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Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

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Omaha 554 Grimly Carries On -- Detroit Signs!

On the **National** Picket Line

When Daniel Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters exploded a bombshell into the AFL Houston convention last fall, demanding that peace within the labor movement be affected as soon as possible, he expressed the sentiments of the entire organized tired of these jurisdictional battles that net them nothing. They are tired of being pitted, brother against brother. They want peace.

The fight between the AFL and the CIO began as a prin-cipled battle, with craft ver-sus industrial unionism as the crux of the fight. The CIO has to be credited with bring-ing into the folds of organization millions of heretofore unorganized mass production

AFL has been forced, through the tremendous surge into organiza-toins of millions of workers, to recognize the principle of indu trial unionism. In fact the AFL has organized of late, in many centers, on industrial lines. The fight remains today, merely a con test for control of a united labor vement, FROM THE TOP.

In many instances the workers in both AFL and CIO unions have united in co cils. In Akron when the United Rubber Workers were in a strike against the Goodyear Company, the AFL unions came forward with assistance. As a result of this action a council of both factions was formed, its sole aim and pur--a united front against e bosses.

The strike of AFL Warehouse orkers of Hupston, Texas, inst the Walgreen company was supported financially by the com ned efforts of AFL and CIO

Both AFL and CIO top leaderships have hurled charges against one another of "raiding" i. e. invading territories already organized. Neither faction can claim incence in this matter. What the AFL is doing in Textile and has done in Coal, the CIO is doing and has done in Maritime and the Metal Trades.

Last week Francis X. Gorman announced that the United Textile withdrawing from the CIO and were calling a convention to consider reentry into the AFL.

This is an interesting event in view of information re-ceived by this paper about the situation in Textiles. Our source of information is re-liable and comes directly

teen years and has a history of etc. Harthill sought to frighten reaction comparable to none. Conthe audience, whom he must have have been working on outdoor the boys and girls have been go-New Bedford is a mecca of the and the business firms.

The council was the last group to enter the TWOC, holding out for craft autono-(Continued on page 4)

2,000 at 544 Kid Christmas Party Last Saturday



Above is shown a portion of the 2,000 kids who yelled themselves hoarse with delight at the Third Annual 544 Kids Party presented last Saturday afternoon in the drivers hall.

The versatile and lovable Jack Mason—master

of ceremonies, clown and eccentric dancer-has just But the fight is no longer craft delighted the crowd by having a big balloon burst versus industrial unionism. The in his face.

Other acts included an excellent animal show; a pair of expert jugglers; a mystifying magician; and

who amazed the audience with their music.

The show wound up with animated cartoons, a real Santa, and candy for all. Ray Rainbolt, in charge of the party, expressed his regrets that so many hundreds of kiddies had to be turned away because of lack of room. The union committee is already taking steps to secure a larger auditorium for next year's Christmas party.

Unionism Debated At Redwood Falls

Last Thursday night in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, fully one thousand persons turned out to an open forum in the local high school on the issue of unionism and the work of the Willmar Drivers Union Local 851 in organizing the three employes in the local Gandrud Creamery. Some weeks ago Local 851 presented a contract to the creamery asking for a wage scale identical to that paid in Willmar. in Willmar.

The local Chamber of Commerce sponsored the meeting. At Union Guard the time the union pact was presented, business men in Redwood Dance a Success Falls met and compelled union organizers to leave town. The case was taken to the Labor Board was taken to the Labor Board which investigated. Just before it was to hand down its ruling, the creamery signed up with the union.

dances ever held by a section of the local labor movement was given last Saturday night at the drivers hall by the Union Defense

Leon Brown, county attorney, Wagner labor act.

President Netlund of Local 851 and Vernon Lawson of the Will- affair genuinely enjoyed the evemar Tribune spoke for the labor ning.

Louis Harthill of Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, was the chief spokesman for the anti-la-

Harthill started out with the old song-and-dance about being all for slander about labor gangsterism,

Tuesday, December 27th. All members are urged to attend.

One of the most successful B. F. Nelson Men To Get Bonus

All members of the Warehous Union Local 20316 employed a Friends of the guardsmen acted as chairman of the meeting and stated it was called to discuss and stated it was called to discuss the local union situation and the ton's excellent 544 orchestra, and the union demanded that employ remained until the small hours of ees be paid weekly.

mar Tribune spoke for the labor movement, presenting the history of the Willmar union, outlining its dues, its functioning and its aims.

The Union Defense Guard gives warm and hearty thanks to all those whose suport made the affair the social and financial success that it was to the sum should be given to the workers in the form of a bonus. At this time, nominations will be fair the social and financial success that it was the sum should be given to the workers in the form of a bonus. This bonus will be divided among held for the Ways and Means to take their day off affers the social and financial success that it was the sum should be given to the fair the social and financial success that it was the sum should be given to the sum should be given to the first time, nominations will be held for the Ways and Means the sum should be given to the su

stand of food."

Many Union Speakers

Speakers from all trade unions

will be present to add their voices

in the protest against the Administrations' actions.

Be there! Bring your neigh-bor! Protect your job and your

ITO Nominates

For Committee

On Dec. 30th

standard of living!

The Warehouse Union Local ent set-up no one knows when he ship for indicating their loyalty and interest in the result of the ship for indicating their loyalty and interest in the ship for indicating their loyalty 20316 will elect its delegates to too will be at the mercy of relief the Central Labor Union, at the lagencies for the bread and butter big turnout at the polls. his children eat. regular membership meeting on

the B. F. Nelson company are to

wages weekly. The union took the

New Charter, Officers, Installed by Woodworkers

At the successful conference of the North Central District uncil of Furniture and Woodenware Workers held last week end in Oshkosh, Andrew Leaf, international representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, installed the new charter and the newly-elected officers for the coming year.

Council leaders for 1939 are: Walter Lewis of New London, president; Ward Naramore of Stevens Point, vice-president; William Engelbretson of Minneapolis, secretary-treasurer; John Kitts, Oshkosh, 3-year trustee; John Thoreson, New Richmond, 2-year trustee; Pete Kostroski, Wausau, 1-year trustee.

John Janasco of Minneapolis will be a representative of the Council's meanwlayed section.

the Council's unemployed section. The convention approved the minutes of the Stevens Point conference, and passed a motion to print the Council's by-law, and send a copy to the International office.

CLU, FWS Heavy Vote To Protest Rolled Up WPA Layoffs By Local 471

Getting out the heaviest vote in sored jointly by the Central Labor years, the Milk Drivers Union Lo-544 will take place on January 3, The following were chosen M. 117 S. E. 4th St. This mass meeting is called to protest the treasurer, white ballot; Fred WPA lay-offs and to lay plans for business agent; Tom Ammerman, Thompson, trustee; Bill Sinnott,

fighting the Roosevelt Administra- business agent, white ballot. tions' avowed policy of "guns in-As George Berquist had with-Cad of food."

