minutes of Meeting
"Meeting held in the Headquarters of the International Union on November 2, 1938. Present at said meeting: E. M. Eslinger, Local 541, Kansas City. William Ryan, Local 600, St. Louis. T. T. Neal, Local 41, Kansas City. O. B. Enloe, Local 41, Kansas City. Mike Healy, Local 710, Chicago. J. M. O'Laughlin, Local 299, Detroit. Jos. F. Scislowski, Local 200, Milwaukee. John T. O'Brien, Local 710, Chicago. Emmett J. Williams, Local 135, Indianapolis. Jack Maloney, Local 383, Sioux City. Frank Brown, Local 710, Chicago. Ray E. Rainbolt, Local 221, Minneapolis. Miles B. Dunne, Joint Council 32, Minneapolis. Farrell Dobbs, Local 544, Minneapolis. Carl Keul, Local 90, Des Moines. Thomas V. Smith, Local 554, Omaha.

Two Coal Workers Get \$100 Backpay
With the coal season under way, Local 544's organizers are carefully checking all yards to see that the letter and spirit of the union movement is being lived up to. On Wednesday morning the union uncovered one violation and collected sums of \$30.41 and \$71.50 for two yardworkers, DeMaris and Almqvist, at the B. & B. Fuel company. It was discovered these employees were being paid only 50c hourly, whereas the agreement specifies 65c.

Union Editor Hails Local Movement
Warm praise for the Central Labor Union resolution calling for unity between the AFL and the CIO, and for the Northwest Organizer, was contained in a letter received this week from Martin Dillmon, editor of the St. Louis Union Labor Advocate, organ of the AFL movement in that city.

Addressed to Miles Dunne, Organizer editor, the letter of Brother Dillmon says in part: "What a corking fine little paper you boys are getting out. You make me more than ever proud of the fact that for 25 years I have been a good-standing member of the Teamsters Union.

"A friend handed me a copy of your October 27th issue, calling attention to your central labor body resolution. He knew that the matter of a united labor movement was close to my heart. It was the first copy of the paper I had seen . . . I like the general fighting tone of your paper. You show a nice example of being militant and game without being destructively radical . . .

St. Louis For Unity
"You have my very best wishes for the success of the fine work you are doing. Give my hearty compliments to your Central Labor Union for its courageous stand for a united Unionism. As you see by the Advocate feature, our Central Trades and Labor Union here took similar action by concurring in a resolution originating in the Ladies Auxiliary to our Central body."

Akron Teamsters Picket Filling Stations

A campaign against gas station owners and operators who refuse to sign union contracts has been started by Drivers Union Local 348, which has jurisdiction over gasoline station attendants.

Some employers have fired workers for joining the union. The picketing has decreased business at the fink places by about fifty per cent. All truck drivers refuse to go through the picket line to deliver gas or other products.

In Akron, which is predominantly a CIO town, the CIO is supporting Local 348 in its campaign to organize filling station attendants. (Continued on page 4)

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Expose Sioux City Bosses' Plot to Smash Union

Business Men's Association Campaign of Villification Uncovered—Even Mayor Leopp Protests — Attempt to Incite Farmers Against Drivers Union Boomerang—Local 383 Pledges Aid to Farmers, Asks Co-operation

Sioux City, Iowa—Attempts of the Sioux City Business Men's Association, recently formed anti-labor organization, to organize a campaign of villification directed at organized labor in this city, were thoroughly exposed here last week with the aid of the Teamsters Union Local 383.

Last Wednesday three petitions bearing about 80 signatures of business men in Pierce, Wayne and Wakefield, Nebraska, to the effect that truck operators were being coerced and intimidated, were delivered to Mayor Leopp and the Sioux City city council. The petition implied that the unions were driving business away, and hinted at vigilante acts against organized labor.

Harold Sturgeon, public safety commissioner, immediately investigated and uncovered an amazing plot of the Business Men's Association aimed to besmirch the union movement and the name of Sioux City.

Uncover Boss Plot

Businessmen of Wakefield who had signed the petition stated without exception that they knew nothing of the charges made in the petition and had only signed at "the suggestion of V. M. Huffman (Wakefield labor hater) whom they knew as a friend and who, in turn, had been asked by Kloster (Ben Kloster, head of the Sioux City Business Men's Association) to circulate the said petitions."

One truck operator of Wakefield freely admitted that "I have not been molested. I operate two trucks to and from Sioux City and Wakefield."

