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Gamble-Robinson Signs In 3 Cities Hand

"A further rise in living costs of wage earners was noted in April, according to the National Industrial Conference board . . . The cost of living in April was 0.5 per cent higher than in March, 5.9 per cent higher than in April, 1936, and 23.2 per cent higher than in April, 1933!" -St. Paul Dispatch.

IN NSP UTILITY

Company Unwilling to Live Up to Agreement; Seeks to Undermine Union

Compliance

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erate campaign against the union, spreading propaganda among the

workers, stalling off settlement of

grievances, seeking to create division

among the workers, evading meetings

with the union committee for days at

SEAMEN WIN IN

Seamen's Union.

Holding labor to a substandard of living and the cutting from relief rolls of millions of workers who must then compete in the labor market for jobs at any pay or starve, old hard times rches on. However, when the old Wall Street pump begins to suck air—look out!

"There are two sides to every que tion and before any decision both sides should be compelled by law to meet in arbitration and thrash

> -Boake Carter Minneapolis Tribune

Bosses always want to arbirate when confronted with a strong, militant union because through arbitration they sap the militancy of the union and get a much better deal. If confrontwith a small or weak union, then, they say, you do not represent the workers. Wih the rise of powerful unions a great cry has gone up from the bosses for forced arbitration. Tools of "Big Biz" have all joined hands from the Boake Carters of the press to the treacherous decoys of labor to bring this forced arbitration into being.

"Fred Atkins Moore, speaking be fore the luncheon meeting of the Minneapolis Peace Campaign at the Leamington hotel Friday, stated that "The job at which the national peace organization is working peace organization is working and making progress today is to get at and remove the economic roots of war, by education to relieve the international economic tension that prevails."

-Minneapolis Tribune

We wonder if Mr. Moore had read "War and the Workers" by John West. Also, whether Mr. Moore and his peace organiza-tion expects to fight war other than by fighting for the over-throw of capitalism. "War is just as much a part of capital-ism as wage labor or big cor-porations or lending money at interest" (West). As is evi-denced by the present international armament race, capitalism is now girding its loins for a struggle for the remaining areas of capital expansion and exploittaion. The only way to stop war is to smash capitalism.

Local 471 Wins for Ice Cream Workers

292 TO TIGHTEN **Drivers' Council Continues** Work in Minnesota, Dakota WORK FOR MEN

Organization in Duluth, Hibbing, Bismarck and Minot Shows Value of North Central Drivers' Group

The wisdom of creating the North Central District Drivers Council is proven anew as each passing week offers fresh evidence of the value of this organization in coordinating the task of building a drivers' movement in the northwest. Drivers from Virginia, Chisholm and Hibbing attended the mass meeting held in the latter city on Monday, May 10. The meeting was addressed by three council representatives, George Frosig and Kelly Postal of Minneapolis and Ed Moreen, president of General Drivers Local 346 of Duluth. The focal point of organization work is the bringing of unionization to the Stacy-Merrill Company (a subsidiary of Gamble-Robinson) which has branches throughout the territory. The company has offered to sign a working agreement with Local 346 of Duluth, but the local is refusing to sign until the company agrees also to Department Meetings to Plan Methods of Enforcing At a special stewards meeting held Monday evening, April 17, at the Central Labor Union, a program was drawn up for tightening up the organizational work of the Utility Section of Local 292.

Ever since the agreement between the Northern States Power Company and Local 292 was signed the comto sign a working agreement with Local 346 of Duluth, but the local is refusing to sign until the company agrees also to sign with the Hibbing drivers' local. A joint meeting of drivers from Hibbing and Duluth has been called to further the campaign for a joint settlement. Anyone recalling the role played by Gamble-Robinson in prolonging the 1934 July-August strike ment provide for union recognition, seniority rights, and the establishment of minimum tire company. tire company.

City-wide Committees

Two hundred workers were present in Bismarck on Tuesday, May 11, a time, taking an excessive number at a meeting sponsored by the North of days to even make decisions as to Dakota State Federation of Labor its attitude on grievances submitted, and the Bismarck Trades and Labor and in many cases failing to carry Assembly. The principal speakers out promises given in the settlement of grievances. It has been found impossible to get a consistent interprefects of the meeting were lost bepossible to get a consistent interpre-tation of the union agreement from he various department heads. Point by point, the union committee has (Continued on page 2)

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work in Bismarck. At a meeting in Minot the following night, 21 drivers joined, bringing (Continued on page 2)

Sailors' Union Victorious Over ISU Committee; Former Provisions Restored Progressive trade unionists everywhere heard with joy news that the Sailors Union of the Pacific most will be the pacific the Pacific, most militant sec-tion of the Pacific Maritime

Federation, has won an impressive victory by successfully waging a fight to regain its charter in the International ered by the Twin City Workers Defense League in Pioneer Hall last Saturday on the Ed Parker case, the The charter was revoked January League decided to visit unions, lib-

of Harry Lundeberg, successfully ers be given their full rights.

fought all attempts to tie up their fought all attempts to tie up their funds, to take away their union hall, all attempts to set up a dual union against them, and carried their fight into the courts to extend their fight.

August Bode is the notorious mayor of the city whose steenh disgusts a continent—Cairo, Ill., where another Mooney case is in the making. into the courts to establish the com- The Parker case is a story of plete legality of their position. In trumped-up charges against starving On Monday the Milk Wagon Drivers Local 471 followed up their organization into one of the significant of last week by significant of last week of gassing and shooting of peaceful of gassing and shooting of gassing and shooting of peaceful of gassing and shooting of gassing gass victory of last week by signing a contract with the ice cream industry covering all drivers and inside workers. The scale for inside workers. The scale for inside workers is the same as the milk scale, call
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plants of Lund have been on strike most from its initial achievements, for many weeks. The owner has tried and if the union is to grow and pros every trick imaginable to break the per in the future. strike—threats, attempts to utilize deputy violence, etc. Finally, Lund hit upon the idea of forming a paper signed contract with it, that the Wagsigned contract with it, that the wag-ner Act protected this contract against other labor organizations, and that therefore an injunction should be given him forbidding the bona fide Local 20481 to continue the strike, or to picket.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH EMPLOYERS

establishment of minimum wage scales which provide wage increases for all Sears workers. The strikers' wage increase will amount to approximately. proximately \$100,000 yearly.

