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FIVE CENTS

Labor's Vote Decisive in Roosevelt Victory

Motions in 544 Fink Suit to Be Heard Nov. 7-9

A hearing on motions to amend the court's findings in the Local 544 book suit will be heard November 7, 8 and 9, Judge Paul S. Carroll has announced.

Box Firms Sign Pact With 1859

A new agreement has been signed between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the city's box companies—Flour City, Co-op and Durable.

Ballards Sign With AFL Union

Louisville, Ky. — The largest grain processors in the South, Ballard & Ballard flour and feed mills, have recently signed a closed shop agreement with the AFL Grain Processors Local 22439 in Louisville.

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Jobs, Seniority of Drafted City Employees Are Guarded

Protection of the jobs and seniority standing of all city employees inducted into the military service has just been won through a ruling of the civil service commission.

5th Union Bowling Tournament

For the fifth successive year the UNION BOWLING HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, open to all union men in good standing in the Twin Cities, will be presented.

Warren Horner Of Local 664 Badly Injured

The membership of the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 is pulling for the recovery of Brother Warren Horner, Park Board mobile equipment operator, at 38th and Bryant, who was seriously injured last Friday afternoon.

Joint Council To Meet Friday

The regular monthly meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will be held this Friday, November 8, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

AFL in Detroit Blasts Draft Boards, Charge Rich Will Send Poor to Army

As reports on the make-up of the draft boards came in from the union movement in all sections of the country, it is evident that these boards have indeed been packed against the workers who will make up the overwhelming majority of the United States army.

Local 471 Members Reminded To Attend November Meetings

Members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 who did not attend a union meeting in October must attend one meeting of their union in November to avoid paying a non-attendance fine.

131 Pulls Pin At American Rug Laundry

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With the support of a large majority of the American working class concentrated in the big cities, President Roosevelt was re-elected to office Tuesday by a comfortable majority.

Brutal Treatment at Glen Lake Boys' Home Bared

The discovery that inmates of the Glen Lake Home for Boys are subjected to cruel and brutal treatment by overseers, including a castor oil drink a la Mussolini, was made by the October Grand Jury which last Friday made known its findings.

544 Over-road Men To Meet Nov. 18

A meeting of Local 544's over-road drivers will be held Monday, November 18, 4 p. m., in the union hall.

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Burlington Boss Won't Explain Refusal to Sign Pact

Burlington, Iowa—In a half-page ad in the November 4th issue of the Hawk-Eye Gazette, the Northwestern Cabinet company has published a dishonest and contemptible attack on its striking workers and John Janosco, union negotiator.

The company has gone to the most extreme lengths to distort the main issues in the strike, and, with the connivance of two men who represent themselves as spokesmen for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, has sought to confuse the workers of Burlington and the rest of the community.

THE MAIN ISSUE IN THE STRIKE REMAINS WHAT IT HAS BEEN SINCE THE STRUGGLE BEGAN: WILL THE COMPANY OBEY THE LAW AND SIGN A UNION WORKING AGREEMENT WITH THE LEGITIMATE UNION THAT ITS EMPLOYEES HAVE DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT THEM.

The Northern Cabinet company discusses everything under the sun but this MAIN ISSUE.

The company says it will not deal with John Janosco. What right has the company to tell the strikers whom they are to choose to represent them?

The company says that it has "been notified" that John Janosco has no authority to organize a United Brotherhood of Carpenters Union in Burlington. The man who so "notified" the company is Walter Dunn, who has earned the hatred of workers throughout Iowa for his sell-out of a large strike in Dubuque and for his willingness to connive with bosses against workers.

In a particularly crooked and lying paragraph, the company intimates that John Janosco has "taken from the citizens of the community in the neighborhood of \$2,000 in initiation fees and dues."

Tell it to the Marines, Starker! Don't try to tell it to the strikers, who know full well that John Janosco hasn't taken one penny from the Burlington woodworkers, and that a committee of strikers has handled every cent collected by the unions.

In a pious tone that fails to conceal what amounts to an appeal to violence, the company says "In a free country it is remarkable that citizens will allow one alleged discredited man to cause such tremendous loss in wages." The company knows full well that the majority of its employees have exercised their own democratic rights and desires by joining the union and demanding decent wages. The company knows that no man, certainly not Walter Dunn, can order its employees how to act.

And listen to the company mourn about the "tremendous loss in wages." The company never before wasted any sympathy on its workers, judging from the sub-standard wages paid them.

Work Is Still There And that "loss of wages" cry is just so much hocus. The work will still be there to perform when the strike is won. What the labor-hating Northwestern Cabinet company is really worried about is its own loss of profits, which is brought about by its unfair refusal to deal with the union.

In fact, the company advertisement talks about everything in the world—"national defense," "the draft," "the New York Market"—but the MAIN ISSUE, THE COMPANY WON'T STATE PUBLICLY WHY IT REFUSES TO SIGN A UNION CONTRACT WITH ITS MEN.

Like every labor-hating concern for scores of years, the Northwestern Cabinet company whines that it pays fair wages and that it can't afford to pay the decent union scale demanded by its employees. And it threatens to close down the plant unless the men withdraw their demands.

How many thousands of times have union men from one end of the country to the other heard reactionary and profit-mad business men make such claims.

Labor's Answer There is only one answer that the trade union movement gives to such fake cries: If you can't pay decent wages, get out of business, and make way for the more efficient and less greedy concerns who DO pay union wages.

The most amusing aspect of the Northwestern Cabinet company's ad is its new-found love for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, whom it describes as "one of the oldest, as well as one of the best unions in America."

The company never thought ANY union was any good until the skate, Walter Dunn, agreed to come in and work with the company in an effort to disrupt the strike.