This meeting is of interest and race to run for business agent, should be attended by every mem-ber of organized labor, whether will be held in the near future by employed, on relief or on WPA. It Local 471.

is not just a question of a thou- The election judges reported sand or more workers being cut off that 1,135 votes were cast Tuesfrom their miserable jobs in the day during the hours of ballotting from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Local 471's dead of winter. Under the pres-board warmly thanks the member

Local 160 Settles Item Of Holidays

The Utility Workers Union Loal 160 announced this week that arbitration on holidays for 1938 had been settled outside the arbitration board, on the following ba-

All employees covered by the Northern States Power agreement are entitled to holidays as of Reed.

7,000 Detroit Men Make Wage Gains

Detroit, Mich. — On Tuesday night just before the midnight strike deadline set by Drivers Union Local 299, Detroit employers capitulated and signed both the standard Area over-road contract bringing type trikers in Nebraska. and a local city contract, bringing the closed shop and the check-off the closed shop and the check-off to 7,000 Detroit drivers and help-touch with President Daniel Tobin

get a 5c hourly boost. Wages for city drivers are set at 70c, 75c,

Tobin answered the Omaha and 60c hourly, depending upon the type of work. Tandam drivers negotiating committee consisted of in the city will receive 85c.

Runs from one mile to 200 miles will be computed on a trip rate on the basis of 3 1/4 c per mile. On runs over 200 miles, the rate will Unions Relief Committee and the cal 471 ballotted Tuesday for the be 3c per mile. Pick-up and delivery work on through runs will be paid at the rate of 75c hourly. 1939 at the Old Eagles Hall, 8 P. Conrad Ordeman, president, white Tandam drivers on the highway will receive a cent more per hour than the regular rate.

Area Campaign Goes Forward City pact, pushes further ahead strikers

Local 977 Elects for 1939 Board

10 p. m., members of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 ballotted for officers for the com-

Jeppson, vice-president; Larry J. he would call together the opera-Davidson, secretary-treasurer; D. tors, and notify them of the G. Spaulding, recording secretary; Ray Schaust, 3-year trustee; Clyde Salyers, 2-year trustee; L. V. operators would reconsider the situation and would get in touch (Bud) Schima, 1-year trustee.

The first three officers were incumbents, and were re-elected. Election judges were James Brower, Carroll Melloy, and Ray W.

For Unemployed

At the recent state executive meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, the sub-committee on unemployment which was chos- gime in Cmaha is being felt. en at the Mankato convention sub- Last week Judge Dineen heard mitted its report, in the form of a the appeals of strikers from pre-Federation of Labor.

youth who come from families that are still lucky enough not to be on relief.

Demand End of Deductions

the fouth Section will once again present the demand of the young people that minors be permitted to keep whatever earnings they have for their own use.

The Youth Section has answered that a large was precing the State Endersting of Labor.

After a general discussion, a motion passed authorizing Presi-

Under the new agreement, 80 per cent of the city drivers will receive hourly wage increases of 10c. The remaining drivers will that if they could meet with him, the Omaha situation could be straightened.

Farrell Dobbs, John T. O'Brien of L'cal runs within a radius of Chicago and Jos Scislowski of Mil-75 miles will pay 70c hourly. Through runs from one mile to 150 miles will pay 3½c per mile. Runs from constitution of the constitution of th

No Settlement Forthcoming Two meetings on Monday between the union committee and the Omaha operators found the Omaha employers in an attitude that offered no basis for a settlement. The union committee reported back to President Tobin on the negot'tions.

The operators' proposal was This new victory in Detroit, presented by the union commit-oming on the heels of the Kansas tee to a meeting of the Omaha City pact, pushes further ahead strikes on Tuesday evening, the campaign to enforce the Area pact, and gives new stimulus to the Omaha drivers in their fight for union agreements. sal was to burn it. Amid grim laughter, a score of men tossed match packs onto the stage.

Derr e the grueling 15-weeks struggle the spirit of the heroic Omaha pirkets was inspiring and the will to victory burns higher than e or in the breasts of Local

New Negotiations Pend

After the proposal had been re-jected by 554's membership, the union (committee called the spokesman for the operators and in-The following were nominated: formed him of the union's action. Roy Sturdevant, president; Augie The employer's spokesmen stated later with the union committee.

On Tuesday the sheriff of Co-lumbus, Mebraska, arrested Walter K. Stultz, Local 554's president, and Malcolm G. Love, union trustee, on charges of violating the infamous anti-picketing law.

Later, the union learned, an at tempt was being made to change the charge against Love and Stoltz to one of felony-the exact charge is not yet clear.

The wide labor protest against the crue, and repressive boss re-

draft for a constitution and by-laws for a statewide unemploy-ment movement under the spon-sorship of the Mianesota State Chairman Skoglund of the sub-Gilson and Mart Ryan were dis-

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Associated Industries, who was brought to Redwood Falls by the FWS Youth Win NYA Clothing Orders -- Plan Mass Meeting

The New Bedford Textile council is the spear-head of the move back into the AFL. This council is composed of locals from three towns in the area of New Bedford.

The Youth Section of the Federal Workers Section, The Youth Section of the Youth Section of the Federal Workers Section, The Youth Section of the Youth Sectio towns in the area of New Bedford. years, and dragged in all the dirty working on outdoor projects. As pointed out in previous is-

the audience, whom he must have been working on outdoor the boys and girls hav shoes, etc. Up to now, the NYA workers have been expected to buy all their own clothing out of the relief com-He attacked the Wagner Labor twelve dollars or less a month they mittee came only after weeks of