Speakers at the Sunday meeting vere Miles Dunne, Grant Dunne, Far rell Dobte, and James Bartlett. The union has succeeded in doing much organizational work during the progress of the strike. While the settle ment did not concede all the demands of the union, it does lay a firm base cooks, waiters and bartenders into their unions. Dan Tahn of Minot, first vice president of the North Dakota State Federation, will direct the Local 20481 out of court.

was read wednesday morning ers emphasized that the union, after when Federal Judge Gunnar winning recognition, is entering its most critical stage; far from considering its problems solved, the membership must be more alert and active The St. Paul and Hastings ski than ever before if it is to gain the bership must be more alert and active

> The settlement thus brings the nit upon the idea of forming a paper workers of one more large Minne-company union, claiming he had a apolis firm into the unionized fold, and will undoubtedly stimulate the ney Semple Hill company. On Monday night a meeting of the employees of this firm (almost 100 per cent

Judge Nordbye, in the decision sequently was presented to the man-League decided to visit unions, liberal and church organizations for the purpose of obtaining contributions and loans for the W. D. L. bail fund.

The Federal Workers Section of the General Drivers Union last Friday unanimously and vigorously resolved to condemn the flagrant violations of civil liberties by officials of Cairo, B. U. executive committee. In the bitter struggle which followed the action of the S. U. executive committee in revoking their charter, the Sailors Union of the Pacific, under the leadership of Harry Lundeberg, successfully Hyman Edelman was retained by which he rendered Wednesday morn-

SEARS WORKERS Stacy-Merrill, Subsidiary in Duluth, Signs for Drivers

Duluth and Superior Locals Win Contract for Drivers in Three Cities; Closed Shop in 30 Days

The growing strength of the drivers' movement in this section is unmistakably displayed by the achievements of General Drivers Local No. 346 of Duluth and General Drivers Local No. 288 of Superior, which have just signed one-year union contracts covering all employees of the Stacy-Merrill Company in Duluth, Hibbing and Superior. Stacy-Merrill is a subsidiary of the Gamble Robinson wholesale fruit company, a national concern well known in Minneapolis.

The successes of these two drivers' locals will be of especial interest to employees of the Gamble-Robinson Company who are at present being organized in a campaign being carried on in a dozen towns in Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

The Hibbing drivers are members of Local 346 of Duluth. The contracts signed have many features in

20316 SIGNS UP

JANNEY-SEMPLE

Warehouse Union Begins Cam-

Parts Companies

FLASH!

Just at press time, word comes that the Warehouse Workers Union has just signed up the Janney, Semple plant—union recognition, seniority, minimum weekly wage of \$21 from a previous minimum of \$13, all workers gain weekly increases from \$2 to \$6, one and one-third time for overtime, one and two weeks vacation with pay, retroactive to April 19, runs for one year. Rest next week.

With the Sears, Roebuck contract

Inside Workers Local 20316 has

turned its attention to successfully

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signed up in the union) held a meet-

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final touches to a contract which sub-

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tracts signed have many features in common with contracts now in effect in Minneapolis. They provide for union recognition and seniority rights. The eight-hour day, 46-hour reek (6 hours on Saturday) is specified for all warehousemen. City driv-ers will work an eight-hour day, a Employees Sign Up Almost 100

Per Cent; Final Meeting
Last Monday

Hour day and 48-hour week. Time worked over the specified total weekrates. "Employees when called to work are guaranteed a minimum of

four hours work." Double pay is agreed to for work done on Sundays and holidays, and straight time pay for holidays not worked. Maintenance men are to re-ceive \$135 monthly; drivers and warehousemen, 60 cents an hour; maintenance helpers and extra labor, 50 cents an hour. Country drivers and helpers will receive expenses

while out of town. 100 Per Cent Union The contracts specify that all new imployees must become members of the union within thirty days, which means that after this time, all pres-

ent employees will be in the union No split shifts will be worked. An interesting clause guarantees that any employee with service of one year or more who becomes dis-abled in the course of his employment will receive full straight time pay until the compensation payments begin. Any worker who has waited for a period of from 10 days to three weeks before beginning to receive

First Steel Strike Lasts Only 36 Hours; Fisher Body Settles; Unions Fight Ford

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Twin City Drivers Equalize Demands

Through negotiations carried on General Drivers Local 544 of Minneapolis and Local 120 of St. Paul.

pany, claiming that the section in-

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Death Takes Holiday -Cemeteries Strike

On Wednesday morning 200 work ers in cemeteries all over Minneapo lis went out on strike. They are or ganized under a federal charter. Lostriking to change their intolerable working conditions which hitherto have always been covered with a

The cemetery workers are demanding 65c an hour; a 48-hour week, eight-hour day; time and one-half for overtime; one week's vacation with pay; seniority rights and union recognition. At present the hourly pay for these workers is only 40-45 cents. One cemetery, St. Mary's, was already prepared to settle with the union as we go to press. John Starett is president of Local 2031.

Independent Truck Chatter

Questionnaires have been mailed out to about one thousand truck owners in the city to get complete information as an aid in taking care of the unemployed situation. If you haven't received one, inquire at the union office. Print legibly and answer all questions asked. It will be to the trucker's advantage to return these forms immediately.

Highway Requirements

According to Mr. Kipp, Construction Engineer of the Bureau of Pub-lic Roads, hydraulic dump boxes seven feet long can be used on State paving work this year. Minimum amount of floor space allowed is 38.5 square feet. He also gave the inforthat no tires smaller than 3½ actual overhead. 7.00x20 balloons or 32x6 ten-ply tires will be permitted.

Buttons and Signatures

The sod and dirt men of the city have been given the once over. Those new dirt contracts are very-popular.

Lost Opportunity

The Belt Line is beginning to look deserted after the wholesale transfer of single men to work camps. bad for WPA that the truckers didn't go on a strike a few weeks ago, and incidentally hold the bag for layoffs and transfers. Truck drivers do make such good scapegoats.

Permanent Basis

It is about time that the word emergency is forgotten when referring to relief and public works. Unemploy-ment and relief will always be here until people take the right to con sume all they are capable of producing. The big surprise should be worn off now after about six years of sodepression. Congress must realize that the last minute appropriations nad hurry-up emergency measures imply waste and inefficiency.

Suggestion

Some of the motor co low no more discounts to fleet own ers. It's becoming more difficult to get discounts on equipment pur chases, and steps should be taken to protect and extend agreements now n effect. If all ITO members narrowed down their patronage to a smaller group of dealers, more attractive discounts could be arranged because of a greater volume of busi

Overheard at the Underpass "You should have been here a

seven," said the boss sharply.
"Why, what happened?" yawned

Contractor?

When the Independents get the city backed into a corner on soil issue, they like to think that after all, the ITO members are contractors so much consideration because the city is pledged to day labor. Then Tom McCue comes back with an un-answerable argument. He says Independent truckers can't be co contractors any more than the teamsters were in the old days, whose work the truckers are now doing; and teamsters used to hold civil service rights. The ITO has been fighting on the side of day labor since the start.

Tell them that you saw their act in the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

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Processors Sign Up General Milis

The young National Council of Grain Processors, an A. F. of L. af-filiate, has taken another long stride cal 2031 of the A. F. of L., and are forward by concluding during the past week an agreement with the General Mills corporation, covering all employees in twenty cities throughout the nation.