The strikers are not interested in the company's opinion about the United Brotherhood of Carpenters or any other subject, save one: WILL THE COMPANY SIGN A UNION PACT WITH THE UNION CHOSEN BY ITS EM-

Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

It isn't so bad to have the other man's candidate win the election. And it is not too hard to take all the good-natured razzing that is bound to pile up; nor does that buck bet with Zander get me down. After all, it is his Benson dollar of two years ago coming back home. What really hurts and causes that sourpuss feeling is to really down deep have to admit to being such a simple chump, and have to concede one's opinion is so far off the track after being thoroughly convinced of the result beforehand.

The argument on the daily time rate on the Craig job has been nicely handled by Hodson and a fair adjustment has been made to satisfy all the boys.

Meeting twice this month and having a heated discussion on the matter has brought forth a very important new policy on the matter of certifying trucks on all jobs. A very lengthy airing is expected to take place at the November meeting Thursday this week on this matter before it will be put in force.

If my guess is worth anything you can bet six or seven truck payments that no call for the Olson highway job comes through until most of the Belt Line boys are done. Clever, eh what?

If any of the county boys give you that old song and dance just tell them it is too bad that you have to wait 'til January to see the Finance and Commerce.

After all these years somebody comes along and tells me I have been misspelling Mr. Graeser's name. Well, there it is right, and with my apology.

Word has come along that Mr. Quick and Mr. Hornig are objects of much curiosity to a certain state project engineer. Of course, the articles in this column are the cause of the appearance of the last named party in this deal. For my part in this matter, I wish to say that I believe most of the wild stories coming out of the west border section of Minneapolis are due in large part to the desire of a certain crew to cover up their numerous petty quarrels among themselves. And all these placed at this gentleman's door. In return, to avoid the responsibility of these stories back-firing on them on the job, almost everybody not available to defend themselves in person gets put on the pan at the office. Now, if we are to take the word of Curt, who certainly is well qualified to testify, this certain party is a very able engineer, a very fair party to deal with, and most sympathetic toward union rules and regulations. Such a man cannot be anybody's fool, and if a misunderstanding has arisen then it can only be blamed to the fact that those who tell the tales have a very good library of lop-sided stories.

Some ITO'ers have a very interesting and a very just grievance at the way the seniority has been handled at the Northern Pump job. And a certain steward out there seems to have taken his former membership in our section as a cause for bitterness to allow some fancy bit of discrimination. The story sounds reasonable and certainly an attempt at least should be made to straighten this matter out.

This is the time of the year that the withdrawal list and the unemployment registration run a race for the largest number of names. Have the "Brown twins" gone down to their doom in ignominious

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Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

- Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
- Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

When you read this, the election will be over, one way or the other. As I scribble this, I'm still of the opinion that the common people of the U. S. won't be fooled by Wilkie and his gang. In case they are fooled, they deserve all that will undoubtedly be dished out to them during the next four years.

Brother Chris Jensen, Park Department foreman, has been confined to bed by his doctor. We are hoping for a rapid recovery, Chris.

Brother Warren Horner was very badly injured last Friday afternoon when he was knocked down and run over by a tractor. His pelvis is broken and his back severely injured. Brother Horner is in General Hospital and still suffers much pain. When visitors are permitted, drop in and see him.

Any man who talks against unionism, who hates to pay dues yet accepts sick leave, paid vacations, seniority rights and other benefits obtained by his union, as his just due, is a cheap chiseler at heart and a damn poor sportsman all the way through. Anybody who doesn't like my attitude in this matter knows where I can be found anytime.

Had a little shindig at our place the night of October 24, account of because it was my birthday. "Ham," Lars and Al, along with their better halves helped us pass the evening. Result: six headaches, October 25. Mrs. "Ham" and the press got off easy. Is that good?

Brother Marv Giving has 96,000 miles on his crate, believe it or not. These single lads sure do get around.

Saw Brother Eric Pearson downtown the other day and he looks fine. Expect to see him out at the warehouse any day now and hope to see you back on the job soon, Eric. More B. P. C. equipment is being sent out on the government job at the airport these days. Somebody must have changed his mind recently.

Any park employee who wishes to buy a ticket for the B. P. C. retirement banquet may obtain it

Wolk Transfer Co., Inc.
Commercial Hauling and Moving
838 6TH AVE. N.
Main 4434

YELLOW TAXI CO.
Main 7171

Reception Room
PETER KOZLAK FUNERAL HOME
1918 UNIV. AVE. N. E.
Granville 1718

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Kadlec Pharmacy
Druggists
Cor. Plymouth and Lyndale Ave. N.
Phones
Hyland 9860 Cherry 2740

MOLER BARBER COLLEGE
K. W. Krausmann
215 NICOLLET AVE. At. 9364

WEBB OIL CO.
Wholesale Distributors of GASOLINE AND MOTOR OIL PRODUCTS
35 Plymouth Avenue N.
CUT PRICE GAS SINCE 1923
Telephone Geneva 4133

I Drive 10 Miles to Patronize Gust Beck DO YOU REMEMBER GUST BECK?
OH, YES!
He was very active during strike. He is a member and has been active for over 28 years.
He is now in business at 705 Cedar Ave., operating a Liquor Store. Phone AT. 9420.
This card is valuable—bring it in.
GUST BECK

St. Louis Building Trades Win with General Strike

You haven't read about it in the profit press—but 15,000 union building trades workers in St. Louis have just ended a general strike with a magnificent victory.

The strike was called in protest to growing attacks against organized labor in the St. Louis area, which culminated October 25th in an armed attack by finks on union pickets. One 69-year-old union laborer, Upton Hammond, was slain and many unionists seriously injured.

The St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council, led by John Church, answered the murderous attack by a general strike which tied up every non-union construction job in the area. Members of 26 AFL unions participated in the mass strike.

