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As from this hour you use your power, The World must follow you

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

## On the National Picket Line

The great tool and die strike, called in the name of the CIO-United Auto Workers more than a month ago, has just ended, a complete victory for the workers and their union.

The pact which ended the fight and sent more than 25,000 workers back to their jobs was signed between GMC and UAW-CIO on Friday, August 4. The agreement is the first one in the four turbulent years of fighting between these two—the union and the corporation—which includes in its terms wage adjustments between the company itself and the union. Previous contracts have always left this important matter up to the individual plant managers and the local union committees.

Under the new contract, a wage scale was negotiated for the big Fisher Body plant No. 23. This wage agreement is to be used as a model in the coming negotiations on wages for the two big groups of plants. Wages are to be adjusted upwards and the differential between wages paid in the two plant groups is not to be more than 5c less than now being paid at Fisher 23. The very use of Fisher 23 as a model for adjustments is in itself a victory, as wages have always been highest in this plant.

Another clause makes for virtual sole bargaining rights for the UAW-CIO. In many plants where there have been dual committees, the management has refused to deal with either committee. The contract leaves eleven such plants, where dual committees now exist, out of the settlement until such time as jurisdiction can be settled "by peaceful and lawful means." The GMC petitioned for, and the NLRB granted elections in all of the 80 GMC plants, to determine who—the CIO—the AFL—or nobody—shall represent the workers.

Pending the outcome of the election, however, the general management agreed that the plant managements will meet, to settle grievances not satisfactorily handled by the foremen, with either a UAW-CIO member-employee or a member-employee representing a group of employees with a joint grievance and two national union representatives. If such negotiations fail to rectify matters, the "regular channels for settling grievances will be used."

General Motors Chairman, William Knudsen, in a press statement, decried the "waste" of the strike, and contends that the workers now have nothing which they did not have before they struck. He said "Four work weeks and fourteen million dollars in wages have been wasted."

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO-UAW, countered with a statement in which he logically points out that no wages have been wasted. All work which has laid idle during the strike, is still to be done. And the workers will now do that work at adjusted wage scales with all overtime paid for at either time and one-half for regular work days or double time for Sundays and holidays. General Motors is a month behind in their schedule. Also, the auto shows are to be early this year. It stands to reason that plenty of overtime, at overtime pay, will more than make up to the workers, (Continued on page 4)

## 544 Will Enforce Pact Relative to Freight Handling

Will Cooperate with Freight Handlers Union in Stopping Chiseling Which Has Crept into Industry—Company Speed-up Has Forced Drivers to Perform Work of Freight Handlers and Vice Versa, Which Has Increased Unemployment — General Drivers Union Means to Enforce Agreement

Following several friendly discussions between the General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Clerks and Freight Handlers Union over the company chiseling that has gradually crept into the handling of freight locally, Local 544 prepared this week to take the lead in a firm joint campaign to see that the city's transfer bosses live up to the union agreement.

Article 29 of the recently-negotiated Transfer pact states that "Employees covered by this agreement receiving or delivering freight at railroad depots or railroad freight warehouses shall not be expected to perform work ordinarily performed by railroad employees."

Chiseling Creates Unemployment Due to a speed-up system practiced on transfer drivers, many transfer companies have been compelling their drivers to perform the work of freight handlers, to go into the freight houses and load and unload freight. The result has been that the driver is speeded-up and over-worked, and the freight handlers are laid off.

An opposite but equally bad result has followed from the practice of transfer companies in sending their drivers out with trailers which they are instructed to park at the doors of the freight house, unhitch the truck and return for another trailer and another. In this case, the driver is not performing the job of depositing the goods handled on the tailgate of the trailer, and the freight handlers take over the driver's job going in the trailer to unload, with the result that drivers are laid off.

Going to Enforce Pact All such malpractices which work against the interests of either drivers or freight handlers are going to be stopped.

Local 544 takes the position that it wants its drivers to do the work ordinarily done by drivers, and it doesn't want its drivers to do work ordinarily done by freight handlers. In short, the General Drivers Union means to enforce the union agreement.

From conversations with the Clerks and Freight Handlers Union, the latter feels exactly the same way about the situation.

## Wage Boost For Milkmen In St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. — Over 3,000 drivers and inside dairy workers of the St. Louis Milk Drivers Union Local 603 made substantial gains in a new working agreement consummated after several days of negotiations with the local milk industry.

Drivers will receive an immediate pay increase of \$1 a week, making their new weekly scale \$40. Their annual paid vacation is increased to 14 days.

Inside employees get an extra day's annual vacation with pay, and a \$1 weekly wage increase starting next year. Improvements in the drivers' commission structure were also won.

The St. Louis milk industry is 100 percent unionized. Ever since the bitter strike of 1916 Local 603 has had little trouble in renewing its pacts each year with gains for the membership.

## 544 Crowned Saturday Ball Champs

The two-way tie for the championship of the Commercial Park Baseball League was solved Saturday afternoon by Local 544's sharpshooters when they mowed down the North Side nine, 5-3, at the same time that the United Shippers team was taking it on the chin from the Oheleens. Local 544's victory, combined with the defeat suffered by the Shippers, left the Teamios in undisputed possession of the Commercial championship. Jack Herman's boys will lay back now for the winner of the Sunday park play, to decide the city park championship. The game between 544 and the Sunday championship nine will be played two or three weeks hence.

Hanson, Sodd, Rusin and Becker were the stars for 544 in Saturday's contest—Hanson, because he pitched two-hit ball; Sodd, because he caught the entire game with a crippled right hand and stole a base; Rusin, because he was leading hitter with three safeties and a stolen base and played superb defensive ball; and Becker, because he also sparkled at the bat and on the bases.

## Detroit Drivers Baseball Nine Has Good Year

The Detroit Drivers Union Local 299 baseball team has run up an enviable record in sandlot circles this year. Under the management of Sam St. Onge, Local 299's nine has just about wiped up all eligible competition in and around Detroit and will soon leave for a tour of some of the leading Canadian resorts for a series of games.

Last Saturday the Detroit Evening Times devoted a number of pictures and an article telling of the exploits of the Detroit Teamios on the baseball diamond.

The anticipated game between Local 299 and Local 544 will not come off this year, but it is certainly hoped that these two championship teams can get together for a series of games next year.

## Special Meeting For ITO Members Saturday Morning

All those who are interested in establishing wage rates for ITO hauling for contractors on excavating should attend this meeting Saturday morning, August 12th, at 10 a. m. This is the last meeting that will be called before final negotiations with the employers.

Some misunderstanding in the passage of the proper motion at the regular meeting will be cleared up. If time permits, a discussion on the AGC rates will take place.

## NYA Cut Temporarily Held Up

The proposed NYA cut, scheduled to lower wages from \$20.24 to \$18 monthly for all youth on NYA, will be postponed pending the outcome of a conference between C. B. Lund, state NYA director, and Washington officials, the Youth Section of Local 544 reported this week. Unless the Washington conference results in an exemption for the Minnesota area, the cut will go into effect as scheduled.

There is no truth in the statement made by Chester Watson last Saturday that no wage cuts on NYA are contemplated. This misleading statement made by Watson, state head of the Workers Alliance, was designated to instill a false confidence in the NYA workers and prevent them from preparing for a fight against the wage cut.

Local 544's Youth Section has expressed its opposition to any wage cut or increase in hours. Plans made at its meeting last Friday call for a representative delegation of NYA workers from all projects in the city to present their objections to the proposed cut to the NYA district office in St. Paul.

## Cab Drivers—Attention!

Two important issues are to come before the membership at the August 17th meeting: (1) Shall we continue the cab reduction during State Fair week, or permit all cabs to operate; (2) Nominations and election of delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention at Duluth on Monday, September 11th.

These two issues will be considered a special order of business, and the meeting will be called to order promptly. For the good and welfare of your organization, don't miss this meeting Thursday, August 17th, at 1 p. m. and 7 p. m. EMIL KARIGER, Recording Sec. Local 958

## 359 and 503 Exec Boards Meet Jointly

A joint meeting of the executive boards of the Warehouse Unions in Minneapolis and St. Paul was held Monday evening, July 31st, in Minneapolis, for the purpose of building a joint council of warehouse unions in this area, with the aim of establishing similar conditions in similar industries and bringing about a closer understanding between the unions.