Another operator, Harry F. Conner, made a similar signed statement: "For the last four weeks none of my six trucks have been molested. I joined the union before the above date."

On Friday the Sioux City city council held an executive session to get additional information regarding the petitions. The mayor called Kloster and asked him to attend the meeting, but Kloster, aware that his fraudulent plan had blown up, failed to put in an appearance.

Council Condemns Move

The plot of the Business Men's Association was such an outrageous frame-up that the mayor announced publicly that "the council as a whole condemns the practice which all the investigation indicates was resorted to here for the reason that it can result in nothing other than harm to the good name of Sioux City."

Union Exposes Move

In an open letter to Mayor Leopp, the executive board of the Teamsters Union Local 383 exposed the attempt of the vigilante-minded Business Men's Association

Meeting Change For Local 544's By-Laws Group

All members of the General Drivers Union are reminded that the union's by-laws committee has changed its meeting night from Tuesday to Wednesday night. Open sessions of the committee are now held from 8 to 9 p. m., closed sessions from 9 to 10 p. m.

The committee urges all members with recommendations to appear before the open sessions.

State Guide Being Put Out by WPA

"Minnesota: A State Guide," compiled and written by the Minnesota Federal Writers Project, WPA, will be published November 28 by the Viking Press.

The book, which will be on sale in most book shops, is a cloth-bound, 511-page volume illustrated with 79 photographs and sketches, and containing 15 maps. It is a complete history of the state, of all important towns, of the development of industry, agriculture, etc. The book was three years in the making.

Bar Notes Local 346

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 14th, at 1:30 p. m. Be there for this meeting. The former meetings held at 8:30 p. m. on the second Monday of each month have been discontinued, by order of the executive board.

Pay your dues at the office promptly in order to be in good standing with the International. The International by-laws state that dues must be paid on or before the first of each month, in advance. In order to receive death benefits, the member must be in good standing.

The Frisco convention of the International increased the death benefit from \$125 for the first twelve months to \$150 to a member who has been in continuous good standing for 24 months.

The local union adds to this sum a death benefit of \$25 to any member who has been in continuous good standing for one year, and \$50 for two years. The current month's dues stamp must be in your membership book at time of death in order to receive this benefit.

Protect yourself and your family by paying dues promptly. And try to attend all meetings.

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Gassing With 977

By Jon Conder

DEMAND A UNION ATTENDANT AT YOUR FILLING STATION

The Filling Station Attendants of Minneapolis have had five and one-half months in which to line up with the Union. Seven-hundred-fifty men, representing about one-half of the filling stations of Minneapolis, have responded, and are now members of Local 977. The Local is demanding that every Filling Station in Minneapolis shall be a Union operated station, and plans have been laid to enforce this demand.

The first step in the program which Local 977 is planning to enforce is to ask members of all trade Unions to demand a Union operator when your car is serviced. If the attendant cannot show his Union credentials, drive on to the next station.

Further steps to Unionize the gasoline stations of Minneapolis, will be taken after November 15th. At that time, the Open membership in Local 977 will be closed, and a \$5.00 initiation fee will be placed on all operators who are not in the Union. Local 977 stands ready to place Union men in all stations which are non-union. The goal: A certified Union attendant in every filling station in Minneapolis.

John Eidsvold, collector for Local 977, urges all members to bring dues books to the station. By so doing, the official Union dues stamp can be put in the book; the Union stamp is verification of membership in good standing in the Union.

Of interest to all members of Local 977 is the fact that the International Constitution and By-laws specifically states that members cease to be in good standing with the Union when they become delinquent in dues for three months.

A record attendance is anticipated for the next General Membership meeting of Local 977 on Monday, November 14th at 9 o'clock, at the Union Headquarters, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Several motions of major importance will be discussed and voted upon.

Nominations for the general election of officers for Local 977, to hold office for the coming year.

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The Minneapolis Union Card and Label Council has issued an appeal for friends of labor, and especially the women, to get in touch with the Council at 18 North 8th Street, Minneapolis, and assist in a new campaign that will greatly increase the demand for union labeled goods, shop cards and buttons. No financial obligation will be required of the volunteers.

Fill out the coupon below today and mail to the Card and Label Council:

I am interested in creating a demand for union labeled articles. I want to assist the Card and Label Council in agitating for a greater demand for union labels, cards and buttons, providing there is no financial obligation to me.