sues of the Organizer, many boys The result of this has been that

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

INSIDE THE UNIONS

N. E. Carle Jon Condo R. F. Hornig Curle & Lunde Richard Gilmore A. M. Ogren Mike Rusinko

WITH THE LIMOUSINES-Cheer up, everyone: I hope we'll be able to get this column in this week . . . A slight error kept our column out of the paper the last couple of weeks . . . We have heard from reliable information that a bigger and better membership is in for us. Johnnie and hand'd sure had a nice game of bridge after the last meeting . . . Harold says if you want to see some fine overcoats, call on him for the latest styles and customs. Here IS news: Carl has his new teeth, and do they look swell . . . Have him put on his new smile for you, then look quick. John, our President, was at the meeting . . . looked very fine after the very severe cold he has had for the last couple weeks. Bill, the snow is sure to come he has had for the last couple weeks. Bill, the snow is sure to come soon . . I advis you to get the big "pouch" in good shape for the hard work that is bound to confront him . . . I'm sure you all heard Mr. F. G. Fuzzey's advice at the last meeting and how well and fluently he delivered his "speech." Joe, our Vice President, came to the last meeting under some pain . . he is suffering with a very bad knee . . . but that's not enough to stop Joe from attending the meetings. . . Whenever you have any notes or any information you get by with the briefest column we have had this year . . . Christmas all had their Christmas presents on. Boy, did they look swell. Notice boy, while your writer is trying to get this column written, you should ear all the stories and tales I am trying to listen to. I'm sure it just can't be done, as you may note from above reading. . . Anyway, in the here's wishing everyone the best of Christmases and New Years . . . a twe Ray and Mel, where do you all buy them swell hats you are wearing? I need a new lid, 7%, green gray . . . Bud G., the piece I wrote about you has been omitted, but I can't help telling on you. You sure got plenty of change . . . Nominees' names were read at the last meeting and at the next regular meeting elections will be held. . . . Mel J. still carries his picture with him. Ask him to show it . . Eskild gave some interesting talks at the meeting and handled the nominations in chape . . . Bud L. did a lot of good talking . . . You all should have heard the talks about insurance. Come to the meetings and find out what's going on in the union . . We all wish Merry Christmas to Wallie. . . C. G., do you miss the white sidewalls on the new Studebaker? . . . We'll be seeing you at the next meeting.

GASSING WITH 977-Again, we urge any member who becomes unemployed, to immediately come to the office and take out an Honorary Withdrawal card . . . Those 977 members who are unemployed, should report to the office if they wish any help in the matter of getting relief, or getting on WPA . . . The election returns, with totals for each candidates, are as follows: R. Sturdavant 99 and J. Goodin 11 for President; A. Jeppson 99 and B. Graham 10 for Vice-President; Larry J. Davidson 108 for Secretary-Treasurer; D. Spaulding 95 and V. Moen 15 for Recording Secretary; R. Schaust 104, C. Salyers 102, B. Schima 95 and R. Deck 25 for Trustees . . . ecial meeting of the new Executive Board for the Local will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 8 p. m. This will take the place next regular meeting of the Board in December . . . After the first of the year, all attendants who are not receiving the wage scale and who are working over the 48-hours-per-week, should come to the office and fill out a written discrimination record; the matter will then be taken care of by your organizers . . . Davidson is leaving December 24th for a week's vacation; he will spend Christmas with ther in Cleveland, Ohio . . . A. A. Barnes, attendant at Dupont and Lake Street, has been pumping Tydol gasoline for the past year When he reported for work the other morning, he found himself ing Phillips; his Irish patriotism came to the fore, as he changed from the Orange to the Green uniform . . . Since none of them found way to the office, we have to take the word of eyewitnesses that Al Rishovd (Falk-Zolle garage) was passing cigars in . Among the new initiates are D. Carpenter, Pure Oil station, 3322 W. 44th St.; D. McNamara, Pure Oil, 35th and Nicollet; Charles Hafey, Pure Oil, 50th and Xerxes S., and Ed Cronin, Erickson station, 1500 8th Ave. S. . . . Oral LaMere, William Hueftle, Harold Dahlen, K. Green and Ray Huddleston took out Honorary Withdrawal cards this week, thereby saving themselves from paying dues while temporarily unemployed . . . H. Durant and D. W. Frost brought their withurawal cards to the office and return to work at Ackerman service and Northwestern Tire, respectively.

ON WPA PROJECTS-The Youth Section of the Federal Workers Section is making itself heard. It should be given the support of the whole labor movement in its demands for proper clothing, better working conditions and \$60 a month. At present the boys and girls are paid \$20 or \$25 a month and are expected to contribute \$15 or \$20 of that to the family budget. If it is not put into the budget the family goes hungry or cold, because the relief department chisels that much off as soon as a youth is put on N. Y. A. . . . The fact that the Youth Section is commanding attention shows that it is gain-

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ing membership and will be a factor in bettering relief conditions throughout the country. More power to them and their dynamic young secretary, Oscar Kohler. . . . The mass meeting called for 8 p. m. January 3, at the East Side Eagles Hall is another step toward stopping WPA slashes and instituting a movement that will eventually force extension of the present state quota . . . 403's handed out on the Sewing Projects for—you've guessed it—"inefficient work" started a stampede that, if it hadn't been stopped by the executive board of the FWS would have made 1934 look like a tea party at the "Little Colonel's" home. When you start taking food from the mouths of her children, the female of the species is about as easy to handle as the Rainbolt on the scent of a fink . . . The Union Defense Guard's dance and turkey party looked like a membership meeting of the Federal Workers' Section plus, and the kids' Christmas tended by all the kids in town (so it seemed). And all of them weren't . . The fight to get 408's back on the job is well under way and in the past few days has been meeting with considerable succe Making foremen face the family men they have given 403's and give specific causes for the discharges has taken the point off a few busy pencils. . . . Everybody is expected to come and bring other workers to the mass meeting in protest of WPA cuts. This is not only a fight

would like to have in the paper, will you kindly get in touch with comes to us in the independent section with a mild winter to cheer Jerry? He'll be glad to get all the news any of you have. We have us with the best cold weather season we have had in a long time... information on hand that a certain party on the east side is running WPA is doing as well as can be expected; the new park board setup a so-called "livery" that is very unsatisfactory to this local . . Jerry should consult with that party immediately. Ted, Bill and Eddie vating contractors are finding the going easy . . Our state boys have good news for January already . . . The postoffice is like a boarding house. This will help them on the baseball diamond next have good news for January already . . . The postoffice is like a board beehive with our Local 544 boys doing their share . . . Election time is here and I urge on all of you your duty to vote . . . Last week's Ways and Means committee meeting was full of fire and smoke but we all hope it left no one with any hard feelings permanently toward anyone . . . And by the way, Curt, where is your share of the news for this week? . . . So let's wind up with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for all of you and your families, happy and secure in the knowledge that the coming year, 1939, holds forth for the ITO a twelve-month of greater benefit and progress than ever before . . One little "if" says that we must put our shoulders to the wheel, so

> GAS AND SUDS-This column wishes each and every member : happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. We wish the same to the staff that helps to put out our paper. And to all our friends throughout the labor movement, a swell Christmas and a fine New Year . . . St. Paul Laundry Drivers Local 319 held their election last Friday. All incumbents were returned to office. The vice-presidency was the only office challenged . . . Now that our contract has been renewed and signed for another year, we can all feel a little more secure . . . We also believe that down deep many employers are willing to be fair, but there's always a few among them "who are from Mis . We also believe that down deep many employers are willing souri" and must be shown . souri" and must be shown . . . By the number of questions we've answered lately, there should be a large turnout for the Victory Banquet which it is anticipated will be held after the first of the year-beer quaffers and weinie hounds please take notice . . . When one finishes reading the daily press these days he wonders about all thse faked charges of so-called "labor racketeering." After reading about the Gongolls, the Costers and the Whitneys, etc., one begins to believe that the bosses' charge of "labor racketeering" is just a cover-up for their own high-binding. The funny part about the whole system is that these crooks and swindlers can bamboozle the workers and the authorities for years, and all they usually get is a slap on the wrist after they're caught . . . Monk Fowler, coach, announces that there will be no basketball games until after the holidays. The first game will probably be the Monday after New Years. The team is rounding into shape and we can look forward to a successful season.