The two boards decided to hold monthly meetings from now on. The next meeting will be held August 29th in St. Paul. Don Casaday of St. Paul Warehouse Workers Union Local 503, will preside as temporary chairman, and Jim Bartlett of Local 359 will act as temporary secretary. Regular officers are to be elected at that meeting. The warehouse unions in the Twin Cities have held several talks with the sister union in Chicago.

# Farmer-Coop-Labor Council Welcomed In New York Mills

One Hundred Farmer and Union Leaders Meet Tuesday Night to Discuss Joint Problems — Council Doing Splendid Educational Job Throughout State, Has Committees in Every County — Has Succeeded in Finding Road to Real Cooperation Between Producers of City and Countryside Against the Common Enemy

Another in the successful series of meetings being sponsored by the Minnesota Farmer-Coop-Labor Council was held Tuesday night in the city hall at New York Mills, attracting over one hundred cooperative and farm leaders from that section of the state and labor leaders from the Twin Cities. Following a delicious chicken dinner served in the basement of the new city hall, a healthy and sympathetic discussion of farm and labor problems was held that lasted until midnight.

One present for the first time at one of these FCL meetings receives the overwhelming impression of real progress toward a mutual understanding between the toilers of city and countryside. There is not a trace of artificiality about the participants and their discussions, none of the feeling that leaders of the interested groups are just making gestures towards the others, to be forgotten the next morning. The Farmer-Coop-Labor Council in this state has already discovered a real way of working together, of mutual education of farmers and workers, and has blazed a trail which it is imperative that the union and farm organizations throughout the United States must follow if disaster is to be averted for both groups.

Participating in the New York Mills meeting were 22 members of organized labor in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and more than 80 farmers and cooperators, all leaders in their communities. Among the unionists present from the Twin Cities were William Wright, Arnold Schoenecker, Roy Weir, Robley Cramer, Gene Larson, Chet Ryan, Tom Ammerman, William Guideson, many executive board members of the Milk Drivers Unions in both cities, John Simcoe, etc.

During the dinner each participant rose and gave his name and his job. When all had completed the meal, benches were moved back and the meeting got right down to business.

# Minneapolis Labor Blocks Promotion Of L. Glotzbach

## N. D. Unions Form Road Council

A movement for state-wide cooperation of all local unions having jurisdiction over workers employed on highway and construction work is under way in North Dakota. On July 16th a conference was held in the Grand Forks labor temple, with representatives present from the drivers, carpenters and common labor unions from Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck and Minot. The president and secretary of the State Federation of Labor also attended.

The conference adopted a motion that the Associated General Contractors agreement now in effect in Minnesota be adopted in North Dakota with a few minor changes. The committee plans to bring in the unions representing the painters and operating engineers, and to work for a uniform wage scale.

Jack Wirth, head of the Fargo Drivers Union, has been elected chairman of the new organization, to be known as the North Dakota Highway and Construction Council. Other officers are William Wadsworth, secretary-treasurer; John Keller, Joe Norris and William Kurtie, directors.

## Protest Roosevelt's Move to Promote Man Responsible for Bloody Friday—Senator Ernest Lundeen Responds to Union Appeal to Prevent Strike-Breaker's Appointment as Regional WPA Director—State Relief Rolls Cut in Half Since Last Year

As the federal grand jury, at the instigation of Attorney General Frank Murphy, opened its third week of investigation into the Minneapolis WPA strike, the national administration continued its intervention against the Minneapolis unemployed.

Last Thursday night Minneapolis workers were astounded to hear a news flash that President Roosevelt himself had just moved to nominate Linus Glotzbach, state WPA administrator and union-buster, for promotion to Regional Director of WPA for the seventh district. Refusing at first to believe the news, union leaders checked up, found the report was true, and prepared immediately to fight this affront against the labor movement.

## Federal Jury Reconvened Wednesday

After hearing 140 witnesses up to its recess last Friday, the federal grand jury in St. Paul reconvened Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. During the recess District Attorney Anderson was said to have conferred with FBI agents.

Anderson said about 100 more witnesses were under subpoena, and that the hearing would last at least two more weeks.

In a move, the significance of which is still not clear, H. H. Ames, jury foreman, has been replaced by another juror, Paul E. Foss.

Some 30 cops were called before the jury Wednesday to testify. So far the jury has heard practically nothing but finks, FBI agent provocateurs, and cops. To top it off the rumor was circulating that Mayor George Leach would be subpoenaed.

## Wilson Tied Up For Handling Scab Bekin Goods

Because the Wilson Transportation company cooperated with the anti-union Bekin Transfer company by handling Bekin goods in Sioux City last week, all Wilson operations were tied up in Sioux City and Minneapolis last Thursday. Local 544 had a few grievances of its own to settle with the Wilson company.

The Minneapolis grievances were settled Tuesday morning, matters of seniority and of back pay for one driver being adjusted to the satisfaction of Local 544.

Wednesday Tom Williams of Local 544 and Farrell Dobbs, international representative, together with Jack Maloney of Local 383, were to meet the Wilson manager in Sioux City in an attempt to settle the grievances in that city.

## Tootsie Rolls Unfair to Bakery Union

The Baker and Confectionery Workers Union Local 461 of Hoboken, New Jersey, has written to several Minneapolis unions informing them that the company manufacturing Tootsie Rolls, a candy bar, is unfair to Local 461. Two hundred and fifty members of Local 461 are now out on strike in the Hoboken plant and the company is attempting to operate the plant with strike-breakers.

According to Local 461, the drivers union in Hoboken is cooperating solidly with Local 461 in the drive to win this strike.

Glotzbach bears the direct responsibility for the murderous police attack on the WPA picket line at the sewing project July 14th. Refusing to listen to union leaders who advocated that the WPA follow out its customary practice of closing struck projects, Glotzbach had insisted on running finks through the picket lines and securing an army of police to do his bidding.

Glotzbach an Enemy of Labor Such strike-breaking actions may have earned him a promotion from his superiors, but they brought down upon his head the condemnation of the entire Minneapolis labor movement. On July 15th representatives of Minneapolis organized labor at a special meeting in the Central Labor Union unanimously passed a resolution castigating Glotzbach as the official "who demanded police action against a majority of WPA workers on strike in full knowledge of what consequence might follow."

Just one week before Roosevelt's move to promote Glotzbach, John Boscoe, head of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, had gone on the radio to answer Stassen's attack on the WPA strike, and had bitterly criticized Glotzbach for his vicious behavior during the strike.

Glotzbach Responsible for Bloodshed "The WPA nationally, up until this present situation, had pursued a policy of closing down temporarily any WPA job where a labor dispute occurred," pointed out Boscoe.

"With whom did Glotzbach cooperate when he reversed this national policy without prior announcement? Or when he called for police protection to help him reverse it or when he failed to shut down the affected jobs and call for a meeting with the responsible labor officials as was the WPA custom?" Boscoe scathingly asked.

"Had Glotzbach done his duty there would have been no bloodshed in this strike," he said. Senator Lundeen Acts Quickly It is this tyrant whom the president attempted to promote. But (Continued on page 4)

## Unionists—When Buying Gas

Always insist that the Lessee-Operator of the gas station, as well as the station attendant, be a member of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977. Local 977 has a large Lessee Section and is seeking to extend the organization to include all lessees as well as attendants. Help the union by insisting upon the union button.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# Creamette Strike Solid in 3rd Week

The strike of the Food and Candy Workers Union Local 20120 against the Creamette company, 428 North 1st street, entered its third week Monday with the strikers continuing to maintain their 24-hours-a-day picket line around the plant.

The strike was called only after lengthy negotiations had refused to bring forth any significant concessions from the company. Local 20120 is demanding a 5c hourly wage increase for the 52 men and women who labor at this plant. The company countered with an offer to give a 2c hourly wage increase to only 16 of the employees. The union firmly rejected this measly proposal, and went on strike Monday, July 24th, after suitable notice to the company and Stassen's Haney.

