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On the National Picket Line

Here's One for the Books
Last week a CIO union placed a picket line about the Communist Party-owned summer resort, Camp Kinderland, at Hopewell, N. Y. Waitresses on strike paraded around the camp. These girls struck for higher wages, shorter hours, and better working conditions. They receive at present the magnificent sum of seven dollars a week, and work twelve hours a day.

Camp Kinderland operates only ten weeks of each summer. The average profit to the C. P. is \$23,000. The Communist Party should be a party composed of class conscious workers intent upon lightening the burdens of the workers the world over. Yet the high moguls of that party have to be fought with the same bitterness that one ordinarily reserves for the private employer for working conditions and wages as good as and not worse than those obtained in private employment.

From Akron Ohio, comes the heartening news that unity between warring CIO and AFL unions in that city is an actuality, a real thing. During the bitterly fought Goodyear strike, when police slugged workers and tear gassed their picket line out of existence, AFL and CIO unions joined hands and brought the real force of labor, undivided, to bear against the bosses.

Last week saw the establishment of a co-ordinating committee, three from each side, to insure the continued existence of that harmony. The AFL Trades and Labor Assembly appointed their representatives to act on the committee.

The Co-ordinating committee shall have as its task the settling of actual and potential jurisdictional disputes and the maintenance of harmony in the ranks of Akron labor.

What has been done in Akron can be done elsewhere. The bitter battles in Seattle, Portland and New Orleans could have been avoided. Such disputes drain the life blood out of the labor movement. They are just what the bosses want. And they are just what must be stopped. Wasn't it Lincoln who said "A house divided against itself cannot stand...?"

For more than two months 1,500 workers have been on strike against a ten percent wage cut at the Maytag Washing Machine Company of Newton, Iowa. Robert Kirkwood, secretary of the Washing Machine Employees Union, CIO, has been arrested for criminal syndicalism. He is the sixth striker arrested. These workers have fought valiantly for their



Who Killed Him?

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

Drivers To Refuse Fink Station Gas

Teamsters Joint Council Declares It Duty of Every Driver to See That He Is Served by Union Filling Station Attendants—Direct Service on Unfair List

In a declaration of war against finks, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council's executive board, meeting on Wednesday, called upon every Minneapolis driver, in every driving craft, to see to it that he is served at gas stations by members of the Teamsters International.

Filling Station Attendants Local 977, chartered by the Teamsters International and affiliated to the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, has been bearing the brunt of the attack on unionism by F. L. Taylor's "Minute Men," a vigilante organization, and its companion-setup, the "independent unions," numbered from 1 to 15. Wednesday's action of the Teamsters Joint Council rallies to the support of Local 977 every driver in the Minneapolis area.

The Central Labor Union a week ago Wednesday likewise backed up the fight against the finks in the filling stations. By unanimous decision, the central body voted to adopt the Policy Committee's recommendation, to put two organizers in the field for the special purpose of combatting Taylor's finks.

The action of the Teamsters Joint Council makes it the duty of every union driver to refuse service from Taylor's finks, non-union men, or men wearing a so-called "CIO" union button.

Direct Service and Bulk Oil stations — companies which have directly instigated Taylor's finks, ordering the discharge of men who join Local 977—were placed on the unfair list Wednesday by the Teamsters Joint Council. The stations involved in the unfair listing are:

- Direct Service**
- 1129 South 4th
- 188 Glenwood Ave.
- 2840 Hennepin
- 835 East Hennepin
- 3801 Hiawatha
- 2900 Nicollet
- 528 North 7th
- 1504 South 7th
- 326 Washington Ave. N.
- 2129 Wayzata Blvd.
- Bulk Oil**
- 22nd and Cedar
- 9 West 38th
- 3800 Hiawatha
- 3rd Ave. S. and E. Lake

Local 346 Picnic Nears

With the first annual picnic of 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union Local 346 just two weeks off, all members are urged to exert a little more effort and sell the ticket books received by mail. Some activists in the union have already sold ticket books, and are calling at the union office for more.

This outing promises to be one of the outstanding events of the summer. There is every reason why it should be a success, both from the standpoint of good fellowship and finances. Every member is urged to do his or her share to promote the picnic.

20481 Members Take Note!

All Local 20481 members with grievances as to wages, hours, vacations, seniority, etc., must appear before the union Grievance Board which will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 to 9 p. m. in the union office. Union members having grievances must place complaints before this committee, written on blanks provided by the union.

CLU Moves To Stop Taylor Finks

As union members of the Minneapolis Building Trades Council continued to picket the home of Lee, accomplice of Taylor in their fink "Associated Unions," at 21st and Washington Avenue North, the Minneapolis union movement started its fight to the finish with the boss-supported enemies of organized labor.

Acting on the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Central Labor Union has set up a new office with two full-time organizers, whose task it will be to organize the struggle against Taylor's finks, the scoundrels who are seeking to undermine Minneapolis labor.

The executive board of the Central Labor Union met Tuesday night and voted to put Taylor's backers, Direct Service Co. and Bulk Oil on the unfair list. Next week's Northwest Organizer will carry complete details of the fight being waged, with instructions to all readers as to how they can do their part in smashing back the nefarious assault being engineered by the Citizens Alliance and Mayor Leach through Taylor's finks.

Local 1086 Now in Negotiations

Wage gains of \$1.50 weekly for all members of Retail Clerks Local 1086 have been conceded by Western Auto, in the negotiations for a new working agreement which are nearing completion.

Local 1086 reports it has presented a new contract to the Home Trade Shoe stores, to replace the agreement expiring August 10th. The union is still negotiating with the Egekvist bakeries.

Local 977 Members Attention!

All members of Filling Station Attendants Local 977 are instructed to keep on their persons or in the gas stations their dues books, at all times. This will make it possible for the union organizers to function efficiently.

Tainted Ice Cream Poisons 80 Persons

A horrible and widespread plague of ptomaine poisoning swept Alexandria, Minnesota, recently, bringing long hours of agony to over eighty persons in this lovely resort town. One doctor alone, Dr. Sather, was called to give treatment to 50 cases, while other doctors raced from patient to patient.

