

Orange-Blue Stamp Scheme Will Lower Relief Standards

The real clue to the purpose behind the national administration's "orange and blue stamp" plan lies in this fact: Even before the plan is introduced in Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare uses it as a justification for ordering a 25 per cent reduction in grocery and milk orders for relief families.

Originated with Food Monopolies
The "orange and blue stamp" originated at a meeting of wholesalers and retailers held in Chicago early this year, where the assembled merchants enthusiastically adopted the plan and prepared to press it in Washington.

In March, 1939, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture told the National Food and Grocery Conference Committee in Washington that the national administration would use the plan. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace appears to have been one of the originators of the plan. No one connected with giving relief to the unemployed, no one receiving relief, was ever consulted about it.

What the Plan Is
Even before the New Deal, Hoover's Federal Farm Board used to hand over large quantities of surplus wheat and cotton to the Red Cross for free distribution to the unemployed.

Some years later, the New Deal revived the same idea, in order to get rid of the huge stocks of farm products it bought to keep farm prices up. Each year the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has been shipping carloads of free food to local relief authorities. In 1938, for instance, it gave away \$62 millions worth.

As the Roosevelt administration has more and more turned backward to the Hoover policy of throwing back on the states and municipalities the burden of supporting the unemployed, the F.S.C.C. has had to expand its activities, because many areas in the United States have neither the resources nor the willingness to do much supporting. The F.S.C.C.'s surplus commodities have been the principle factor in relief in such areas. One week the unemployed will receive cabbages, prunes and celery. The next week the menu is butter and grapefruit. The next week it may be beans and radishes and eggs.

In the past, the F.S.C.C. bought the produce in the wholesale market and shipped it to the relief authorities for distribution. The huge grocery chains and the local merchants never liked this idea. Out of their hostility has grown the "orange-and-blue-stamp" plan.

Bosses Must Have Profits
Here is how the new plan works. Relief families are sold orange stamps, good at their grocers for any kind of foodstuffs, but only for food. With every \$1 of orange stamps, they get, FREE, 50 cents worth of blue stamps. These latter are good only for whatever farm commodities the F.S.C.C. declares to be "surplus" that week. Both orange and blue stamps are in 25c denominations.

The local relief authorities then pay the grocer cash for his orange stamps, and the F.S.C.C. pays him cash for his blue stamps. You see what this does? The surplus commodities, instead of going direct from wholesaler to consumer, go through all the regular channels of trade, with each middleman and retailer taking his profit. In effect, the orange-and-blue-stamp plan is a subsidy for the food industry.

Why It Must Be Opposed
Still, you may say, the unemployed DO get four bits worth of free food for every buck's worth of food they buy. What's wrong with the plan?

Here's the answer:
1. We have already seen in Minneapolis that the welfare board has used the pending introduction of the stamp plan as justification for reducing grocery orders by 25 percent. The unemployed have every reason to fear that once the stamp plan is operating, their relief will be slashed so that they will be getting no more under the new plan (even with the "free" blue stamps) than they get now.

Endangers All Cash Relief
2. As originally worked out in Washington, the stamp plan has a compulsory feature to it—that, relief authorities would figure out how much of a relief family's budget should be spent on food and this amount would be deducted from the family's relief check and given it in the form of stamps.

The national administration has so far backed down on the compulsory feature, and in Rochester, New York, and Dayton, Ohio,

City's Jobless Will Be Worse Off with Stamps

With the 25 percent relief cut, relief clients and WPA workers will be worse off with the orange and blue stamp plan than they were before the cut in relief, according to Federal Workers Section statisticians.

Before the relief cut, the unemployed received free surplus commodities valued at \$2-\$3 monthly. Under the stamp plan they will still receive free commodities but the 25% relief cut leaves them worse off than before.

Last month a family of four on relief received \$30.90 for groceries. From surplus commodities the family got about 50c worth of oranges, 50c of peaches, 25c of carrots, 50c of wheat flour and 10c of rice.

With the relief cut, this family gets \$23.79 for groceries. If the stamp plan goes into effect here, this family will get 50c worth of blue stamps each week per person, which would total about \$31.79 per month for food.

Before the relief cut the family received \$30.90 in cash plus an average of about \$2.50 worth of surplus commodities, or \$33.40.

Under the projected stamp plan in Minneapolis, relief clients will receive no orange stamps, only 50c worth of blue stamps per person each week.

WPA workers will get both orange and blue stamps, but they, too, will receive an actual cut in relief of \$2-\$3 monthly.

where the plan has already been introduced, the unemployed are paid their usual cash relief and can buy stamps or not as they choose.

The compulsory feature, so far suspended, can easily be slipped back in. It is just a short step from food stamps to clothing stamps, etc., until the entire consumption of the unemployed is regulated by decree and they live a caste apart, cut off from the rest of society on a moneyless subsistence level.

Already it has been rumored that the stamp plan will be extended to cotton textiles in order to get rid of about 700,000 bales of surplus cotton held by the government.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting will be a general membership meeting Thursday evening, September 28, at 7:30 p. m.

First, let's get the society news out of the way.
Carl Fode, Zinsmaster, was married in a quiet ceremony about three weeks ago. (Very quiet, too, because I didn't hear about it 'til last Saturday.)

Ted Erck, Continental, one of our diamondball stars, also decided against single-blessedness, and was spliced Monday, September 11, and that's the way they go, one after another.

I guess apologies are in order about my not having a column last week. As you all know, I attended the convention the first three days of the week and that's the reason. Anyway, that's the first I've missed in three years. Even Winchell can't say that.

You no doubt will read about the convention proceedings elsewhere in the paper. Here are several outstanding resolutions that were passed. The convention adopted a minority report for the outright repeal of the Stassen anti-labor act which puts the entire state Federation up to the task of working toward this. This question will, without a doubt, be one of the major issues in the next political campaign.

In another resolution that passed, the state federation will aid in the fight for the WPA victims. In my estimation, these two were the outstanding resolutions passed at the convention in Duluth, although there were many others of great importance.

On the unfair list are Creamettes and the Erickson Oil company.
Incidentally, when buying salad dressings, mayonnaise, pickles, cheese, etc., be sure you buy Blue Moon or M. A. Gedney products, which are delivered by our own members.

Set aside Sunday, October 22, for a good time. The Joint Council is sponsoring a gigantic boo-ya to be held at Costello's Grove at 92nd and Cedar. Dancing, entertainment, etc., rain or shine, is promised all day Sunday, October 22. Loren Johnson is chairman of the committee and has already set the machinery going for a good time. If any of you don't know what a boo-ya is, just ask me and I'll "leave you know!"