Name _____
Address _____

Card to 544

General Drivers Local 544:
I want all of the members to know how very grateful I am for the sympathy and help I have received in my recent sorrow. Also for the beautiful spray of flowers.
Sincerely,
Mrs. N. W. Hohler and family

will be in order at the regular membership meeting in December.

Facilities for a Stork landing have been installed at Northwestern Tire, if we are to judge from reports. Bud LaFond has a baby boy and Hans Adler a baby girl.

Just married — that's Donald Davis, as any of the employees at the Phillips Bulk Plant will tell you.

George Keymer, formerly at the Pure Oil station at Grant and 3rd Ave. South, and now at the Pure Oil station at Lowry and Central Aves., is a proud and happy father—boy or girl?—your guess is as good as mine.

A meeting for the fellows at Monarch Oil Company was held at the Union Headquarters on Tuesday evening. Extreme difficulties in negotiating with their employer are gradually being ironed out, and we hope to have a favorable report for you next week.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

We had some strangers at the last Symphony. They visited the chauffeurs in the garage. Three representatives of the chauffeurs union had tea and a nice long chat with some of the boys. Their conversation was the same to all: "Let's see your book." Nice work, fellows. Keep it up.

Who are Mutt and Jeff we hear so much about?

Did Johnny F. go into his dance after the last meeting?

Was Essex the happiest man in Minneapolis Wednesday morning?

Take the horseshoe out of your pocket, E.

We understand some signals were called Monday night and the man ran the wrong way.

There once was a man named Olson.

They say he really can run some.

He runs to the right and runs to the left;

You'd think he would be very lonesome.

We expect many new members at the next meeting on November 15.

The old stall is still being used but not working. We thought the chauffeurs union was no longer in existence.

We are stronger than ever. If some of the boys don't believe it they will find that there is a larger attendance at every meeting.

Come and see for yourselves. You are always welcome. That is, of course, if you are in good standing in this Local.

We got word that Ed Johnson hurt his ankle on the job. We are hoping for a speedy recovery for our friend and brother member.

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The St. Paul chauffeurs at the symphony were jealous of the way our organizers handled the job last Friday. They said that they would like to have a setup like ours.

Be proud of your Union, boys. You are the envy of the chauffeurs of other cities. Don't forget the meeting: NOVEMBER 15. BE THERE!

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

Federal Workers Section of Local 544 will hold a membership meeting Armistice day, Friday, Nov. 11, 8 P. M. at 257 Plymouth Ave. The subjects to be discussed are of vital importance to every WPA worker. Carlos Hudson of the Northwest Organizer, will speak on "What Armistice Day, 1938, means to WPA Workers?" Others will speak on the coming WPA layoff, 2,000 in November and 1,000 in December. This layoff will mean 12,000 people in Minneapolis without one cent of income. Add that figure to the many now on direct relief and the answer will be CHRISIS. One more point which needs clarification and is to be brought out from the archives of Federal Administration red-tape is: Supplementary Aid and Government Surplus clothing.

Where the axe will fall in this contemplated lay-off and who will swing it are questions WPA workers want answered.

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New Coal Contract Signed by 544, 221

With the coal season under way, many union members have requested we run the coal contract negotiated last July by Locals 544 and 221 jointly.

The pact is similar to last year's. An important change is that yard workers now receive a 13c hourly increase, or 78c hourly, for the 9th and 10th hours worked each day.

Coal Section Meeting Changed

The regular meeting date of Local 544's Coal Section has been changed from the 1st Monday each month to the 3rd Monday each month to the 3rd Monday night, November 21st. All coal workers are urged to note this change and attend the meeting.

Full text of the agreement is given below. All coal drivers and yard laborers are advised to clip out this contract:

The coal dealers of Minneapolis, Minnesota, represented by the Coal Dealers' Compliance Committee, agree to be bound by the provisions and requirements of this contract to the end that wages and working conditions in the Coal Industry of Minneapolis can be stabilized on a fair and equitable basis. The General Drivers Union, Local No. 544 and Ice and Coal Drivers Union, Local No. 221, as representing its members and certain other employees employed by said coal dealers, also agree to accept and to be bound by the terms and conditions of this contract as set forth herein.

ARTICLE I
The wage scales and working conditions regulated by the terms of this agreement shall apply to all employees engaged in the loading, unloading, storage and delivery service of said employees. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliation.

ARTICLE II
No agreement or contract will be entered into by any of the parties to this agreement with individual employees or groups of employees which conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE III
All time worked on Sundays and on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be paid for at double the regular hourly rate, except employees making Sunday and holiday deliveries of emergency public relief coal orders which shall be paid at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate for such deliveries.

