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#### On the National Picket Line

From Omaha, Neb .- The White

Spot Omaha, the haven of the Open Shop; Omaha, the metropolis of reactionary Nebraska, is awake. Omaha is going forward.

Since June of 1937 when a group of drivers for Watson Brothers rebeled against conditions imposed upon them and called a spontaneous strike without even the benefit of a union, things have been happening in this pest spot for the workers which proudly calls itself the Gate-way to the West.

Local 554 was born as the sult of this first rebellion on the since its stormy birth, none can that this is a dead town.

I had heard many stories, from many sources, of the wonderful militancy and stick-to-itiveness of these striking drivers, but I realize fully now, that one must see with one's own eyes the spectacle of several hundred men who are still fired with grim determination to win, so strong that THEY CANNOT BE BEATEN. They must win and they will. These men are determined to stay out until

Their wonderful spirit is best exemplified by a story told on one of them the other night at a strike meeting by the president, Shorty Stultz. It seems that Shorty had been in bed for some time when his phone rang. A voice came to him saying, "Shorty, I am so ashamed and sorry that I can't sleep." Shorty quieted the young man down and found out who he was. Finally, after saying he was sorry and ashamed several more times the man told this story:

He said, "I walked into a hamburger joint up town on my way home and someone said 'Hello.' I looked around and there were two finks. I looked around some more and the joint was filled with tough looking mugs, all of them watching me. I know what I should have done. I should have pasted them two mugs right in the jaw. But I didn't. There were two of them and a lot of others and only one of me. So I didn't start a fight. And now I'm so sorry and ashamed that I can't

It is not only in the present strike that the membership of Local 554 has won its stripes. These men have been subjected to more violation of their contracts, have literally been dared to strike so many times that they have developed into much more than the average trade unionists who look upon their unions solely as economic units. To these men the Union has become part of their lives. They BELIEVE in it.

For instance, even previous to the expiration of the June, 1937 contract, plans were underfoot to negotiate an overthe-road contract for the entire eieven-state area. Omaha Local 554 knew that it would be best not to press the signing of a local contract until cided upon. And also Omaha es of Omaha would do any thing to precipitate a premature fight in order to heat no only Local 554, for all time, but also to put into the limbe of forgotten things, the Area

Omaha Local 554 knew this. (Continued on page 4)

#### Nebraska Trade Unionists Picket State House



Above is shown a portion of the trade unionists from Lincoln

and Omaha, Nebraska, who have been picketing the state legislature were challenging the fascist-like anti-labor law, cops did not dare at Lincoln, Nebraska, in protest against the vicious anti-picketing law make a single arrest. Nebraska workers and farmers have formed a and its application in the current drivers' strike. steel ring of protection around the fighting drivers in that state.

## Southwest Drivers Set Up Committee

FLASH!

Area Committee

With Operators

With two federal conciliators present, negotiations between the Omaha operators and
the drivers' Area Negotiating
Committee were resumed Monday morning. This is the first
time in many weeks that negotiations have been held.
The fact that the negotiations have continued uninterruptedly through Wednesday
points to the hope that real progress towards a settlement is
being made.

Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90, the regular financial aid from

the International Brotherhood of

Teamsters, and a score of smaller

donations each day told the Neb-

raska drivers that their brothers

are behind them all the way in

Bosses Still At It

During the past week, the Oma-

this epochal struggle.

snipe at the union army.

With two federal concilia

Negotiating

Campaign for Area Pact Broadening Out—Drivers Unions in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arkansas Set Up Organizing Committee, Elect T. T. Neal Head—Chicago Teamsters Council Donates \$1,000 to Omaha, Many Other Donations—Boss Attempt on 554 Strike

Page Fails

To Moot

As the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Unions As the international Brotherhood of Teamsters Childs in the 11-state area maintained their iron ring around the Board section of City and Sanitary Pederal Workers Section, the Omaha operators in the twentieth week of the tie-up, the Drivers Union Local 654 will be Mankato unemployed will no longcorrectness and vitality of the drivers' program was dramatically proven by a new development which opens up grandiose prospects for the movement.