At the last Teamsters' Joint Council meeting a motion was passed to have the unions set up their own Community Fund which will operate at a minimum of cost, no high-salaried officials or expensive offices.

This same question will be brought up on the Central Labor Union floor and, if passed, will get the backing of the entire labor movement. More about this later.

The Christmas party for the kiddies will be sponsored by the Teamsters Joint Council this year instead of 544 and will be put on in either the auditorium or the Armory. Bigger and better.

Loren Johnson is on his way to Boston, Mass., for a visit, also visiting the World's Fair.

Card of Thanks
To Local 544:
Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express.
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544 Runner-Up for State Ball Crown

After mopping up on the South St. Paul nine Saturday, 7-1, the General Drivers ball team entered the finals of the state baseball tournament Sunday at Shakopee, only to lose a tough game by the score of 8-4 to the Trade-homes of St. Paul.

In the junior Class A finals, the Maple Lake club nosed out Fergus Falls, 3-2. At the close of that game, trophies were presented the finalists. Local 544 won a stirring eulogy to its sports-manship and the calibre of its play during the season. The Drivers team received more applause from the packed grandstand than any other team as it came forward to accept the trophy.

In the Saturday semi-finals, 544 was invincible. They solved Bache's slants in the fifth inning to pile up five runs, and added two more runs in the sixth when Becker homered with Sodd on. South St. Paul got its lone tally in the ninth. Norrie Hanson, backed by superb fielding, had the team from Stassen's home town eating out of his hand at all times.

Too Eager on Sunday
Whereas on Saturday the Drivers were at the peak, in the Sunday finals they proved over-anxious for victory and threw away several runs through reckless base-running. This lost them the game despite the fact they outhit St. Paul, 13 to 9. Alford started the game on the mound and moved to first base in the fourth inning to make way for Crandall who ran into a mess of tough luck. Hanson took over in the sixth and yielded only one more run. Sodd and Alford starred at the plate both days, getting two hits apiece on Saturday and three each on Sunday.

Hundreds of fans, expressing themselves on Sunday's game, agreed that the Drivers were the better team and with any sort of a break would have copped the state championship. This also was the opinion of the city's sports writers. But post mortems can never change defeats into victories and Local 544 will have to rest on its many laurels—championship of the Saturday league, city champion and runner-up for the state title.

The team's followers will have one more chance to see the Drivers play when Local 544 takes on a city all-star aggregation at the Parade Grounds this Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The union will tender a banquet to the players on Saturday, September 30th.

359-Dayton Agreement Is Pending

In all likelihood the Dayton company and the Warehouse Workers Union will conclude a working agreement sometime this week. The contract will be similar to last year's, with pay for holidays being granted. Peter Jasco, for whom the union has carried on several negotiations, will also have his case adjudicated. The agreement will provide that if legislation reduces the work a corresponding cut in pay will not be suffered.

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All this pacifist talk is O. K. in peace time, of course, but in times of emergency like this, they'd better pipe down and follow our great leader in the White House.

1859 Officers Re-Elected Unanimously

At the September 6th general membership meeting of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, all officers of the union were re-elected unanimously to their posts for a period of one year.

Fred Diedrick will continue as president and John Janasco as organizer. Other officers are Ray Perleberg, vice-president; Ed Kirby, recording secretary; Henry Paulson, financial secretary; Melvin Viken, treasurer; Frank Schwartzkopf, warden; Richard Gilmore, conductor; Anton Olson, Peter Worthingham and Vern Eastman, trustees.

Union Bowlers Start Season

The Drivers started their bowling Monday night with F. Stanley of Local 289 leading the Independents with a score of 610. E. Klein of the Oasis Bar was a close second with 609.

Tony Schullo was elected president and L. Kenzie Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Drivers Bowling League.

Oasis Bar took a double from the Soft Drinks and the Meat Drivers took a pair from Kenzie's Bar. Local 544 took the odd game from Local 359. Local 289 took three games from the Ice Drivers.

The standings:
Team Won Lost
Local 289 3 0
Meat Drivers 2 1
Local 544 2 1
Oasis Bar 2 1
Kenzie's Bar 1 2
Soft Drinks 1 2
Local 359 1 2
Local 221 0 3

544 to Meet With N. A. Creamery

A meeting will take place Thursday between representatives of Local 544 and the management of North American Creameries. A large amount of back pay for the underpaid drivers of this company is involved.

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Card of Thanks

To my friends in the labor movement:
I want to take this opportunity of thanking those friends in the union movement who sent flowers and showed in other ways their friendship and sympathy at the loss of my wife, Celestine.
Sincerely,
M. S. Erwin and family

Despite not any man; and do not spurn anything; for there is no man that has not his hour, nor is there anything that has not its place.—RABBI BEN EZRA.

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.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde
We are sorry to report the death of John F. Jellings Tuesday, September 12. He was the father of Roy Jellings, a long time member of this local.

Reserve Sunday, October 22, for something new in eats and a good time. More details later.

Who are the prominent "Red-Heads" that want to exploit the fishing possibilities of Loring Park?

Something has got to be done; Curly observed that the Duluth Taximen's hall is situated right next to the police station and city jail.

Looks like the firm of Kirkham and Ploumen will have to "pop" for full-dress regalia since the Milwaukee depot went hi-brow.

Dont' we just love to hear these once-a-month riders spout off as to how far they can ride in a hack for a two-bit piece in Kokomo, Ipewich and points south where the drivers apparently subsist on nothing.

Understand sugar went up three points right after Bro. Ogren of the bakery drivers left the N. W. Organizer's banquet hall last Friday night.

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60 More Strikers Face Indictments

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by the seven Workers Alliance members still in jail.

The truth is that the Central Labor Union WPA Defense Committee addressed itself to each Workers Alliance member, offering its full defense services to these men. The Workers Alliance members, however, were kept in line by the Communist Party and rejected the aid of the Central Labor Union, electing instead to be defended by the CIO Defense Committee. The CIO has done a lot of talking but so far hasn't made any concrete moves to come to the aid of these workers who are looking to it for help.

The full press release of the WPA Defense Committee follows: "There now remain in Minneapolis and Saint Paul jails seven indicted WPA strikers awaiting the posting of high bail bonds after nearly eighty (80) such prisoners have been released through the acts and efforts of the AFL-WPA Defense Committee.