Male employees at the Creamette company were receiving from 50c to 60c hourly at the time the strike was declared.

Harthill, Citizens Alliance man, represented the company in the negotiations, indicating that the organized employers of Minneapolis are backing the Creamette firm in this fight against the union.

**Union Has Trailer as Home**  
Local 20120 has set up a trailer near the plant which functions as strike headquarters and commissary to feed the pickets who guard the plant day and night. The picket line maintains four shifts daily—from 6 a. m. to noon, from noon to 5 p. m., from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m., from 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. All production is at a standstill inside the plant. And it will remain so until the reasonable demands of the union are met, states Local 20120.

**Strikers Refused Relief**  
Up to early this week the Welfare Board was refusing to give strikers any relief. A committee from the Federal Workers Section was seeking to meet with the Welfare Board, to obtain relief for the strikers.

Donations to the Food and Candy Workers Union Strike Fund may be sent to Mike Kulkay, Strike Chairman, 2611 Madison Street Northeast, Minneapolis.

## Gassing With 977

The next general membership meeting will be held as usual in the club room at the Union headquarters, Monday, August 14, at 9 p. m. Admittance to all union meetings will require the presentation of your dues book. The committee on hospitalization service will make its report to the membership, as well as a report from the Jamboree committee. The door prize will be given, providing the lucky winner with a month's free dues.

Merrill McNew, Shell lessee at 4750 Hiawatha Ave., is first baseman on the diamondball team which goes into the play-off for city championship. We're rooting for you, Merrill.

William Graves, attendant at the Pure Oil station, 1228 Nicollet Ave., had the misfortune of breaking a leg while on duty last week. He is convalescing in Eitel hospital.

The Independent Lessee section of the Local will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, August 9, in the main floor hall of the union headquarters.

The tickets for the first anniversary Jamboree of Local 977 are going fast; do you have yours? The orchestra for dancing has been selected and will be announced in this column next week—it's a surprise, too. Remember the date—September 18, Costello's Grove. The hour—from 7 p. m. on.

We understand that G. V. Dodds, Phillips Lessee at 3001 Hiawatha, is building a rumble seat on his son's pushmobile; there goes the stork again.

The Erickson Bros., who operate several stations in Minneapolis, and who have been dodging the union, were cornered by your local and are now ready to negotiate a working agreement for their employees. Wonders never cease!

Rumor has it that Truman Sheldon, attendant at the Pure Oil station at 214 3rd Ave. S., will be married this month, and that Carl Bismark is vacationing from his work at the Midwest Oil, 2500 Minnehaha Ave.

Word received this week from General Drivers Local 383, of Sioux City, Iowa, is to the effect that they will appeal to the Supreme Court of South Dakota for a reversal of the conviction of two of their members, Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson, to serve four years in the state penitentiary,

## Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



We should not criticize the wealthy. Most of them have more worries and work harder than any of us.

## With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

At this time the Executive Board wants to caution each and every driver that customers served must be counted accurately. It is just as important as making correct change or counting tickets. Our union and its officers have always stood for honesty and square dealing. This is no time to think of a change in policy. We are fully aware of the possibility of mistakes and errors, they occur every day. But any driver who consistently and willfully falsifies his route book, or report, places himself and his job in danger.

It seems like old times again to pay three dollar dues this month. Lots of predictions were made, that on account of the Retirement Fund and our large membership, we would never see the three dollar due again.

No "Split Shifts" has changed the living conditions for many insiders and their families as well. Only eight hours of each day are now tied up; it used to be that at least twelve hours were sewed up for their job. Now, these brothers have much more time for themselves and their family. It does all of us good to see this abuse pass forever out of the dairy industry of our city.

This Friday night, August 11, the Northland Credit Union is sponsoring a boat trip down the river on the Capitol. They invite all members of Local 471 to come along for a rousing good time. Tickets are fifty cents (75 at boat) and any Northland driver will be glad to get your ticket for you. We hope you all come along. There will be no straw hats overboard this trip. Members of Local 471 should avail themselves of every chance to get acquainted; to know one another; it makes a better and stronger union.

Last week Clarence Bell received his insignia of the Minnow, and became a bona fide member of the Guide Service. We expect Clarence to be a busy brother during the remainder of the summer. We heard his first assignment is to take a group of young school teachers fishing in the vicinity of Park Rapids.

Reports came in that Anchor Anderson was seen riding in a new black Studebaker. His wife caught all of the fish, so we have every reason to believe she had to dig down for the car.

Andy Jensen wants to put a bug in a fishing friend's ear, "Don't start your vacation the day before it begins." Many of us can profit by that one.

## 471 to Elect Convention Delegation

From 2 p. m. to 8 p. m. next Tuesday, August 15th, the membership of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 will ballot on the election of delegates to the annual state convention of the Federation of Labor.

The balloting will be held at the union hall and all those voting will be credited with attendance at the regular meeting that night.

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## F.C.L Group Meets in N. Y. Mills

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living, and up against the same enemies that oppress you."

Charles Eggle of the Farmers Union gave a witty speech which drove home the point that both the city worker and the farmer are being exploited by the same cruel economic system. "We can only solve our mutual problems by getting rid of our mutual exploiters," he stated.

Gene Larson of Local 471 explained the background of the Land of Lakes strike of several years ago, of the lessons the union had learned from that strike. He read the by-laws of the FCL Council and explained its aims.

"Council Is Training Ground" Andrew Jensen, leader of the cooperative movement in Minneapolis and a former trade unionist, did a splendid job of explaining the problems of one group to the other. He likened the Council to a training ground on which horses are trained to work together in harness. "Today through our Council we shall solve the small problems. But we will get the training so that tomorrow we can solve the big problems," Jensen said.

Other speakers who joined in the discussion were Bob Cramer, Limaitainen, John Kinzer, Joe Thompson and Henry T. Johnson.

**Healthy Question Period**  
A good lively question period followed during which members of the audience stood and expressed their thoughts, which were often critical, of the behavior of either labor or the cooperative movement. All questions were answered, and it was gratifying to see, on several occasions, leaders of the cooperative movement rise to present a capable defense of organized labor against the honest criticism of a farmer, and vice versa. The meeting ended on a note of mutual friendship, and not a man or woman could have left the hall without a much more sympathetic understanding of his city or country cousins.

**New Rooted in Every County**  
The work of the Farm-Cooperative-Labor Council has already progressed so far that in every county in Minnesota a resident committee has been set up to represent the Council. Many such meetings as the one in New York Mills have been held, and it is planned to continue until every county has been host to the Council.

The Council can already take the credit for stopping cold the attempt of Schilling and his bank-pals, with their Associated Farmers and ax-handle brigades against union labor.

Once the Council reaches its full strength, no group of conniving politicians would dare brook the united economic front of the farmers and workers, to put over such atrocities as the Stassen Labor Law in Minnesota, or the Anti-Co-op laws in Wisconsin.

We hope Brother Muller's wife convalesces rapidly. We imagine she is getting tired of Earl's cooking.

Wonder who'll be the first brother to drive an icebox—excuse me, I mean Crosley.

"Skinny" Brown, the operator, needs some lessons in painting. He says the whole north side of his house is one big blister.

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## Watt Notes

There are only two types of laboring people:

1. Those volunteers who sacrifice time and effort to build up and maintain wage rates and other working conditions through bonafide labor organization.

2. Those who, through mental apathy, physical laziness or just plain chiseling, willfully stay out of labor unions but grasp all the benefits without turning a hand to help.

The boys in St. Croix held a stag party recently for the brothers going on pension. We understand the pictures were very spicy and interesting.

Next membership meeting is Thursday, August 18.

The operators are becoming more militant and made the last stewards' meeting quite interesting.

Keep up the pep and spirit. Brother operators. Get the rest of the boys to get their spunk up. The union is just what the membership makes it, you know.

Brother Carl G. Wiertz expresses his sincere appreciation to the local union for the flowers sent him and also for the many kind remembrances from the boys during his recent illness.