The mass suffering was caused by eating ice cream made on the premises of a local eating establishment, "The Pantry." There are no local laws and regulations governing the making of ice cream in Alexandria.

No-Deaths Yet
So far no deaths have occurred from the ptomaine epidemic. A representative of the State Board of Health rushed to the town for an investigation, but has thus far not published any findings.

The owners of the "Pantry," in an advertisement in the "Park Region Echo," published an abject apology, saying: "We want you to know that we are awfully sorry we have caused this sickness and discomfort, etc."

They have closed down their establishment. All the persons affected by ptomaine, it developed, had eaten ice cream bought at the same place.

Need for Ordinance
Had Alexandria had in effect an ordinance like that proposed in Minneapolis, calling for the proper inspection of ice cream made in stores and sold in stores, and of counter freezer equipment, the citizens of the town would not have had to go through their long and costly period of suffering.

Local 289 To Picnic July 24

A day of sports and bathing, dancing from 4 p. m. until midnight, free ice cream and pop for the kiddies and coffee for your picnic lunches, will be features of the first annual outing of Bakery, Cracker, Pie, Yest and Cash Wagon Drivers Union Local 289, on Sunday, July 24, at Eagle Lake.

The outing grounds are three miles north of Robbinsdale. For those without cars, free busses will take you from West Broadway and Penn, hourly after 11 a. m., and return you in the evening. Everybody is welcome.

Local 1859 Renews Grain King Pact

The union agreement between Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the Grain King Mfg. Company of St. Paul, producers of farm equipment, was renewed last Thursday, July 14th, and will run for another year.

Like last year's contract, which expired July 1st, the new agreement specifies the 50c hourly minimum, the 40-hour week, etc. Some classifications receive up to 75c hourly. About 60 workers are involved.

Jewel Tea Still Unfair To Labor

That customer with the package of Jewel Tea has tossed the package out in the backyard but hasn't buried it yet.

The local office of the Jewel Tea company has not yet signed an agreement with the Tea and Coffee Drivers Union. Company officials claim they are waiting to hear from the national office in Barington, Illinois. Until all Jewel Tea drivers are working under a union contract, all unionists and all friends of labor are urged by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council to purchase only those teas sold by union concerns.

Local Unions Plan For Labor Temple

FWS Moves To Assist The Aged

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 announces the initiation of a new department for the assistance of persons on Old Age Pension. Ed Palmquist has been placed in charge of the new work by the FWS Executive Board.

Many are the nefarious abuses practiced against those persons receiving benefits under the present Social Security set-up, but none are so flagrant as those used against Old Age Pensioners. These old persons who have worked hard all of their lives are granted "pensions" which do not allow even a bare subsistence. Even these pitiable are taken from them at the slightest pretext.

All persons now on or eligible for Old Age Pension are urged to join the FWS. All unions are also invited to send their Old Age Pension cases to the FWS for settlement. The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has offices at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Second Floor.

Local 20316 Band to Give Concerts

The imposing band of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, one of the most popular musical aggregations in the labor movement in this section of the country, will play two special concerts in the near future: at the Bakery Drivers picnic on July 24th at Eagle Lake, and the following Sunday at the Warehouse Union picnic at Bass Lake.

The band's several appearances in the past have been enthusiastically applauded by union audiences. This unusual group of musicians already has an extensive repertoire, playing a large number of marches, overtures, and original selections written by Band Director Ted Holland.

The organization is still in need of additional musicians and invites musical members of organized labor, or their sons, to attend the rehearsals, held every Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the union headquarters, 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

Preliminary Conference Sets Monday, August 1, for Next Meeting; All Unions Must Choose Delegates; Minneapolis Labor Is Going to Have a New Home

Broad sections of the Minneapolis trade union movement thoroughly understand the need for, and are determined to achieve in the near future, an adequate Labor Temple to house the local movement. This was the one outstanding sentiment expressed by the delegated meeting held Tuesday night in the Central Labor Union at the call of the Labor Temple Association.

Eighty delegates from local unions attended the preliminary conference. Spokesmen representing every section of the movement pledged support to the crystallizing drive for a Minneapolis Labor Temple that will be fit to house one of the outstanding sections of the American labor movement. The unceasing campaign waged by the Labor Temple Association for fifteen years is finally reaching fruition, and, if the delegates assembled Tuesday night have their way, a home will be achieved in the near future that is adequate to house all the movement in all its activities.

Bridgeman Ice Cream All-Union

With Local 346 having recently signed a union agreement covering the thirty counter workers at the Bridgeman Ice Cream stores, this concern now becomes a 100 per cent union outfit. The Milk Drivers Union Local 471 had previously signed a pact covering all production workers.

The Bridgeman stores are located at 621 Hennepin Avenue and 2528 Hennepin Avenue.

Local 1859, Puffer-Hubbard In Negotiations

With the present agreement expiring on Friday, July 22nd, the Puffer-Hubbard company has offered to renew its contract with Furniture Workers Union Local 1859. The workers are demanding a 10c hourly wage increase. The negotiating committee met Tuesday morning with the management and will make its report to the Puffer-Hubbard section at the meeting Wednesday night, July 20.

Cannot Delay
Robley Cramer pointed out the practical need for uniting the labor movement today under one roof. "We shouldn't delay, we should convince the movement we mean business," he closed.

Nels Christian, Steve Lush of the Traunmen, Louis Boerbach, Herman Hussman of the Machinists, J. A. Tracy of the Pressmen, Cunningham, Shore of the Electrical Workers, Bill Sinnott of the Milk Drivers, and representatives from the Beauticians, the Engineers, the Typographical Union and others each vigorously supported the move for a Labor Temple and pledged to go back to work.

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Minneapolis Labor Relief Program Adopted by Akron CIO-AFL

Giving full credit to the Minneapolis labor movement, and in particular to the teamsters, for the supplementary relief budget method of adding to the income of WPA and part-time workers, Akron unions last week organized to fight for the adoption of that program in the Akron area.

Initiated by the Goodyear rubber workers' local, the program was adopted by the Akron Industrial Union Council of the CIO, the resolution expressly referring to the Minneapolis example and the Northwest Organizer. This action was reported in banner headlines in the AFL organ, the Summit County Labor News, which declared full AFL support to the fight for supplementary relief. The News stated that "the proposed plan will be patterned after that now in operation in Minneapolis, where it was fostered by members of the Teamsters Joint Council.