The working agreement provide for recognition of the union as sole ollective bargaining agent in all plants where a majority of workers are members of the union; the 5-day 40-hour week; time and a half for overtime; one to two weeks vacation with pay, depending upon length of employment; seniority rights; general vage adjustments. The agreement overs General Mills plants in Chi-Louisville, Buffalo, Kansas Detroit, Johnson City, Great Kalispell, Wichita, Oklahoma El Reno, Kichita Falls, Ama-City, El Reno, Kichita Falls, Amaland, Spokane, Tacoma and Minne-

workers. Under its terms, the General Mills company throughout the in the negotiations. nation should be completely organized within a short time, which would foothold in the industry.

FOUND-Chauffeur's badge, No. 2205. Loser may claim at switch-board, 257 Plymouth Ave.

How Much?

An authority has stated that total verhead costs of WPA amount to 39 per cent. This figure includes cost

Court Agitation Cools

Looks like all this ballyhoo about the Supreme Court was raised to cloud over the issue on relief and unemployment. After all, it is much ity of the workers in local mills and clarence Mence for storeroom than to squarely face the facts of nemployment in the nation. Too bad the constitution can't be straightened up so that even the most conservative judge couldn't lose his way.

It Helps

It is believed that the one cent raise in gas tax will furnish \$1,500,-000 to the State highway fund this

That Is Economy!

Hopkins fears WAP appropriations will be cut to \$1,350,000,000, which neans 406,000 men will be thrown oill to reduce Navy appropriations for

built should be properly cared for first, then expand into new construction work.

Get Your Hat Curt has had a lucky run on those lusive jackpots.

Blame It on Short WPA Hours A couple of Sundays ago Helen, ne of the office stenos, had to buy turkey dinners for some WPA truckers with her "mad money." Such a business! Something has to be done about this WPA mess. Get FDR on the phone.

Ask Me Another

Emergency relief funds have proded the War Department with \$942,000,000 in the last four years. How much of this went to protect ivestments of big business in foreign countries?

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Bill Brown Says-

I see where Adjutant General Walsh and Brigadier General George E. Leach have recommended to Congress that the local national guard unit needs additional men and equipment. Of course the Indians might take to the war path again. And then the Japs are always a threat to the women and children of Minnesota.



Drivers' Council Continues Work in Minnesota, Dakota

El Reno, Kichita Falls, Ama-Vernon, Vallejo, Ogden, Portplete their demands and ratify them Meyer Lewis, president of the National Council of Grain Processors, sentatives of the North Central Council and officers of the Minot Trades

The power of the city-wide organzation committee in Minot is shown by the fact that two workers discharged from jobs because of union ctivity have been reinstated through pressure from the committee. Three non-union barber shops were being bannered. Membership in the retail clerks' union in Minot has already passed the 100 mark, and negotiations will be opened next week majority of the food stores now promunionization drive has swept Minot co since the 1919 influenza epidemic. A

the Fargo Trades and Labor Assembly to hold a city-wide organization meeting before Decoration Day. The workers are also active in Grand Forks. With the assistance of Secretary-Treasurer Mero of the state in their cash and unsold dance tick-federation, a sizeable nucleus of ets. These stewards should get in drivers has already been organized touch with Brother Day of the Underand a charter applied for.

out of work. Congress voted down a Postal, council representatives who spoke there Tuesday night. Last week, 13 new members were taken in; this week 25 more were initiated. The State should bear in mind that The growth of the local is so impresit is bad business to skimp on main-sive that on Tuesday night a delega-tenance work. The roads already tion of workers from Willmar came over and asked to join. The council representatives advised the St. Cloud unit to take them in. A committee from St. Cloud will go to Brainerd on Saturday to enlist drivers there in the campaign which is taking hold president of the St. Cloud local, is are not out yet. pushing the organization work at a rapid pace.

Watt Notes

The last meeting of the Utility Sec- liams last Thursday. It will be a good tion was a stormy one.

All members should carry their last official and any temporary re ceipt with them at ALL times.

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ST. CLOUD NSP SECTION OF 292

elected to serve the branch for six hour or less.

months and stewards for the St. In London the striking bus men membership after several amendments to it were made.

39 per cent. This figure includes cost inently display union cards in show Ed Moog, secretary; Harry Thomas, of all materials, equipment, and also windows. Nothing like the present Fred Albrecht, and Francis Anderson, City bakers was ended on May 13 by

Stewards appointed are as follows: meeting is set for next week to organize a local of the Flour, Feed and Cereal Workers Union; a temporary No. 3 and gas plant men; John Miller

Plans have been laid by the North
Dakota State Federation of Labor and at the Eagles' Hall in St. Cloud.

When he asks for your last receipt be ready to show it at all times.

Some stewards still have not turned ground Department as soon as pos-The St. Cloud General Drivers Lo. sible. The committee wishes to cl

> Stewards having cash and unsold tickets for the Auxiliary card party should turn them in to Brother Middleton of the Meter Department. A very enjoyable evening was

party. The lunch and r were well taken care of. The lunch and refresh

Everyone attending got more than their twenty-five cents worth.

Brother Phillips was on a fishing in that section of the state. Moran, trip last weekend. The big stories Brother Heigel is back on the job.

Which is the easiest, Bill-line work or the office grief? Mr. Brahney over the meter readers rared up and fired Brother Wil-

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Steel Strike Lasts Only 36 Hours; Unions Fight Ford

a lockout by the company and May 15. The Guild pledged itself not

Another strike at Cleveland, called at about the same time the Fisher Body strike was settled, involved 1,000 workers at the Weatherhead Company, manufacturers of body parts, and was called because of the discharge of several active unionists. Meetings between the management and the union have been set for May

In Janesville, Wis., a strike against the Fisher Body Plant was settled on May 14, the men returning to work on Monday, May 17. The strike was called on May 12, and revolved around the refusal of union men to work with non-union men. The terms of the settlement were not made pub-

In St. Louis a strike against the Emerson Electric Co. was settled on All of the 110 men working in the May 14. This strike was 68 days old St. Cloud division of the Northern and was called in the name of the States Power Company recently join- Electrical and Radio Workers Union. and Labor Assembly will participate ed the St. Cloud Branch of Local Gains made were union recognition, in the negotiations.