ARTICLE IV
The following minimum rates of pay shall prevail for the following classifications:
1. Truck drivers not less than 75c per hour for the first 8 hours worked each day; not less than 90c per hour for the 9th and 10th hours

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ARTICLE V
Drivers who are unable to make a delivery and who must return the assignment to the yard for any of the following reasons shall be paid the full wage for time spent on the assignment:

- a. Incorrect address of consignee not due to fault of driver.
- b. Failure of consignee to pay C.O.D. charges.
- c. Absence of any person at consignee's address to accept delivery.

ARTICLE VI
Employers and employees shall cooperate to the end that all city ordinances relating to traffic and delivery of coal, including backing over curbs, etc. shall be observed.

ARTICLE VII
Seniority rights shall prevail. In laying off employees because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons, the last man hired shall be the first laid off.

ARTICLE VIII
There shall be no strikes or lockouts during the term of this agreement. All differences having to do with the interpretation of and/or adherence to the terms of this agreement which cannot be settled directly by the parties concerned or by the Coal Dealers' Compliance Committee and/or the employees' representative, shall be referred to a board of arbitration.

ARTICLE IX
This agreement shall take effect as of June 1, 1938, and shall continue in effect until May 31, 1939, and unless written notice is given by either party sixty (60) days prior to May 31, 1939, that changes or modifications herein, or termination hereof, is desired, the terms and provisions of this agreement shall continue in effect for an additional twelve months period.

Indiana Truckers Sign Local and Over-Road Pacts

Evansville, Ind.—All major trucking firms have signed union agreements binding them to terms of the 11-state over-the-road standard contract. In addition, companies signed a local contract granting substantial wage increases and improved working conditions.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde
Orris MacDonald, one of our well known members, is confined at the Glen Lake sanitarium. He would greatly appreciate a visit.

Melvin Miller, who put in the hardest weeks of his life at the hospital is now at home. We all congratulate "Banjo" and hope for a speedy and complete recovery.

Bill Dakin is home nursing an infected hand.

Take it easy on the intersections, boys, don't spoil your good records. Ed Irving says that his department needs no further increase in business. It's easy, just sorta drive the hacks like Ed drives his new Ford and you'll get along.

Pussy-foot Johnson, the wit (or 50% wit) of the grave-yard shift compares the "Bomb Thrower" and his new cap to an ornamental lamp post with the light out.

The hacks ought to roll smooth this week. We have the assurance from Don Moore and Mr. Hathaway that they filled the tires with pure prairie air just blown in from the west.

The airport crew is now functioning 100%. We have "S'moan S'moan" Miller, "Doty" Sheirtz, "Snazzi" Powers and "Baggage" Berglund. Like the traditional mail-men, no rain nor sleet nor storm of night shall stop these swift couriers from their appointed rounds.

Bill Russell is a master of a lost art; he owns and operates the bumbershoot to great advantage. Wonder if he "collects" from incorrigible drunks with the aid of that ready instrument as well as assisting passengers thru the rain and snow.

Wanted: to trade good pair of white shoes, very clean, low mileage for good fleecy-lined rubbers, overcoat or coat.

Shorty Rollins takes off his hat to the switchboard crew and so do we. That is at best a thankless job, a compromise between the customer, company and drivers. In the shuffle for "switch-board talent" we're almost down to the janitor-engineer and maybe he's got his bid in now.

Wonder if the cautious "Chippy" Williams stuck his neck out too far? He is wearing a bandage. If he got it in a scrap we'll bet he won.

Frank Riley says that if old age compensation goes into effect at sixty he's got some back-pay coming.

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20316 Elects On 18 and 19 Of November

All members of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 are urged to prepare to vote in the annual election of officers, to be held Friday and Saturday, November 18-19, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. each day, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, first floor.

Balloting will be supervised by an election board of three judges, elected at the last membership meeting. Your dues must be paid up for the month of October to be eligible to vote.

The results of the election will be announced at the next regular membership meeting.

FWS Demands Warm Clothing For Workers

Unless the Welfare Board changes its position, it will be a cold and bitter winter for those WPA workers who have been assigned jobs since April 1st of this year.

At the last two meetings of the Board, representatives of the Federal Workers Section have put forward the demand that WPA workers assigned since last spring be granted winter work clothing. The Board rejected the demand and acted, instead, to grant only over-shoes to these workers. In special emergency cases, Pearson is empowered to issue clothing.