**Necessity the Mother of Invention**  
With fall and hunting not too far off, the old warden, also known as Texas Ranger Gilbertson, has come to answer the hunter's prayer. He is about to introduce his new ultra modern, adjustable choke, automatic shotgun. This adjustable choke is to replace the poly choke and other adjustable chokes. Every known choke—and a few in between—can be obtained by a simple operation always at the hunter's command to meet every demand for open or tight pattern, for close or long range shot. You simply operate the telescope barrel trombone action. Other features of standard equipment: a rear vision mirror, duck call, a triple lens binocular windshield adjustable to vision by the same trombone action, and any time music is needed, you simply remove telescope barrel from stock, insert mouthpiece and you have a "bazooka" second only to Bob Burns'. More detailed information may be obtained from the Trouble Department.

Brother "Hi Clarence" Middleton is now on the last week of his vacation. Mid was stuck this time. He took the Queen and kid and also the water wagon along this time. He'll have to stick to fishin' now, and he's no Norse.

Burkhart has a hard time finding his house now since it's been painted.

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## 544 Nine to Travel by Taxi To Superior

Local 544's championship ball team left by Yellow Cab on Thursday for Superior, where it is to engage the Superior General Drivers team in a baseball game Thursday night under the lights. A game between union old-timers will precede the inter-union contest.

## TAXI TOPICS

**By Curly and Lunde**  
We offer condolences to Harvey Johnston, his father died Wednesday, August 2. He was buried at Hillside Cemetery Saturday.

Our deepest sympathy to Earl Seeley, his father F. A. Seeley, died at his home in Worthington, Minn., and was buried there.

Needle in a hay-stack business: Ernie Cloutier enjoyed a swim in the Mississippi last week and an hour after, discovered he'd lost his ring. He hurried back to the spot and did a little fancy water-peeping and found the band.

Dictionary for drivers—Convention: a gathering of people and things designed to make a driver glad when it is over.

It must be the heat... Vic Sepperson calls up to be OK'd and finds its regular day off... Frank "Moby Dick" Riley and Otto "A. A." Krinke drive off in his wrong hacks... Clarence "Banker" Kjeseth figuring out the paper profit or loss for the "boys"... Cliff Rollins driving a thousand miles on his vacation, to cool off, maybe.

Want aid: Vern Falk kindly offers to tend children on Saturday nights... thinks it'll keep him from spending dough.

Wednesday night is Yellow Cab night at the roller derby, more news on it next week.

That's funny, everybody else always catches fish on this lake.

See where Frank Mazda and John Christensen, ex drivers of the Liberty Cab, are now big-shot owners. We wish 'em luck.

Cy (guard of the treasury) Pasoit will have to break out the cash box, 'cause we think one Bill Russell has a nickel coming to him. When the light at the Sheridan blinked and Bro. Bill couldn't get connected he rushed for a pay-phone and with reckless abandon he called the Company to get the run and found it was just a worry call for more hacks to cover the Quinlan stand. Now for exercising rare business acumen, we think he deserves a refund.

## Prohibition Lecture

The horse and mule live 30 years And nothing know of wines and beers; The goat and sheep at 20 die And never taste of Scotch and rye;

The cow drinks water by the ton, And at 18 is mostly done; The dog at 15 cashes in Without the aid of rum and gin.

The cat in milk and water soaks And then in 12 short years it croaks; The modest, sober, bone-dry hen Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at ten.

All animals are strictly dry. They sinless live and swiftly die. But sinful, sinful, rum-soaked men Survive for three score years and ten!

From West Coast Sailor

Fouts and Johnson were convicted in Sioux Falls for allegedly destroying a truck—a frame-up by labor-haters. Your local joined with other locals throughout the Northwest and donated money for a defense fund to prevent these two fellow workers from being victimized by employers, the police, and the courts.

Charles Brandborg, employed at the Olson Tire store, 701 3rd Ave. S., is confined to his home as the result of an accident received at work last week.

## Unfair Mortuaries

Do Not Patronize—The following funeral homes are unfair to Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912: Rainville Funeral Home, 222 East Hennepin; Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park; Davies Mortuary, 1403 Harmon Place; Gill Brothers, 1414 Laurel Avenue; McDivitt Funeral Home, 2835 East Lake; Knaeble company, 513 Plymouth Avenue north; Welander Quist, Hennepin at Dupont, Chicago at 19th, West Broadway at Fremont; Albinson Mortuary, Chicago Avenue at 17th

To All Friends of Organized Labor—In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list.

## Turn or Go With Omaha 554

The superior virility of the Bakery Drivers Section over the Transfer Section came to light when Jimmy Machal of Peter Pan took first place by a nose with twins, while all Popsicle Emory Smith of Bekins (on strike) could do was to show with a single boy.

The biggest and most important meeting of the year will feature THE Ray Dunne, of Minneapolis and Farrell Dobbs. This meeting is of absolutely vital importance to every single member of the Union. YOU must attend. Music, public address system, and a comfortable, cool hall (Swedish Auditorium) will make the meeting easy to take. The fate and future of the Union is tied up in the outcome of the meeting.

Figure this out. Raising the price of milk from 10c to 11c will bring Roberts Dairy an additional revenue of more than \$100,000 per year. If Roberts gives the farmers the promised increase of 20c per hundredweight the farmers would be getting about 45% of the 1c per quart. If the Company gives the Union all it is asking which would amount to about \$18,000 per year, the company would still be about \$37,000 to the good per year. These figures are not polished and may be slightly inaccurate, but they do indicate what a lie it is for the Dairy to say they would have to CUT the price of milk they buy from the farmers!

Thin Skin ran home to mother for a few days. However, it's all love and kisses again, now. Ah, the vicissitudes... the vicissitudes.

An influx of Allied Van rigs from all over the country shows that the Allied people would really like to do business in Omaha after all. Only they won't until the finks get lined up. It is very strange that with such striking coincidence they all "thought the strike as over." Well, it AIN'T. And Allied better get its mind made up to that. And what will papa Bekins say when the West Coast locals put the squeeze on?

This column prophesies sensational developments in the next few weeks. As a matter of fact,

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## 544 Signs With Spring Water Firms

Late last week the General Drivers Union Local 544 renewed its agreement with the city's water firms—Chippewa, Glenwood Inglewood, and Northwest Distilled. The past is identical with last year's, and covers about 90 men.

Local 544 has also signed a new agreement with the Nathanson Cigar company. The contract specifies that all men will get paid straight time for unworked holidays. If they work, they get double time.

In a new agreement signed with the Glazer Box company, a 10-hourly increase was won for helpers. Senior workers are guaranteed 12 months work, and helpers are guaranteed 8 months work during the year.

## 459 Girls Win Kittenball Championship

The girls team representing the Warehouse Union Local 359 in the park board's National Division I league came through to win the championship last week. This team had modestly gone ahead winning its games, not speaking much about its achievements. Early this week park board officials announced that the Local 359 girl had copped the championship.

A handsome big trophy now rests on display in Local 359's of hour in Wahoo but tore out his transmission when he went out to pay the fine.

The Omar bakery seems to be having some trouble tearing down all of the "unfair" stickers. The rest of the Bakery section is doing fine and really working together.

Be sure to attend the meeting at the Swedish auditorium. You certainly won't regret it. The date is this Sunday, August 13.

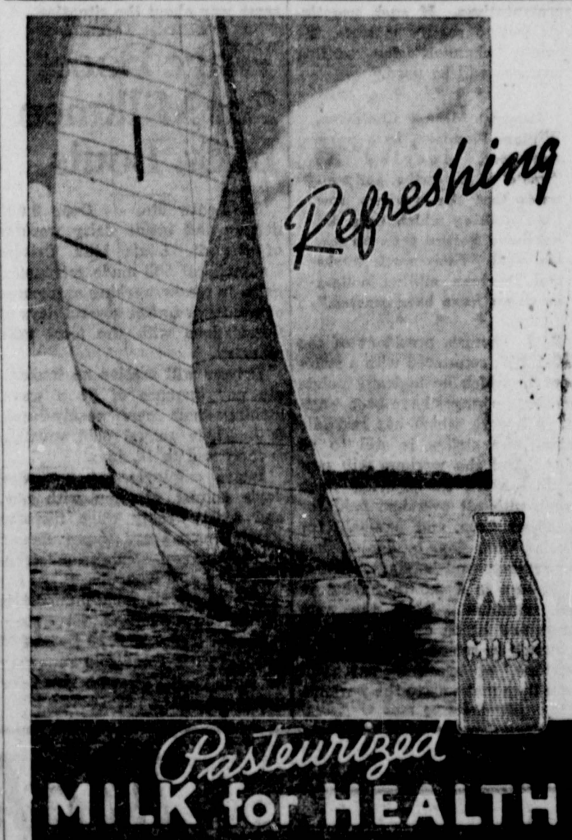
Jim and Karch are trying to get a charter for a Mother-in-Laws Union, but mostly in vain; the only thing they can affiliate with is the Union Widows Club.