> TAXI TOPICS-It happened at Fourth and Nicollet: a burly fellow from the land beyond the suburbs had left his "sweetie" in their parked car and a few minutes later was hopelessly lost. When we chanced on the scene he was frantically calling at the top of his we chanced on the scene ne was frantically calling at the top of his voice, her good old-fashioned Swedish name. P. S. He located his girl and Ford and, we strongly suspect, his jug . . . The junior of the "Twins" complains that city-owned riding vehicles are "gassy" and visibility is bad from the tonneau. We still insist all hacks are gassy in front . . . "Big-Noise" Tripp, upon winning a midget radio was asked if he intended to present it to his better half. "Decidedly not," said he, "do you think I would give her anything that can out-talk me? Besides, it just fits in my tackle box . . . "Fire-ball" Edholm

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likes his coffee, snuss, and newspapers "dated" . .. Half-a-Cup Sorenson is sampling coffee all over town again . . . The only break Sorenson is sampling coffee all over town again . . . The only break Kirchburg is waiting for. "If it don't snow," says he, "old Santa can't use his sleigh and reindeer, so he's gonna run him hour-base around these parts." . . "Lumberjack" Bolander wants to go logging. Might be a good idea to buy up the used Christmas trees and start a toothpick factory. . . This is the time of the year when Saint Nick gets our scale and we haul everything from a jumping jack to a cedar chest, "on the meter". chest "on the meter" . . . Jake Greenberg and family are moving into their roomy apartment in the new housing project . . . Curly must be well ensconced in cafe society, the last two articles came in on a menu card . . . To all the "gang" whether sick or well, wherever they all may be, we wish all a happy holiday season and at least fifty two weeks of good "cruising" . . . Instructions to our east side spy find out what Vern Falk is up to, he sold his tube skates . . . Some

THE 289 BLAB—Republican Prosperity 1939 model: two chickens in every pot belly and 1,500 men fired from WPA rolls.

Kenny Flickeid, Regan's, is all a-flutter about what he is getting for Christmas. A new nickname hits the news: Bob Herman of Regan's so now known as "Snooky". Mike Moline, Regan's, is fast losing his last few hairs waiting for the new heir or heiress to the Moline Regan's and the residue of the prospers of the Moline Regan's at the Moline Regan's and the state of the Moline Regan's at the series of the Moline Regan's at the series of the Moline Regan's at the Regan's at the series of the Moline Regan's at the Rega One little "it" says that we must put our shoulders to the wheel, so let's make our resolution for the new year that our duty to our Union will be first and foremost and that we will attend meetings faithfully and do all in our power to join hands in every opportunity to build up and go forward.

In stast rew hairs waiting for the new heir or heiress to the Moline fortune to arrive. Flash! It's an heiress, Monday afternoon. Mike is saved by a hair!

Harold Larson of Zinsmaster and their respective wives are holding a New Year's Eve party all their own this year and in order to gain admission you have to be an expectant father. Catch on?

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O'Neil, Regan's, sat through the Hal Kemps floor show four times the property of the party and trying to catch on how to do the shag . . Jimmie Moffatt, Continental, had to do a lot of talking the other morning when he came to work and found another man driving out the door with his truck and load. And not till this man got out of the truck and looked at the number was he convinced . . The sympathies of the local and the entire industry, I'm sure, go out to Joe Lindsay and his wife and family in their recent misfortune last week . . Ed Kalitowski, Purity North Plant, being quite popular with the lady clerks, was recently seen in somewhat of an embrace with one of them the other day the witness isn't real sure whether it happened under mistletoe or under an anesthetic . . . Joe is going to have turkey for Christmas for sure. His wife received a turkey at the hall last Saturday and was she excited . . Joe was successful in collecting quite a sum of back pay for Floyd Bistodeau of Lakeview bakery to the amount of \$136. Some Christmas this year, eh "Frenchy"? And from what I hear there are a few more men who will collect from their various mpanies in the near future. The board has gone definitely on record against any dilly-dallying on these cases . . . The executive boar ishes all members a very Merry Christmas and a more prospero New Year, realizing that the best present or heritage any membe can give his family or dependents is just being a good trade union member, to cooperate with all his brother members and thereby reap he full benefits derived from a closely knit organization bluebird of happiness shines all over your Christmas pie.

> Season's Greetings Carlson's Cafe

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We take our hat off to Leonard Dale Lissner. Dale, who has years of seniority at Roberts Dairy and who was the man more responsible than any other for the organization of the Roberts plant men, hurt his back in an accident almost a year ago. Crippled and in a cast for months, he's never lost his gritty smile and all the way through has maintained his active interest in the Union. His dues are paid up. He gets around to meetings with the men and with the bosses, fighting for the Union with the same intelligence and fear-lessness that marked his work before his injury. Together with Irv Schmidt, he's kept the fires of unionism burning. Dale deserves not only our salute; he deserves some concrete assistance, and the Union proposes to render it . . . If Tox Sexton keeps facing them jedges he will be a well shaved gentleman . . By the time this column is before your eyes, there may have been some interesting developments. The chain is drawing tighter around the "Harle Carter of the Control of the Cont chain is drawing tighter around the "Harlan County of the Trucking Not only the truck operators, but hundreds of other em ployers in town are beginning to realize that the day of Unionism is here to stay! Some are trembling (the chiselers)—some are satisfied because they recognize that higher wages means more purchasing power and better business and living conditions. .. When the contracts are signed the real drive begins. Every member must make Carl Skoglund's words come true. Every member must become an organizer. If we organize the reat of the drivers in town, there won't be any more prolonged fights like this one . . . Friday the 23rd: the big Christmas party for the union men, women and children of Omaha. Probably you are at the party while you are reading this. Maybe rrobably you are at the party while you are reading this. Maybe you've just come home from that party. Here's hoping you have a Merry Christmas and let's make this a Happy New Year! Next Christmas will be different. Fritz is still sparking Dorothy. And are his six other girls mad? . . Peck had a lot of hauling to do for Lard from one bed to another. Very gracious of you there, Peck. Very gracious . . Under the Bowie Knife: Loren Mack, the man from the beef-kill.