Gains made were union recognition, the establishment of a maximum work of Electrical Workers. At a meeting week of 44 hours, and a new wage held May 8 a chairman, secretary and scale representing a 5 per cent in three advisory committee men were crease for all workers making 50c an

Cloud division were appointed. An voted to continue their fight for a initial draft of a union agreement seven and one-half hour day and adwas presented and adopted by the justed time schedules. They recommended to their executive council that the strike be immediately widened to The officers and committee men include trolley, sub-way, and "green line" (long distance) drivers.

an agreement providing for 10 per cent increase in wages for all those receiving \$18 per week, and a fiveday, 40-hour work week

At Naswauk, Minn., a threatened Brothers Co. signed an agreement with the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. This 14, and would have involved about

at one time since April of 1920. More than 20 strikes are being conducted at the present time, and are giving than 20 strikes are being conducted at the present time, and are giving the distribution of the union would strike the word as to time of meetings, and the present time, and are giving the union would strike the word as to time of meetings, and the present time, and are giving the union would strike the word as to time of meetings, and the present time, and are giving the union would strike the word as to time of meetings, and the present time since April of 1920. More than 20 strikes are being conducted at the present time, and are giving the present time, and are giving the present time, and the present time time time times the present time times to the present time times the present time times to the present time times times to the present time times times to the present times times to the present times ti the various provincial governments a large headache. Many of them are against manufacturers, and as such do ot come under the jurisdiction of the Dominion's Labor Ministry.

The strike of the movie technicians

in Hollywood still goes on. Picketing large movie theaters throughout A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended the card Screen Actors Guild which last week won recognition and a considerable wage increase for extra and bit players, signed a long term contract or

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that foremen had sent the workers to call a strike for a period of 10 years, and in return got a 90 per cent the contract, and an entirely closed shop thereafter. The action of the Guild in signing a contract while the technicians are still on strike was a serious blow to the strike, and ausing some embarrassment to the levotees among the flicker folk

America has seen the rise and fall of many "isms". The latest is "Ford-

Last week, attempting to avert the members in the Ford plants, Mr. Ford's diabolical brain evolved this new religion for his workers. He issued leaflets setting forth his theo-ries for the "individuality and independence" of his men, of which a few are quoted: "Our men ought to consider whether or not it is nec for them to pay some outsider for the privilege of working at Ford's." and There is no mystery about the connection between corporations and labor control. They are two ends of the same rope. A little group of those who control both capital and labor will sit down in New York and settle prices, dividends and wages." It has ong been Mr. Ford's theory that the union movement was started by Wall Street in order to control labor through its leaders. He has many other pat "Fordisms" which he is using to propagandize against the union movement. Among this is the contention that he has always dealt more fairly with his employees than any other corporation, that his workers don't need a union, etc.

Mr. Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers America, is unable to believe in Mr. strike was averted when the Butler Ford's altruism. He has announced that the organization of Ford embridge when we come to it."

292 TO TIGHTEN WORK FOR MEN IN NSP UTILITY

(Continued from page 1) ver the agreement with Mr. Miller and some of the department heads, and apparent unanimity of ached: invariably ever, a fresh crop of interpretations -one for each department-would show up the next day.

No definite improvement in the ompany's willingness to live up to the agreement can be noticed. It has Last week, attempting to avert the concentrated drive of the UAW for Power firm is studied and deliberate, with the intention to sow confusion, dissatisfaction and dissension in the ranks of the union, thereby render ing the latter ineffective.

Since early last week it has been impossible even to get a meeting with the company. The usual company excuse for calling off or postponing such meetings is that union matters in other districts must be taken up But on checking in these other dis ting precisely the same treatmentstalling, subterfuge and alibis.

To fully acquaint the membership with the details of the recent hap-penings and to devise an immediate program to enforce compliance with the agreement in ALL departments, being held by the union this week, of the company and the specific problems of the particular department, together with ways and means of en forcing the contract provisions will thoroughly discussed. Action reon will be outlined.

The advisory committee of the union met Tuesday night at 18 North Eighth Street, where all the meetings will be held. On Wednesday night, the Overhead and Underground will ployees will not be left up to the lo- meet; on Thursday afternoon the Opcal unions, but will be in charge of a erators (evening shift) will meet at is reported to be the first contract special "Ford Organization Committee" with two headquarters at Dear-and night shift of Operators; Friday ever signed by a Minnesota mining company with the Amalgamated. The strike had been set for Friday, May empire. Organizers are already at the strike had been set for Friday, May empire. Organizers are already at work in a concerted drive at the Rouge plant, and have already the Special Construction workers. There are now more strikes going brought more than 2,000 of the work- Additional meetings will be held next on in Canada than there have been ers in this plant into the union. When week. All stewards will pass out the ent, stating "We will cross that effort to attend the gathering of his department.



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Yellow

Notes

The Yellow Cab ball team won its

est official game of the season last

funday. Their competitors were the

Liberty Cab team who defeated them

The boys are better when they're

Two drivers who have been on the

sick list for the past few months re-

were Paul Urlie and Mitchell Abood.

Ken Swenson gave up his seniority

"whiskers" a few day ago and resigned from the job. Rumors are that

he may become an assistant to his

Waterbury and Peterson really de-

serve a lot of credit for the way they are so ably handling the wash

rack now. They certainly are turn-

ing out good clean jobs and the cabs are looking considerably bet-

The fishing season "bug" hasn't

quite caught up with the drivers ye

but wait until warmer weather gets

few days sunlight was kind of hard

on his eyes but he is becoming ac-

Fidelity State

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ter even with the wet weather

turned to work last Monday.

n a practice game a week ago.

The boys applaying for keeps.

and Mitch.

uncle on a farm.

have been having.

Stacy-Merrill, Subsidiary in Duluth, Signs for Drivers

pany. E. A. Marien, president of Local 346, R. H. Swanson, secretary, and Fred Smith, joint business agent of both locals, signed the Duluth-Hibbing contract. Smith and Al Bernacki, secretary-treasurer of the Superior Local 288, signed the contract for the latter city.

Mankato Busy

Following closely on the heels of these successes at the head of the lakes comes word from Mankato that General Drivers Local 487 in that city has presented union contracts to employers in the following lines of business: coal and lumber, creameries, fruit houses, furniture movers, produce houses, the Patterson Mercantile company, the Minnesota Iron and Metal company, general trucking and stone and cement.

Members of the union wage scale committee, chosen at a meeting Mon-day night which was attended by Karl Skoglund and Patrick Corcoran of Minneapolis, are: Bob Bares, Christ Sweningson, Orville C. Devens, Ernest Spotts, George Clark, Del Erickson, George Beetsch, Otis Gun-drum, R. Wojahn, Lawrence Adams and Harold Anderson.

Local 487 of Mankato now has over two hundred members. All are usbscribers to the Northwest Organ- agreement, which expired May 15.

On WPA **Projects**

H. L. Richards and I. Anderson who were scheduled to speak at the general meeting of the F.W.S., sent their regrets and went fishing in-

A general organizational meeting for all locals of the F.W.S. was held Saturday p. m. at 257.

Fort Snelling was reported to be almost 100 per cent unionized on the America."

A new local is being formed at Centerville, Minn.