Utilizing auto caravans of 6,000 pickets, all non-union jobs were closed.

15,000 Honor Slain Picket
On Saturday, October 26th, there was held what the St. Louis Labor Tribune described as "the most impressive and largest funeral ever witnessed in St. Louis" as union workers buried their fallen martyr, Upton Hammond, who was preparing to celebrate his Silver Wedding Anniversary when struck down by company thugs.

A great concourse of people estimated to be about 15,000 turned out, the Labor Tribune said. "The cortege which followed this humble man to his last resting place was five miles long. . . Upton Hammond died a martyr and his blood, like that of the martyrs of old, incited men to move mountains. Labor was aroused as never before. In a few days it accomplished what might have taken years, the almost 100 per cent unionization of the building industry in Greater St. Louis. Upton Hammond had not died in vain."

In honor of Hammond, St. Louis unions have established a Hammond Silver Anniversary fund and have asked all local union men to donate a silver dollar to a fund for Brother Hammond's faithful wife. It is planned to erect a home for her where she can spend her declining years.

In the wave of the general strike, over 120 non-union concerns were forced into line. Three "independent" unions in the build-

Rex Bar & Cafe
DINE AND DANCE
To the Music of Loyal Boles and His THREE "BEES"
1231 N. Washington Ave.
Prop., Rex Hamilton

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Immense Stocks - New and Used
WE BUY - SELL - RENT EXCHANGE
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CY'S PLACE
5th and Plymouth
CHOICE LIQUORS
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Cy. Putz, Prop. HY. 9968

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4258 40TH AVE. S.
Flowers, Plants, Floral Designs
Members of Tile Setters and Truck Drivers Union
DRexel 4402 DRexel 0974

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Chapter II.

A Loyal Worker is interviewing one of those Socialist Fellows:

L. W.: How do we get socialism? Put a bloody dagger between our teeth, a smoking bomb in hand, fill our pockets full of "Moscow Gold" and then get amongst 'em and mess things up a bit?

S. F.: We have the ballot—still—let's try the ballot way if we can.

The working people, wage earners, farmers, white collar workers are the overwhelming majority of the nation. In fact, they are the nation. Everything that's done to keep the country a going concern, they do it. It is they and they alone who feed, clothe, shelter, heal and teach the nation, lend it beauty and inspiration.

Opposed to these useful workers are a few million coupon clippers, absentee owners, sleeping partners and snoozing stockholders. These hangers-on, retainers and parasites, herded about by a few banking rings and so useless that if the whole caboodle was picked up and swept away by a tidal wave, the economic loss would be exactly less than nothing.

L. W.: Then the job, as I see it, is to get rid of these millions without messing up the country. How?

S. F.: Now you are getting somewhere. The first job is to make this nation a Democracy where every man and woman shall have an equal voice in every decision that affects his or her welfare.

(To be continued at a later date)

Brother Norman Nelson got the ends of his fingers clipped while cleaning a machine on first floor last Friday. He will not be able to work for a while.

Kenneth Schultz of American Excelsior, who lost three fingers in a machine some time ago, is back at work.

The Glazier Box section held a very important meeting last Friday and a great deal of progress was made on the situation there. A committee of four was set up to meet every noon and take up all union problems on the spot. This section voted to hold weekly meetings and use every effort to iron out all difficulties and get things running smoothly again. Brother Ray Perleberg was chairman of the meeting and Brother Ed Palmquist of the Federal Workers Section reported what progress had been made on collecting back pay.

It would be proper at this time to commend Brother Stewart Al Seagren of American Excelsior for the fine record he's making there. Brother Seagren's job is complicated by the fact that there are three shifts working which make his work three times as hard. But this doesn't stop Al. He has been signing up quite a bunch of new members.

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from me at one dollar a throw. I still have a slew of them, so won't help a feller out?

The "Ace Kid" claims that the "Little Dictator" now calls his shots while hunting and claims all birds shot through the head from any direction. You spoil a lot of meat, Harlow, shooting them through the head from behind. Better use less powerful ammunition.

Brother Swen Lorenson got a nice bass and a good-sized northern out of Lake Harriet last weekend.

See you tonight, I hope, I hope, I hope.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"
By L. Clair Johnson

The nomination for officers of our union for the next term will be held at the next meeting November 14th. Try and make every effort to attend so you will have a voice in the selection of the nominees for office.

Mrs. Emerson told her spouse that if he went hunting last week it would seriously interfere with his home work. Result: Emerson didn't go hunting.

Mark Conboy (Despatch) took a trip to the altar recently. How about some stogies, Mark?

We believe Willie made a blunder by insisting that it would be all right for Democrats in this

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UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
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"crusade" to desert their party and vote for him. The results seem to indicate that some Republicans must have been listening and felt that if that be so then it would not be improper for them to desert their party and vote for Roosevelt.

We have a strike in progress at the American Rug Laundry. They have refused to sign our agreement even though the rest of the industry signed contracts effective September 1st. It seems the boss is attempting to make the employees believe he would just as soon stay closed up until after the holidays. The employees are prepared to find out if he is bluffing.

We want to commend the inside workers for refusing to go through our banner. All workers should realize that theirs is a common battle even though they may be performing different tasks in industry. We stand or fall together, and we are strong only when we pull together.

Boss strategy is always to try and divide workers and pit them against each other.

We served a strike notice on the Artistic Cleaners this week for violations of our agreement.

An ambassador is an honest man sent abroad to lie for his country.—SIR HENRY WOTTON.