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are on the march, all bearing the

Neal Heads Committee

T. T. Neal, secretary-treasurer of the Kansas City Drivers Union Local 41, and a member of the 11-state Area Committee, has been designated chairman of the Organ-izing Committee for the South-

The first problem the Committee will deal with is a company union in Dallas, Texas, which has been created by six operators. As soon as a broader organizational oase is laid in the state of Texas, contracts will be opened for nego-tiations and the standard area agreement will be established in the entire state.

Meet with B. of R. T.

The Organizing Committee has already met with field representa-tives of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, looking toward the transfer of approximately 300 drivers from this organization into the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. These drivers are employed by the Sanitary Trailways system and the Western Freight Lines, operating in Missouri, Kan-sas and Oklahoma. Final arrangements on the transfer will be made ha through national officers of the and the operators continued to drivers strike last winter. two Brotherhoods.

On the heels of the successful negotiations with the Yellow Tran-sit Lines last week, a provisional (Continued on page 4) The main attack of the enemy was directed against Local 554's fight this year. sit Lines last week, a provisional conference of drivers' unions in the standard over-road contract

the area reaching from the boundaries of the 11-state territory all the way to the Gulf of Mexico t will take in Kansas, Texas, Ok-

# To Meet

#### Cab Drivers Now in **Negotiations**

The Taxi Drivers Union Local 958 is now negotiating for a 1939 agreement with all Minneapolis cab companies. On Tuesday the

#### Attention-Cab Drivers!

A special membership meeting of the Taxi Drivers Union Local 958, will be held at 4 a. m. Friday morning, January 20th.

The special order of business will include a report on the attempted negotiations with Minneapolis cab companies. All members are instructed to attend without fail.

union committee met with a group representing the bosses in this in-

#### Mankato **FWS Elects** Board for 1939

tary: Louis Anderson, Jack James, and Mead, trustees.

A special meeting of the Park By agreement with Local 544's port to the Council's program, and has agreed to sponsor a public This special meeting, to which all members are urged to attend, will discuss the working schedule for the coming year.

Should the executive board of the State Federation of Labor come for the coming year.

Should the executive board of the State Federation of Labor come forward in March with a plan for large turn-out is anticipated. a state-wide unemployed movement, it is more than likely that Lawson for labor, John Bosch for the Mankato section would affili-the cooperatives. ate with this body.

Curt Zander and George Viens of Minneapolis spoke at the Mankato meeting Tuesday and pledged

#### Sears Shop Committee to Meet Jan. 23

esenting Warehouse Workers be notified by mail. Union Local 20316 at the Sears Reobuck company will meet Monday, January 23rd, at union head-

The shop committee will discuss matters which have cropped up Committee The present cab agreement expires February 15th. It was won with the management will be held

## TCU Unanimous in Choosing New Board FCL Meetings Attention—

## Set for Mora, Red Wing

Members of the Farmer-Cooperfarm organizations in the state are the Council's program of public

A Monday night a Council comnittee composed of Gene Larson, Carl Skoglund, Robert Flemming and John Bosch went to Red Wing to meet with representatives of the local cooperative and labor movement. Friends of the Council 471 Returns in Red Wing are preparing to engage the local armory for a mass meeting late this month.

The Council representatives unovered a situation at the Cooperative Oil Association of Goodhi County involving a driver which might have become a future source following men to the 1939 execu- of irritation to relations between tive board: G. L. Sargent, presi. organized labor and the cooperative movement. The situation was quickly cleared up with the aid of the local Drivers Union.

Mora Meeting Set A group of farmers in Mora, Minnesota, is giving warm sup-

Council speakers will be George

### full support and cooperation of the Local 544 FWS to the Man-Feb. 4th

by the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 with the Lasher Carpet company and the Pliam Lino-leum company will expire on February 4th. The union has arranged for meetings of the workers in-The broad shop committee rep-

#### 20316 Elects New Social

Business Men's Association following a militant six-weeks' cab the operators continued to drivers strike last winter.

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According to Local 958 officials.

The main attack of the enemy

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#### Local 977 Members

A special membership meeting of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 will be held next Monday night, January 23rd, at 9:30 p. m. All members are instructed to make every effort to attend this important meeting.

The new contract covering hours, wages and working conditions will be presented for approval. The agreement is to go into effect February 1st.