COST TO DATE
"Some \$78,000 of bail bonds have already been posted for those released. Approximately \$600.00 in cash has been furnished for the comfort of all those indicted while in custody, and their incidental expenses, regardless of organizational affiliations or defense selected. Thousands of dollars more in cash have been paid out by the AFL-WPA Defense Committee for bail bond premiums, and tremendous additional costs still to come have been undertaken.

"At all times since its inception the AFL-WPA Defense Committee has offered its full and impartial assistance and defense services to all WPA strikers indicted. No one has at any time been denied such assistance for any reason whatsoever.

"The seven now remaining in jail in the face of the foregoing facts, had nevertheless elected to be defended by a different defense committee formed by CIO groups and identifying itself in numerous public statements as the CIO Defense Committee.

CIO AID NOT FORTHCOMING
"Despite elaborately publicized plans of said CIO Defense Committee to raise funds, organize the defense and collaborate with the AFL-WPA Defense Committee, there has been no public evidence of actual progress in any such respect, thus leaving seven innocent and wholly unfortunate victims in Twin Cities jails, unattended by the groups they had elected to be identified with.

"The AFL-WPA Defense Committee has therefore taken their plight under consideration and is planning steps to provide them with such proper defense as the CIO Defense Committee has now

WPA Trial Developments At a Glance

- 103 WPA workers indicted August 18th.
- Sixty more indictments just issued.
- 92 so far arrested, 57 men and 35 women.
- 34 released on own recognizance, including 23 women.
- 51 bailed out by WPA Defense Committee.
- 7 Workers Alliance members still in jail, being defended by CIO Defense Committee.
- Trial starts September 26th, jury to be called October 2nd.
- WPA Defense Committee to hold citywide tag day October 7th.

clearly shown itself unable or unwilling to provide."

Tag Day October 7th
The Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee has also completed plans for a citywide Tag Day on Saturday, October 7th, proceeds of which will go to the defense work. More details on this will be forthcoming next week and all union members are requested to place themselves at the disposal of the sub-committee in charge of the Tag Day. The sub-committee consists of Rose Seiler, Ed Palmquist and Max Geldman.

Trial Coming
On September 26th the full term of the Minneapolis federal court will open and the indicted strikers will present themselves for trial. However, a jury cannot be drawn until October 2nd at the earliest and the trial will probably get under way some time afterward. For the most part, each striker will be tried separately.

Gaddis Arrested
An outstanding example of the vindictiveness of the federal government was brought to light Monday night when word came from Omaha that Tom Gaddis, managing editor of the Farmer-Labor Press which is the official weekly paper of the Omaha General Drivers Union, had been arrested Monday night for participation in the Minneapolis WPA strike.

The U. S. deputy marshals had evidently forwarded the warrant for his arrest down to Omaha.

This case is particularly interesting in light of the oft-repeated vows of WPA that it is interested in seeing workers absorbed in private employment. Gaddis had been on WPA for several years before he left Minneapolis about a month ago to accept the job on the Farmer-Labor Press. Now WPA steps in with the connivance of Murphy and the national administration, and arrests him.

No doubt the Omaha reactionaries who are fighting the Omaha Drivers Union and the Farmer-Labor Press, played a role in this sordid move.
The Central Labor Union's defense organization immediately went to the aid of Gaddis and has forwarded his bail bond to Omaha. He will probably be released by the time this story appears in print.

Attention: Park Board Members

Members of Local 664 employed by the Park Board are hereby notified that there is an opening for the position of senior parkkeeper on a traveling crew. Interested members are instructed to get in touch with Ben Johnson at the Park Board Warehouse.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

The get-together of the Organizer columnists and editorial staff came off as scheduled Friday evening and a good time was enjoyed by everyone. Brother Miles "Mickey" Dunne gave an interesting account of the origin and subsequent history of our paper and after a swell feed, a lengthy discussion was held. The purpose of the discussion was to discover ways and means of making the paper still better. My fellow columnists are a bunch of real fellows with an understanding of the labor situation, both local and national, which would surprise anybody. Many good suggestions were offered toward improving the Organizer, some of which follow:

1. The possibility of publishing a ladies' column with the view to interesting the women in our weekly labor news.
2. The introduction of a news-exchange box at headquarters whereby each columnist may glean some information from his fellow writers on matters pertaining to other locals than his own.
3. The soliciting of more advertising to make it possible to make the Organizer a twice-weekly paper. The advertising it now carries is insufficient and every reader can help a lot through personal contacts with business houses where he trades. Any information along this line would be greatly appreciated by your commentator, so pass it along to me. The sooner the better.

At this moment you are reading the best labor paper in these United States, believe it or not. From the standpoint of accurate information, from all over the country, it has no equal to date. Brother Nilsen, who writes "Home James" sends his copy to a Vermont storekeeper who "eats it up." When you have a labor paper which interests people in faraway Vermont it must be good.

To those of you who are prone to minimize the probability of the U. S. entering the war, I suggest that you read or even re-read the open letter to the Times-Tribune which was published in last week's Organizer. It is a masterpiece and will set your mind to work pronto. So don't be lazy—read it.

As Lindbergh stated recently, we must stay out of Europe's squabbles 100 per cent or we will be involved in all her troubles 100 per cent from now on. In the meantime, boost the popular referendum on war to all who will listen and if necessary to those who won't. If the popular referendum becomes national law, the possibility of our being dragged into any more of Europe's fights will have been eliminated once and for all. We, as a nation, owe allegiance to no country other than the United States and protection only to the Western hemisphere. Our statesmen can be better employed in really trying to solve our own internal troubles and in bettering the lives of our own citizens instead of meddling in foreign affairs in such manner as to

Sunday Forum Opens With Talk On War

"Did Roosevelt Call a War Congress?" will be the subject of a talk by Carlos Hudson at the opening meeting of the Sunday Forum season for 1939-1940, this Sunday afternoon, September 24th, 3 p. m. The Forum will continue each Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. through the fall and winter, with able speakers presenting the "News Behind the Headlines."

The Sunday Forums are held at 919 Marquette Avenue. You are invited to bring your friends, take part in the discussion and make suggestions for future Forum subjects.

Squirrel Better, Wants Visitors

George "Squirrel" Palmquist, one of the WPA strike prisoners, is in District 2, Section 2, Ward 2 of the General Hospital, and would like his friends to visit him. Squirrel was rushed from the jail early last week to the hospital when it was found his stay in jail had seriously aggravated a stomach ailment from which he suffered.