The Industrial Union Council resolution follows in full:

"Whereas, The present amount of wages received by WPA workers and by part-time Goodyear employees is not sufficient to meet the minimum standard of living needs, especially of large families, and

"Whereas, This grave situation has been solved mainly in one city, Minneapolis, as indicated in a recent issue of the Northwest Organizer, official Teamsters Joint Council publication, and

"Whereas, The solution was achieved through the introduction of a system of supplementary relief for any company or WPA employees whose wages were insufficient to permit a family to have a minimum standard of living whose cost is determined by a union survey, and

"Whereas, Under the system of supplementary relief, the employe of either a private concern or of the WPA obtains in cash the difference between his wages and the amount needed for the minimum standard, as shown on the attached clipping from the Northwest Organizer, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That we go on record in favor of such a system of supplementary relief, and that we seek to institute a similar system in Akron, in conjunction with the proper authorities, and that we urge the entire labor movement and the Workers Alliance to join with this union in the campaign."

\$800,000,000--None For Minnesota

An Editorial

The Federal Government has appropriated a total of eight hundred millions of dollars for low-cost housing projects. Most of this has been allocated to the various states—but not a penny of it to Minnesota. And that is the fault of the Minnesota state government.

Under the United States Housing Authority Act, the money is "loaned" to local housing authorities, up to 90 per cent of the cost of local projects. Thus, \$53,000,000 has been given to the New York City Housing Authority, which is engaged on three gigantic slum-clearance and housing projects. The New York Authority has had to add to this enormous sum only \$5,000,000 of its own money. Similarly, Boston has earmarked for it \$24,000,000 of Federal funds. All in all, a total of over five hundred millions have been allocated to such local housing authorities.

But unlike these other states, Minnesota never adopted the required state housing authority act, providing for the establishment of a housing authority and the necessary 10 per cent of funds which must be added to the Federal "loans." As a result, none of this money is coming here.

This is a situation which is nothing short of scandalous. Tens of thousands of building trades workers in Minnesota are out of work, a considerable percentage of them dependent on relief. At the same time, the housing shortage has reached the proportions of a crisis. As we have reported here week in and week out, hundreds of thousands of workingclass families are living in rotten, foul-smell-

ing, ramshackle buildings which should have been torn down decades ago. The building workers need the jobs and the whole workingclass needs the houses—but nothing is being done about it.

Minnesota should be in the front ranks in the fight for expanding the funds now available under the United States Housing Authority Act. The eight hundred millions so far provided do not begin to touch the problem. Minnesota should be in the forefront in establishing the kind of housing authority which would set an example to the rest of the country. Instead, Minnesota has fallen far behind the rest of the country.

We are not interested in recriminations, in blaming those responsible for Minnesota's lagging behind. We ARE interested in putting an end to the delay.

A State Housing Authority Act must be adopted as soon as possible, and that requires not waiting for next year's legislative session, but the calling of a special session.

That act should establish a state-wide housing authority and provide it with the necessary power and funds to act, and act quickly. Since organized labor is vitally interested in this program, the act must provide labor with an authoritative voice in the carrying out of the housing program, in the determination of wage scales and working conditions. Enough of the sabotage of the landlords squeezing fat rents out of rotten tenements! We want jobs for the building workers and decent, low-cost housing for all workers!

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

The Great Strike of July-August, 1934

Concluding Installment -- The Strike That Electrified the Entire Nation

On July 24th the Minneapolis working class gave Ness such a funeral as will never be forgotten. Twenty thousand workers, four abreast, marched from the funeral parlor to the strike headquarters, where funeral orations were delivered over the loud speaker by Bill Brown, Albert Goldman and Chaplain Nelson of the Post of the National Veterans Association to which Ness belonged.

Their Sacrifice

Both Ness and John Belor, who died shortly after, were unemployed workers, members of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, who had answered the call and come to the aid of their striking fellow workers. The M.C.C.W. later developed into the Federal Workers Section of Local 544. The Minneapolis union movement never forgot the aid rendered in the 1934 strikes by the unemployed, and a tradition of unity between employed and unemployed was built in the July-August strike that has not weakened from that day to this.

The Monday after Bloody Friday the Federal conciliators proposed a plan of settlement calling for the right of the union to represent the inside workers provided a post-strike election turned in the union favor; for a 2 1/2% hourly increase; for arbitration of all wage scales, etc. Governor Olson issued an ultimatum: That if the settlement proposal was not accepted by both sides by Thursday, July 26, martial law would be declared.

Martial Law.

The day came. The union announced its acceptance. The employers rejected. The governor immediately proclaimed martial law. The union immediately protested.

The reasons underlying the union's protest soon became evident to every worker in the city. By Saturday more than half the trucks in Hennepin County were operating with or without military permits. Whatever Governor Olson's intention, his troops were breaking the drivers' strike.

Local 574's leadership in its turn issued an ultimatum to Governor Olson: Either he halt all movement of trucks for 48 hours and permit union representatives to advise National Guard officers in an overhaul of truck permits, or all trucks would be picketed, tin-hats or no tin-hats.

In the last hours of July, 1934, the union called a mass meeting at the Parade Grounds. Twenty-five thousand workers tramped to the knoll around the loud-speaking truck, and applauded wildly when Bill Brown declared "the Farmer-Labor administration is the best strikebreaking force our union has ever gone up against." The call was issued then and there for a resumption of picketing on Wednesday morning. The union was tossing the whole question of

the union overcome all this, and retain its grip on the city?

Strikers Show Their Stuff

The next few hours told the tale. Working grimly, within one hour new temporary headquarters were established in friendly filling stations and at other spots throughout the city. Picketing was reorganized. And what picketing! The fifty boldest picket captains in the city took over, and raging fury swept the streets. They say that during the sweltering day over 500 calls for help came into military headquarters.

During the day the Central Labor Union headquarters were also raided by Olson's militia. Then and later, 120 of the best pickets were arrested. Olson called for the election of a rank-and-file committee "truly representative" of the truck drivers.