### G. Berquist To V-P Post

George Berquist was elected vice-president of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 Tuesday over eight other candidates. Berquist, Union Local 912 as a unit of the last year's vice-president, had Joint Council, the correcting of withdrawn from the race in the situation in the Ice Drivers regular elections to run for business agent. The special election sections into Taxi Drivers Union

to cooperate with the dealers in the Council.

distributing cards and collection The Council took steps that will

All Officers Returned to Posts But One—Skoglund Chosen to Replace M. I. Smith, Who Resigned

Filling Station Union Form-ed During Past Year, All Teamsters Joint Council Unions Record Progress

oard of the Minneapolis Teamters Joint Council were returned to office in the annual held last Friday, with the exception of M. I. Smith, who resigned and was replaced by Carl Skoglund.

The election was by unanimous vote, all nominees running without

opposition.

Miles B. Dunne, secretary-treasurer, and Harold H. Seavey, president, were returned to office, as were L. Clair Johnson, recording secretary, and the three trustees, Ray Rainbolt, Joe O'Hare, and Gene Lasson.

this week returned him to office. Local 958, and the progress re-The union voted Tuesday night corded by all locals affiliated with

cups to business houses in the cam-paign to raise funds to fight in-fantile paralysis.

tend to bring about a better at-tendance at the regular T.J.C. meetings during the coming year.

### Boss Calls Cops--Casket Men Strike

In preparation for its showdown with the local casket manufacturing companies, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 has carried on a highly successful organizing campaign during the past week which has brought practically all eligible workers into the union.

When the old working agreetment expired January 9th, Local 1859 presented new pacts to the Minnesota Casket firm, the Northwestern Casket firm and Mineapolis Casket company, calling for

apolis Casket company, calling for wage increases, the preferential For Butler's shop, the 8-hour day, 40-hour week, etc.

#### Cops on Hand

Casket company they found a draw up provisions for a new con-number of cops at the plant, called tract. The committee will contact by the boss to protect the few non- other Warehouse unions through

During the past year, the Minnesota Casket company has sought to play one group of workers distribution of work. It was in protest against this foul scheme, as well as against the failure of the company to grant 1859's demands, that the strike was called.

20 Men Involved

has been set up at Local 1859's headquarters, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Negotiations are still proceeding

with the other two firms.

#### Change Meeting Date to 2nd Tuesday

pathetic support—in the shape of a \$1,000 donation from the Chicago Teamsters Joint Council, for C. P. Stalks Out

Following the inglorious exit of the convention went ahead the convention went ahead the same convention. Ogg Friday of each month in Hall 4.

He was a former driver and in-

# To Be Drawn

At the meeting of Butler Broth-Monday morning when the em-ployes arrived at the Minnesota committee of five was elected to union employes in their "right to out the country who have agreements with the Butler Brothers In protest, the workers left the firm or with similar companies, to plant and marched in a body to the determine the average scale being

> expires in the near future. Chosen on the committee were

Roy Wilson, Dwight Chester Anderson, Marshall Greb and Dick Doyle. The meeting was well-attended and enthusiastic

A representative of the Pharmacists Union, in a short talk be-fore the meeting, told of the miserable conditions the pharmacies now labor under. After spending five years at college, these workfinks are still trying to work at ers are compelled to labor for as the plant. A strike headquarters little as 13c hourly for a 65-hour week. The Pharmacists Union is now seeking pacts with the city's The talk impressed drug stores the Local 20316 members and emphasized more than ever the need of unionization everywhere.

#### Militant Worker Dies January 14

Earl Picotte, who died January

## was set up a new drivers' Organizing Committee. This Committee will coordinate the drive to extend the standard over-road contract into all terminals in the Southwest. The new territory will embrace Trouncing to Communist Party

Despite the disruption and sabo-tage of the Communist Party, ed by a vote of 29 ½ to 28 ½, with der. When it became clear that

lahoma, Colorado and Arkansas.

A meeting of the Southwest Organizing Committee will be held convention of the Farmer-Labor Association of the Farmer-Labor Association and the communist Party paper the convention would henceforth resolution appealing to the state convention in behalf of the Women's Federation, whose delegates ganizing Committee will be held february 10th in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Omaha Carries On
Victories on the Southwestern front did not constitute the only cheering news for the embattled Omaha drivers. Continued sympathetic support—in the shape of the first seven hours, and the committee will be held tion of the Farmer-Labor Association from completing its business of the convention was held last Sunday at Forest Lake.