Fidelity State Bank
Place your Federal Housing Loans and Auto Finance with us. The only bank controlled by Labor and business men
INDEPENDENT



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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Tremendous quantities of milk nutrients not reaching humans in milk products go to animals as feed. Milk builds good animal health, just as it builds good human health. But shunting so much milk back to animals for feed is socially wasteful when millions of human beings are going without adequate supplies of the minerals that come so abundantly in such useable form in milk. Rickets and hollow chests and crooked legs mutely challenge our ways of using and misusing the great storehouse of bone-building materials in the milk which farmers make available. How to put every ounce of them to good use is a problem on which many minds are needed—the scientist's as well as the economist's, the milk industry's as well as the government's, the consumer's as well as the producer's.

Last Wednesday evening our Executive Board had a joint meeting with the Board of the Duluth Milk Drivers. The meeting was held at Pine City which is about the half way mark for both parties. Our Duluth brothers are enduring a period such as we faced last spring. We hope that through an exchange of ideas in such a get-together both groups will be better qualified to carry on.

Butter absorbs odors, so a Parisian restaurateur took advantage of the fact and placed fresh flowers between layers of butter, separated by sheets of muslin, to give the butter a perfumed fragrance. Possibly we need a new attraction to stimulate our butter sales and besides it has been a long time since we had any "honey-butter."

November dues will be \$3.50 which includes the Retirement Assessment for Brother Otto Swanson, who left the milk business on account of his failing health. We can truthfully call Otto an old-

Frank and Harmon in All-American Duel Saturday at Stadium



Sonny Franck, Minnesota's speed merchant, and Tommy Harmon, Michigan back, who is being hailed as a second Red Grange, will fight it out for All-American honors Saturday, November 4th, at Memorial stadium. The showing of these two boys in the annual Minnesota-Michigan classic, will unquestionably have great bearing on their ratings in the All-American selections.

Last-minute ticket sales are expected to bring a capacity crowd for Saturday's game.

timer because he became a member of our union the same year (33 years ago) that General President Tobin entered. Brother Swanson in the future will be his own boss at a gas station: 1534 E. 38th St., and will appreciate a visit by members of Local 471.

In our midst we have one brother who can give us authentic information about November swimming. We are glad to announce that Carl Olson made a good job of it after his duck boat capsized. For the best interests of the "dollar assessment" we would like to make a deal with him: that if he will stay off of water we will keep out of the air.

The organization sends its heartiest appreciation to Brother Leo Kalanquin for removing such a brush pile.

Gassing With 977

Several of the members have been asking about a basketball team for the Local; we now have a coach for a team if there are enough fellows from the membership who wish to play. It will be necessary for 10 to 12 fellows to turn out for this sport if the Local is to sponsor a team. All who are interested, should call the office this week and leave your name and telephone number.

The General Membership meeting will be held as per schedule next Monday evening, in the club room at Union headquarters, at 9 o'clock.

Gordon May, steward at Goodrich Tire, is in Fairview Hospital, where he is recovering from an operation performed last Friday. Latest reports are that he is getting along very well and welcomes visitors.

In response to many inquiries in regard to the application of the Wage and Hour Law, the Local requested the legal interpretation of the union attorney, and we quote him as follows: If 50% or more of the station business is RETAIL, then the employees are not under the Wage and Hour law. If 50% or more of the station business is WHOLESALE, then the employees do come under the Wage and Hour law.

The Local now has a list of enough members to set up a unit of the Group Health Mutual hospitalization, provided that all of those who have indicated they wish to join will fill out the application and send in to the office of the Local. The hospitalization of Group Health has been endorsed by the Local and is recommended to the members because it is co-operatively owned and controlled by them. Its members are made up primarily of trade unionists, cooperators, and members of credit unions. It provides the only full coverage against hospital expense for the dependent members of the family as well as the employed members. The coverage is good in any hospital in the United States or Canada, and is a very useful complement to the medical care now provided by the Local. Any interested member who has not received an application for this benefit provided by the Local, may receive same by calling the office of the Local, Ge. 4691. An application with a letter explaining the process of filling it out will be mailed immediately.

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Note: Some of the drivers at the Liberty Cleaning and Dyeing company are UNFAIR TO LAUNDRY, LINEN AND DRY CLEANING DRIVERS LOCAL 131. If you patronize this firm be sure to ask the driver for his union book or button.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

The next meeting, and a very important one, will be the wholesale drivers' meeting Thursday afternoon, November 14, at 4 p. m.

An inspiring sight last Thursday, when Zinsmaster men held a meeting and backed up one who was slated to lose his job. Backed him up 100 per cent, too. Result: man is still working and gets a white man's chance to make good.

This is being written at 7 p. m. Tuesday, Election Day. I'm still woozy from listening to what they call fragmentary returns. However, everybody else is making predictions so I might as well. I pick Roosevelt to win with 327 electoral votes, Peterson to lose by less than 75,000 votes and Benson by less than 100,000 votes. Remember this—Stassen carried by 285,000 in '38, so if it comes out this way I would say we have made substantial inroads in Stassen's strength.

Good news! Maybe you've read this in the paper. The Oregon Supreme Court adjudged their labor law unconstitutional which gives us more than a faint chance of doing something against our own little labor—oops!—I mean slave law.

There is one thing you will have to agree on when it comes to interesting political programs. Monday night's democratic national program was about the best I've ever heard. What with singing by Marion Anderson, Billy Robinson's tap dancing, Doug Fairbanks, Walter Huston and the rest, it was better entertainment than the regular radio programs which perhaps shows progress in politics, I hope.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

Well folks, it's all over now, and we can at least turn on the radio without all that blaa! All we are sure of is that everything is going to H— Both sides have said so, so we can't miss.

After last week's long tale of woe our contributors have been quite lax—not much of anything in the way of news was handed in.

Perhaps we have repeated this a good many times, but after hearing so-called labor leaders come out for Republican candidates, and in our own brief experience we know that you can't make a Union man by putting a button on him. We mean by this that Pres. Tobin should clean house down there and put the skids to Goudie.