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# Vigilante Terror Fails to Halt AFL Strike in Colorado

Denver, Colo.—The smoke has faded away from the muzzles of the vigilantes' rifles at the Green Mountain dam site and all is quiet here for the moment, after a wild two-day period of brutal company terrorism last week that ended with martial law in the district west of Denver.

The two months' strike of five AFL building trades unions came to a head last Tuesday when hundreds of deputized vigilantes sought to break the strike and engineer a back-to-work movement. When the firing died down, five strikers were wounded and the workers in the Denver area had a much clearer understanding of the need for a Union Defense Guard to protect them and their organizations from the murderous attack of the fascist-like strike-breaking army that attacked them.

The strike was called June 12th by five AFL building trades unions of Denver who had as members the 355 men at work on the Green Mountain dam, a \$4,000,000 project being built by the Warner Construction company of Chicago for the U. S. Department of the Interior. The unions involved are the Denver locals of the operating engineers, the plasterers and cement finishers, the bridge and structural iron workers, the hod carriers and common laborers, and the Drivers Union Local 13. The strike was called for higher wages, union recognition and the closed shop, and followed by several months a defeated strike called at the dam by the CIO's International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Ever since the start of the strike, the unions have been under attack from the Colorado Industrial Commission and Governor Carr, who branded the strike "illegal," under the pretense that the unions had failed to observe a labor law requiring 30-days notice before a strike. Strikers have maintained an effective picket line around the dam.

**Company Arms Vigilantes**  
Last Tuesday morning, August 1st, the company sprung a carefully-prepared back-to-work movement. The Warner Construction firm organized several hundred vigilantes, armed them and directed them to escort 25 links to the project and re-open it.

The vigilantes were made up of small-town businessmen from the towns of Kremmling, Dillon and

Henneyville, of wealthy ranchers in the area, and of kids 15 and 16 years old, out for the adventure of the thing. All carried guns of one sort or another. The company equipped these nondescript weapons for high-powered modern rifles.

Wednesday the vigilantes ventured out of their camp, aiming to attack the pickets and smash the strike for good and all. The strikers' camp was several miles away from the dam. When the vigilantes sighted a sizeable group of pickets, they got cold feet and retreated towards the dam, followed by the pickets. They fled across the bridge and scattered in the hills, leaving a huge truck across the road to block the picket caravan. The picket caravan came to the bridge and coolly pushed the truck off the road under the sniping fire of the vigilantes. The caravan then prepared to cross the bridge. Just as the leading car was twenty feet away, the bridge blew up, dynamited by the vigilantes. One of the first strikers to leap out of the car towards the bridge was Tom Kellerhalls, organizer for the Denver Drivers Union. A vigilante drew a bead on him and shot him squarely in the eye. He went down and as his buddies came to his aid, all were the targets of vigilante bullets, including the fallen Kellerhalls.

The latter was only removed when one of the strikers drove a truck between Kellerhalls and the enemy. The pickets retreated back towards their second camp at the Bucket of Blood tavern.

**Denver Workers Came to Help**  
In the meantime, news of the vigilante attack had reached Denver. Hundreds of Denver workers immediately dropped their tools and drove up towards Green Mountain. Three separate groups of unionists took different routes to the dam. Two of the groups were ambushed by the vigilantes and four more pickets wounded. Among the wounded were W. J. Blalock, Art Morrow, George Judy, Art Kuhlman, all pickets, William Deming, an onlooker, and a CCC boy.

**Strikers Blamed by Sheriff**  
Sheriff Fletcher, who had deputized the vigilantes, knew that the pickets were completely unarmed. Yet the next day he reported to

the press that "the strikers started it—they fired first."

This was too much even for the Denver Post, which observed that "whoever fired the first shot, all the wounded were strikers."

All Wednesday night the vigilantes roamed the hills surrounding the dam, taking pot shots at strikers who had fled up among the rocks.

Thursday morning Governor Carr called out the national guard, saying that "when two opposing factions of several hundred people, both armed, are shooting and fighting, this is the only action possible for me to take."

Of course the governor lied when he said the strikers were armed, just as the sheriff lied when he said the strikers fired the first shot. General Richardson was ordered into the strike zone with 226 guardsmen, machine guns, rifles and tanks.

The guardsmen first made sure that the vigilantes and their families were safe, and then leisurely went about the job of rescuing strikers who were being fired upon like so many wild animals by the strike-breakers. Even after guardsmen came into Kremmling the vigilantes, by this time dead drunk, were terrorizing the families of strikers. One pregnant striker's wife testified to the guard commander that the vigilantes had threatened to run her out of town.

The national guard quickly replaced the vigilantes as a strike-breaking agency, confiscating the guns used by the vigilantes.

General Richardson issued the usual classic statement that any man who wants to can go back to work and any man that doesn't want to can stay away.

**Strike Will Continue**  
The State Federation of Labor executive committee on Wednesday reiterated its support of the strike. Leading AFL officials in Denver sent wires of protest to Roosevelt, Perkins and others. Friday Attorney General Murphy announced he was sending FBI men in to investigate the strike. The AFL unions involved have announced the strike will continue.

## Prettiest Pickets!



Creamettes are just something workers used to eat before the Creamette company forced its employees on strike by refusing their moderate demands. Harthill of the Citizens Alliance is working with the company against the union, Food and Candy Workers Local 20120. Above are seen some of the young pickets who are maintaining a 24-hour picket line around the struck plant.

## ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Another Monday has rolled around and not a doggone thing to write about. The few tidbits that have drifted to my pen the past week will hardly bear the light of day, to my way of thinkin', so the less said the better. You know, once burned, twice shy.

Brothers Fisher and Hoff cleared the decks for action last Friday preparatory to a weekend fishing trip. Yours truly lent a hand with the clearing, along with Brother Aloysius. The fish in Lake Independence sure lived up to their environment last Sunday. They ignored us completely. Hope the brothers had more success than I did.

Two more drivers have been taken on at the Park Board barns the past week. Everyone's busy there, these days.

Met Brother Hornig of the ITO's today and hereby second his motion of some time ago that we scribbles get together in the near future for mutual assistance and social diversion. You know, too much of the latter usually requires less of the former—so why not think it over and write your verdicts in your next column?

Brother Martin is enjoying his vacation at present as is Brother Larson, the P. B. blacksmith.

Mike Cruett reports the death, last night, of his brother. Our sympathy goes to Mike and the members of the family of deceased.

Brother George Bauers and your correspondent staged a mowing marathon at the airport all last week. That 34th Avenue side embankment was a dilly, believe you us.

A bumper crop of weeds is being harvested at Pearl Lake. Any lover of frog legs can realize his heart's desire by following my mower around the place for a couple of hours.

Brothers Al Anderson and Ed Coash have returned from their vacations but have not, as yet, given me the details.

Brother Beck has moved and hasn't mentioned landladies in the past 24 hours.

Gotta go now, so long.

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## Green Speaks In Duluth On Labor Day

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, is to address the 50th anniversary program of the Duluth Federated Trades Assembly this Labor Day, that body announced last week.

Green's talk will be broadcast over a national radio hook-up. The Labor Day program will be held Monday, September 4th, to be climaxed by a dinner and dance to be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Duluth.

## Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Such a confused and divided membership engaged in a long hot dispute over dirt hauling rates for city contractors that we believe that most of our truckers went home in doubt as to what was the final decision voted for. Minutes of the secretary show that the rates agreed on were finally accepted. However, many are known to have left with the understanding that the last classification on 5-yards was eliminated. To clear up any doubts and straighten out any differences we are asking you to come Saturday morning, August 12, at 10 o'clock for a final vote on this matter.

Game and fish department state bids went to the low bidder at 54c per hour without operator. Nice deal, eh? Wonder if it is any consolation to hope that the big boys are also cut-throating the bottom out of their profits? By the way the Belt Line situation is still in the deep, dark unknown.

Some of us have talked of a bowling team for the last two years. The matter was mentioned the other day and several expressed a desire to try it out. We now have fifteen men signed up and have hopes of forming an ITO league. There are enough bowlers already to make up a county team. Eight teams of five men each are needed to set up a league. The cost is not much. \$1 per person entry fee is charged and bowling costs are 75c per evening once a week for a season of about thirty weeks. Some of this money is returned in prize money. No experience is needed. The league is operated on a handicap basis. Zander and Hodson will bowl if their night meetings will permit. We should have a city team, park board, Belt Line crew, sand and gravel and Swanson's men could turn in an outfit. Coal men, county and WPA will round out a full league. If you are interested, see Milt or contact this department, CH. 8988.

Returned from Sweden after a two months' visit is Gunnar Erickson of Zinsmaster who reports that conditions are good there in respect to work and working conditions are tops. Everybody who works there must take a two weeks vacation with pay by federal ruling. The government and the labor unions are very closely knit and work in complete harmony and the result is internationally known: that Sweden enjoys an enviable economic position.

Rumor has it that we will be losing our Red Star Yeast Division to the St. Paul local as that company is moving to that city.

Our diamondball team has really been in there knocking 'em off. By virtue of their win last Thursday in which they scored out Local 222 by a 19 to 16 score, they lit in first place and are really looking at the cup with possessive eyes.

The Teamsters' Joint Council will hold its first meeting out of town when they hold a regular meeting in St. Cloud this Friday, August 11.

It looks like we discovered something in Costello's Grove when we held the picnic there, because several other locals here at the hall have been asking questions about it. It wouldn't surprise me to see every picnic being held there next year.

In the meeting between the two boards—Minneapolis and St. Paul—last Wednesday many vital questions between the two locals were smoothed out and the way paved for more harmony than ever.

Unemployed, keep your eyes open. Graveling at Elk River and Forest Lake... More small shovels in town than it is possible to keep track of. Free pop and free oil at the new Erickson Oil station opening at Plymouth and Emerson north. Where is all the ITO? ... Twenty on the out-of-work list... Calls from the park board this week for 5-tons... County runs six in the north side district, others more... Many of his friends think a swell fellow and former good union member is going slightly haywire over a small personal grudge. Hospital insurance—110 members, sixty paid up... Bert St. Martin—absent from a lot of meetings lately... The boys were having a pulling deal on and it seems that Moller's super-Chevvie can out-lug 'em all...

It is too bad you members don't get around to attending meetings. Oh, boy. How the fur did fly last Tuesday.

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## "The Good Ship PROGRESS"

(A sad tale of 1929, or "Economy and Efficiency")

CHAPTER I. LET'S GO!

Bells clanged! Sirens tooted! Chains rattled! The good ship PROGRESS started on its journey. From the mastheads fluttered such bright banners as: Bigger and Better—Let's Go—We Don't Know Where We're Going But Watch Us Go.

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The passenger list, or pay load, as its owners loved to call it, was composed of 1,200 persons, among whom were the outstanding business men of the home port. In addition there were the stockholders of the PROGRESS who had come to see that everything and everybody on board was done ship-shape.

Previous to sailing, the owners had elected a Board of Directors to whom they issued the single injunction: "Make Profit or—." The directors in turn had chosen a captain to whom they issued this single injunction: "Make Profit or—." And the captain had selected the chiefs of his departments, to each of whom he issued the single injunction: "Make Profit or—."

CHAPTER 2 NEXT WEEK. DON'T MISS IT.

## Two-Fifty-Nine

Hi, gang! Where are you going for your vacation?

Had a wonderfully good meeting last night. Hope we can keep it up.

Was that vacation clause good news—or was it?

Brother Ostergren of Flour City will enter Swedish hospital Friday, August 11, for an appendectomy. We are plugging for you, Roy. We will keep our fingers crossed and breath an occasional prayer for your speedy recovery.

Betcha Brothers Day and Cameron won't miss the next meeting. They both copped the door prizes last week. Hope you have more good luck, fellas!

The following items were sent in by Dotty Selinsky of Fisher Box: Lena Lydon is vacationing in Florida.

Minnie Lindbloom came back to work last week after a long illness.

A trip to Washington, D. C., was enjoyed by Katherine Fenning.

Wonder why Frances Stanek blushes when Thorpe, Wis., is mentioned?

Mrs. Dugal attended the picnic Sunday, August 6, and she said she never had a better time at any picnic before.

We hope that Mollie Burke's son, Arthur, who is in the hospital very ill, will soon recover.

Nice going, Dottie! Now how about Heywood's and Pioneer?

## With the Limousines

"Home James"

Still picking up bits of news here and there and waiting for you members to send some in.

Boy, oh boy. Do you see what we see? Mutiny driving a 1937 V-8 Ford! He's landed a new job. Good going, Mutiny!

You members don't want to forget you can drop into Carl Gustafson's gas station at 1210 LaSalle Ave. and pay dues. You can have a friendly visit there, too.

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## Forgotten Men Are WPA's

"The WPA workers are really America's forgotten men, damned by the press, denounced by the politicians, forgotten by the President," wrote the Racine Day, official labor paper in Racine, Wisconsin, in its August 4th issue.

The Racine Day predicts that "the new WPA rules will eventually prove intolerable, and will cause constant trouble for the politicians and administrators, as well as untold grief for the victims."

## Bakery Driver Gets \$120 Back Pay Thru Union

A member of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 at the Excelsior Baking company this week received \$120 back pay due him as a result of a settlement negotiated between union officials and the company. The company was guilty of a violation of seniority.

## Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

There has been some indignation voiced by some drivers and the boss in a certain plant that has been consistently violating the Saturday 8 o'clock clause in our contract. The yell came when the boys got caught in the dragnet. After all, why should the union have anything to say about how the boss shall conduct his business? We can't tell the boss how long he shall run his plant on Saturday, but we certainly can tell the drivers what time they have to be off the street, whether the bundles are all delivered or not.

Your B. A. spent a very enjoyable nine days up in the Brainerd area. He relaxed and eased up the tension and nerve strain that develops in his type of work. Sal Juettien was up there too and they went fishing together. They'll both be able to stand the wear and tear for another year.

We understand that Wally Peterson had a pretty swell time in his three-week trip through the west and south.

Louie Rooner from Troy plans a five week trip through the Southwest starting about August 20.

The first meeting of the contract committee will be held August 15.

If any one of you wishes to go as a delegate to the convention of the State Federation of Labor at Duluth starting September 11, turn in your name at once.

C. C. Michelson left the Anchor and started to work this week for the Flour City. Good luck, Mike.

Harley Barton from the Minneapolis Laundry had an appendectomy last week at the Eitel hospital. We're pulling for you, Harley.

Jack Schmidt is out of the hospital after 104 days and is getting along well. He would like to have you drop in and see him at 3746 Penn Ave. N. He expects to be able to go back to work in about three months more.

Clarence Hanson from Northwest Linen, who got banged up in a motorcycle accident six weeks ago, was in the office last week and expects to go back to work about September 1.

We are unable to give a final report on the picnic yet.

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## Labor and the Press

That the mortality rate among daily newspapers is even higher than generally estimated is revealed by an article in last Sunday's New York Times. According to the Times, no less than 76 daily newspapers in the United States have either suspended or merged with other publications since June, 1937. Thirty-five of these closed their doors during the first seven months of 1939.

Among recent papers to fold, besides the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Daily News, are the Buffalo Times, the Syracuse Journal and Sunday American, the New York American, the Omaha Bee-News, the Miami Tribune, the Lawrence Telegram, the Providence Tribune and the Akron Times.