The union elected Ray Rainbolt and Kelly Postal. We will draw a merciful curtain over what this pair of stalwarts told the governor. Olson got a message to Grant Dunne during the day. Grant demanded (1) that the strike leaders be released and (2) that the strike headquarters be turned back to the union. Olson capitulated.

Raid Bosses.

On August 3 Olson raided the

Tin-hats Raid the Central Labor Union



Shortly after noon on August 1, the tin-hats raided the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, where Local 574 had set up a temporary headquarters following the raid on "Sutorius Towers." The CLU was then located at 614 First Avenue North.

Here Fell Henry Ness, a Man



Immediately after Bloody Friday, Local 574 erected a temporary marker over the spot where Henry Ness was murdered by the cops. Union men guard the spot.

Citizens Alliance headquarters. Most of the records of this labor-hating organization had already been transferred to the Radisson Hotel, however. Enough material was unearthed to show that the Citizens Alliance dominated the Employers' Advisory Committee running the strike, and that it maintained stool pigeons in the ranks of the unions.

Governor Olson issued a new ultimatum: Unless a settlement was reached by August 5, all trucks would again be halted, save those signing the agreement proposed by the government mediators, Haas and Dunnigan. By noon 37 firms had signed.

The strike lasted ten more days. For the union, it was mainly a matter of keeping the pickets alive, of answering the nightly radio propaganda and the daily newspaper propaganda of the bosses, and of holding itself in readiness to once again take to the streets to stop the trucks.

The rest of the Minneapolis unions, realizing that the fate of the labor movement was at stake, responded magnificently. On August 8, the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 gave \$6,000 to Local 574 to continue the fight. A few days later, when the Cooks & Waiters International was meeting in convention in Minneapolis, it donated \$1,000 to the struggle.

Under pressure from the employers, Haas and Dunnigan came to strike headquarters with a new settlement proposal, much less favorable to the union. They tried to pawn it off. The Strike Committee of 100 heard the proposal coldly, and then lashed into the mediators, who left shame-facedly.

Workers continued to get sentences of 90 days in the stockades for peaceful picketing.

A new mediator was sent in from Washington, and on August 21 the Citizens Alliance capitulated.

The union membership accepted the settlement proposal which gave them substantially what they had fought and bled for since the beginning of the strike: the right of the union to represent inside workers, elections, no discrimination, wage increases, etc.

Back in strike headquarters, grimy tired strikers with the light of victory in their eyes and proud manhood in their bearing, heard Brother Sloan sign off over the microphone with a jubilant: "This is Station 574 broadcasting with 7,500 pickets, 450 cruiser cars, 16 motorcycles and two airplanes, by authority of the Strike Committee of 100."

On Tuesday, August 28, elections were held in all plants. They clinched the victory for Local 574, and wrote finis to one of the greatest strikes of modern times.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

So Many Have Asked We are going to take the liberty of exposing the Nicollet Cleaners and "Honest" Ray Hessel, the owner, as HE was the chiseler mentioned in our last issue. We were informed from a reliable source that this bird has covered up his deceptions very cunningly as the driver (or drivers?) have been FORCED to hand back \$7.50 on each paycheck, which, of course, makes the books look very kosher. But the union intends to give this cheater some closer attention now, and in the future. Just don't brag too soon, Ray! Our contract WILL BE ENFORCED.

30 Bucks Into the Coffers Last Week

The Executive Board went through the painful job of levying some more fines last week. The following contributed: Garber driver, \$10, working after hours; Minnesota Cleaner driver, \$10, delinquent dues and \$14 fine; Gross driver, \$1, non-attendance; the others, 50c assessment for being late with their dues. If you have a reasonable excuse for being out late or for other violations of the by-laws, why not call the business agent and avoid these unnecessary assessments?

Preparing for the Future? Fish Jones of the Globe sold 2 1/2 crates of raspberries last week

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Independent Truck Chatter

A meeting of ward captains with the Ways and Means Committee will be held this Thursday.

Please read the following notes very carefully and store away this information in your memory so you can tell it to others if necessary.

By specific instructions from Curt your news bulletin this week is turned into an information bureau. Our chief job-chaser leaves Saturday for a two-week's vacation. He didn't want to leave his charges without a word of advice, so here is the dope.

Kelly Postal is to be the chief sufferer. Or, seriously, for any reports, questions or information on which you would call Curt, take them to Kelly. Most important, hurry up these last job reports. Make them out complete to the last detail, as your letter of instructions state, and get them into Kelly's hands.

There will be a slight spurt in city work about August first. Those with low city numbers on other work should be prepared to stay with the city when called. All trucks on WPA should cooperate with Cully for extra work and register when they have their off days.

Here is a chance to do some first class organizing. All delinquent truckers on WPA can be given a paid-up status by paying current dues. This consideration is given only on condition that they appear before the grievance board when called and make arrangements to pay back dues and fines when taking private employment again. All non-members also are given this same privilege upon agreeing to pay the initiation fee under like conditions.

This ruling by the executive board is the best break given independent truck owners, ins and outs, to achieve a one hundred per cent organization.

All truck owners and drivers who work in the construction industry take notice. Your International has given you the last word in helping you make your work more regular. By a recent ruling you may cross local jurisdictional lines and follow your employer from job to job. A word to the wise should be sufficient. Contact your favorite contractor immediately and tell him he may call you

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Can you imagine a job for \$1.65 an hour, a two-yard haul, sixty hours a week, going begging? Yet Curt and Bob were on the phone til nearly midnight two days this week trying to get twelve trucks for Nolan Brothers at Kellogg on a thirty-day job.

Let someone on the W. and M. committee know if your WPA schedule is still split up into days or hours.

Look for Button On Milk Men

All trade unionists and friends of labor are urged by Milk Drivers Union Local 471 to ask all drivers delivering milk and cream to show the union button.

Recently, several butter men have sought to break into the milk and cream field, to the detriment of the conditions established by Local 471, and the union asks the cooperation of the labor movement in cracking down on such people. Sympathizers can assist Local 471 by refusing to purchase milk and cream from any person not wearing Local 471's button.