Inasmuch as most good things While there is a lower class, I are produced by labor, it follows am in it. While there is a crim Val that all such things ought to beimes long to those whose labor hos pronenduced them.—LINCOLN.

inal element, I am in it. While
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County FLP Hands Unions Short End

With its chief task that of allotting the county's 85 tion, spokesmen for the union vôtes in the coming state Farmer-Labor convention, the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Association held its biennial convention last Sunday, December 18th, in the downtown Eagles Hall.

The gathering had no sooner opened at 10 a. m. than a floor fight broke out on the whole vital question of trade union representation to the Farmer-Labor councils.

As is well known, the economic organizations of the workers and workers and workers and workers and workers order, two Workers Atsuch a fight must be waged is shown by the allocation of votes within Hennepin County to the state convention which meets in St. Paul on January 27-28, 1939.

of the Farmer-Labor Association liliary, etc, etc. particularly in Hennepin County, the elections for these odies giving an absurdly disproortionate weight to the ward clubs tion of 'Gone With the Wind'." and the various paper organiza-

Protest Paper Groups

Early in the morning Ole Ogg the Milk Drivers Union took the floor to protest the seating of lelegates from the ever-present eties: two Finnish Workers Clubs he Ukranian Toilers, the Macen Society, the Rosa Luxem-

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farmers have always been discrim- Workers Order, two Workers Alinated against in the county and liance locals and a Workers Altate committees and conventions liance Ward Club Women's Aux-

> "There's enough paper in those organizations to print a deluxe edi-

The effort to unseat these fake organizations was crushed by the ty. Mauseth - Smith-Soltis - Seestrom machine.

The main convention fight revolved around the seating of the delegates of the General Drivers clude the Drivers' representatives. After hours of wrangling, Local lelegates of the Federal Workers ection of Local 544, and the Wo-

ien's Farmer-Labor Federation. Fight for Union Rights During the debate on this ques

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St. Paul on January 27-28, 1939. votes (83,000 votes for Benson in the last election, plus two dele-As one worker observed: gates at large). Of these 85 votes, only 42 go to the unions and other affiliated organizations; 43 votes go to the ward clubs and the township clubs in rural Hennepin Coun-

The credentials committee, in eporting to the convention, listed the delegations by name of organization only, rather than by nam ing of delegates, making it diffiis, the machine sought to ex- the bodies whom they were repre-

senting. The one humorous interlude in 544's delegation was seated, as the convention came when Mr. were the disputed delegations of John Gabriel Soltis, a delegate other unions. Excluded were the from the Workers Alliance, arose to deny his membership in the

Communist Party. plution objecting to the seating of he Communist Party.

Soltis denied the charge, amid the federal government stop its present WPA layoffs, etc. The

The incident furnished added ability of the recent anti-commu-ernment remove all bars to state central committee. Instead cist Germany can receive asylumof making the fight on the Comin this country. unist Party because of its prowar, pro-Roosevelt, union-splitting

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and union-wrecking policies, the Lundeen crowd are seeking to op-pose the Communists on the ground they believe in changing the government "by force or rev-The Communists have only to deny membership in the mmunist Party, and remain free to retain their grip on the FLP

Oppose Anti-"Red" Move The

chaired by Walter Frank, recom take no action on the state com That such a fight must be waged tion, on the grounds it violates the is shown by the allocation of votes FLP constitution which provides within Hennepin County to the that nothing in it "shall be con strued as abridging the rights of affiliated organizations, including Hennepin County is entitled to 85 the right to choose its own delegates to FLP bodies.

When the report of the creden tials committee was up for final adoption, a motion was made to amend the report so as to exclude Soltis from the convention. Again the convention rejected the move Ahlstrom Defeats Lush

A test of strength between the 225 to 115, placing R. J. Ahlstrom Union Local 544. On a technical cult to identify the delegates and in the chair over his opponent Steve Lush. Guy Alexander, Electrical Workers Local 292 represen tative, who first declined nomina with a white ballot on a motion of the Seestrom-Soltis--Mauseth

> secretary. David Lundeen, a leader in the the initiative of the building The resolutions committee, at anti-communist bloc in the Asso-ciation, had introduced a test reson resolutions directing the state soltis on grounds of his tie-up with al, state and city public works and

clique. Selma Seestrom was named

Also carried was a resolution oof of the stupidity and unwork- demanding that the federal gov ist resolution passed by the FLP gration, so that the victims of fas

Next Forum to Be January 8th

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ON THE ROUTE WITH THE MILKMAN—I've heard of many men get to the top ranks of bowling teams, but here is one for Ripley: Stan Kingfischer Fischer got on the top team just by talking ... Harry Langborg is sure putting on the tonnage. If he doesn't stop soon, we will be matching him with Tony Two-Ton Galento or Abe Kashey ... This new system of writing the column has got medizary using dots like Winchell. I know what you are thinking, that I'm that way annyway ... On behalf of the executive board, all the members and their families are wished a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Here's hoping old Santa forgets no one ... Paul Keetchie, the retired admiral of the Polish Navy, gave a venison dinner to some of the boys last week. He claims he tried to reach me to invite me also, but couldn't find me. Paul doesn't know there are telephones. Now, no alibis, Paul . . . Did you ever notice how nice and glossy Tommy Campbell's hair is? Well, I just found out the formulas—it's bacon grease, tooth paste and shoe polish . . . I hear they're going to put on a play at the Franklin creamery. Rosy and Bad Weitzel are to do an adagie dance. Can you imagine these two bilmps in skin tiphts, flittering hither and yon plucking imaginary flowers? All they need is a girl partner to fill the team. I nominate Kate Smith. . . There's only one thing Gene Aitken wants for Christmas, something that will grow hair on that marble top of his . . . The boys at the Ewald Brothers creamery held a banquet last Monday night in the Nicollet Hotel for their employers. Good feed, wonderful program, and good time for all. Melvin Shay was master of ceremonies . . Some boys at the Moders plant pulled a fast one on Alfristensen, who is a walking ad for store clothes. The other day when his wife cleaned out his coveralls, she found a note with the name and phone number of some dishwater blonde. Chestr Delmonico claims he doesn't know anything about it.