The result of these suspensions has been that practically every community in the United States is now served by only one newspaper, and that the control of the American press has been concentrated to a very great degree in the hands of a few gigantic newspaper chains.

That the majority of the American people no longer believe that the newspapers print the truth is indicated by the results of a recent poll, printed in the current issue of Fortune magazine.

Two-thirds of those questioned believed that the newspapers would color the news to help a friendly politician or a friend of the publisher. Sixty percent thought this would be done for a big advertiser and 50 percent for business in general. There is no doubt that the American public today has a very healthy distrust of the boss press, and realizes keenly that the labor movement doesn't get anywhere near a fair shake in the presentation of news. As the reliability of the boss press has declined towards the vanishing point, that of the labor press has risen steadily. Increasing millions today look to their labor papers for facts and honest interpretation of the news.

The boss press is tied by a thousand bonds to those who stand to gain from a perpetuation of the diseaseridden and dying profit system. These papers aren't interested in telling the people the truth, they are only interested in covering up the truth, in keeping alive the black superstitions and prejudices which mankind drags like a train behind it.

The time is fast approaching when it will devolve upon organized labor to sponsor daily papers in every city in America.

## Deeds vs. Words

(The following editorial exposing Father Coughlin's pretensions to being a "friend of labor" appeared in the August 1st issue of the St. Louis Union Labor Advocate, American Federation of Labor paper in that city.)

Father Charles E. Coughlin's July 15 broadcast, carried over Station WEW in St. Louis, was a gem of inconsistency. His one-hour discourse was entitled, "An Appeal to American Labor."

A great astonishment was Fr. Coughlin's emphatic endorsement of organized labor. Here are a few statements from this July 15 broadcast which we jotted down at random:

"It would be un-Christian for me to oppose Union Labor."

"Workingmen, it is not only your right, but your DUTY to organize. Your cause is a just cause; your cause is God's cause."

"I want Union Labor to succeed. The principles of organized labor are sound."

Fine words? Certainly! But, let's look at the record! How do Fr. Coughlin's declarations of friendship for Union Labor stack up with his deeds? The answer is written in printed proceedings of the AFL conventions for 1932-1933-1934.

### Fine Words, Scab Deeds

Fr. Coughlin, the record shows, built his new church at Detroit with Scab Labor. He even hired a contractor who at that very moment had a building trades strike on his hands at a downtown theater job.

When the Union building tradesmen persisted in their effort to have Coughlin unionize his church job, he threatened to go on the air and denounce them as racketeers.

The 1933 AFL convention appointed a committee—Frank Duffy and Mathew Woll, executive council members, and the late Chas. P. Howard, president, International Typographical Union—to visit Fr. Coughlin and seek to adjust the dispute. Coughlin made an appointment to see the AFL men. When they arrived, however, he had left town, leaving word with his secretary that he had been called away. To this day, Coughlin has neither apologized for not seeing the AFL committee nor made any other appointment for a conference.

When Coughlin started printing his Sunday broadcasts for public distribution, he sent the job to a Scab printer. Secretary O'Donnell, of the Detroit Allied Printing Trades Council, wrote Coughlin a courteous suggestion that the job be given to a Union shop, enclosed a list of Union Detroit printers and concluded with "best wishes for a merry Christmas for you and yours." Coughlin's secretary replied that "the Union seeks to intimidate us."

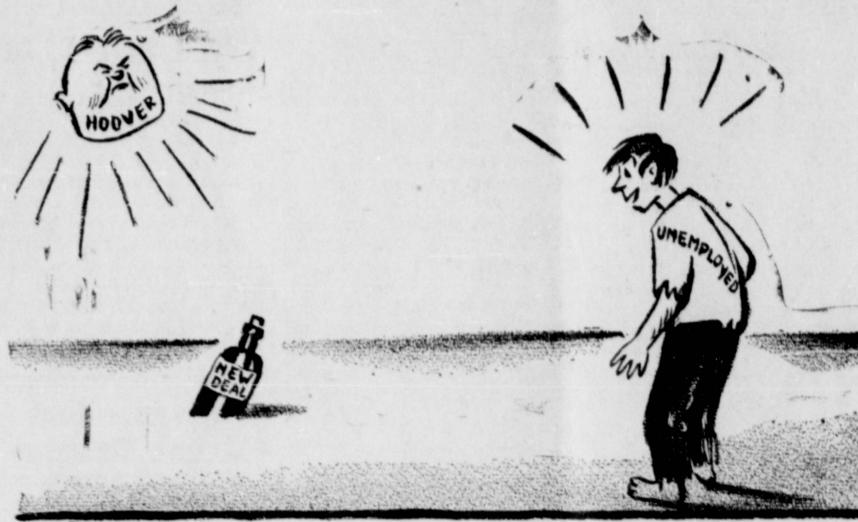
O'Donnell, in a letter to both Coughlin and Coughlin's secretary replied by urging them to point out even one word in his (O'Donnell's) letter which could be even remotely construed as intimidation. Neither Coughlin nor his secretary as much as acknowledged the challenge.

### "Social Justice" Is Fink Sheet

Coughlin has further shown his very odd brand of friendship for organized labor by having his national magazine, "Social Justice," printed in a non-Union shop and has ignored the Unions' efforts to transfer the job to an organized shop.

In a radio broadcast last May 1 (the) . . . president of the Detroit Central body . . . charged that Coughlin had fostered company "unions," adding that "it has been

## It's Empty!



Local News Item—During the past year WPA rolls in Minnesota have been cut from 65,000 to 35,000, with more cuts coming. In September wages of all WPA workers in the North will be cut.

# WPA Layoffs Grow; Lundeen Aids Labor To Block Glotzbach

(Continued from page 1) he reckoned without the Minneapolis labor movement and Farmer-Labor Senator Ernest Lundeen. Early last Friday Minneapolis union officials, acting for the Central Labor Union, phoned Senator Lundeen in Washington and appealed to him to block Glotzbach's appointment. In this the union leaders were aided by Ed Corneaby, Lundeen's secretary.

The Senator cooperated completely and Saturday moved in the U. S. Senate that Glotzbach's nomination be sent back to committee for action at the next session of congress. The nomination was thus laid over until next January, when a further fight will be made to block it.

Senator Ernest Lundeen behaved in a very praiseworthy way in so swiftly complying with the wishes of organized labor in this matter.

### Lay-offs Grow

Last Sunday Colonel Harrington ordered all state administrators to resume the dismissal of persons who have been on the work relief rolls continuously for 18 months or more. On Monday Glotzbach started a stream of 403's out of his office. It was originally estimated that at least 15,000 workers would be affected by the order, of which 2,600 are in the Minneapolis district.

However, at press time the layoffs under the 18-month clause had already risen to 16,264.

Next month another reduction of 4,000 in the Minnesota quota is in the making. Also will come the slash in wages of all WPA workers remaining on the rolls.

WPA More Than Cut in Half Whereas last fall there were 65,000 workers in Minnesota on WPA, it is estimated that by next month there will be only 31,000 employed on WPA. It is certain that only a handful of those laid off will find jobs in private industry, despite optimistic claims to the contrary by the president and Congress.

Kenneth Johnson popped for a couple of ducats to the Minnesota last Saturday night. How come, Kenny, you fill only one seat?

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clearly shown that Father Coughlin is an enemy of the Trades Union movement."

So again we ask: How does Fr. Coughlin's record square with the laudation and endorsement he gave Union Labor in his July 15 broadcast? . . .

## Puffer Firm Continues Phony Moves

The Puffer-Hubbard company, after mailing out two agitational letters to its employees, sent them an 18-page mimeographed pamphlet this week, purporting to be a copy of the minutes of a meeting held July 27th between the management and union officials. The company seems determined to refuse any concessions to its employees, and to continue stalling on the new agreement.

During negotiations, the shop committee is meeting regularly, discussing the company's propaganda campaign, the management's attempt to put through a reclassification to pave the way for wage cuts, and other problems. During noon hours and after work the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 has called several meetings outside the plant where the workers are informed of all new developments in the negotiations.

### Men Ready to Go

The spirits of the men are high, and they are ready to strike at a moment's notice, whenever their union gives the word.