With State Senator Lodin in the chair, Archie Ogg was elected convention leaders were filterites. The Stalinist policy of convention leaders were littlerites. The Stalinist policy of convention was held last Sunday at Forest Lake.

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## Make Minneapolis a Union Town

544 Youth

Win First

Park Game

The FWS Youth quint opened

Thursday in the North High School

gym by walloping the Twin City

Upholsterers, 34 to 22. And

Simpso was the outstanding man

on the floor, tipping in 13 points

and holding his opponent to one

field goal. Ken Flakne, Youth cen-

ter, was second high scorer with

Manager Jack Herman is seek-

ing practice games with out-of-town teams within a radius of 75

With the

Limousines

By "Home James'

Due to the fact that I have been

snowbound for several days I find that news is scarce and I hope I

will receive plenty of help from some of you members in the near

New and larger developments are expected from the new Ex.

Board which is expecting closer

co-operation from the membership

Local 912 still continues to get

w members and contracts sign-

Jerry wants to know if Gilbert

Weather news. Snow and more

What prominent member was

and the criticism is in order.

President Nielsen was given a

ery warm welcome from all the

embers as soon as he took the

hair. He asked the co-operation

n was in attendance and also

Some of the members were at

tended in quite some time. I won-

der what the drawing card was?

I wish I could have been at the

eeting as I understand there was

Well, it's getting very late and

I will have to say so-long. I'll be

The Sears, Roebuck gas station

at 2948 Elliot Avenue remains

non-union and unfair to the Fill-

ing Station Attendants Union Lo-

cal 977, it was reported this week.
All members of organized la-

bor, all friends of the union move ment, will refrain from patroniz

ing this station until the atten-dants were Local 977 buttons.

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Sears Roebuck

Gas Station

Is Finky

some very important business tak-

was ended.

he came back before the meeting men.

Gilbertson has forgotten his ap-

pointment for Jan. 16.

cast from this corner.

we are informed two

members and contracts signed last

Youth team was very smooth

miles of Minneapolis.

## 1700 Sharecroppers Fight Hunger, Cold

at the instigation of the boss-planters of this area, moved the door and rammed a heavy duty this week to disperse the hungry, weatherbeaten groups roscoe into our hero's ribs with a of over 1,700 sharecroppers and farm laborers which have "stick 'em up." Brother Rhody been demonstrating since last Tuesday against the latest scheme of the bosses to further depress their living standards. Demonstrators are strung along 150 miles on U. S. His escape was cut off and in short her was in no position to offer re-Highway 61, and constitute 13 camps.

These sharecroppers, mostly Ne-

groes, are demanding the cessation of the bosses' plan to convert them into wage laborers, thus depriving them of their share of parity payments due them from the Federal Government under the cottoneage reduction plan. Owen H. Whitfield, Negro tenant farmer and spokesman for the groups stated that in many cases the of as much as \$100 by the plantsum may be realized by the fact 75c to \$1. Sharecroppers rightly fear that if the day labor supply is increased by recruits from the ranks, wages will be depressed to around 40c for a working day of ten to fourteen hours.

Valley Forge Weather

Weather conditions for the sharecroppers' groups have been conditions. With rain falling an the demonstrators have neverthe less chosen to remain in their camps. Men wade about in slush and slime in search of firewood while ill-clad women and children erve to heat their meager meals. Though there has been no serious outbreak of sickness, health au-thorities predict epidemic conditions in some of the camps unless the people are moved. This is an excuse of the bosses to remove the monstrators. But where to place them is also a knotty problem for the planters do not want the workers back on their land unless on the planters' terms. Thus these ople find themselves being evict ed in wholesale numbers. many who hailed the bosses' kindness by their "concern" over the living conditions of the camps, are beginning to question, in the secret recesses of their hearts. ern" that merely wants keep the demonstrators off the -traveled highway.