From Waconia the local has sent news that permanent officers have just been elected.

A new local is about to be launched A new local at Hastings, Minn.

John Enesvedt was a visitor at the Saturday meeting. Mr. Enesvedt has organized two locals in Renville of labor. which became affiliated with the F.W.S. last Saturday.

General reports and a copy of the minutes of the organizational meeting will be mailed out to all locals.

Ten cents deposited with Gene Fry will bring the Northwest Organizer to your house for a month. Stewards should urge all WPA workers to avail themselves of this offer.

Forced labor is rampant in Wright County. The men have no objection that the State investigator simply to the work—but to work and THEN to the work—but to starve is another thing.

How would YOU like to work 95 hours and receive \$28.50 to feed and clothe a family of seven for a month? And they send missionaries to . . .

The \$11/2 billion relief bill has passed the House appropriation committee; it is now before the House and attempts are being made to chisel the amount down. The Federal Govstates to sohu a greater share of the load.



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On the Route With the



The committee is working further on the Twin City Milk Producers

Looks like trouble there.

Negotiations regarding the coun ter-freezers are proceeding.

Our steno is driving her own car

new sign outside 257. Must be the w agreement we signed.

Fishing season has rolled around again. But our jobs are with us always. Jobs first, fishing second, should be the rule.

Charles Schwab, chairman of Bethlehem Steel: "Improved business conditions have justified my faith in

"That's just ducky, Charlie. It'd be too bad if you and your kind lost faith in America. Be-cause if you did, you might move away, and then the poor workers would have to work for themselves instead of for your kind.

Big Business wants relief cut off for two reasons. One is that it will relieve them of taxes and another is insulted the intelligence of a normal that it will throw millions of workers

Do you know that the cost of living fited every taxi driver in the city. has risen nearly six per cent since April, 1936?

Zimmerman's office has ordered investigating relief cases in the coun-

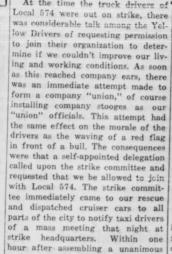
Requests from the F.W.S. to the R.A. office for investigation of specific cases in the counties have pre-viously been useless, due to the fact used his report. Things will be dif-

ferent from now on—we hope. Representatives of the F.W.S. had a meeting with the governor, Zimmermann, and his assistants last week regarding the Hastings situation

Dakota County says no license plates, no relief. Next they will ask for upper and lower plates.

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Milk Man



hours there wasn't a taxicab oper-

relief departments.

In one year previous, the drivers forfeited nearly \$10,000 in lost commissions because acquiring of the barest necessities of life required receipts in order to exist. The turnover in the employment of drivers was approximately 1,250 per year. The installation of union working conditions reduced this number to approximately 25 per year.

from the company that would have 10 year old child. Of course, these were rejected. After 12 days of negotiations a contract was finally agreed on that formed a basis for enditions that have materially bene-

By a gradual process, ali inside workers such as starters, operators, dispatchers, garage floormen, baginvestigators from his office to ac-company union representatives while ed into the union with seniority rights; several drivers have secured full and part time positions which provide for

Earnings Rise

Our earnings have increased to a early average of over \$17 weekly. Our present contract provides a cor on rate of 38.38 per cent on all receipts which represent an increase of 3.38 per cent over the former rate. The increase in our earnings has not resulted so much from the increase

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Yellow Taxi Drivers Organized Three Years May 14. Unit Began During 1934

May 14 marks the third anniversary of the unionization of the Yellow Taxi Drivers in the city of Minneapolis. The organization of this unit had its inception during the first truck drivers strike of 1934. Despite the revocation of the charter of Local 574 by the Teamsters' International and the various attempts that were made to discredit our officers and to break our parent union, we have steadfastly remained loyal to the progressive principles for which

A Flock of Yellow Cabs and "Tiny" in the rate of commission as it has reducing accidents and also providing neapolis Central Labor Union, the from the limitation of the number of the taxicab riding public with a more Teamsters Joint Council, many indi-Within one cabs allowed on the street. Prior to considerate and courteous type of strike vote was taken and within three

\$5 a Week

Our working conditions prior to the 1934 strike were of a most deplorable nature and presented a perfect example of the exploitation of the time Local 471 rated the top line on the and energies of the drivers. Our receipts were so low it was not an unweekly pay checks of \$5 or \$6 for seven days' work. Approximately 60 per cent of the drivers were receiv ing supplemental relief from the city

> Our first attempts to negotiate a lic, demands an increase in the num-tettlement brought forth proposals ber of cabs available for service. Our first attempts to negotiate a

regular salary.

BAR -408 Cedar Ave.



May, 1934, the company had approx- driver. imately 170 cabs in operation condior not. They are now restricted to operation we have received from the the operation of 125 cabs and this applies only to the winter months. By other local labor organibation the establishment of a rotary system of days off, drivers now work only six days a week and the day they are off, their assigned cab remains in the

garage. This system reducs the num-

ber of cabs allowed in service to ap-

council and have succeeded in re stricting the ordinance, covering the issuance of taxi licenses to 210. We will continue to fight any effort to increase this number until such time as it can be proven that our earnings are in excess of other employes in the driving industry and an increase in business, by the taxicab riding pub-

We Led the Way

We claim the distinction of being the first unit of the Parmalee system two children, Irene and Raymond; to be unionized and our success has two sisters, a brother and his par been instrumental in the unionization of other units of the system in other cities. We believe we have assisted in stabilizing the financial status of the company we are employed by and with very few exceptions have proin the operation of taxicabs, thereby

ADOLPH'S

In our success, we acknowledge a

Staunch Unionist **Drowns**; Honored

proximately 100 during the busiest Every union man who knew Ray Triplett felt a real heart-tug at the part of the day. A survey disclosed this to be from 9:30 to 12:30 at Sunday. Triplett, a member of Gen sad news of his untimely death last The Yellow Cab committee, with he assistance of the officers of Local ing on Mille Lacs Sunday afternoon the assistance of the officers of Local 544 have consistently fought for a reduction of licenses before the city council and have succeeded in restriction the ordinance covaring the

> Ray Triplett went through the long grocery strike last fall, and was one fellow workers held him in such es teem that they chose him secretary of the Victory club which grew out of the strike, a position which he held at the time of his death. In his honor, the post will be left vacant for 30 days.

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VOTE 'YES' ON **AMENDMENT 10**

Reactionary forces in Minne-apolis, failing in their attempt to put over Amendment Num-ber Nine, are now turning their attention to misleading the peo ple into defeating an amend-ment of quite a different nature, Amendment Ten. This proposed law, to be submitted in the June elections, authorizes the Board of Park Commissioners "to levy annually a tax not exceeding two mills on the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the city for park playground purposes.