Early rumors were that Squirrel was not expected to recover, but he seems to be, his old self again. In a card to Ray Rainbolt, Squirrel says, "I am not transferred out of the death chamber. I'm on a sippy-dip diet of fluids. I had one large cut and three small cuts. Now the boys can come up and see me any visiting day."

make our own problems more acute and our chances of progress more remote. The shameless persecution of Dr. Townsend by certain members of our congress should have enlightened, ere now, the common man as to the possibility of any beneficial legislation being passed out to him by our present administration. The best defense a working man can have is his active membership in a good militant union.

Having gotten that out of my system, I wish to remark that Brother "Curly" of the Taxi Topics column is no big asset to the barbers but he's plenty big in other ways.

This being my vacation, my thoughts have momentarily reverted to old No. 76 and therefore, I rise to inquire—"I wonder who's herding her now, that thundering, rough-riding scow."

I wonder who's battling wasps, bees and bugs
Cleaning up plugs and tightening lugs?
Yes, I wonder who's herding her now,
Say—that guy will get a workout, and how!
Her rear axle leaks and her wheels don't track,
There's a dozen more things that are wrong with that hack.
I came in every night with sore arms, feet and back,
So I wonder who's herding her now!

(Well, anyways, the guy has my sympathy).

To you brothers who are delinquent in your dues payments, allow me to point out that your dues are merely an investment in your present and future welfare—a form of insurance premium—which also carries life insurance to the extent of \$500 on every one of you. This policy can be legally cancelled if you are only a month delinquent, so don't take advantage of your secretary-treasurer's kindness to the point that you are endangering the welfare of your wife and family. I am impelled to state that, in my opinion, delinquency in paying your dues is purely and simply chiseling on your fellow-workers who pay for YOUR insurance when they pay up promptly.

State Labor Asks Stassen Law Repeal

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that only through political action can the unions safeguard what they have won through economic action.

Supporters of the amendment are known to be opponents to the Farmer-Labor party or any movement for independent labor political action.

Following the discussion late Tuesday, a motion was made to refer the resolution to the 1940 convention. In a rising vote, the motion was declared lost, 342 to 223.

Convention Hubbed
On a rising vote an amendment was declared carried by the slim margin of nine votes over the required two-thirds majority. Again there came a clamorous demand for a roll-call vote, from many more than the required ten unions. The demand was denied and the convention was in an uproar with almost every delegate on his feet. President Olson declared the convention adjourned for the day.

On Wednesday morning John Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, asked for a recount. Olson refused, Boscoe appealed the decision of the chair, and on a rising vote the appeal was lost, 395 to 186.

Officers Re-elected
In the closing hours of the convention, Robert Olson and George Lawson were re-elected president and secretary, respectively, of the state body. Olson received 518 votes to 205 cast for Robert Fitzsimmons of the Minneapolis Gas Workers Union. Lawson was unopposed.

In the elections for the fifth (Minneapolis) District to the state executive council, one saw the curious spectacle of speakers from St. Paul intervening in behalf of certain Minneapolis candidates. An age-old tradition of the State Federation is that the district vice-presidents are named by a caucus of all district delegates and approved as a matter of course by the convention. The intervention by St. Paul conservatives in the Fifth District elections is all the more to be condemned because it is these same St. Paul unionists who have so often raised the hue and cry that Minneapolis was interfering with their affairs, a cry that has no basis in fact.

Sinnott, Mehaffey Named
William Sinnott received 580 votes for re-election from the fifth District. Mehaffey got 414 votes and Boerbach, 303 votes. Sinnott and Mehaffey were declared elected. Elections are held every two years, with the next election coming in 1941.

Among the humorous episodes at the convention was the behavior of the Stalinist delegates who withdrew a resolution at the last minute condemning "Hitlerism and Nazi Germany."

WTCN Football Broadcast Every Thursday, 7 P. M.

The Rothschild's "Football Show" will be on tonight over Station WTCN at 7 p. m. and every Thursday evening from now on during the football season.

The cream of the football commentators are heard on the Rothschild Football hour—George Hauser, Gopher line coach; George Higgins, sports announcer; Dick Cullum, George Barton and George Edmond, well-known Twin City sports writers. Billy B. Hoke will give sidelights as the fan sees them. There'll also be a quartet on hand with college songs.

Let the People Vote on War

359 Members To Meet Next Tuesday Eve

All members of the Warehouse Workers Union are reminded that the regular membership meeting of Local 359 will be held Tuesday, September 26th. Members are instructed to bring their attendance cards with them, properly punched and recorded. Members are required to attend one meeting every two months or pay a 50c fine.

Watt Notes

Considerable progress has been made in resisting the persecution of the jailed \$60.50 WPA strikers. But much still remains to be done. It is up to us to help make the cause a success by making our voluntary donations to the Central Labor Union WPA defense fund. LET'S GO OVER THE TOP. "All for One and One for All."

The members of Local 160 will be welcome at the Chicken Boo-ya at Costello's Grove (92nd and Cedar) on October 22nd. There are three expert boo-ya chefs in the Twin Cities and one of them has been retained for this affair.

Our hats are off to our diamondball team.

All they did in their first year of league competition was to win three trophies, Class B Championship, Sportsmanship Trophy in Union League and All City Union Championship.

President Roosevelt, at the request of business men, changed the Thanksgiving date in order to help retail business. Governor Stassen (elected by business) set aside the president's date in order to make political capital of it.

Question: Can a governor be small enough to pass through the eye of a needle?

The boys in the Meter Department are again looking forward to the cigars. This time it is an eight pound baby boy, born September 19th. . . . Brother George and Mrs. Nolan are the proud parents. Congratulations!

The operators are now collecting further dividends on our union contract. They are taking their time for holidays of this fall.

The pioneers used to say that the only good Indian was a dead Indian. We say that the only good meter readers, operators or steammen are those who belong to the Union. The rest are dead because they aren't alive to their opportunities.

Those employees who stay out yet still collect the benefits, are Old Men of the Sea riding on your shoulders. They try to ruin the good results of your collective efforts.

The pioneers used to leave the good Indians lie out in the sun to rot.

What are we going to do with our bad Indians?

Charles Pratt of the Kelvinator Department is in the Northwestern hospital. He would appreciate seeing his friends. He is expected to be in the hospital another week.