A shipment of clothing arrived in Minneapolis this week from the government surplus commodities office. The FWS urges all its needy members to apply immediately to their relief investigators for this clothing.

Shorty Quinnell, the Central Avenue agriculturist, figures a production loss. He says he lost a second crop because he wasn't notified we were going to have such nice weather.

Two-Ton Taylor thru his accurate system of deduction knows all the tenants of the M. Arts Building. With slippery streets in the offing, a howling acquaintance with a good doctor may come in handy.

Sad Sounds: Pick up one passenger flat rate to airport. Load waiting at drug-store. (yea, maybe). You'll have to carry the passenger, (most likely a two hundred pound katrinka). See Jack Daly or Ed Irving. (Have you a clear conscience?) They called and cancelled. We don't need a taxi, we got the car started.

Ernie Hoffman quit the stogies for cigarettes. No wonder, it has been whispered that the Hoffmans are expecting so Bop. Ernie wants to mend his ways and besides cigarettes are easier to pass around.

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On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusinko

Last Sunday morning Oscar Olson came dashing down to the creamery and said, "I wonder whose route I pull today." Lo and behold, in a short time his whole string was there. After a short while it finally dawned on him that he dreamt he was called, got up and dressed and came down. Boy, if that isn't dreaming.

Here is a classy array of doubles for the great movie heroes: George Berquist as Clark Gable; Tom Ammerman as Spencer Tracy; Fred Thompson, Fred Huston; Conny Ordeman as Charlie Chan; Ole Ogg as Frank Karloff; Mike Lavery as Brandonstein; Bill Sinnot as Sitting Bull. Some class, eh gang?

Myron Anderson and wife attended a house warming last Saturday night and they say the party was a huge success.

Frenchy Normandin has acquired an electric truck. Boy, that is class. But this is what takes the cake—instead of going down to get a driver's license, he goes and applies for an electrician's license. Nice going, Frenchy.

Archie the other morning complained and said the air around his territory was somewhat contaminated. Next morning he said it's O. K. It was only Roxy transferred over into that neck of the woods.

If anyone wants to know a real shortcut to Willmar, Minn., why just contact George Berquist; he will tell you.

Clarence Bell took up a collection to get a fellow brother a haircut. In the collection was 51 cents, two slugs, four buttons and two safety pins. Clayton Stout, for whom the collection was taken, felt he got gypped because he put in a plugged nickel.

Henry Johnson seems to be raring to go all the time but I sure wish this egg would send in some news once in a while.

Going past the Ascension Club last Monday there seemed to be an awful lot of racket going on, but upon investigation it was only Frankie Stevenson doing his stuff on the alleys.

Gene Aitken, the lucky stiff, can sure pick jackpot numbers. If he were only as lucky in picking out some hair lotion.

Since the six o'clock delivery it is not Two Step Tepley, all you can now call him "Swiftly."

Sam Chase said, "Ah, that mangle cure is a lot of hokey, why that's horse medicine." Well, Sam, a horse has got some hair and that's more than you got.

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New Clark Pact Being Prepared By Local 1859

Several meetings of Local 1859's wage committee have been held, at which work has been done on drafting a new proposal for presentation to the J. R. Clark company.

The Clark section of the union will meet November 16 at the union hall to discuss the proposed draft prior to its presentation to the company.

The present Clark contract expires December 31, 1938. It is customary for Local 1859 to have to strike the Clark plant in order to win its working agreement.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle
A communication was received from the Minnesota State Federation of Labor through its secretary, George Lawson, notifying us that a statewide conference will be held shortly of all representatives of the Federation in this industry to draft a new fair trade practices act that should be acceptable to all organizations of the Federation concerned. It is likely this bill upon completion will be given to an attorney familiar with the provisions and the legal structure before presenting it to the legislature. As our union was the original sponsor of the resolution presented and adopted at the convention in Mankato we are entitled to important prestige in the final draft of this bill. We hope to have this enacted into a law and on the statute books next year.

The new lineup on the bowling team is Stone, McClay, Peterson, Dix, Turban, and Withrow. They have won five games and lost 10 so far. This "cool" weather should help.

Trig Melling of Congdon's is carrying nine pounds of boy up and down the floors these dark nights. The little rascals sure demand attention. Hm, hm.

Don't believe that: Schultz, route foreman at the Minneapolis, is a "boss."