It is being opposed by the Real Estate Board, the Apartment Owners Association, the Taxpayers Associaion and various other reactionary Glad to see you back with us, Paul groups, who are seeking to agitate the small home owner against high taxes at the same time that they press legislation exempting themselves from just taxation.

Amendment Number Ten has the vidual labor organizations, and various civic and veteran organizations interested in the welfare of the cit-The taxi drivers provided several milthese were on the street regardless

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The taxi drivers provided several milthese were on the street regardless than the taxing th itant pickets in both 1934 strikes and of whether there was sufficient business to warrant their being in service ful of the splendid backing and co-

> Under the present meager budget, the Park Board is unable to maintain salaries at the same level as the other city departments, or to hire the necessary men to carry on the normal "Crying" Willie recently transferred on to a day shift car. The first unctions of maintenance. Labor ecommends that the voters say YES to Amendment Number Nine.

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

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Milk Drivers Smash Commission System

The most significant aspect of the recent union victory of the Milk Wagon Drivers was not the \$5 weekly increase for drivers and the \$5 weekly increase for drivers and the \$5 weekly increase for helpers, embodied in the new contract. The point carried by the Milk Drivers in abolishing the accursed commission system of pay in favor of a straight wage is the point that marks the greatest forward that the property is the point that marks the greatest forward that the property is the point that marks the greatest forward that the property is the point that marks the greatest forward that the property is the point that marks the greatest forward that the property is the point that marks the greatest forward that the property is the point that marks the greatest forward the property is the property of the property is the property of th step taken by this union since the 1919 strike which gave it

The commission system of pay is one of the most poison-ous devices used by American employers to divide the soul of the working class. The gods must roar with laughter every time they see workers tortured by this whip. Like the piecetime they see workers tortured by this whip. Like the piece-work system, of which it is a variation, payment by commission involves a self-imposed speed-up; far from uniting the work-ers, it divides them and sets them at one another competing for the business. Always a tiny fraction of workers are able at the expense of their brothers, to raise themselves to the point where they regard life through the spectacles of the petty boss. The overwhelming majority of the workers are then left under-paid. It is a magnificent tribute to the milk drivers of Minneapolis that they were able to see through this game, to mobilize opinion within the union, and to tear this drivers of Minneapolis that they were able to see through this american people are led up for the game, to mobilize opinion within the union, and to tear this weapon from the hands of the bosses and force the latter to institute a straight wage system. Through this victory, the milk position to promote the Marxian, pacture wagon drivers as a whole will receive thousands of dollars if the most part with radicals parading in ministerial garb who are using their position to promote the Marxian, pacture wagon drivers as a whole will receive thousands of dollars. more each month than they did under the commission form of pay. What is more, their ranks will be united solidly, and all their energies will be pointed in one direction, leading to their energies will be pointed in one direction, leading to the commission form advocated birth control . . . and the element of consumer Cooperations. They dealered that all was in the control of the commission form advocated birth control of the commission form.

better working conditions for all.

In abolishing the commission system, the Milk Wagon
Drivers Union has won a victory for itself, and for organized
labor throughout the Northwest. Other workers cursed by the

on Pie in the commission system will take heart at this victory and will be inspired to follow suit. The trade union movement needs from time to time such Success Stories.

We Spoke Loud Enough

Since the defeat of Amendment Nine, the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce has issued a statement warning

the amendment may be re-submitted, claiming "the people did not speak quite loud enough."

We think the people spoke loud enough, all right. It was a close shave, however, and labor can learn from this to be even more vigilant for such sly strike-breaking and unionsmashing schemes as the insidious Amendment Nine.

The Junior Chamber's assertion that it will "take advan-

smashing schemes as the insidious Amendment Nine.

The Junior Chamber's assertion that it will "take advantage of the experience to draw a better amendment before it is again submitted" should be received with some scepticism by the labor movement. The recent experience only proved how vast is the distance between their concept of "efficient police administration" and ours. With their bias, it is hard to visualize them drafting a police amendment acceptable to labor.

administration" and ours. With their bias, it is hard to visualize them drafting a police amendment acceptable to labor.

The claim by the Junior Association of Commerce that it "has no special interest" and that it "had no axe to grind in this amendment" is quite interesting. We will be more charitable with them than they were with us, and assume as a matter of course that they are sincere in this claim. We will also give them a tiny bit of elementary political science. Politics is persistent. It can press into its service even those who demonstratively turn their backs to it. If an organization does not occupy itself with politics, that is not saving that politics. not occupy itself with politics, that is not saying that politics does not occupy itself with politics, that is not saying that politics does not occupy itself with that organization. When the Junior Association of Commerce spoke in defense of the anti-labor police amendment, the voice of the Citizens Alliance was heard.

A Fruitful Investigation

News that the La Follette senate committee is soon to direct its attention to employer-employee relations in Minnedirect its attention to employer-employee relations in Minne-apolis is, on the whole, gratifying. Unlike most official investi-gations of this sort (which usually are turned not against boss-terrorism but militant trade unionism), the La Follette com-mittee's investigation of the contemporary status of civil lib-erties has really turned the searchlight on many of the more outrageous manifestations of industrial barbarism. Insofar as it has accomplished this, it has served a progressive cause. The rest is up to the labor movement. Even the best of senate com-mittees cannot bring union conditions to industry. This is some-

mittees cannot bring union conditions to industry. This is something that labor must fight for.

As regards the pending investigation of the state of affairs here by the La Follette committee, there is some evidence that strong forces are at work to divert the investigation. strong forces are at work to divert the investigation to a cam-paign of "smearing" progressive unionists with charges of "gangsterism," "racketeering," etc. It would be shameful if the enemies of the labor movement were to succeed in wasting the all-too-meager resources of the committee in this barren field when there is so much vile stuff that could be brought to light. What needs to be investigated is the role of the Citizens Alliance (Associated Industries) in Minneapolis life, its tie-up with financial interests, the use of espionage and the other manifestations of employer-hostility. Let the La Follette committee allowing and the other manifestations of employer-hostility. mittee play its searchlight here. The results should prove both

TWOC SIGNS MUNSINGWEAR

ship meeting of workers at the Min- ity of employment, ability and effiship meeting of workers at the Minneapolis Munsingwear plant, organized in the Textile Workers Organizing Committee of the C. I. O., the local ratified a union agreement which had previously been signed by the corporation. The agreement will receive one week's vacation with pay. Stipulations are also included as to working conditions. Douglas and covers approximately 1,400 workstand to the Two C work, assisted the union in the negotiations. With

time work; the union will be the sole collective bargaining agent for all employees except foremen, assistant foremen, salaried office employees and salesmen. The usual seniority clause prevailing in this industry is included—"All layoffs and rehiring of workers shall be based on senior-



LABOR ... Looks at the Press

From the National Republic: "The American people are fed up for the most part with radicals parading in ministerial garb who are using their advocated birth control . . . and the tives. They declared that all war is

national capital city that bears the union national capital city that bears the name of Washington, a memorial to working conditions bettered. the memory of Robert G. Ingersoll, the infidel."