FURNITURE AND WOODENWARE WORKERS NEWS—Broth. trade unions and the Communists
Christensen, who is a walking ad for store clothes. The other day when his wife cleaned out his coveralls, she found a note with the

FURNITURE AND WOODENWARE WORKERS NEWS-Brother Andrew Wicherski of the Glazer Box section reports he has sold our trailer-with advantage to 1859. Andy has had the rolling stock in cold storage since the Puffer-Hubbard section got through with it . . . The A. F. of L. has called for the annual check-up on due books, so turn them in to your stewards. (Paid up) . . A list of members absent from two or more meetings is available at the Clark section. Members should be sure to check in with their stewards at each meeting . . Brother Oscar Olsen of the Clark section trades unions, reported favorably on resolutions directing the state convention to call for large federal, state and city public works and housing projects; to demand that the federal government stop its present WPA layoffs, etc. The enware Workers. It will depend on news from the membership for its growth. Please jot down any good news items from any section union and give it to Richard Gilmore, either directly or through your stewards, or through any member of the Executive committee. Hoping this column meets with the approval and cooperation of all the m mbers of 1859 and asking for suggestions and criticisms, I submit this for your approval . . . Richard B. Gilmore.

> WATT NOTES-Brother Adkins of the Meter Department is laid up at home with the flu . . . Richard Dickinson of St. Cloud may pass up the fire water, but how he loves popcorn . . . Brother Anderson of St. Cloud believes in going to a dance early and getting home early??? . . . The membership meeting last Thursda; was again very well attended and VERY INTERESTING . . . Georg Hewitt looks more like a football player than a meter-man this week— all taped up—pleurisy . . . The Local extends heartfelt sympathy to Brother A. Hill of St. Croix Falls in the loss of his daughter who was killed in an automobile accident last Friday, December 16th Who is the meter-man who failed to report "no label" on his father's new home at Medicine Lake recently? . . . TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION: Don't go to meetings. If you do, go late. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and members. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do

things. Get "sore" if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings. If asked by the Chairman give your opinion on some matter tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done . . . there any truth in the rumor that our 'frand" Don Juan (Teasdale to you), was walking down the street several evenings ago very eeply engrossed in Union problems. A young lady came to a front door, looked up and down the street, then pointed her lovely schnozzle skyward like a coyote calling its mate, and sang out, "Buddeeeeee! Come on in now, it's bedtime." Brother Teasdale kept on with his usiness of engrossing and automatically replied, "Yes, honey, I'll

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Building Service Strike

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itor that we shall appreciate that attention.
Yours very respectfully,
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Union Bowlers Recess Until January 9th

relieved when the facts are known.

Background of Case
Peter Wishy, then janitor, was removed by a petition signed by the tenants, charging him with inefficiency and long standing insolence. The owner hesitated to discharge him, but was finally forced to do so by the united action of the tenants in withholding their rent, and threatening to leave the building unless Wishy were removed. Further, convinced that the union would not condone the offenses of which they complained, they promised to support the landlord in case his right to discharge the janitor were challenged. Wishy left under court order, on Nov. 25, having drained the boiler, though the customary 12 hour notice had not been given, so that there was not time for special arrangements for invalids and little children. The Meat Drivers blanked the Minkins Store Monday night in the union bowling league. Gilles-R. Ebert, 555. N. Taylor's 550 helped Local 289 take the odd game from Liberty Cab. R. Hedin's 570 led Local 221 to a double win over Local 544. The Gold Bubble, with H. Carlson rolling up children.
We think that it should be noted Drinks. Murphy had 500. There will be no me January 9th.

We think that it should be noted that Mr. Smedburg, President of ocal No. 78 did not know of the mants' petition, and later when he conflict between landlord and dinon moved to grounds of wage tale, the confusion of issues left them without recourse, for they and already promised to support to landlord if Wishy were reloved. When their problem became clear, the tenants spoke to the Hollis of Local No. 78 by telenone, telling him that they had of quarrel with the unions' wage mands, and explaining the circumstances under which they build themselves. Soft Drinks Local 221 Local 544 Meat Drivers Liberty Cab .

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When You Mention Omaha, Mention This!

There's a lot of unconscoius irony in the December 17th editorial in the Minneapolis Star implying praise for the city of Omaha because it "has taken the leadership in uniting the midwest in a fight for more equitable transportation rates for this territory."

The Star refers to the campaign of the Omaha employers for "fair freight rates."

About the attitude of the Omaha employers towards "fair wages" for truck drivers, the Star hasn't a word

In view of the reign of terror against the union move ment in Omaha today, and the widespread protest of labor throughout the Northwest against this repression, it is difficult to see how even the Star would have the gall to

difficult to see how even the Star would have the gall to praise the city of Omaha for anything at all.

Until the Business Men's Association of Omaha, the banks and newspapers of Omaha, the relief administration and the police of Omaha, cease their outrages against the General Drivers Union Local 554 in its fight for its moderate demands, no decent person can feel anything but repulsion and contempt for the masters of Omaha and their "Harlan County" regime.

The Musica Brothers, the Fink Suit, and Business Secrets

The Musica brothers had been getting along fine in Big Business for nearly twenty years. But they made some mistakes and tore the scum off a cesspool so vast that seven government agencies are working overtime to uncover the stinking mess, and maybe to cover up some people that mustn't be caught.

Munitions deals, the drug traffic, slimy manipula-tions, shady connections in legal courts, bribery, perjury and government stoolpigeonry—all figure in the crash of this typical Big Business bluffer.

When the faker Coster-Musica was arrested, he was released on \$5,000 bail. Higher bail than that has kept many a striker languishing in jail. Every one of these big-time swindlers, whose tricks cause acute misery and

economic and sometimes physical death to thousands of helpless people, gets off with a piddling fine or a couple of years in jail. More often than this, they go scot free.

How does it go with people who are more modest in their does? in their crimes?

In Minneapolis no more than a few months ago, a penniless Negro was sent to prison for twenty years because he made an unsuccessful attempt to steal a few dollars he needed.

The bigger the faker, the less he suffers for it.

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not so bad. All your millionaire friends who are bleeding the people on their own hook can be trusted to keep their

mouths shut.

J. P. Morgan got his start by selling rusty, discarded rifles to soldiers and pioneers, knowing the rifles had been condemned and would explode and tear the face off any man who used them. That is what happened—

but Morgan went free.

His son, J. P. Junior, financed a sizeable part of the World War, and raked off eighty million dollars in one lump sum for his patriotism.

Men of this size and stripe could no more be jailed than could their senator-mouthpieces and lobbyists who make farces out of government investigations. You can't convict a billion dollars. You can only smash it, or be smashed by it.

Saturday afternoon, close to two descriptions of the World War, and raked off eighty million dollars in one lump sum for his patriotism.

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smashed by it.

Ferdinand Lundberg makes a statement in his Sixty
Families that nobody has yet dared to sue him for. He
says: "Every large fortune, without exception, that rolled

out of the nineteenth century, was founded on some variety of corruption or graft."