Another slip-up has been noted that Clarence Schmidt's wife has been ill and returned from the hospital. We all wish an early recovery. Try to send these items in as soon as possible.

There has been quite a controversy about this Carlee guy. We have investigated and have found out that it is none other than that Chinese by the name of Car Lee in the Loop.

Brother Joe Fredericks has just had a complete check-up and is expected to be in town soon.

Pour three men into one filling station; add 4 pints of Ten High; one pair of small dice; a clock that's an hour and a half slow—shake well and chase home and you have the swellest dog house you have ever seen. (You're telling us.)

It is rumored around that a prominent driver out Wayzata way who has been proud of the deputy sheriff's badge that his boss got for him, but he had been led to believe that he was free to drive as fast as he wanted to. But the Golden Valley cops, after arresting him twice, demanded his license—Don't be silly—your boss may bail you out of jail but he can't keep your record clean. Drive safely! Drive Union!

We don't very often feel like giving a copper a mention, but this new North Side Captain gets this writer's orchids for the way he handled the kids' Halloween. We can remember war back when there were no such people.

Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

Two Pair of Queens Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas are the proud parents of a spanking, brand new baby girl. This makes a pair.

The stork has perched again at Riverside. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sherman are bragging about the new girl, and little Lois is strutting like a peacock. This makes another pair.

By the way, "Smooch-Face" Sherman is smooth-shaven again. Just can't seem to take the heat.

Jimmy Barr took his days off for a hunting trip to Wood Lake on the 22nd and 23rd, taking with him W. H. Doty and two non-members. They had a fine trip, coming back with almost the limit of nice fat birds.

The "make-work" program with the operator-less station at 6th St. will keep some motor winders busy for a while. A loose nut between the rotor and stator really tore things up when the machine came in automatic.

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Mrs. Shep Phyle and Family Thank Union Members

In appreciation of sympathy extended and flowers sent on the death of Shep Phyle, militant member of Local 544, who died last week, Mrs. Phyle and members of her family sent messages of acknowledgment to General Drivers Union, Local 544; 544 Stewards; New England Members, Local 544; and the Union Defense Guard. Signing the messages were the following: Mrs. Shepard E. Phyle and family; Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Phyle; Mr. and Mrs. Loran Phyle; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Riggs; R. and Mrs. Gilbert Phyle; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter; Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Jorgerson.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lundie

We missed this announcement weeks back. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Day are the parents of a baby boy which makes them a family of 10; papa, mama, four girls and four boys.

The state obligingly sent out a highway traffic regulations act booklet with each state chauffeurs renewal card. It pays to study this thoroughly as we find there are several changes in same.

Ted Ellingboe is confined to the Northwestern hospital after an operation for a leg injury he sustained in an accident. He will appreciate your visits.

There's wide-a-wake competition between the Liberty and Yellow Cab men on the street and in the air both, at present the Liberty Cab pilots claim the edge on hours. Winter flying is fun and another club is being organized which we'll give you more dope on next week.

We've been asked to explain why taxi drivers cruise bumper to bumper past game "breaks," hotels and theaters. The first cab by creates prospects—the second one passing sells the idea of riding in one and the prospective rider generally can't resist the last one cruising by and as the other drivers go around the block the process begins all over again.

Do not forget to get your state chauffeurs badge this month. There is no extra charge to get it locally at 1301 Nicollet avenue.

The election is over, they've collected the taxes and now we can go back to war worries and cussing the weather.

Limerick While snooping for drivers that lag K. G. skipped a light on the drag He felt like a nickel

When a cop on a cycle Put "X" on a traffic court tag.

As one good Irishman to another, Curly is trying to convince Judge Harlan that going through Dusenka's is no short-cut home.

The welding students among the cab men wish to correct the impression that they are getting a "free" course in simple welding, on the contrary, they pay full price for a general training which will fit them for a job at union scale of wages.

Caught cruising: Vic "Torchy" Severson got the four axes in the draft numbers... Mileage monger Harry Wallace sold two of the old style yellows out Dakota way... Midget Wiggins is back on first floor...

To all drivers: If you are not getting the Northwest Organizer regularly drop your correct address in the garage letter-box or give it to this writer.

Unfair Standard Oil Stations Listed by 977

Keep this list of unfair Standard stations in your car and refuse to patronize them: Sears-Roebuck Station Elliot and Lake Streets Standard Stations—Downtown 13th and Harmon Aves. South 7th and 8rd Ave. South Standard Stations—South 60th and France Ave. S. 22nd and Hennepin Ave. 44th and Nicollet Ave. 45th and Nicollet Ave. Lake St. at Lake Calhoun 50th and Yermes Ave. S. 60th and Penn Ave. S. 44th and Morningglade Ave. Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd. 54th and Lyndale Ave. S. Holmes and Lake St. Standard Stations—North Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.

Local 359 Gains at Goodyear, Good Foods, Grace Lee

Substantial gains have been made by the Warehouse Employees Union, Local 359, in negotiations with the Good Year Tire company, Good Foods company and Grace Lee Products company during the last week.

Agreement has been reached with Good Foods company to reduce weekly hours from 42 to 40 with wage adjustments for all employees who are members of the Warehouse Union. A minimum of 50 cents per hour will be established for all girls employed by this firm. Regular men employees will be paid 70 cents per hour for a 40 hour week and will be guaranteed 52 weeks' work per year.

Employees of the Grace Lee Products company have been granted a 10 to 15 per cent increase in weekly wages with a reduction of two hours in their work week. The union is attempting to obtain an extra week's vacation for these employees.

Demands are being made of the Goodyear company for wage increases amounting to 10 dollars a month. Negotiations will continue this week.