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By FARRELL DOBBS
Secretary, North Central Area Negotiating Committee

Drivers from Minneapolis to Indiana, and from Fargo to Tulsa, are going to start gathering the fruits from the many months of spade-work for the Area contract put in by drivers unions throughout the North Central area. There isn't a union driver anywhere in this great area that won't be more secure in his position for the work done by the many union officials from eleven states in promoting a standard area contract for over-the-road drivers.

At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in Chicago a union committee will open negotiations with an employers' committee representing over three hundred Chicago operators. These negotiations will in reality involve trucking in all points in the area, as a large majority of the operators throughout the North Central area touch Chicago.

Sitting in at the start of the negotiations will be John T. O'Brien, Mike Healy and Frank Brown, all of Local 710 in Chicago, together with Joe Scielowski of Milwaukee and Farrell Dobbs of Minneapolis, chairman and secretary of the Area Negotiating Committee. Additional North Central Area committee members will be called in as the negotiations progress.

The Chicago employers' committee came into existence after Local 710 had mailed out copies of the area proposal to all Chicago operators, suggesting a place and time for the initial meeting. Only about ten per cent of the operators appeared for the first meeting. Many operators claimed the non-attendance was due to a misunderstanding over the union's jurisdiction.

Ask Extension
In any case, Local 710 set Wednesday, July 13th, as the deadline for strike action should the bulk of the operators fail to come in for negotiations. On Monday, July 11th, a committee representing 190 operators called upon the union officials and asked for an extension of time to July 20th, in order that those truck lines having headquarters outside of Chicago could get the authority to negotiate. The operators have since informed Local 710 that their committee will represent over 300 trucking employers.

The Chicago negotiations are of tremendous importance in the campaign of the Area Committee for a standard over-the-road contract. Progress is also being made in other union centers in the area. In Des Moines, Iowa, negotiations are under way between the operators and Drivers Local 90.

The temporary contract reached in Omaha between the companies and Local 554 expires Wednesday, July 20th. However, there will be no change in the present status.

Local 20481 Has New Meeting Date

By order of the union executive board, Local 20481 will hold its membership meetings henceforth on the first Wednesday of each month, at 8 o'clock in the third-floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue. The next meeting will be held Wednesday night, August 3.

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Fargo 116 In 15-Day Fink Drive

A well-attended mass meeting of Drivers Local 116, Friday, July 15, voted for a 15-day drive to organize city pickup and delivery men, pledging full cooperation to the union executive board in this important task.

Local 116 has succeeded in building a strong organization, especially among highway transportation and construction workers. A contract has just been signed with the Jardine Bridge Company, and Haggart Construction will be signed in a few days. Only two construction companies in this area—T. F. Powers and Meinecke & Johnson—are not yet under contract. With highway and construction as a base, the union will now insist on 100 per cent organization of every driver and helper in the district.

A meeting of the North Dakota Drivers Council has been announced for Bismarck, North Dakota, on Sunday, July 24th. This Council is doing much to strengthen the drivers in North Dakota and to promote cooperation between the locals in the state.

The State Highway Department, a committee from the Contractors Association and officials of the North Dakota Drivers Council will meet in Bismarck on July 25th to set a new wage scale to be effective August 1st for all construction work in the state.

The calls are out for the 1938 convention of the North Dakota Federation of Labor to be held in Dickinson, North Dakota, beginning September 4th.

Leslie Sinton, International representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, is setting up locals in Valley City and Jamestown. These towns have wanted organization in that field for some time and all trends point to successful unions there.

Des Moines Drivers Back Area Work

Des Moines, Iowa—By unanimous vote of the membership at the meeting held Tuesday night, July 12, the Teamsters & Drivers Union Local 90 passed a resolution voting complete confidence in the union executive board and in the Northwest District Council Negotiating Committee.

The resolution calls attention to the unsatisfactory and haphazard conditions in the motor freight industry nationally, and to the resistance of employers to enter sincerely into negotiations with the area committee.

The executive board of Local 90 is "empowered to exercise complete authority for members of this division in negotiating wage and hour contracts, in the conduct of any strike which may be called, and to utilize to the fullest extent the strength and resources of Local 90 in effecting a successful conclusion of any negotiation or strike that may eventuate."

The union executive board is further directed "to work in complete concert with the Northwest District Council Negotiating Committee, to the extent of empowering the Negotiating Committee to act for members of this division in

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Omaha 554 Gaining Ground In Fight Against Frameup

OMAHA—That Local 554 will emerge victorious in its fight to brand the "vagrancy" conviction of union organizer Al Russell as a frameup, was indicated this week when the authorities surrendered to Russell all the property which was seized when the cops illegally searched his apartment.

The union had instituted suit for a writ of replevin to force the authorities to return the property. Judge Wheeler, who sentenced Russell as a "vagrant," brazenly ignoring the "detail" that Russell was a regular, paid union organizer, returned the seized property in an obvious attempt to forestall a victory by the union in the courts. But the union has directed its attorney, Dewey Hanson, to continue the suit for a writ of replevin, in order to establish that the property was seized illegally.

The authorities are harassing Russell, undoubtedly hoping thereby to get him to drop the appeal from the 90-day vagrancy sentence. The date for the first hearing was suddenly advanced, Russell being sent notice late Thursday night that he was to appear in court the next morning. He was on union business in Sioux City, was reached only with difficulty, and rushed back to Omaha a few hours later than the time scheduled for his appearance in court. Whereupon his bond was cancelled, the court put obstacles in the way of getting him a new bond, and Al was thrown into jail from Friday to Saturday afternoon.

Only when the union attorney sued for a writ of habeas corpus was Russell able to get out on a \$250 bond. The appeal on his case will now come up on July 29th.

The union is determined to push this case to a finish, in spite of anything that the authorities may do.

Showdown Pends in Wisconsin

New Richmond, Wis.—On Monday morning negotiations were entered into between the management of the Strand Ski company and a committee from Woodworkers Local 1703. Also sitting in with the unionists were John Janosco and Roy Orson, Minneapolis union leaders.

Through four hours of negotiations, Strand refused to cede more than the present miserable 35c hourly wage, with a 50-hour week. The union stood by its demands for a 50c minimum hourly wage, and the 40-hour week. At the conclusion of the unsatisfactory negotiations, a brief stoppage of work occurred while Local 1703 leaders called the workers together and reported on its dealings with Strand.