Bosses Blame "Agitators' Land owners around here are blaming "outside agitators" for demonstration. Charging the "unwarranted," they are seeking a Federal investigation These planters are the men who run affairs in this area. In many cases they are tied up with cor orate land ownership, being the representatives of insurance companies who own some 200,000 panies who own some 200,000 gal they had been squeezing for acres of land in the seven affected the last half hour was a total counties. Two insurance companies alone own more than 40,000 each. On the other hand, 80 to 90 percent of the farmers here about are tenant farmers, share-

croppers or day laborers. Conditions Deplorable overwhelming majority here fall far below even the squalidness of city slum life. Houses are unfit even for animals, yet human beings are obliged to exist them; sanitary conditions are unknown, with pigs and other do mesticated animals living on the same scale as humans. Hookworm and pellagra are prevalent, these food - deficiency diseases which good and adequate food could easily cure. But despite

made them rich. Workers Must Organize

problem have pointed out merable times that the plight of these workers can never be bettered by the actions of the planters; this is something the worker must do for himself. Unions such the Southern Tenant Farmers Union must be revived and strengthened, militant leaders must be elected, and a program of no truckling to the planters or to the state and national governments must be instituted. Th brightest prospect for the future these super-exploited workers is the fact that more and more of them are beginning to see the wisdom and effectiveness of such a program.

Name

Address

#### LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore

At the Air Loc Seating all is uiet on the western front At the American Excelsior, the

workers are in fine fettle . . . At the Glazier Box the wheels of industry spin as only well-lubricated wheels can . .

At Puffer-Hubbard, there are no cobwebs and all is well, say Brothers R. Perleberg and S. Paul-In the casket industries the

orkers and owners are jockeying In the Clark Section all is peace

and tranquility . . .

Brother Walter Jenstrom, while skating at the Basseth Valley rink had his shoes purloined and Walter went home with a skate on. Looks like dirty foot a-work!

Brother Ed Mikkola says that Minneapolis is a very beautiful city, especially is it beautiful and attractive around Second Ave. and Gramercy North. You ought

Don't look now, but the heat is on the punch boards. Looks like nore dirty foot a-work.

Strange that empty heads and mpty stomachs go together.

Brother Wally Fern, whose liltng voice shook the rafters at the Nip and Sip so merrily in the past, has not been himself since that attractive accordian player ain't there no more. Woe is us.

Brother Alfred Carlson and wife ccompanied by their male child Clarence went to Nebraska during the first week of January.

What, no cigars! Oscar Nordgren and Oscar Olsen birthdayed

Two of the brothers who attend-'Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing But when they found out that the stranger, Viken and Levindusky were having red faces.

George Thomasson stakes two acre claim three miles out Central Ave. and lays plans for HOLC.

Oscar Pertinnen was a visitor at the Clark plant last week. He sez that robins ain't the only bird that comes in the spring. Storks, for instance, he hopes.

Not a cloud across the bright

vinter moon as Loran Rhody stepped briskly into his deluxe job parked at 36th and Grand. gentle reader, Mr. Rhody, with a ward none was in the very act of nserting the ignition key when stark, cold tragedy stalked through the night to cast its icy coils about these horrible conditions, the rich our hero's heart. A long black planters refuse to ease the plight sedan screamed to a stop beside of the very workers whose labors him and he was blinded by the glare of a powerful searchlight Workers Must Organize
Students of the sharecroppers'

A menacing figure was ordering Rhody out of his car, and d quick. But Brother Rhody, having been seasoned in the campaign of 1859, just didn't scare and locking the catch on the left door he ut tered defiant and caustic remarks. But while Brother Rhody holding his own on the left he was leaving his right exposed and

> Anton Sorensen Bakery

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istance as these rough citizens shirt and modesty forbids that we tell more, but Rhody got examned and the two citizens, finding hat Rhody was not the man they vere looking for, withdrew went their way, leaving Mr. Rhody to pull himself together and re-flect on the vicissitudes of life. What Rhody didn't find out till later was that he was on the spo as a suspect for the holdup two blocks away where the escaped bandit had been shot in the stomach. It was a close squeak.

John Josephson was taken to the Deaconess hospital at 4 a. m. future. Monday for an appendix operation. A friendly visit would be i

#### Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle

At the last few meetings son embers have been signing the egister for other members who lid not attend. The members not ent when the roll is called will not be credited with attendance

Our worthy vice - president thinks he has found a cure for asthma. Good luck, Emery.