All of our "Executives" voted Farmer-Labor.
Our contract needs any "changing."
Everything is smooth at the Troy.

Pat Fourre wouldn't appreciate visitors.
This column couldn't use more news items.
Business hasn't been slow lately. Some guys didn't lose dough on this election.

Swengston doesn't drink hard liquor.
Duckow doesn't love ground meat.
The Silver Shirts are not still in existence.

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Thanks a lot, Tommy, for this information. I knew if I took a crack at you I'd get it.

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Wholesale Grocery Men Meet Friday

The regular meeting of the Wholesale Grocery Section of Local 544 will be held on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting of the Section will be held on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting of the Section will be held this Friday, November 11th.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
CORRECTION: General meeting announced for Thursday, November 1, will be held Wednesday, November 30, 7:30 p. m. sharp. Reason: Inability to get hall for the earlier date.

Jerry Chapman, Continental, is a pa for the second time. It's a boy again, which makes a pair of bread-bikers.

Gregory Helwig, Excelsior, is the newly appointed steward at that plant. He really works at it. Nice going, Greg.

Al Peterson, Raferts, is a real benedict now—reporting the birth of a 9 1/2 pound baby boy.

Sympathies of this local are extended to the family of James O'Brien, formerly a member of Local 289, who died suddenly last Friday. Jim worked at Purity South plant for 14 years as shipping clerk, and was working last at Paramount Pie in St. Paul. He was a member of the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union.

How's this for absent-mindedness: Joe brought his wife over to Loren Johnson's place to visit while he went to a meeting at the hall. So-o-o when the meeting was over, Mr. O'Hare goes home, puts the car in the garage, and goes upstairs. As he falls asleep, he kind of wonders where his wife is. Suddenly the light breaks, and he has to dress and go back to Johnson's. He's still explaining about it.

Sam Sathre, Emericks, is another proud parent. It was a baby girl, last week.

Ted Black, Red Star yeast, seems to be a habitual parker-by-hydrants. Apparently nobody has told him that hydrants are only for dogs.

Bill (dirt farmer) Robinson, Nicollet Pastry, won't get a check from the government for crop control this year. He planted one bushel of spuds and reaped the magnificent harvest of 990 pounds. Nice return, Bill, you won't starve this winter.

The gang at Red Star seems to find something of interest to watch in the alley down there mornings. We'll have to send Joe down to investigate, I guess.

Russ Benson, Regans, is falling slow but sure, and the marriage banns are definitely posted. He'll be married some time around the first of the year.

Leroy Manthey, Regans, has got Joe out looking for a house for him, as he says he is going to be disappointed or something by the end of the month so he's got to find something pretty soon.

We'll be seeing you at the general membership meeting Wednesday evening, November 30th.

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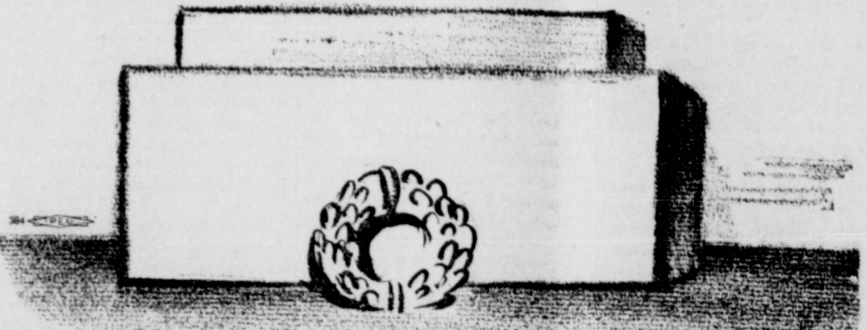
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Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Frank Androff, Local 544 member, is going to box at the Scott smoker Friday, November 18.

Now that the campaign shoutin' and shootin' has died away, the unions can return to their normal business.

When the Indians danced across the stage at the recent FLP rally some wit in the gallery shouted "Where's Rainbolt?"

Paul Schwab's family recently babied.

The Cooks and Waiters are still in the trenches at Christiansen's restaurant.

Travel Note
Cab drivers in Indianapolis make an average of ten dollars per week.

The shooting at the Noot campaign headquarters is explained by some who say that probably "Natty Noot" tried to commit suicide and missed himself. To support this contention, they point out he has missed everything else he ever aimed at.

Daily Puzzle
Who does and who does not the Federal Wage and Hour law apply to?