Andrew Mellon, when he was Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, literally stole billions from the people, in the form of tax rebates to his millionaire

When a smell gets that big, nobody notices it because it's the air everybody breathes.

The Minneapolis Tribune has already come forth and

told us in an editorial what to think about the Coster-

How wonderful, says this Big Business apologist, that Big Business is so honest. Why? Because, when a fellow like Musica gets unmasked—well, that only shows how the rest of the big shots are on the level.

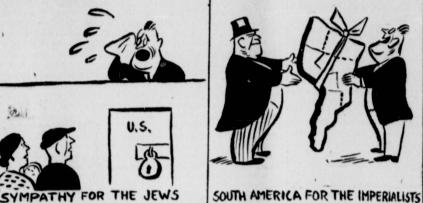
We say, it only shows they're not caught.

But let a band of honest workers with great hearts hammer together a fighting union movement and double the wages of their fellow workers. That's something else again. Then the press and the stool pigeons whisper "racket." Scoundrels who sell themselves to the bosses "racket." Scoundrels who sell themselves to the bosses get together and sue the union. Then the law courts get busy and grant motions. Anything to give the bosses a chance to peek, to blacklist workers and to copy off the records of a painfully-built union of people who work.

This Coster case gives us ideas. Why not let the workers of the United States get a good long gander at

those financial operations that even now are being covered

Roosevelt's Christmas Gift List







Keeping Step With 544

Passing up many other inter- thousand children of General Drivesting events that have taken place ers Members along with mothers during the past week, we cannot older sisters, and brothers, were help but go into a rave about the made happy for three hours with kids' Christmas party which was games, pony shows, clowns, little staged by 544 last Saturday after- dancers, music and everything the

We do not believe that there is, anywhere in the country, a local union that gives to the youngsters of union members anything like the Christmas gathering put on by Local 544.

In most cases it is left to or-ganizations of bosses and employers to gather up sons and daugh ters of union members and in the name of "Charity" show them with a few simple gifts and some entertainment, that only those who ontrol jobs and living standards can adequately bring the joys of Christmas time to the kids.

I think we all can agree that impressions made on the minds of little ones, in their formative years, go a long way to mold the mind of the child, and so, in many cases decide their future economic

Saturday afternoon, close to two hold the affair.

heart of child could wish for There was a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, gifts, fun and laughter. To see them laugh and to hear

The party was a huge success. But what was more important was that the kiddies and the mothers know that this affair was staged by their dad's union and in the very hall where he meets with his union brothers. No collection had to be taken. No boss had to be consulted and no outside hall had to be secured. It was a union affair from start to finish.

young again.

It is to be regretted that all of he unions in the Joint Council did not join hands in this very worthwhile celebration. Perhaps next year we can all get together. If we do, the municipal auditoriwill not be large enough to

The Minnesota Section of the National Farmers Union, which Paul, listened attentively Thursative of organized labor for the newly-formed Farmer - Co-operative-Labor Council of Minnesota.

Larson pointed out that organized labor was very pleased at the progressive actions taken by the year: recent national convention of the Farmers Union in Madison, Wisconsin, especially the resolution which was adopted calling for close cooperation with the organ-

tion and to co-operate with it. brielson, treasurer.

closed by expressing his belief that the Farmers Union had a great future before it in this state, and pledged the aid of organized labor to the farmers. The talk was warmly applauded by the hundreds of delegates.

Sioux Falls **Union Elects** 1939 Board

Sioux Falls, S. D .- With the results of the recent election held by General Drivers Union Local 749 Minnesota but throughout now tabulated, the following men will hold office during the coming

President: A. A. Carlson Vice-president: Leslie J. Kelley. Recording Sec.: Tom Neeley. Sec.-Treas.: Charles E. Sloan. 3-Year Trustee: John Grens

of the Farmer-Co-operative-Labor sion of the local are Allan John-Council and invited the delegates son, chairman; Paul Kolb, recording secretary; and Maurice Ga-

up by the uncaught Costers and Whitneys in the marts of trade and gold?

Why not find out exactly why these big corporations can't pay a living wage? Why they can't provide more cil, which has already demonstrated its value, appeals to all unions

Let labor's trusted representatives open the books of

big corporations.

We know the trusts and the big shots don't keep

We know the trusts and the big shots don't keep any secrets from each other. The business secrets of today are part of a gigantic plot of the monopolists against the interests of the people.

Why not see how many more Musicas, Whitneys, Mellons, Insulls and Morgans there are, robbing, faking, plundering the wealth of the underpaid workers who produce the goods they finagle with.

Let's have a good old-fashioned peeking contest, with the American masses for judge.

mer-Cooperative-Council, care of Gene Larson, 18 North 8th Street, Minneapolis.

The curse of poverty is to the modern world just what that of slavery was to the ancient. Rich and destitute stand to each other as free men and bond.—George to clarify the provisions of the

American masses for judge.

Then we'll find out who it is that's cheating who.

1,000 Attend Debate on Unionism

dard line of lies and shameful mis Backs Down when Called

He was challenged from the floor several times by James Shields, field examiner for the NLRE, and by Ole Ogg, repre-sentative of the Farmer-Coopera-tive-Labor Council, and made a their shouts of joy was to become laughing stock of himself by being unable to back up his statements.

As the Belview Independent newspaper observed, "When called to task by several other speakers in rebuttal and offered ten dollars for every case he could cite, (Mr. Harthill) was silenced into blustering dissent. While claiming to be n wholehearted accord with labor's effort to win 'fair and square' rewards and conditions in which to work, it seemed that he was against their actually gaining any of the objectives when it came to actual cases."

Council Set-up Explained

Gene Larson of Minneapolis representing the Farmer-Coopera tive-Council, was given three min-utes. He told of the set-up and aim of the new Council. Labor, he said, realizes how futile it is to engage in quarrels with the farmers, the producers of the countryside, and that is one reason why the present Council has been formed. Organized labor is gratified be-cause several of the responsible farm organizations in Minnesota have also seen the need for just such a Council, and are now working together in the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor set-up. When he pointed out that Harthill's aim was will be served. All workers are the workers of the city and of the country, the audience gave him a

tionary organizations not only in country to drive a wedge between the workers and the farmers," said Larson. "Labor won't fall for this game any more. We are going to show you in action, through the Farmer-Cooperative - Labor Council, that we want to create a relationship of mutual trust and ben-efit."