Yes, only good Christians should be memorialized in stone.

The name of that organization lways reminds me of Peter Paul's People. Paul's Patent Potato Peeler for

San Francisco news item: Federal Judge St. Sure today denied citizen-ship papers to Hugh Stanley Hayes, born in England, because the latter said he was a pacifist with conscien tious scruples against war.

Ain't the Englishman ignorant, though? Imagine, having scruples against war.

armored car drivers of the metropolitan area today completed preliminary organization of the Armored Car Workers Union, and laid plans to improve wage and working condi-

bunch wins its demands.

ers employed by Nassau County will be supplied with individual paper Hall No. 2 at 257 Plymouth Avenue cups, under an ordinance adopted by and laid plans to extend any angle of the first supplied with individual paper arise to a group of employees. activities that the F.W.S. is now engaged in. Plans for further activating locals of the F.W.S. were made touch the cheeks of the workers in the local board of supervisors.

Is there no end to the insolent and impossible demands of the working class?

Abbe Dimnet, French author: Paris mmunists are gentle fellows; there is something about the wine they drink that counsels patience.

I shall tell you a little secret. Abbe; it is because they drink the white wine of Stalinism rather than the red wine of Leninism that they are so gentle.

Nazi Party news agency: "We re juest that every hen lay between 130 and 140 eggs a year. We advise farmers to get hens of the Aryan sort."-Quoted in the New Republic.

By all means. Unless you watch those Semitic hens every minute, they will lay china eggs every single time.

A. E. Wiggam in the May Rotaand covers approximately 1,400 work, assisted carge of the TWOC work, assisted the union in the negotiations. With olution was not a revolution at all...

The new working agreement provides for the 40-hour week, eighthour day, time and one-half for overlarge Minneapolis concern has fallen before the onslaught of unionization.

The so-called American Revolution at all...

It was merely the separation of one government from another, not the overthrow of government from another, not overthrow of government."

Creased 1.7 per cent in 32 large cities during the three-month period ending March 15. The cost of food index in this industry will be completely straightened out and that the industry will be unionized in short order. rian: "The so-called American Rev-

PULP WORKERS PRESS BOSSES

The St. Paul unit of the Pulp,
Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers International, with the
scalps of the Waldorf and the
Groff paper companies hanging from its helt become any to be strike, and was a member of Local ing from its belt, has continued in the most vigorous manner to completely organize this industry in St. Paul. Last week workanti-Christian."

What position did they take on Pie in the Sky?

The same magazine says: "What may be regarded as an insult to the memory of Washington and to every Christian in America is the proposal now before Congress to erect in the contracts and the position designed up to the contracts and their contracts and their contracts. They recognize that they may be regarded as an insult to the memory of Washington and to every christian in America is the proposal now before Congress to erect in the contracts and their contracts and their contracts. They recognize that they are contracts and their contracts and their contracts and their contracts.

> The enthusiasm with which workers in the paper industry in the Twin Cities are embracing the union was demonstrated last Sunday afternoon when the second organizational meeting of employes of the Rapinwax Paper Company, 2600 S. E. Dela-ware, was held. Over 90 per cent of the workers in this Minneapolis concern have joined the union.

Last Wednesday night a joint mem rship meeting of Local 264 of St Paul and Local 295 of Minneapolis was held, and a joint board estab-lished. Gardner of Minneapolis was chosen chairman. Elmer P. Meins, president of Local 264, was elected Twin City organizer.

Dental Workers On the March

Dental mechanics throughout the city are in the process of building a strong organization which will be able to win for them union working conditions. They are organizing in the Dental Laboratory Technicians Union Local 20455, a federal affiliate of the American Federation of Labor. The strike of local dental workers was broken two years ago, but this report, stated that meetings with the local dental workers. Reports were given by the local ganized. Lastly, the farmers surfurnments in nearby countries. The to be unfriendly, even hostile, to any useh progressive move on the part of the town workers. It was this attended to the farmers, in the last any property and the property of the countries of the work done for its members in nearby countries. The top of the countries and the countries of the work done for its members in nearby countries. The top of the countries of the work done for its work of the countries of the work done for its work of the countries. The countries of the work done for its work of the countries of the work done for its work of the countries. The countries of the work done for its work of the countries of the work done for its work of the countries. The countries of the work done for its work of the work of the work done for its work of the work done for its work of the work of t New York news item: The 450 Dental Laboratory Technicians Union Local 20455, a federal affiliate of was broken two years ago, but this time the workers say the tables will be turned. That the present campaign is already bringing results is shown by the fact that immediately after the union passed out handbills calling a special meeting, the Boos Laboratories promised a 5c hourly wage raise to a group of employees. wage raise to a group of employees. activities that the F.W.S. is now encups, under an ordinance adopted by and laid plans to extend and speed whereby organizers from the central the present drive.

Grocery Clerks to Meet Thursday Eve

Minneapolis grocery clerks, who have been organizing for the past month, will hold a special mass meeting Thursday night, May 20, in the third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth. The committee of 15, chosen at the last meeting, will make its report to the meeting, and will hold another meeting directly after the mass meeting. Happy Holstein is in charge of this organizational work.

That's what I've been think-

Of course that will mean that the Daughters of the American Revolution really aren't revolutionists after all.

Washington news item: According to figures just released by the Labor Department, living costs for wage dues. earners and low-salaried workers increased 1.7 per cent in 32 large cities quate organization will be established

544 BALL TEAM LOSES: 12 TO 9

Last Sunday the General Driver the Red Birds at the Parade grounds 12 to 9. The Red Birds team, which has played together for the past three years, showed a fine brand of ball. The General Drivers outfit was a pleasant surprise to all its sympathizers. This is the first season the boys have worked together and they gave promise of clicking nicely in the near future. The infield, Horn at third, Lesniak at short, Burnet at second and Turner at first, put on an excellent early-season show and received several rounds of applause for spectacular play. Sisco put on a good exhibition in right field for the Drivers. Union members will be assured of a pleasant afternoon if they come out and watch this spirited team work out. Nick Wagner has done a fine job of bringing the boys

The next game will be played Sunday at Bottineau, 3 p. m., where the General Drivers aggregation opposes the Jefferson Bus team.

Active Unionist Is Victimized

The case of Marvin Rovick of the Cabinet Makers and Millmen's Union Local No. 1865 is an example of the way in which active and militant union members are victimized by em-ployers. Rovick was very active in his union during the negotiations and strike of the sash and door workers; recognizing this, the firm of Carr-

during the strike. They recognize that if the employers are able to weed out, one by one, the active union members, the return to the despised open-shop will be made easy. Until Revick is returned to his job, no man in the industry will have any security.