A meeting of all Strand workers will be held by the union this week.

TAXI TOPICS

"Moby Dick" has run for deeper water since Frank Riley bought his new fishing gear. Old Riley says he likes nothing better than to hook a Mississippi Muskie which tows him up river a few miles. When the fish tires he just sinks a harpoon into him, hauls aboard and drifts back with the current. On the way back he breaks out "rum rations" for the crew, rolls a Bull Durham and just waits till he gets to home dock. We have proof he gets home fairly early, too.

There's a decided contrast between our half-cup connoisseur, Bill Sorenson, and "Top Booker" Cecil Cotton. Bill likes his daily negotiations and other business matters.

By this resolution the membership of Local 90 places itself 100 per cent behind the efforts of the area committee to establish and maintain uniform wages and working conditions in the trucking industry in this area.

The General Drivers Union Local 544 shares with Steve Glaser, popular union steward, the sorrow at the loss of his mother, Mrs. Albert Glaser, 77, who died last Saturday. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Joseph's church.

Allen McLeod and Nichols went so far up the family tree when investigating their ancestors that they quit. They suspect their forefathers lived in the trees. We know it.

Pete Delano must have had lunch in the same cafe with the Swedish singers, or contacted them otherwise. At any rate, the day after, he blossomed out with a white yachting cap and it does look suspicious.

One-tooth "Christy" of the Liberty has issued a new challenge, an answer contest to be held in the radio studio, Professor Mark Question of the Umbrella Court to do the refereeing—this should be interesting and a lot of fun, us guys are supposed to be dumb, you know.

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On the Route With the Milk Man

The results in the Union Milk Kittenball League.

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The Clover Leaf boys are still undefeated and lead the group. Orvin Hanson pitched superb ball. Sparky Ab. Swanson slapped out two homers.

Some of the fair damsels at the L.O.L. went down to the dime store and purchased some picture frames. They are going to frame "OLE OGG'S" cartoon that appeared in the last issue. They are going to hang it next to "Mona Lisa."

Rosie Donatelle is reading "Captain of the Seas," she is contemplating a trip to the South Seas. Bon voyage, Rosie.

A new romance is budding at the L.O.L.

"Geo. W. Geezel" the best dressed stogie at Ewalds has the very latest in shirts, Geo., show the boys.

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Ogg Forces Paper to Retract

After threatening us with legal action, the Northwest Organizer has finally capitulated to Ole Ogg, business representative of Milk Drivers Local 471, and agrees to retract the statement made about Ogg in the Union Gallery.

We said that he would like nothing better to get rid of the name of "Ole," which he had to assume to get a job in a Scandinavian dairy.

"I have already received 121 threatening letters from enraged members of my union," said Ogg. "Practically our entire membership is Scandinavian. I think my name is fine, even if it isn't Scotch like me. I expect to die with the name of Ole."

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Local 20481 Holds Election

The Woodmen Workers Union Local 20481 held its annual election last Friday night. Voting by secret ballot, Gilbert Sletten, former treasurer, was chosen new president of the union. Others elected were John Leier, vice-president; John Janosco, secretary-treasurer; Laland Kolberg, recording secretary, and Hjalmar Rosenquist and Ole Knutson, trustees. Victor Haaf will continue to serve out his term as the third trustee.

A Deputy. They both bear watching.

Boys at the Northland: keep the date of July 23 open, see C. Schwab, Carlyle Johnson, Andy Jensen for details.

Otto Swanson, a member of our local, was on the welcoming committee to greet the Crown Prince of Sweden. Did he have a union button, Otto?

Two high class fishermen by the names of Neilsen and Fahlin went out fishing. They made a bet the first one to catch a fish was to see the other jump in the lake. Fahlin came back all wet.

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Mass Meeting For Grocery Clerks Soon

All grocery clerks in Minneapolis will be interested in the mass meeting to be held Tuesday, July 26, at 8 p. m. in Hall 2 of the Central Labor Union. Sponsored by the Retail Clerks Joint Council, the meeting will hear plans for the reorganization of Grocery Clerks Local 804. The Retail Clerks International, and new officers of Local 804, have pledged to keep in force all working agreements signed in the past by Local 804.

According to a statement made by swoboda, financial secretary of the Clerks Joint Council, "Edward Solberg and Henry Holt are not agents for Local 804 and grocery clerks are not to pay them any dues."

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Shoney, Wop or Mick,
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Jobs, Not Scapegoats!

During every economic depression, those who rule over the economic machine try to absolve themselves from their obligation to provide us all with jobs. They try to get out from under by blaming the lack of jobs on various scapegoats. Among their favorite scapegoats are unions, foreigners, Jews and married women. Although time and again the most crushing proof has been presented to show that the blame for lack of jobs must be placed at the door of "America's Sixty Families," the agents or dupes of this ruling oligarchy continue to try to turn attention away from them by putting the spotlight on innocent scapegoats.

Why must workers live in rotten old houses, while building trades workers go unemployed? The reactionaries proceed to blame—the building trades workers! Literally a thousand times since 1929, the building trades unions have shown by the official statistics of housing costs that union wages constitute a minor item which is in no way conceivably responsible for the building slump. But this slander, this use of the unions as a scapegoat, goes right on. The liars who repeat it do so even though they know they lie.

One of the most shocking instances of the use of a scapegoat, is the recent resolution adopted by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners recommending that all county departments discharge any man or woman whose wife or husband has a job.

What This Means

How reactionary this recommendation is will be illustrated by an example. A truck driver earns some thirty-odd dollars a week. Actually, he earns less than this, if one counts in the inevitable layoffs. He and his wife have two children, and his parents look to him for partial support. The burden is too heavy, and the wife has gotten a job at her old trade, stenography, in one of the county offices. But if the County Commissioners have their way, she will be driven back to the kitchen, and the family will have to get along without her help.

The Fundamental Principle

Most married women who work do so because the husband's salary is inadequate to maintain a decent standard of living. From the point of view of sheer moral decency, the County Commissioners' recommendation should have said that it would apply only to those families where one employed spouse is earning the equivalent of a County Commissioner's salary—\$3,600 a year. We'll wager that, under that provision, the recommendation would apply to almost nobody employed by the county.