LOTS OF COMPANY I see the right, and I approve it too, Condemn the wrong, and yet the wrong pursue. —SAMUEL GARTH

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor
"Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.
"It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to secure the recognition of rights to which they are justly entitled.
"We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

The End of the Road

For Labor's Traditional Political Policy

"Reward our Friends and Punish our Enemies." Almost fifty years ago old Sam Gompers coined this phrase and ever since then organized labor, with a few commendable exceptions, has sought to carry out this policy. It seems that in the 1940 election campaign all the worst features and contradictions in the traditional and ineffective political policy of organized labor are exploding in our faces.

If any union members will but take a good long look at the role labor played in this campaign as it tagged along after the two major parties, he must burst out in a belly laugh and take the pledge: Never again.

Unutterable confusion! That is the picture labor presented to both our friends and our enemies. Just consider. William Green, in a luke-warmish way, supported Roosevelt. John L. Lewis (who supported Coolidge and Hoover) then Roosevelt in 1932 and 1936) came out for Willkie. Both acted on the principle of "Reward your friends and punish your enemies."

Dan Tobin of the Teamsters and Bill Hutcheson of the Carpenters, are heads of the two fastest-growing AFL unions. One campaigned for Roosevelt, the other for Willkie. "I believe in punishing our enemies," Hutcheson explained.

Hillman and Dubinsky, who cordially dislike each other (with good reason) were in the Roosevelt camp. Some of the smaller CIO unions were either split, or in the Willkie camp.

Major Berry, head of the International Printing Pressmen's Union, was in Willkie's camp. The 33rd convention of his International endorsed Roosevelt. John Boscoe, local head of the Printing Pressmen, was a leading member of Roosevelt's Labor Committee.

The most ludicrous spectacle of all was provided by the railroad brotherhoods. Shipstead, the renegade Farmer-Laborite, is poison to most workers in Minnesota. Yet the railroad brotherhoods indorsed him, their paper LABOR issued a special Shipstead issue. Shipstead campaigned for Willkie against Roosevelt, the man the railroad brotherhoods indorsed for president. Harry Bender, past president and organizer of the local Railway Clerks, battled for Benson against Shipstead.

While John L. Lewis came out for Willkie, his first lieutenant, Philip Murray, vice president of the CIO and vice president of the United Mine Workers, was strong for Roosevelt.

We could literally run on for pages to describe these contradictions.

It is true that in former election campaigns labor nationally has also been split. But never was the split so ludicrous and tragic as in 1940, even more apparent in the local and state campaigns than in the national arena.

Whatever the reasons for the actions of the various unions and union leaders—and none can charge that all union virtue was on one side and all vice on the other—the fact is that so long as organized labor remains within the orbit of the two old political parties, following out the out-moded Gompers policy, labor will always remain split politically, and hence defenseless politically.

The answer? Why that is easy. BUILD A NATIONAL LABOR PARTY BASED ON AND CONTROLLED BY THE UNION MOVEMENT!

If such a party were built you can be sure it would win the undivided allegiance of organized labor. No responsible union leader would want to, or would dare to, do anything but support it unconditionally.

Why here in Minneapolis, with only the shadow of such a labor party, the Central Labor Union found no difficulty in uniting solidly behind the whole Farmer-Labor ticket. A national labor party based upon and controlled by the trade union movement will have a thousand times the attractive power of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party even in its best days. Labor will gain a powerful arm on the political front. The union movement can advance under the protective guns of its own political party. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

It isn't as though a labor party were alien to American political traditions. Over one hundred years ago unionists in the Eastern United States organized their own successful Labor Parties—the first in the world—that won some of the outstanding victories for the masses over the plutocrats including the right to free popular education. The labor party idea in this country is older than either the Democratic or Republican parties.

The English workers have had their labor party for forty years. So did the workers of France, Germany, Italy. So has Australia and New Zealand. These labor parties have made mistakes, tragic mistakes. We in the United States can learn from their mistakes. It took decades to build the great labor parties of Europe. With history moving at express speed, we could do in a year or two what it took scores of years for the workers abroad to accomplish.

The wealthy corporations who sit at the top of the Republican and Democratic parties control those parties and manipulate the masses who follow them. Those parties have hypnotized organized labor too long with the idea that labor doesn't require or cannot create a national labor party of its own.

Every conscious worker must be thinking such thoughts as these as he contemplates the 1940 elections and the sorry picture that labor presented, shattered into a dozen fragments, following banners of armies hostile to the working-class, with a few unprincipled labor leaders at the top placing their own careers above the interests of the workers.

Let us resolve, before it is too late, to change our

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

In the October 24th edition of the Northwest Organizer we made the following political forecast: "Roosevelt will carry Minnesota." We are not calling attention to that prediction for the purpose of gloating. We are recalling it to expose, to the workers of Minneapolis, the utter worthlessness and depravity of the prostituted hacks that write political propaganda in the capitalist newspapers of the state.

Remember, these literary stooges do not write down their own convictions, nor do they set forth truly the results of their own observations.

The brain that moves their fingers as they write their stories is not theirs. It is the big shot owner, it is the wealthy advertiser, it is the banker and the industrialist that — through colored news stories and biased and propaganda-filled editorials — attempt to form "public opinion."

But these people, powerful as they are in the field of finance and big business, miss the mark completely when they fail to reckon with the united will of the masses of workers.

Rightly or wrongly, for one reason or another, the workers of these United States, many millions of them, were sold on the New Deal program.

So united were they on this question that all of the millions of dollars spent, all of the radio persuasion, all of the newspaper propaganda and all of the efforts of renegade labor leaders, could not swerve the workers from their predetermined course of political action.

And what determined their course of action? The Roosevelt regime, despite all faults and failings, regardless of all criticism, just or unjust, levied against it, did give to the American workers social reforms never achieved before.