The ITO section deserves a word of credit for the manner in which they have supported the Farmer-Labor campaign.

During the past few weeks several people have been exited from the second floor club rooms. These people could show no union credentials. It is up to every union man that uses this hall to see that

spies and stoolpigeons are kept on the outside.

Kelly Postal is vacationing.

Farrell Dobbs has been appointed to a five-man committee by the International Union.

If It's Not Right—Sue Me
Leach's latest appointment to the welfare board will be blocked—and for a very, very good reason.

The by-laws committee is making good progress in its weekly meetings.

Local 977 is nearing its goal of 100 per cent unionization in the filling station industry.

TJC meeting, set for Friday, has been postponed a week due to the Friday holiday.

Jack Smith is still in a sickbed.

Against Racketeering?
An employee of what Wesley Methodist-Episcopal church had to bring suit in order to collect wages?

Union Wins \$282 Pay for Driver

Last week the General Drivers Union Local 544 collected \$282 for Don Cooper, a driver for Hart's Publications, a Long Prairie firm. The amount was for back wages for the past eight months.

Cooper is now receiving the union scale and the company has signed the standard Regulated Motor Carriers contract.

gress, as witness the speed and the three-to-one vote by which the Administration pushed through the House the Naval Expansion Bill;
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 2. That we demand that all the funds now proposed for the military budget and naval expansion be transferred immediately to the relief of the unemployed;
 3. That we demand the immediate withdrawal of any and all armed forces of the United States from the Far East, since it is only Big Business and not Labor that has any interests there to protect;
 4. That we assert militant Labor's determination to support the workers and peasants of Spain against the fascist hordes who seek to crush them, and to support the brave Chinese people in their fight for independence against the Japanese invaders and all other foreign exploiters;
 5. That we shall join with all other forces in the labor movement who share our views for the purpose of consolidating the strongest possible movements of resistance to war and to the war-mongers.
- Adopted March 23, 1938.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

All went well at the meeting last Thursday night, and Curt expresses himself as being well satisfied with the attendance. While on this subject however, it might be well to point out that the presence of some two hundred and fifty members was much greater than the average, although our enrollment lists of over seven hundred would indicate our average attendance is surefire evidence that we have a great number of slackers among us.

Northside politicians had their innings during the meeting. Congressman Teigan spoke briefly and stated his willingness to recognize the authority of our experience and influence and promised to use his office to press the WPA and PWA for whatever regulations we recommend.

County commissioner I. G. Scott made a few remarks on his campaign for reelection and in behalf of the entire Farmer-Labor ticket.

Mrs. Liebler of the Minnesota Hospital Service Association gave a complete description of their benefit plans and outlined the requirements necessary for us to participate.

Those of you who are interested in securing an excellent hospital insurance should contact these men when paying your dues. Gene Lundholm, Castro, Soderberg, Karlen have receipt books and will accept your application. If you wish, call Curt or Gene and they will mail you the cards for joining.

As I work out this copy the election returns are being broadcast and if the early trends hold true I know one dynamic little Irishman that's going to have a lot of whisky to drink and I myself am going to be a couple of bucks ahead. (Yoo, hoo! Curt!)

R.F.H. is on that number one flunk job. John Asplund, our 544 sparring partner in Judge Reed's arena, is his boon companion.

The writing is on the wall out on Lilac Lane for fifteen men. To top it off the job is getting tough, and there is plenty of muttering and grumbling. Ralph Mengelkoch came home today on the end of a tow chain. Rear end gone. The other day Martin Mengelkoch came through with a '39 Ford.

In order to secure hospital insurance we must enroll sixty more members.

It certainly would be a good thing for the ITO if the enthusiasm of the last meeting would be spread around to all our absent brothers and result in an even larger turnout than before.

Your committee feels particularly proud of the way in which the WPA situation was handled. As secretary, I would like to commend you for the way in which you voted, almost to a man, to start a new setup and do away with that disgraceful quota on hours.

Frank Guile has a 3-ton coal box for sale at \$25.00. Call him at Gr. 6952. Buckley also has a coal box for sale. All details are posted on the bulletin at the hall.

Any time that you are ready to haul coal get in touch with Curt at the hall around 9:00 p. m.

Christiansen Cafes Still On Strike

While negotiations proceeded between the Restaurant Association and Local 458, and a meeting on Saturday of the negotiators appeared to lay the basis for a general settlement between the union and the association, Christiansen's cafes remained on strike, with picket lines holding strong.