The union's objections to the minutes, mentioned in the first paragraph, are twofold: that the company is attempting to go over the head of the union and deal individually with the men; and that the union negotiators are given no opportunity to edit the copy, with the result that the company is deliberately distorting the arguments of the union negotiators.

### Company Rumor Spiked

Local 1859 succeeded in spiking one phony rumor of the Puffer-Hubbard company this week. The management saw that the word got around that the company was planning to close its Minneapolis plant and move to Wausau. The union so ridiculed and exposed this inspired rumor that now the management is trying to pass the whole thing off as a joke. But the Puffer-Hubbard workers aren't even laughing.

## FWS Mass Meeting This Friday Night

An open mass meeting for all WPA workers and relief clients has been called for this Friday evening, August 11th, by the Federal Workers Section of Local 554. The meeting will start at 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

In a statement issued early this week, the Federal Workers Section called upon the unemployed of Minneapolis to be prepared to defend their right to live and work. "The recent action of the government, reducing the living standards of the unemployed, is only the beginning of a concerted drive to reduce the living standards of all workers," read the statement. "Organize NOW, with the support of organized labor, to defeat the forces of reaction seeking to lower wages and lengthen hours."

## Golf Course Workers Win Union Pact

A rare type of workers last week signed a closed shop contract with the Westwood Hills golf course. The workers, thirteen in all, are members of the Landscape and Ground Attendants Union, a new group that has applied to the AFL for a federal charter.

The pact brings wage increases of 10c hourly for 10 men, and a daily wage raise of up to \$2.50 for three men.

This young union has made great progress in organizing the ground attendants and landscapers at other Minneapolis golf courses. Pacts have been presented to several courses, including the Minneapolis and Oak Ridge.

Only one of the clubs, the Interlachen, has thus far victimized its employees for joining the union. Recently Interlachen fired five attendants for union activity. The local is now negotiating to get the men returned to work with pay for all time lost and for a closed-shop contract. A strike vote has been taken, and a strike will be called unless the union's demands are met.

## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

Don't forget general membership meeting August 16. Nominations for officers will be held at this time.

Vacation last week and news is scarce.

Nels Hagen is back from Seattle. Nels put on a little weight while he was gone and he says the sea breeze sure gave him an appetite.

Emil Carlson was visited by his country cousins from Iowa last week and he toured 'em all over the southeast part of the state.

Just as soon as he gets his tomato crop reaped, Ed Jordan is going to move back to Robbinsdale where Ed is laying the foundation for a new home.

Gust Zinsmark says he sure got himself a good rest on his vacation. He went up to Two Harbors and took a boat trip. How was the sea food, Gust?

Oscar Norgren is still at the Swedish Hospital and is now beginning to show a very definite improvement. Local 1859 extends wishes for a speedy recovery to Brother Norgren.

Seems like we saw Russell Anderson at the Roller Derby Sunday.

Albert Gutke just don't trust nobody no more, by gum. Albert went out to relax his nerves last Wednesday and he met a swell guy down on Washington Ave. Such a swell guy, that Albert turned up with him and gave him a ride across Plymouth Ave. bridge.

Albert would have driven this swell guy around a lot, no doubt, if he could have, but when they got to Plymouth and Sibley where the weeds are high and the houses far apart, they went no farther. The new found friend started to work on Albert and banged him around in a most unfriendly manner. When Albert came to, he was short \$40 and his watch and his face was hammered to a pulp. A squad car took him to the hospital and sewed him up and Albert was able to come to work Monday.

From now on Albert says he is going to be a hard man to get acquainted with.

### WPA—Here We Come!

The management of the old Journal paper must have got a good belly laugh last week when all the faithful rants came to work and there was no work to do. And it sure would have tickled the ex-owner if he could have seen the look of disappointment on the carrier boys' faces when they went down to their routes and found out they only thought they had routes. Right back where we started from.

## On WPA Projects

By Blanche Albert

The "30-day-lay-offs" are with us in full swing. The Sewing Project will be particularly hard hit. The great majority of those workers have worked at least a good share of their 18 months and now, or in the near future, will receive their pink 403 slips. Calling this lay-off a "30-day-lay-off" is really inappropriate. We all know it will mean at least 12 to 18 months, if not a permanent lay-off.

The prospects, then, are not too bright for those now on WPA. They have little to look forward to except direct relief. In that case, it becomes the duty of every member to continue the organizational drive for new members, for united action against relief cuts, which will surely be threatened.

Friday evening, August 11, at 8 p. m., there will be an open meeting for the purpose of discussing the WPA situation. Every relief client as well as every WPA worker should attend and is invited to do so by the Federal Workers Section of Local 544.

Don't forget the date: Friday, August 11, 8 p. m. And the place: 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

Open to Everyone!

Last week a WPA worker took two hours off to tend his month-old baby so his wife could go to the funeral of her mother. Do you think WPA would permit him to make up the two hours? You bet not! Join the union, fellow workers,

## On the National Picket Line

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production and otherwise, for the time they have lost.

Besides that, they've got a union contract.

In all plants where reclassification of workers will result in wages adjustments, the contract also guarantees that there shall be no wage reductions because of these reclassifications. The management also agrees to discuss, within thirty days, the troublesome apprentice and helper problem. Seniority shall exist, and the workers will be returned to their jobs, without discrimination, according to their seniority rights.

On the union label question for tools and dies—the management agreed their job-shops would use the union stamp on all parts manufactured for GMC. Thomas said that immediate steps to supply the workers with such stamps would be made.

According to Louis Stark, New York Times correspondent, the coming NLRB elections among the eighty thousand GMC employees, have the management, the union and the workers themselves, scratching their heads. Stark seems to think that seniority will be the big problem.

The General Motors Board of Directors feel that seniority creates "a feudal job system" which, if not solved, will tend to make the industry "static instead of dynamic."

The bosses know that without seniority, a union contract is not worth the paper it's written on.

Stark says "the problem is also worrying the union leaders . . . the union sees the ranks of the potentially employed increased annually by young men who, in many instances would like to get into the auto industry. The seniority system would keep them out . . . thus there is created a possible reservoir of non-union men . . ."

And, according to the same source, "the average auto worker appears to be tired of strikes and factional struggles, and is looking for some other solution to his problem . . . the younger he is the more he is likely to grouse over the system of seniority . . ."

All of which sounds as though Stark, always considered a more than fair correspondent from labor's point of view, may be taking orders from above to keep the young auto workers from voting for any kind of unionization.

Seniority is the very heart of any union contract. With it, properly enforced, it is impossible for the bosses to fire their oldest men, for either joining a union and becoming militantly active in it, or for just growing old and tired from many years of service. This is the common practice among the employers as a class. After years of giving the best that is in him to make his employer rich, many a man has found himself out on the streets, just because he is no longer as spry and chipper as he was in his youth. Youth must be served, it is true, but not at the expense of his fathers and older brothers.

It is an age-old trick—this business of pitting one group of workers against another. Foreign against native, white against Negro, nationality against nationality, and now Youth against Age.

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## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership — Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> August 8—Casket Section August 16—General Membership August 14 and 28, 8 p. m.—Grievance Board August 14 and 28, 8 p. m.—Twin City Stewards Other Section meetings subject to call
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	<b>LOCAL 20481</b> August 7—Executive Board August 16—General Membership
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL NO. 544 AUGUST</b> Wednesday, August 2 — Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, August 3 — Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, August 4 — Job Stewards Monday, August 7 — Package Delivery; Department Store Tuesday, August 8 — Lumber Wednesday, August 9 — Market; Wholesale Liquor, Wholesale Paper Friday, August 11 — Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, August 14 — General Membership Thursday, August 17 — Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, August 18 — Job Stewards Sunday, August 20 — Over-the-road, 10 A. M. Monday, August 21 — Furniture; Coal Tuesday, August 22 — Sand and Gravel Thursday, August 24 — Transfers and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, August 25 — Cold Storage Monday, August 28 — Spring Water Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Local 544 office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated
<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.	
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	
<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	
<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.	
<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	
<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	
<b>LOCAL 359</b> Stewards — First and Third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.	