Nothing said or done against the New Deal could wash out of the minds of the

workers the tangible gains made. Unemployment insurance, old age pensions, wage and hour laws, the Wagner Act, were the factors that tipped the scales in favor of Roosevelt.

Unfortunately for them, the banker, the big shot, and the newspaper publisher could not read what was in the hearts and minds of the American workers.

The poisoned pens of the newspapers, the radio yes-men commentators, may have known long ago the real political trend. But if so then more shame must be heaped upon them.

So what does all this add up to? Three facts stand out clearly.

The old AFL policy of rewarding friends and punishing enemies is dead and should be buried. We had national labor leaders shouting for Willkie, others for Roosevelt and still others with their feet planted solidly in both camps. Punish whom? Reward whom?

The labor vote, with the growth of the union movement, is now the most potent factor in American political life. One has only to observe the nationwide labor stand for the New Deal to realize that this tremendous force must be utilized by the workers of the country.

A nationwide labor party is now the order of the day. This campaign has demonstrated that the workers of the United States can stand up under the greatest barrage of capitalist propaganda the country has yet seen. That they can act determinedly and unitedly for what they conceive to be their best interests. That social gains can be made by united political action.

The workers of the country trapped under foot the so-called "sacred" third term tradition to get what they wanted.

A Party must be raised that will be based on the workers, led by the workers, one that will fight politically for labor's objectives. That such a party is needed will be very soon apparent to all.

FWS NEWS

Thirty-six thousand WPA jobs for Minnesota remains the November quota, says Regional Director Hunter. (Unchanged from October).

Three thousand in Minneapolis alone, certified but not assigned, says Ole Pearson, city superintendent of public relief.

Two million, instead of the previous three million, workers to be absorbed into private industry due to the Defense spending program, is now the best estimate according to A. F. of L. Washington News sheet.

Congress gave the President the right to use the annual WPA appropriation over an 8-months period.

It seems the time and conditions are ripe to do something about it. —AND NOT in the line of producing necessities (even war necessities) at sub-union wage scales, as for example the concrete runways at the Airport.

WPA workers and relief clients wonder where their interests lie in the elections; and well they might, for this is the season of big promises. And mostly promises that omit specific plans for their welfare. Both major parties are trying desperately to get their votes without bringing the unemployment skeleton out of the closet.

Both show equal inability to propose solutions. Both show by their negative actions, the outstanding need: for a national labor party which can face such issues squarely.

Single women are up in arms about being forced into household drudgery by relief agencies denying them relief because home jobs are available. FWS handled many of their cases and gladly does so, but what these women want—mothers and widows whose grown children have left them—is neither relief nor housework, but a chance to get into industry, such as garment trades which are working overtime most nights in the week.

course and change it fundamentally. Let the 1940 election be the last one in which labor isn't represented by its own party. Let us dedicate ourselves to building labor's own independent party, a party that can put an end to this era of bloody war and militarism, a party that can bring peace and plenty and security to the people.

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief, have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

All workers seeking unemployment insurance or relief are asked to get in touch with Ed Palmquist before applying for aid. Palmquist is in the office of the FWS from 9 a. m. to noon, Monday through Friday each week. The office is on the second floor, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

As a member of the Gas Workers Union and also the one who endeavors to keep our membership informed with news within our Union and important happenings that affect unions and their members outside our own group, I for one, and I think I can safely say the majority of sincere members within our union resent the efforts of columnist Hornig to champion the cause of the reactionary Republican candidate for president in our union paper. Shades of John L. Lewis and his likes and to think that the Northwest Organizer would be a party to this move to belittle the efforts of all thoughtful members of organized labor in their united action to keep a friend of labor in the White House.

Those of us in labor are not unaware of the mistakes and even injustices that have occurred in the past seven years, BUT we are also aware of the social gains and the improvements through favorable legislation that our now on the statute books, to be retained and improved upon OR to be skillfully outwaded by a desperate party of bankers, big industrialists and propagandists of the most despicable order, who even now are breathing with expectancy for a chance to destroy us from within and from without. Space limitations restrict me from further remarks but I would say this labor proposition is of national scope and the records still bear out the FACTS that Franklin D. Roosevelt has been the most friendly and helpful PRESIDENT to labor this country has ever had and between the two candidates, I regret that I have but one vote to cast for his re-election.

Well, now that we are up to date on "everybody's ideas" we'll get back and get to work on what's new around the Gas Works bunch, not withstanding a last minute political barrage on the radio that certainly leaves one only in the mood to be the first to get to the polls and vote. That great American privilege.

Executive Board members attention: Meeting next Tuesday night at DeSoto Hall, November 12th, 7:30 p. m.

Bowling Notes: Al Sissener, Bud Beck, Don Schoning and Winston Moline were the hot shots last Monday night, all up in the high 500's. The race gets warmer each succeeding Monday with only four games separating the eighth place team from the leader, the Lee's Broilers, who hold a one game lead.

We're sorry to hear that Henry Peterson, active meter repair steward, is suffering from a strep throat, and hope for his early recovery.

Charles Prokothief of the street won a jack pot but tried hard to keep it under cover, and is still under cover, so says the boys.

Claude Schauf of utilization was laid up for a few days with poison ivy but is back on the job o. k.

Local 359 To Nominate November 12

Officers for the coming period will be nominated at the next regular meeting of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359, on Tuesday, November 12, at 8 p. m. Officers to be nominated are president, vice-president, recording secretary, secretary-treasurer, and one trustee. All officers will be elected to serve for a term of one year with the exception of the trustee who will be elected for three years. A business agent will also be nominated at this time. All members of Local 359 are urged to be present at this meeting.

1,424 Workers Get \$59,958 Back Pay

More than 1,400 employees in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana have received \$59,958.74 in back wages and unpaid overtime under the Wage and Hours Law in the last two years, L. A. Hill, acting regional director, announced last week.