Romeo is back on the elevators. The Riverside operators say, "We miss you, Romeo, but we'll be looking for you on our balcony next spring."

An article well worth reading is the main article in the April issue of the 1936 file of Fortune on the Truck Drivers Strike of 1934.

On the face of it, it seems remarkable that a magazine like Fortune could seemingly be so non-partisan. The answer is that it is anti-labor, but is so cleverly and plausibly written as to seem to be without bias, yet at the same time the fat boys who pay a dollar a copy for it, becoming the more conscious of labor's power, also become more anti-labor in their attitudes and activities.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

Ride, pride, klunk, junk or pride goeth before. Gordie Bishop was riding about the waves of lower Nicollet. He was filled with pride at the beautiful reflection his car made in the show windows. Klunk! and Gordie had met the well-known immovable object. Junk.

This column was the guest at a banquet given for all the union column writers by the Editorial Board of the Northwest Organizer. The place was at Harry's Cafe on 11th street and the dinner was held on the third floor. It provided an opportunity for the column writers to meet each other and exchange ideas and get acquainted.

Sponsored by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, and, as far as I know, the first banquet for union column writers ever held in the history of union organization this meeting demonstrates the progressive and pioneering spirit that has been so dominant in the development of the union movement in this section. The chair graciously provided an opportunity for your columnist to do his stuff and I assure the brothers and sisters of 1859 that they were not let down. It wouldn't seem right to fail to mention the big, two-inch, juicy, tender steak

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Besides doing a good job at the state convention, Local 471 carried away all fishing honors. Jerry Creemers, business agent for the Milk Haulers division of our union, went fishing during the convention recess and picked up a 27 pound lake trout out of Superior. Some people must "live right;" the fish was on display for a couple of days in Witt's window.

Things at Lincoln Milk seem to go rather smoothly with the exception of the cigar-situation which has fallen in arrears. Both George Hanson and Bert Mills were presented with new baby girls. Besides, master mechanic Sam Johnson married and went on the "smoke list." It must be on account of the war and rising prices that our dear brothers hold back but we will enjoy those cigars any day now.

There is a first time for everything and it certainly was for the columnists of the Organizer when they got together Friday evening at Harry's Cafe to formulate ways and means to improve the official organ of our Joint Council. Possibly there will be a merger with the Labor Review if a daily or bi-weekly paper can be developed. Regardless of that the four hour banquet was full of helpful and educational suggestions. Possibly the group missed a few pointers but this writer got his next day from Al Christianson.

Have you ever eaten Boo-ya (Glorified stew)? Our Joint Council will give you a chance on October 22, at Costello Park on 92nd and Cedar avenue. This shindig will give members of Local 471 a fine chance to get together and renew acquaintances. Plan now to attend for one swell time. There are three Boo-ya cooks in the Twin Cities; one of these has been booked. You get all the Boo-ya that you can pile away.

Curly and Lunde present "Taxi Topics" in the Organizer every week and were we surprised to meet "Curly" (bald as an oak floor), a son of our dear past president, Bill Goodnough. Curly seems to have all the fine union traits which his father had.

During 1938, the average Minnesota cow produced one hundred and ninety-one pounds of butter fat.

Definition of a Scotchman: A "ladies delight" delegate of Local 471 who will take three pretty girls to lunch and then make them each shell out for their own eats.

Oriental movie goesers object to scenes where lovers are shown frying in the deep fat of passion.—ALVA JOHNSON.

A long story short or the tale of the missing story in four words: "Too Hot to Handle."

What Diamond player is buying baby bottles?
One of our stewards finally got around to kiss the bride. He had to wait four months to do it.

which, by the way, has spoiled our appetite for the humble hot dog. A more detailed report at the general membership meeting October 4, in regard to a few more serious problems that were brought out during the evening. Brother Harold Seavey of the Editorial Board had developed the idea that diplomacy forbids mention of what time a meeting closes, so, in accordance with this excellent policy—the meeting was adjourned at a late hour.

Notice to all unions: Boo-ya party at Costello's Grove, October 22, under the sponsorship of the Teamsters Joint Council. Boo-ya, in case you don't know, is a sort of glorified chicken stew. Beer and dancing, too. All is fair weather when union members get together! There will be a special attraction for all married men. This will be the wife-calling contest and is the evolution and logical sequence of the mating call.

Editorial article by Ed Norgren. If we are ever going to have law and order in this plant the first thing we have to do is take all these snuff moochers out and shoot 'em down like dogs. (With apologies to Jesse James.)

News from the Puffer-Hubbard front where honest workers stand embattled against the merciless encroachments of the heartless capitalists who seek to grind them into the dust and dirt of poverty and want.

Gloom pervaded the ranks of the embattled workers at Puffer-Hubbard last Saturday night. Deep, dark, gloom, for Freeda was gone. Freeda, the loyal member of 1859, the mascot who had stuck by the boys through thick and thin. She was gone! gone! gone! The situation was desperate! It was unbelievable. Freeda, the gentle, loyal, union-minded pussy cat. What to do? And all through the carelessness of one of the brothers on the night shift who had taken Freeda out for a bottle of milk. Freeda had jumped out of the car while her boy-friend was getting the milk. That was on Wednesday and at two o'clock Saturday night the boys were in deep conference over the situation. Just when things looked blackest somebody looked up and saw a grey shadow trotting down the walk. We rubbed our eyes and couldn't believe it. Someone yelled, "It's Freeda!"

A mighty shout rose from the ranks. Milk was brought and Freeda was fed. She took nourishment and jumped up on the back seat of the car where she could keep an eye on the plant through the rear window. Everything is rosy now. The goose hangs high.

Public opinion. Ever hear of it? Here stands a well-equipped modern factory, full of tools and machinery, ready to turn out the things the public needs and wants. But the factory stands idle.

Outside the factory are 100 trained workers. Skilled mechanics and experienced men. All ready to go to work. All ready to man the machines and use the tools. All ready to turn out the things the public wants and needs. But they are idle.

Over here stands one man. He controls the factory. Unless things are done as he says, the factory stands idle. The man stands idle. The public is denied what it needs and wants. One man exercising such power that he can deny the public on one hand and the workers on the other. Public opinion. Ever hear of it? Phooey!

In a lighter vein we observe that with a build-up the Northwest Organizer can easily get a big juicy slice of advertising from Puffer-Hubbard company, because the interests of Bullis and Runtus are identical.