Knowing that the Restaurant Association considered the strike at the Christiansen cafes as a test of strength, many workers from other unions joined the picket lines to demonstrate to the employers that the labor movement stood solidly back of Local 458 in its fight for better conditions for restaurant workers.

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Dunne at the Socialist Sunday November 13, 3 p. m. at 919 Marquette Avenue.

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On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)

now virtually starving to death. Despite the fact that their wages previously were so low that we cannot imagine keeping alive on them, they did manage, by eating the cheapest kind of food, to keep body and soul together. Now they have nothing. Red tape artists in the relief department can manage to keep these workers waiting for food for weeks.

And they will do so . . . Last winter the bosses in the industry decided that they were paying their workers entirely too much money, so they announced a 20 per cent wage cut. The workers decided at the same time that they had nothing to lose but their chains so they struck.

Again we quote from the above mentioned leaflet—

"The Police Chief immediately announced that there was no strike and dispatched a force of 150 special police to put an end to the strike that did not exist . . . Men, women, children were herded together on private property by these police for no other purpose than to pour tear-gas into their midst . . . workers of both sexes and all ages were clubbed and beaten, and more than 1,000 were thrown into jail where they were often held over a week without charges being filed against them.

"In both men's and women's wards in the jail workers were often packed together so tightly that they found it impossible to sit down, much less to sleep . . . Twelve year old girls were jammed into cells with prostitutes . . . We were informed that on the evening when police raided houses of prostitution in the city that eighteen prostitutes were thrust into this already over-crowded cell . . . our local physicians declared that at least 90 per cent of these women were infected with a highly contagious ve-

neral disease . . . there was one toilet and one drinking cup . . . When the workers protested these conditions the Police Chief ordered the fire hose turned on them to 'quiet them down' . . ."

The present contract under which these employees were working expires on November 1, 1938. The Pecan Workers Local 172 has prepared a contract for presentation which would average the workers about \$3.50 a week. They are prepared to face again the bullets and the tear gas of labor-hating Police Chief Kilday—just as he is preparing to meet again the workers on the field of battle.

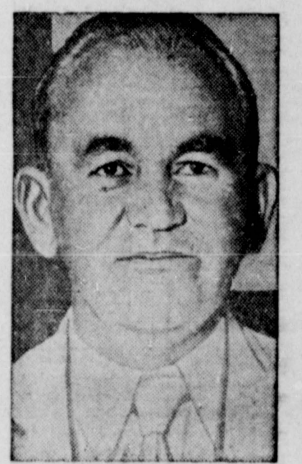
The pecan pickers have been called, and rightly, the lowest paid workers in America. Many times they have heard the slogan "An American Standard of Living." And now they ask—What is an American Standard of Living?

Hy Truman Dies—Was 20316 Member

It was with sorrow that Local 20316 learned Tuesday of the unexpected death of Brother Hy Truman, 24 years old, employe of the Phillips Liquor company.

Truman died of peritonitis which set in following an operation for appendicitis. The burial was held Tuesday afternoon from the Zeesman funeral home. The union sent flowers.

Today Makes 8,780 Days in Jail



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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| LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m. | LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays. |
| LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor. | LOCAL 1859, 20481 Casket Industry—November 8 American Excelsior—November 15 J. R. Clark—November 16 Puffer-Hubbard—November 17 Box Industry—November 18 Grievance Board, 1859—November 14 and 28, 7:30 to 9 p. m. Towel City Stewards—November 14 and 28 General Membership, 1859—Executive Board, 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. |
| LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month. | LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month. |
| LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month. | MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL NO. 544 November, 1938 Friday, November 4—Job Stewards Monday, November 7—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal Wednesday, November 9—Market; Ways and Means; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, November 13—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, November 14—General Membership Wednesday, November 16—Ways and Means Thursday, November 17—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, November 18—Job Stewards Sunday, November 20—Over-the-Road, 10 A. M. Monday, November 21—Building Material; Furniture Stores Wednesday, November 23—Ways and Means Thursday, November 24—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating Sand and Gravel Monday, November 28—Spring Water Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 1 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2 The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated |
| LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. | LOCAL 221 Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m. |
| PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month. | LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday |
| LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m. | |
| FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. | |
| LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. | |
| LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m. | |
| LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meetings—On call. | |
| PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. | |

V. R. Dunne to Analyze Election Results at Forum

"The Election Results and Labor's Future," will be the subject of a talk to be presented by V. R.