Regional offices of the Wage-Hour division are at 406 Pence building, Minneapolis.

Ray Wright On Labor Hour Monday on WLOL

Ray Wright of the Culinary Workers will be guest speaker on the Labor Monday night hour over WLOL on November 11th, 7 p. m.

Walter Frank spoke November 4th over WLOL, exposing the latest fink suit against the Building Trades Unions and the Central Labor Union. Excerpts of his talk will appear in next week's Organizer.

12th Ward F.L. Club Card Party Nov. 9

The Twelfth Ward Farmer-Labor Club will hold a dance and card party at 2815 E. Lake St. on Saturday, November 9, at 8 p. m. All members and friends of the Twelfth Ward club are invited to attend.

Local 259 News

By W. W. Mousseau

From the earliest dawn of history, down to the present day, the jackass has been a beast of burden for man. We have taken advantage of his great strength and endurance to do all our heavy work and drudgery for centuries. His strength is such that he is more than a match for any man. He can, if he chooses, be stubborn or balky. Still he will suffer a small boy to lead him around by the nose! Why? Because of his lack of intelligence. He drags our cars down in mines, carries a pack over mountains, through deserts and swamps and his only reward is always just enough to eat to keep him alive and strong enough to work another day. But then, he's only a jackass.

How much better off is the working man? How much more do you get for your labors than "just enough to eat to keep alive and strong enough to work another day?" How many of the beautiful things in this world are you permitted to enjoy?

Surely, God intended us to have more than just a bare existence. Surely, He did not put such an abundance of lovely things on earth for the enjoyment of just a chosen few.

I, for one, am tired of being classed as a jackass! Aren't you? We have the strength (in numbers) and the intelligence! Let's get together at the meetings and utilize them. Here's for bigger and fuller nose bags, but soon!

They say "no news is good news." If that's the case, what a wonderful column this is. We all must live some humdrum existence, when you can't get a scrap of news from a hundred members. Gee whiz! Let's do something about it.

Remember, I've a date with you at the next meeting at 8 o'clock.

and Ed Knight has had a worried look on his face because his daughter was sick and we hope she has fully recovered by now.

The Works Department is installing a two-way inter-communication system that will be quite some improvement.

A Liars' club is being formed in the meter repair department, after Albert Stieve came back from hunting with three pheasants he says he hit with his car and got without firing a shot, and to top it off he says he had to stop and push a bear off the road before he could go on.

In utilization we hear that Ormsby's baby, which only weighed two pounds when born is gaining steadily and will soon be out of the midged class, and Dale Becker is adding an additional room to take care of the overflow of children in his household.

To the Ladies: Now that the political warfare is over we will have to depend on real heat to keep our homes warm, and maybe you can hear your favorite radio program again.

... the last word

By B. G.

Equal rights for women is the demand of every woman who understands that this need not be a man's world alone, that some of the most outstanding contributions to science, literature, the arts and culture of the world have been made by women. The reason that there have not been more such contributions is that there has not been equality of opportunity for both sexes. All through the campaign, the Republican party has pointed proudly to the plank in its platform calling for equal rights for women. This is the chief reason why so many women are supporting Willkie. But the real attitude of Willkie and his cohorts is revealed in the text of the campaign literature of the Wendell Willkie Club in Minneapolis, in which it is stated that Willkie, if elected, "will appoint as a representative of labor in the cabinet, an honest, able and representative labor MAN"—and they capitalize it, just like that. They are opposed to Frances Perkins, not because she is an appointee of Roosevelt's, not because she has made some very bad decisions—as she most certainly has, not because she is tied to the Democratic machine and not to the workers, but because she is a woman! This is the equality of which Willkie and his colleagues boast. To oppose an individual anywhere, in politics, in business, in science, in the arts or on the job because she is a woman is medieval. This is the method of the fascists, not of organized labor.

At a recent conference of the American College of Surgeons it is charged that "hundreds of unnecessary operations are performed daily in this country." This is probably true. But the number of NECESSARY operations that are NOT performed is overwhelmingly greater. When you examine the figures, you find that surgical and hospital care is available only to those in the higher income brackets because such care is expensive. At the same time, it is the lower income groups that need the care and do not have it, because they cannot afford to pay the prices the doctors and hospitals ask. Medical, surgical and hospital care is still a crying need of all workers.

In last week's column, I said that I spent a few days of my vacation in Chicago "last week." It was really a month ago. This is due to the fact that this column must give way—but gladly—to important news and was patiently waiting for space which did not appear until the last issue. This is also the reason that some of the recipes given to me by trade union wives are late in appearing.

When John Burns, the famous English labor leader, visited Chicago shortly after the turn of the century he was asked by reporters his impressions of the great industrial city. "Chicago," he answered, "is a pocket edition of hell."

Some time later, as he was leaving the country for England he was asked if his opinion of Chicago had changed. "Yes, it has," replied Burns. "My present opinion is that hell is a pocket edition of Chicago."

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Stewards—Second and Fourth Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday
LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 1859 Stewards—October 28 General Membership—November 6 Executive Board—Every Friday
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 November, 1940 Friday, November 1—Job Stewards Monday, November 4—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, November 6—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, November 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, November 8—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, November 11—General Membership Tuesday, November 12—Lumber; Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Wednesday, November 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, November 15—Job Stewards Monday, November 18—Furniture Stores; Coal; Paper and Printing Thursday, November 21—Tent & Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways & Means ITO Friday, November 22—Cold Storage and Produce Monday, November 25—Spring Water Tuesday, November 26—Building Material Wednesday, November 27—Sand and Gravel Thursday, November 28—Transfer & Whse.; 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, first floor 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. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays	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, 8 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—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays, Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Second Tuesdays.	