September 17, 1939—Last night in an economics class at the public forum one of the citizens observed a very peculiar and difficult passage in the 1939 history of Steel City. It seems that in those benighted times the courts had a practice of imprisoning a man who was accused of keeping a \$60.50 a month WPA worker away from his work and putting same misguided person under a \$10,000 bond while no recognizance whatever was taken of cases where one man kept 100 workers away from their work for weeks at a time. We people of 1939 are truly thankful we were not living in those days of savagery. Things must have been tough back in the dark ages around 1940.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick.
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

They Mean Us, Brothers

Organized labor can well take alarm at the ominous talk from the White House and Attorney General Murphy's office about the precautions being taken "against sabotage, propaganda and other subversive activities."

We remember this sort of talk from back in 1917-1918, and we remember that it always ended with the chains wound a little tighter around organized labor and its leaders.

When a union strikes, or protests against speed-up or wage cuts—why that is "sabotage" to the war-makers and war-profiteers.

When a man talks up the union on the job, that is "propaganda," that is "subversive." Above all, let a worker talk out loud against the boss war that the lords of America are preparing to force him to fight, and that is "subversive" to the nth degree.

The government of these United States is already laying the groundwork to handcuff and muzzle organized labor, under the slogan of "protecting the country against subversive activity."

It is for this that Attorney General Murphy on September 8th issued an executive order to "increase the personnel of Federal investigating agencies to protect the United States against sabotage, propaganda and other subversive activities such as this nation experienced between 1914 and 1917."

Our conviction that this move is aimed directly at organized labor is only strengthened by a news dispatch from Washington on September 14th (appearing in the New York Times of the following day) that professional strike-breakers and scab-herders "would work closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation." The same industrial private detective agencies which the La Follette Senate Investigating Committee has denounced as having employed criminals, provocateurs and professional hoodlums will work under the direction of Attorney General Murphy. Pearl Bergoff and Murphy spying arm-in-arm against "sabotage"—what a pretty picture that is!

Also on September 14th came news that for more than a year FBI agents have been receiving intensive secret training in the technique of "uncovering espionage, sabotage and subversive activities."

We saw evidences of that secret training in Minneapolis during the WPA strike when the FBI creatures acted as agents provocateur. Graduates of the FBI school are no doubt already taking their place as stool-pigeons in America's labor unions.

Let no worker be fooled by this projected campaign "against propaganda, sabotage and subversive activities." They mean our unions, they mean us.

A Page from Minnesota's History

While waiting for the Minneapolis Times-Tribune to answer our last week's Open Letter exposing the fakery and impotence of their "anti-war" campaign, our readers might well consider a page of Minnesota history dealing with the period prior to our entrance into the First World War.

Then as now the solid people of capital—the press, the pulpit, the bankers and the professors—worked in the sweat of their brows for peace. Pacifists of the type of the Times-Tribune editors were ever so abundant. The Minnesota Peace Society was organized in 1913 as a branch of the American Peace Society. By spring of 1915 the Minnesota organization had an affiliated membership of no less than seventy thousand members. It was headed by that devoted champion of peace, Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president emeritus of the University of Minnesota. Everyone felt confident war could not come with such an organized movement for peace.

But as America neared her entrance into the world slaughter, who turned up in the camp of the war-makers but Dr. Cyrus Northrop, that sturdy pacifist. The pacifists were quite alarmed one day to find their peace champion had accepted the honorary presidency of the Minneapolis branch of the National Security League, the very citadel of war-mongering.

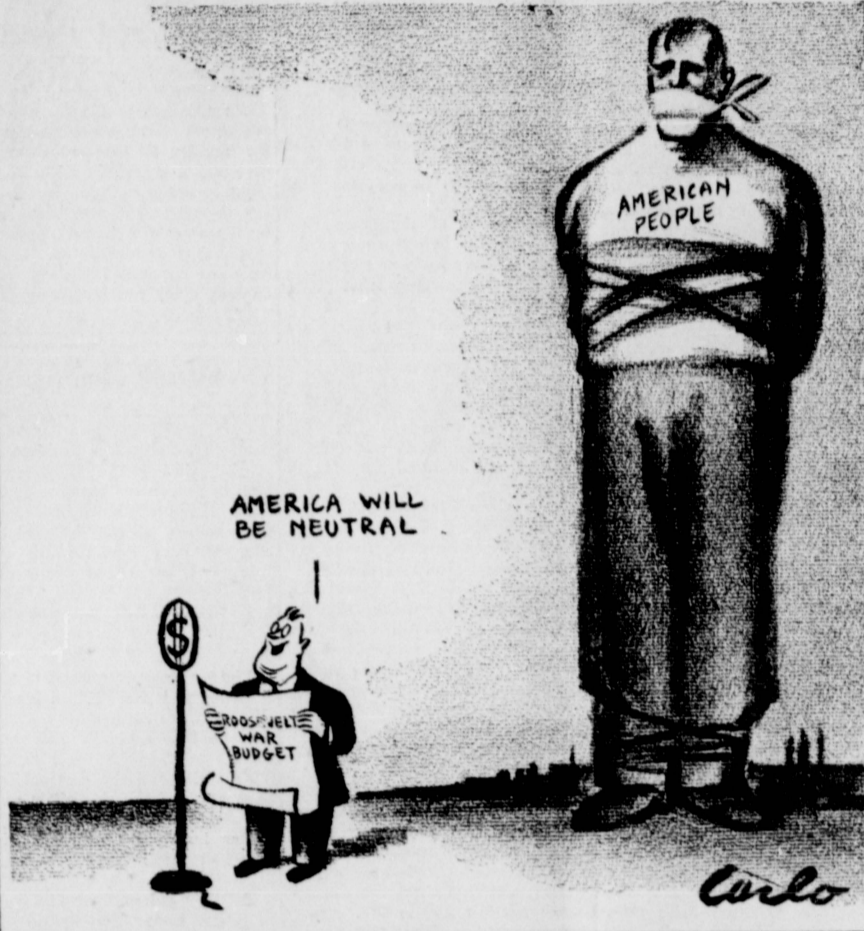
On February 11th, 1917, eight days after the termination of diplomatic relations with Germany, the newly-formed Loyalty League held a mass meeting at the Minneapolis auditorium. Principal speaker was Dr. Cyrus Northrop. His talk shows how the pacifists justify, at the crucial moment, their support of war:

"We all want peace," said the good peace-loving Dr. Northrop, "BUT—a crisis has come when the event of any hour may make war inevitable. . . . Nothing I am sure will induce our government to resort to war except a condition which would stamp us as a nation of degenerates and cowards if we refused to fight for our rights. . . . We all want peace—BUT peace without dishonor. Stand by the President. He is our leader. Let him lead. And let the united voice of the whole American people cheer and encourage him as he does his best to keep us out of war, or if in spite of his best efforts war should come."