But the fundamental principle which we are defending is true regardless of the amount the husband or wife is earning. If a woman wants to hold down a job, she has a right to do so. Otherwise, you are saying that she is not a human being with a soul of her own, but merely an appendage to her husband. We say flatly: every man or woman, married or unmarried, has the right to a job. A system of society which cannot provide jobs for all who are able and willing to work is a bad system. Let us blame that system, let us demand jobs for everybody, and let us NOT take away jobs from any man or woman who is doing a decent day's work for pay.

A Union-Smashing Device

If the County Commissioners' recommendation were allowed to go unchallenged, it would establish a dangerous precedent. If applicable to county jobs, why not to private jobs? A boss could fire some of the staunchest union men and women, on the pretext that their spouses were regularly employed elsewhere!

But all this is obvious enough to every decent union man and woman. What is required is that organized labor and every friend of labor, every friend of civil rights, should make the County Commissioners understand in no uncertain terms that proponents of their reactionary recommendation will not be considered friends of labor.

The recommendation is scheduled to go into effect November 1st. We must see to it that, long before that day, the County Commissioners withdraw their recommendations for the discharge of married men and women.

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

At the risk of running afoul of the American Medical Association I submit herewith some conclusions reached during my recent illness which may or may not have an important bearing on the diagnosis and medical treatment of the type of illness from which I was suffering at that time.

Blood poisoning, contracted during a stay in the north woods, brought me to bed in a local hospital. High fever, terrible pain in the foot and leg and an angry red swelling were the symptoms which indicated that the poison had gained the upper hand for the time.

The entire staff of the hospital was placed at the disposal of the attending doctor. Then the fight began. The battle against the blood-destroying bugs ebbed and flowed. The fever and swelling would recede only to return with renewed vigor, bringing new spasms of pain. As the second day drew to a close the staff doctors were whispering hurriedly and concern, nurses looked grave and a

general attitude of defeat was in the air. At about seven-thirty p. m. of this day there occurred an event which I wish to record at this time. This happening, seemingly unimportant at the time, proved later to be an event which may be a bomb that will smash all preconceived and accepted theories of orthodox medical diagnosis and treatment.

A Straw in the Wind A beautiful bouquet of gladiolus, sent by some unknown friend, was arranged in a vase and placed on a nearby table by the nurse. They were the first flowers. The blossoms had been in the room but a few minutes when I felt the first easing of the pain. I mentioned this fact to the doctor who said it was only a lull which would herald a new attack.

Two dozen roses arrived several hours later. No sooner had they been unfurled than the raging fever, which had been parching my lips, gave way to a feeling of coolness, and ease. I slept that night.



Welfare Board Votes Million for Relief

Federal Workers Section Campaign for Immediate Relief Appropriation Successful, as Reactionaries Abandon Attempt to Duplicate Chicago and Cleveland Starvation Schemes

After weeks of attempting to create a "relief crisis," to lead up to a stoppage of cash relief and repeat here the spectacle of Chicago and Cleveland, reactionaries abandoned their scheme under the pressure of organized labor, and the Welfare Board, on Friday, voted for a million dollar bond issue to provide immediate funds for relief.

On Thursday, meeting as a committee of the whole, under the watchful eye of Federal Workers Section officers, board members had voted to recommend the bond issue.

Union representatives noted with displeasure the absence from the meeting of Alderman Kauth and Hoyer and Mrs. Storley, board members who avow themselves friends of labor.

The million dollars voted provides, roughly, leeway of something over a month for the continuation of relief, but Ed Palmquist, vice president of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, was confident that organized labor

Morning brought new gifts of flowers and with each succeeding bunch of posies new improvements in my condition were noticed. Mind you, during this time no change in the method of medical treatment had been made. Staff doctors were dumbfounded, nurses were agog and the entire hospital buzzed, as news of the astounding cure was whispered from orderly to nurse and from nurse to scrub woman. All were amazed. Cure Complete

As news of my hospitalization reached more of my friends and acquaintances more flowers arrived. I now was on my feet moving around the room. The fever was gone. Pain had disappeared and the swelling was fast subsiding. The climax came on the morning of the fifth day when three friends called upon me in the room. They brought the following items: one (1) carton of Twenty Grands, one (1) carton of Camel's, two (2) pint bottles of whiskey and one (1) quart of whiskey and . . . one (1) large bouquet of SWEET peas . . . I put on my clothes and left the hospital, sound in mind and limb.

I set the facts down here, not with the hope that I may gain financial reward, but rather with the feeling that I, like Carrell Banting and Pasteur, have given something to posterity.

I am attempting here to offer no explanation of the near miracle that happened—I am not a medical man. There is only this I can offer—I HATE THE SMELL OF FLOWERS.

Time for Action A motion carried that the chair appoint the eighty delegates present as a committee of the whole to go to the labor movement and agitate for the campaign. It was also moved and carried to endorse plans of the Labor Temple Association for a show in the fall, and that the Association inform all 130 unions affiliated with the Central Labor Union of the coming conference, to be held Monday evening, August 1, in the mayor's reception room. At this conference, the Association together with other unionists will present concrete proposals to set in motion the campaign for the Labor Temple. Every Minneapolis union local, without one exception, is urged to heed the call of the Labor Temple Association and appoint its delegates to the coming conference. Minneapolis Labor needs a Labor Temple! Minneapolis Labor can achieve its goal!

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Woodworkers Issue Call For Council

An organization meeting of delegates from union locals interested in a North Central States District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers will be held at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, on Saturday and Sunday, August 6, 7. The meeting will formulate and adopt a set of by-laws, elect officers and discuss future policies and organizational activities of All furniture and woodware unions in the Northwest are urged by Walter Lewis of New London, Wis., sender of the call, to send delegates to participate in the proposed district council. The conference will start about 9:30 Saturday morning, August 6, in the hall above the "Point" cafe.

544 Team Makes It Six Straight

Sunday afternoon at Fairview Park Local 544's baseball team blasted the North Side Commercial nine by a score of 12-1, to make it six straight victories for the union players and to retain undisputed grip on first place in the American Division.