The large audience received this talk in the most friendly fashion. After the regular discussion, many persons took the floor to speak on the subject of unionism, after which the meeting ad-

to send in financial support to fur-ther the work of the organization, Checks should be mailed to: Far-

as free men and bond .- George to clarify the provisions of the

Drivers in Fargo Elect For 1939 Having held nominations for the

xecutive board December 2nd. the Fargo Drivers Union Local 116 elected the following men on De-cember 13-14 to hold office for the coming year: President, Jack Wirth; Vice-president, Rolla Turnipseed; Secretary-treasurer, A O. Swalde; Recording secretary Arlie Peterson; Trustee, Bart Em-

At the December 16th meeting, the election results were an-nounced and the new board installed.

Two weeks ago the North Dako ta Truckers and Bus Operators opened negotiations with the North Dakota drivers' unions. The operators have offered a counterproposal which is now being conidered by the union Area Negotiating Committee. Negotiations will probably be resumed shortly.

FWS Five Wallops St. Anne, 41-16

the first two minutes of play, the FWS Youth basketball team was never headed off and wound up play against the St. Anne five with 41-16 victory.

The game was played last Thursday at North High School. Captain Stan Brouard was high scorer for the winners, tipping in 16 points and playing a deadly game on defense. Bill Murphy followed with 11 points, and Andy Simso, while holding his opposing man scoreless for the entire game managed to garner 8 points. Flak-ne also played a sound defensive game for the winners.

Coach Jack Herman is seeking at least four more exhibition games for the FWS quint before the regular schedule gets under

Bakery Drivers Win \$136 Back Pay for Worker

Last Saturday the Bakery Driv ers Union Local 289 collected \$136 due Floyd Bistodeau, a driver for the Lakeview Bakery. The firm owed Bistodeau this sum in back pay, accumulated since early

Local 289 understands several other firms are chiseling on the union contract and is preparing to straighten such bosses out. The union agreement is going to be lived up to in letter and spirit.

WDL to Discuss Racial Theory

"Blood and Race: Fact or Myth?" will be the subject of a special house meeting of the Workers Defense League, Minne apolis chapter, at 7:30 p. m. Friday, December 30th, at 2326 Fremont Avenue South. The speaker is Wendell W. Norris, teacher and trade unionist, who has made a careful study of the subject of race which is used by fascist-minded reactionaries to confuse work

invited to attend.

round of applause. "It is the aim of all the reac- Iowa Drivers the Enforce Area Road Pact

Des Moines, Iowa—When the Keck Motor Freight company, signer of the standard over-road pact, paid nine of its employes lower wages than permitted by the contract, the nine men turned around and, with the help of their union, Local 90, collected about \$90 in back pay.

"Otherwise most companies are showing 100 per cent coopera-tion," said Carl Keul of Local 90. "Those having misunderstandings are settling them with us in a peaceful way.

A sub-committee representing truckers' locals throughout Iowa s working on grievances and complaints arising out of the over-road contract. Committee mem-

On the **National Picket** Line

my. The TWOC finally capitulated and allowed the Council to come into the fold.

Despite explicit instructions from the TWOC, the New Bedford Council last winter accepted a ten percent wage cut for its membership and thus opened a general wage cutting program for the bosses in that area.

The new AFL move into textiles lead by a man named Joe Sylvia. He has a henchman—Frank Fenton, who is in charge of AFL organization in New England These men both have black records which makes their presence in that area seem-well, it make one wonder.

What can the AFL expect to accomplish in Textiles with such leaders — and with a craft program? The TWOC has failed to organize the Textile industry even with a million dollars to spend and with an industrial form of unionism to offer these workers.

What then is the answer? These people need industrial unionism They need the strength of numbers. They are as underpaid and overworked as any group of workers in the country.

A united labor movement -industrial and craft -- the cessation of all fights within the movement itself-concen tration on the fight against our real enemies-the bosses That is the answer.

All workers, both AFL and CIO, just condemn every attempt of the top leadership to promote dual unionism. The labor press must ever expose all such attempts. Unity of action by the rank and file workers and by those leaders (a great majority) who see the fallacy of continuing the fightall possible pressure from below must be brought to bear on those persons responsible for the contin-

ued strangulation of the labor

And until peace is achieved all unions must strive for unity, at first on a local scale and then on a larger and larger scale. We want peace. We must have peace!

Policy Committee Set Up by St. Paul Unions

In order to prevent the calling of strikes prematurely or calling such actions without consulting other unions involved, the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly has set up a Policy Committee similar to the Policy Committee in Minne-apolis which has been functioning so well in recent months

The committee in St. Paul consists of the executive board of the Labor Assembly and of the Building Trades Council. It will have full power to approve or disap-prove of any strike or bannering of any firm having contractual re-lations with other unions.

Card of Thanks

We gratefully acknowledge and thank you for the kind expression of your sympathy. Sincerely

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Mauro

The educated, well-to-do classes occupy the position like that of the Old Man of the Sea, riding the poor man's back .- TOLSTOY.

Today Makes 8,822 Days in Jail



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.

Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.

LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month

LOCAL 664

The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.

The Retail Clerks Local 1586
will meet on the first and
third Tuesdays of each
month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS egular Membership Meeting— First Wednesday each month. LOCAL 977
General Membership — Second
Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards
—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership A. 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 Ple—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth
Thursday.

LOCAL 346
Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—
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 221

The Executive Board meets and Tours Tourth Tuesday

Executive Board — Regularly every Monday

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 the large hall on the first floor.

All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.

Board - Every

Seniority Monday. Executive Board — Every Tuesday. itewards — Wednesdays pre-ceding first and third l'hurs-days.

LOCAL 1859, 20481

eneral Membership — Decem-ber 7 ber 7
Casket Industry—December 13
Box Industry—December 16
American Excelsior—December 20
J. R. Clark—December 21
Puffer-Hubbard—December 15,
Warren Shade—December 29
Grievance Board — December 22
Executive Board, Local 1859—

12 Executive Board, Local 1859— Every Friday, 8 p. m. Executive Board, Local 20481 —December 5 Twin City Stewards—December 12, 27

LOCAL 958

LOCAL 544
December
Friday, December 2—Stewards
Monday, December 5—Package
Delivery, Department Stores Wednesday, December 7—Sau-sage, Petroleum Friday, December 9—Whole-sale Grocery

Monday, December 12—Gener-al Membership Wednesday, December 14 — Market, Wholesale Liquer Thursday, December 15—Tent and Awning, Printing, News-paper (10 a. m.)

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Friday, December 16 — Stewards
Sunday, December 18—Overthe-Road Drivers
Monday, December 19—Furniture Stores, Coal
Wednesday, December 21 —
Building Materials
Thursday, December 22 —
Transfer and Warehouse,
Wholesale Drug, Excavating,
Sand and Gravel
Monday, December 26—Spring
Water
Seniority Committee meets
each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall
No. 1.
Grievenge Committee meets