So much for Dr. Northrop, so much for the Minnesota Peace Society, so much for the present Times-Tribune campaign and so much for mere pacifism. Pacifism will always fail because it never really understands the economic and political roots of war, and because it does not base itself upon the only class which can really stop war—the world's working class.

Pacifism alone can never stop war. There have always been pacifists—and there have always been wars. Pacifism is not enough. The people must have a free chance to decide, they must demand of Congress that it give to the people a direct popular referendum vote in the case of any war. The surging voice of the people in support of a popular referendum on war will flush out into the open all the war-mongers, the secret diplomats and the conspirators. And if Congress denies this demo-

Let the People Vote on War!



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Probably this item will be repeated in every column this week, but the fact remains that the columnists' dinner at Harry's Friday night was a real fine little affair. Complaints were aired, bouquets were passed around and it all ended with a better understanding by everyone.

The gloom spreaders who cried over 544's defeat in the state championship finals Sunday seem to forget the splendid record rolled up by the team during the regular season. The writer believes that those boys who played under the banner of Local 544 this season comprise the finest baseball team in the Northwest.

With the exception of the Market group, all major agreements are signed for the 1939-40 season. Several for a two year period.

MODERN WAR IN TEN EASY LESSONS

Question: What is an aggressor nation?
Answer: An aggressor nation is any nation on the other side.
Question: What is a neutral nation?
Answer: A neutral nation is one waiting to see who is the probable winner before pitching in.
Question: How do you protect "national minorities"?
Answer: By bombing their cities, laying waste their country and enslaving their population.
Question: Do nations declare war?
Answer: Nations do not declare war. They just start fighting.
Question: How do you "defend democracy"?
Answer: By preparing to destroy democracy.

Question: What is war news?
Answer: War news is propaganda for the side releasing the news.
Question: What is a neutral zone?
Answer: A neutral zone is a place where the two warring nations are co-workers of munitions factories.
Question: Do armies ever retreat?
Answer: No. They only "retire to already prepared positions."
Question: Can civilians avoid air bombings?
Answer: By joining a savage tribe in a dense African jungle.
Question: How do Stalin's methods differ from Hitler's?
Answer: Correct! Class dismissed.

The Jamboree staged by the Filling Station Attendants' Union at Costello's Grove was a honey. Spies report that they ran out of everything. Yes, even that.

WHEN IS A CAUCUS NOT A CAUCUS?
When it is held by Fifth District delegates to a State Federation of Labor convention.
BLOCK THAT PLANT!
Union members in the cement block industry are all back to work under the best agreement ever.

Mark "Hold" on your calendar for the date October 22.
That noise you heard last week was T. Williams raising his voice about North American Creameries.
The state drivers' meeting will be held in Mankato Sunday.
Cab companies are warring.

cratic and fundamental right, the people must find other means to stop the war-makers.

The time is growing short. The President is assembling Congress to demand that it scrap the present Neutrality Law. The President has already put this country into the war diplomatically. Now he wants to put us into the war in an economic sense, from which it will be but a step to military intervention. The very dead must be prompted to rise from their graves and cry: "STOP—that is the road Wilson followed!"

The bankers and the rich industrialists can scarce contain themselves even now at the fat war profits rolling in. Tuesday's Times-Tribune—the same issue that carries the usual appeal for peace—headlined that "Stocks Whisk Up \$2 to \$8.50" on the basis that the profiteers estimate "that the war is likely to be greatly prolonged."

But if the forces of the war-makers are gathering, so are the forces of the people. Last Wednesday in Duluth the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, representing the organized workers of this state, voted unanimously to demand of Congress that it amend the Constitution to take the war-making power away from Washington and give it to the people. Union after union is thundering the same demand. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council publishes in this issue of the Organizer its petition in support of the State Federation's demand for a popular referendum on war.

Rallies, petitions, speeches, resolutions must gather the vast support of the referendum into a powerful united nation-wide force.

Down with war and the war-makers!
Let the people vote on war!
Let the people decide!

Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

The Union has gained this power for the ITO in all contracts signed so far this year. Department stores, furniture, heavy hardware, lumber, newspaper, and excavating (22 companies) industries all require direct certification by the Union for all independent truck owners hired. The sand and gravel and building materials employers must hire truckers from a certified list presented by the Union.

Once more we repeat that our membership at the September meeting approved a motion dropping all those from our ranks who work on bids for other than WPA jobs at less than our regular union wage scales.

Since the regular use of the Dempster-Dumpsters on city-sponsored WPA jobs our ITO contract truckers on the city payroll has dropped down to No. 40-45. The park board has also been given two or three and dropped its hired trucks.

The staff dinner given by the N. W. Organizer for the columnists was a great success. We drivers who push out this weekly news for the boys feel that regular staff meetings would help to give us an opportunity to exchange ideas to improve our staff.

The Teamsters Joint Council has advanced proposals for merging the Organizer with the Labor Review with the hope in mind that you will be able to get more and better news and oftener. Your ideas on this matter would be welcomed in discussion at all Union meetings.

It is not our intent to gloat over anyone else's misfortune, but it is news to report that the Hedberg lockout and tie-up helped out a bad unemployment situation by calling out all our truckers to the gravel pits.

The Imporvement Bulletin for last Friday advertises bids for trucks for the city of Minneapolis. Trade-ins or?

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

We hope the employer will be ready to negotiate the new contract shortly. Three weeks have slipped by and we have not been notified that they have a committee set up yet. The St. Paul employers have informed Local 319 that they do not want to negotiate jointly for both cities and we have a rumor that ours are taking the same attitude. From this we judge that they want to play the old see-saw game. With both unions agreed that the two contracts when signed will be identical we fail to see what advantage the bosses expect to gain from these maneuvers, especially when in either instance the negotiating committee from both unions will be practically identical.