FWS Fights for Aid in Counties

body will assist the locals in adjust- workers in the smaller towns viewed ing grievances and building the lo-

Petroleum Drivers Sign in Local 544

A mass meeting of all petroleum drivers will be held in Hall 4, 257 Plymouth, on Thursday night, at the most remote corners of the nawhich all remaining oil drivers will tion," and this is no less than the be taken into the General Drivers truth. Workers in a Woolworth store union, Local 544. Over 40 drivers in the heart of New York City stage have so far signed up. Drivers who have been members of Local No. 20383, or Local No. 387 (formerly store in Albert Lea repeat the same Local 19802), will be taken in under performance. A militant WPA dem the current monthly dues, and becom members in good standing. All drivers not formerly members of either or ganization will pay the regular \$25 initiation fee.

Drivers on strike will be given a period of grace to pay their current

At the Thursday meeting an ade

Albert Lea Victory A Step In Organizing Small Towns

Unionization of Labor Spreading Swiftly And Surely to Reactionary Small Communities

Surely one of the most significant signs that the American labor movement is coming of age is to be seen in the indisputable fact that organized labor is gaining a foothold in one of the last strengholds of reaction, the small towns of America. To readers of the Northwest Organizer,

Dakota were able to concentrate to smash back the threat of organization begun by the Fargo drivers. rubbish of years of stagnation Vigilantes, mobilized by the enemies of organized labor, attacked the picket lines, gassed and raided the union hall, arrested large numbers of workers. All the powers of the press, the cadio and the courts were brought to bear upon the union, and the strike was smashed.

Two Years Older

Two years pass. The same situation comes to a head, this time in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The employers and their political allies try the same stunt. The workers are driven back and back. But TODAY they recoil with such terrific force that the employers are glad to settle quickly at any price. And what happened in Albert Lea last Friday is being repeated in community after communthe length and breadth of the land. For instance, in Fargo today the labor movement is coming back stronger than ever-and this time it means to achieve its goal. In the smaller manufacturing communities through Michigan, Ohio, New York, the same story is being told. The union movement of California no onger finds its sole prop in San Francisco or in Los Angeles. Tomorrow, when the unionization drive rolls over the southern textile towns, the posses will find that southern labor, too, has come a long way since the 1934 textile strikes.

What Has Changed?

Before we analyze the changes May 15. Delegates from Cokato, Columbia Heights, Hopkins, Robbinsdale, Renville County, St. Louis Park their fellow toilers who were control Collab Valley and represented in the larger centered in the larger centers. Communications and reports were made from locals not represented and from locals in the process of formation. Many delegates reported the apprehension felt by members in regard to the WPA quota cuts and the entire cutting off of relief in some ganization might be a good thing for a fellow who worked in Minneapolis or Detroit where the bosses had such tremendous forces at their disposal, but why should we organize? For its part, the union movement in the big industrial centers failed to realize its stake in seeing its country cousin orstake in seeing its country cousin or-Reports were given by the local ganized. Lastly, the farmers sur-

touch the cheeks of the workers in the small town. A few years ago, with indifference the struggle and problems of the big-city workers. Today no one follows these developments more avidly and critically than these same small-town workers-follows, and learns from them. A writer in the Austin Unionist has recently observed that the present unionization movement "has penetrated into store in Albert Lea repeat the same

MEETING SCHEDULE
LOCAL 544
Friday, May 21—Job Stewards
Monday, May 25—Taxi Drivers;
night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
Thursday, May 27—Transfer
Seniority Committee meets Friday
at 8 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each
Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in
Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each
Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.

readers of the Northwest Organizer, would mean by this jaw-breaker is the change that has come about in that these workers are realizing that the change that has come about in these small urbanized communities can be seen most vividly by contrasting Fargo of 1935 and Albert Lea of 1937: two short years, but what a differences which may exist among the contract of the change that these workers are realizing that they have a special group interest, and economic interest which transcended and the contraction of the c What happened in Fargo in the other group interest about them—and what happened in range in other group interest about them and winter of 1935 when the drivers were that they are expressing their realizaon strike was no more and no less than what had usually taken place whenever a group of workers in such for wage and working demands which a community would seek to organize they deem just. The mass strike strugto better their conditions—and the gles of the past period have made at the strugton of the strugton o workers of Fargo were far advanced deep and lasting impression in the over the usual group of workers in mind of the worker in the smaller such a town. There the reactionary towns, have caused a new hope to burn in his heart have decided his burn in his heart, have flooded his mind with new and shining ideas, have swept his brain of the accumulated

Big Cities Sympathetic

Nor has this change in outlook affected the small town worker only. Today, the big unions in the larger cities no longer look on callously while their common enemy gains a victory over a struggling union bravely going down to defeat before "small town reaction." Progressive union leaders everywhere now realize that a union defeat in a small town will ultimately be felt, and adversely, in the large town. Thus it is not an uncommon sight to see a cavalcade of pickets from the powerful rubber unions in Akron, for instance, make a sortee into an outlying munity to come to the aid of fellow workers struggling against the small-town boss. To a growing extent, that old but fine slogan of the Knights of Labor-"An injury to one is the concern of all"-is coming to be realized.

Change in Farmers

As the world markets more and nore become shut off to the American farmer, as he goes deeper and deeper into debt, as farm tenantry mounts throughout the country, the farmer, too, is becoming less "hidebound" and conservative. Whereas, less than a decade ago, he would turn purple at the thought of the "city fellers' striking," today, like as not, he may travel several hundred miles to deliver a free load of vegetables to that have transpired in the whole outlook of workers in the smaller towns of the United States, we must strike headquarters. What is more, he The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 held its largest and most successful monthly meeting Saturday, of the United States, we must faces the city worker—the city bosses and bankers. In any case, if not outside the successful monthly meeting Saturday, years back. The workers themselves of the fall they had little community. capital and labor ceaselessly struggle. Today, even he is questioning anew and Golden Valley were represented. centrated in the larger centers. Orand alignments which he had accepted ganization might be a good thing for so many years and decades as his and in a different light the solution

MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 5 Casket Section—May 11 Box Industry—May 18 J. R. Clark Co.—May 19 Puffer Hubbard—May 21 Wagon Industry—May 25

WAREHOUSE AND INSIDE WORKERS LOCAL 20316 Meeting Change Stewards—First and third Tues-

Second and fourth Tuesday.

Executive Board—Regularly every
Monday.

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION
MEETING SCHEDULE
Regular Membership Meetings—
Second Friday in each month.
Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

Meeting Change Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289, which has been meeting weekly during the past few months, will hereafter hold meetings only two nights a month. The regular meeting schedule will be membership meetings on the second and fourth

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.