Wenell turned in his usual devastating game on the mound, running up thirteen strikeouts, and yielding seven hits. Bubs Pezik, 544's left-fielder, had his batting eye in shape Sunday, to bang out four singles in five times at the plate. Dick Dubay slammed out a homer, a double and a single.

The crucial game in the schedule will be played this Sunday when Local 544 tangles with the Camdens at Parade 8, the game starting at 2:30 p. m. A huge turnout of fans is anticipated for Sunday's contest, as the game will probably determine the league championship. Camden has lost only one game, to the Margaret Barry sluggers.

Warehouse Union to Picnic July 31

The Warehouse Union Local 20316 reminds its members and friends of the union picnic to be held Sunday, July 31, at Bass Lake. Free taxi service will be furnished from Broadway and Lowry Avenues to the grounds, and return. Cabs will start running at noon.

The sports program will get under way promptly at 1 o'clock, and will include contests for men, women and children of all ages. A band concert will be played late in the afternoon, and two ball games are promised. Dick Atherton's union orchestra will play for

With the Limousines

Well, to start off with, here's some bad news. Received an unsigned note to be put in this column. (quote)—"Dear Sir: One of your members says that a bunch of prominent business men intend to break your union sometime in August. The member's name is Gus Finn. He says "It's all washed up" (unquote).

Well, Gus, drop in and give us the boys' names. Some of the other unions might like to know them too. As far as being washed up, Ray Sawyer has the job of cleaning it up now and we say he is doing a pretty good job.

Such goin's on!!! Sweden's head man promanaging the streets of Minneapolis with a fink driver . . . And all the big shots singing Skol.

One of our spies saw Jess Baxter out near Prior lake. Is it true Hub Miller is wearing a fireman's hat? How to keep from growing old—Just tell Joe Fredericks that he doesn't belong to a union.

Don't be a fink—pay your dues. Bill says that he hopes that the new buttons are as big as pie-plates. The Governor is now riding union. His chauffeur finally signed up in Local 912 a few days ago.

We want a full membership at the meeting August 2nd. Don't be forgettin' August 14th—that's the day we contemplate for our picnic.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1) rights. Now however, an alarming situation has arisen.

The union heads allowed themselves to be intimidated by the right honorable Governor Kraschel's call for 1,000 volunteers "to preserve law and order." The union withdrew all but three of its pickets from the plant gates. The matter was placed in the hands of a boss-government board.

On July 18 the capitalist press announced that a strong back-to-work movement was under way. On that day more than 400 workers, most of them, it is true, maintenance and office workers, returned to their jobs. There were enough of the factory workers among the returning, however, to make the situation bad.

The Maytag Washing Machine Company 15 Newton, Iowa. There is practically no other industry there. I wonder how the strikers are faring when they apply for relief?

A New York judge sadly shook his head as he agreed with a defendant in a wage suit that "good servants are hard to find. Relief has made them 'put the ritz' on their employers." He commented further on how "cocky" household workers had become since it has been so "easy" for them to get on relief.

We can sympathize with the poor judge. But perhaps a word of advice would be better. When householders learn that cooking, cleaning, and minding someone else's spoiled children is no picnic and should be worthy of the hire, then maybe bridge-playing wives will be able to get and keep good servants.

dancing in the pavilion. The 10c admission to the grounds entitles one to a chance on one of the gate prizes. Twenty-five silver dollars will be given as gate prizes. Tickets can be obtained from the union stewards, picnic committee members, or at the union office. Our friends are invited to come early and stay late—the union guarantees a good time for all.

However flippantly we may seem to have handled that last item, the situation is serious. And not from the employers' angle either. Women who are forced to do housework for their living are perhaps as much if not more exploited than any other class of workers. Those who "live in" are on duty practically twenty-four hours a day. Most of them have no home privileges, no privacy. They receive meager wages. They are looked down upon by their employers.

Yet the good judge wonders that most workers would rather subsist on relief than work twenty-four hours a day for the same low subsistence.

The head of the Railway Trainmen's Brotherhood, now in conference with railroad heads in Chicago, has announced flatly that there will be no wage cut, so far as his union is concerned. So far only the Trainmen have begun negotiations on the wage question. For the sake of not only the railroad workers but also for the sake of all other workers it is to be hoped that this attitude will be held firmly. A wage cut for one group of workers means a potential wage cut for all those employed. A move downward anywhere in the movement has repercussions in every line.

Today Makes 8,129 Days . . .

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

- LOCAL 471**
The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
- LOCAL 131**
During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.
- LOCAL 664**
The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
- LOCAL 1086**
The Retail Truckers Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- PETROLEUM DRIVERS**
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.
- LOCAL 977**
Joint Meeting—with Local 544 Petroleum Section, First Wednesday each month, 8 p. m.
- Grievance and Seniority Board**
—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.
- General Membership—Second Wednesday** each month, 9 p. m.
- FEDERAL WORKERS**
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
- LOCAL 289**
Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
- Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.**
- Local 346**
General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.
- MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1859, 20481**
General Membership, 1859—July 20
Executive Board, 1859—Friday nights
Twin City Stewards—July 11, 25
General Membership, 20481—July 15
Executive Board, 20481—July 18; July 4th meeting called off
- LOCAL 221**
Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m.
Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.
- LOCAL 20316**
Stewards—First and third Tuesday
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday
Executive Board—Regularly every Monday
- LOCAL 292**
Inside Section—First Tuesday
Radio Section—Second Tuesday
Shophmen's Section—Second Wednesday
- Utility Section—First Thursday**
General Membership—Third Thursday
Seniority Board—Every Monday
Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday
General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays
Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday
Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
- LOCAL 103**
Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays.
Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
- PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS**
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- LOCAL 958**
First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m.
Third Thursday of each month, 4 a. m.
- LOCAL 544**
MEETING SCHEDULE
July, 1938
Thursday, July 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Sunday, July 10—Wholesale Grocery; 10 A. M.
Monday, July 11—General Membership
Wednesday, July 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor
Friday, July 15—Job Stewards Sunday, July 17—Over-the-Road, 10 A. M.
Monday, July 18—Furniture Stores
Thursday, July 21—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M.
Monday, July 25—Spring Water; Excavating and Sand & Gravel
Thursday, July 28—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2.
The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in Staff Room.
All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.