The war mongers are really putting on the pressure to get our neutrality law changed so that we can create a new crop of millionaires as a result of the carnage and mass murder that is going on in Europe. The change that they want in the neutrality law will make it just so much more difficult for us to keep out of the halocaust. But we suppose that is unimportant if the big happy family of world munitions manufacturers will be able to maintain a few more yachts and control a few more governments. See how much opposition will be given towards any move for a referendum on war by this crowd. Senator Nye has an interesting suggestion in asking that if we go on a cash-and-carry basis in the sale of arms that each order carry a 25 per cent bonus, such bonus to apply on the old bill left over from the last war and still unpaid.

Erick Brown from Waldron's and Richard Soleglad from Liberty are on the sick list and both at home. They will appreciate having you call on them.

We were out to see Norman Carle about a week ago. He sends his regards to you all.

Remember, if you are sick, report at once to the union office and also report as soon as you go back to work. Do not wait for us to find it out through some other source. According to the By-Laws your benefits start as of the date of notification.

Man is arrogant in proportion to his ignorance. — BULWER LYTTON.

Gassing With 977

Jamboree Echo: Let's play Bingo! The Eidsvold version of this famous Casino game will long be remembered by over four-hundred members and friends of Local 977, who drove out Cedar Avenue last Monday evening. Local 977's First Annual "Streamlined" Jamboree was held at Costello's Grove. For the highlight of the evening, we refer you to Clair Johnson. To Mrs. Glenn Snodgrass, wife of our Kunz Oil Steward, went the door prize of \$10 in cash. Erna Woodward, attendant's g. f. (we knew her when), won the \$5 cash door prize. A case of oil was won by each of the following: Fred Adams, H. A. Cyrus, W. A. Lester, Joe Darbin, Mrs. J. F. Eidsvold, Neil Rubin, O. N. Peterson, Mrs. Richardson, C. J. Haaf, V. J. Brown, and the four flashlights went to Mrs. Gordon May, Mrs. O. E. Peterson, Mrs. Paul Burger and Mrs. Oscar Schweikert.

The Executive Board of the Local takes this opportunity to express their appreciation to all who helped to make the First Annual Jamboree a success. The spirit of cooperation and allied unity was indulged by all in attendance, and this spirit carried into our everyday work will assure the success of the Local of which we are so justifiably proud.

Those reported to the office as being on the sick list are: Henry M. Larson, Texaco, 2405 Riverside avenue, in St. Mary's hospital; G. V. Dodds, Phillips, Hiawatha and Lake street, in St. Andrews hospital; and Bert Gage, Webb, 35 Plymouth Ave. N., who is wearing a broken arm received while cranking a car.

We understand the stork has again visited the Russell-Thompson Tire members. This time he left a nine pound baby boy with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith.

544 Whips Cement Block Lockout

The lockout called September 11th by the nine cement block concerns in Minneapolis ended in a stunning victory Saturday when General Drivers Union Local 544 signed a new pact with the industry bringing \$40 checks to all workers for time lost during the dispute, and another \$40 bonus payable before January 1st, 1941. The new agreement will run until May 31st, 1941.

All workers are to receive their checks before their meeting this Friday night. The settlement was accepted unanimously by the men at a special meeting held Saturday. All were back to work Monday morning.

What millions died that Caesar might be great!—CAMPBELL.

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)

activity, Armour and Company referred the committee back to the Fargo management. It took a strike to settle the grievance, but it was settled and the two men went back to work.

The workers are ready to fight for their contract. They want their wages adjusted, the speed-up eliminated. They want seniority. They want sick-insurance which can only come through a union contract. They had a strong and justifiable set of demands. Van Bittner and his crowd have watered those demands down to a point where they no longer represent what the packhouse workers want and need. Why?

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	LOCAL 160 General Membership — Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborers' Section — First Tuesday each month Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 Sept. 12—General Membership Sept. 12—Casket Section Sept. 19—Box Industry Sept. 20—J. R. Clark, Keller Manufacturing Sept. 22 — Warren Shade, American Excelsior, Trav-L-Eez and Kozekar, Air-Loc Seating, American Wicker Works Every Friday night—Executive Board 1st, 3rd Thursdays, 8 p. m.—Grievance Board Sept. 11th, 25th — Twin City Stewards October 4—General Membership
LOCAL 664 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	LOCAL 20481 Oct. 4th—General Membership
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays 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.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 SEPTEMBER Friday, September 1 — Job Stewards Wednesday, September 6—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, September 7 — Greenhouse, ITO Friday, September 8—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, September 11—General Membership Meeting Tuesday, September 12—Lumber Wednesday, September 13 — Market, Wholesale Liquor Friday, September 15 — Job Stewards Sunday, September 17—Over-the-Road Drivers (10 A. M.) Monday, September 18—Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing Thursday, September 21—Excavating Drivers, Tent and Awning, Newspaper (10 A. M.) Friday, September 22 — Cold Storage Monday, September 25—Spring Water Tuesday, September 26—Sand and Gravel Wednesday, September 27 — Wholesale Paper Thursday, September 28 — Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug 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.
LOCAL 977 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.	FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 359 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.

Strike vs. Puffer Still Deadlocked

The strike of Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 against the Puffer-Hubbard company neared the end of the second week with the conflict at deadlock. The company began moving some of its machinery out of the plant, but the union is aware that this machinery is for manufacturing commodities for which the company has had almost no demand in recent years.

Local 1859 maintains its traditional position that if the boss can't pay decent union wages, he has no right to be in business.

However, if the Puffer-Hubbard management thinks it can run away to some other city with a cheap labor supply, it is grievously mistaken. The North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Workers is prepared to see that the Puffer-Hubbard company will pay the union scale no matter where it settles down.

The company's argument that it can't afford to pay decent union wages is a miserable lie, because the company admits that even under the present wage scale it made a profit of \$15,000 during the first six months of 1939.

Plans Readied For TJC Boo-ya On October 22

With new members added to the committee in charge of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council Boo-ya Feast, plans are near completion for this novel event. The committee is seeking to get the broadest possible representation from the eleven affiliates of the Council.

Tickets will go on sale next week for the Boo-ya outing, which will be given October 22nd at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar. In addition to the Boo-ya there will be beer and dancing.

359 Signs Wheeler-Barnes Firm

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 and the Wheeler-Barnes company, 3200 Snelling avenue, have concluded negotiations on a new working agreement providing for the 40-hour 5-day week with no reduction in weekly pay. The pact stipulates that all employees who are members of the union shall remain in good standing.

Vacations will be granted earlier in the year. The agreement is for a two-year period, with the provision that in the event the cost of living should rise radically, the wage provisions may be opened for negotiations by giving a thirty day notice prior to June 10th, 1940.

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