There was a little squabble re cently at one of the major combination plants over the discharge of an employe with eighteen years

Sick List Art Saxum Model H. L. Wagner - Hennepin

Cleaning and Dyeing Don Eckerman-American Lin

Roy Youngberg-G. and K. Isadore Bell is back to work

Current Events

Strange men have been observed y members of our union lurking the shadows near 44th and Perhaps information as ed the Brynwood theater last week to their identity might be obtained were mindful of the old saying, at the Missing Persons Bureau or naybe the office of the Institute.

Sports
Our basketball team made ood start toward another championship for our local by shellac ing the Bakers Local 222 at Central High last Monday night by a score of 37 to 29. Our men were a little disorganized at the start. The opposition quickly ran up a ten point lead but when our men got down to real team work they grabbed off eighteen points in about five minutes. The Bakers are fast but they were simply out classed. Observers say that Bar new and Sklader deserve special mention. Members, give your team support by going to the games Monday nights at Central

Notes Your dues are delinquent if paid after the 15th of the month. Report sickness to the union ofas of date of notification.

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I don't mind working overtime for nothing. It shows

#### Marine Firemen Vote All Progressives Into Office

but progressives in the important Marine Firemen and Oilers Union have finally ousted all reaction aries and Communist Party mem bers from control of the organiza

Running on a militant platform candidates on the Progressive Seagoing Firemen ticket made a clean sweep of the recent elections in the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Watertenders Union, in a vote that will have important con sequences nationally in the maritime industry.

The Communist Party's "New Deal" ticket was buried by an avalanche of votes, not being able to register a single victory.

All progressive candidates are pledged to carry out the following program:

Fight Government Control 1. Unity within the union-coeration between headquarters and branches.

2. No yielding on union control of hiring halls.

3. For fighting the government fink halls with picket lines 4. Uncompromising oppo

to all forms of governmental conof it and much deeper, is a foretrol. Against arbitration of fundamental demands. Continued fight for better picked for the Policy Committee? working and living conditions.

Support to Teamsters Oh, don't be afraid, we won't tell 6. Support of all bona fide nions, especially in the marine the name. (That's not an insult.) Hint to all poor meeting attendtransport industry (1. e., Team ers; everything is O. K. now for you all to attend the meetings as sters, Longshoremen, etc.) in their efforts to preserve and improve conditions. Respect for picket all the nominating has been done

> 7. Continue to build up the nion treasury.
>
> 8. Opposition to all attempts of

the Communist Party or any other groups to use our organization of all the members.

Our past President John Anderfor political purposes contrary to the interests of the membership. 9. For cooperation with the novement for a national seamen's had to work, but was so interested union run BY seamen FOR sea-

With the union back in the hands of its members, the prothe last meeting who have not at- gressive caucus announced this reek it would discontinue its small role in putting the union back on the rails.

In its swan song, the firemen's hours. Workers wil paper says "it discontinues publi- 12 hours per day. cation until such a time as we are again called upon to serve the interests of the progressive seagoing Firemen.

To Local 221:

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## Ohio Jobless Demand \$30

For 30 Hours

Toledo, Ohio - The Federa Workers Council, unemployed section of the CIO, sponsored a rally of 500 WPA workers last week, at which a demand of a minimum wage of \$30 for a 30-hour work

Other demands endorsed by the meeting were for the guarantee of an opportunity for jobs at union wages and union conditions for all workers either in private industry or on public works; a five billion dollar federal works program to useful work; a five billion dollar appropriation for a federal low cost housing program until every family has a tax the rich to pay the cost of this has availed himself of the opp program, etc.

Homes Before Battleships! The last point on the program calls for a firm stand against the costly armaments program which is being put over at the expense of the needy. The Toledo Federal Workers Council issues the slogan of "Homes Before Battleships decent living for the American workers before the protection of big business profits in foreign

#### Boston Union Wins 7-Day Truck Strike

About 5,700 Boston truck drivers and other transportation work-ers resumed work last Thursday, when they accepted the proposals of their union representatives to end the seven-day strike. Wages of \$39 for a 48-hour week, an increase of \$2 per week, were won fighting weekly paper, the West from the bosses. Overtime will be Coast Firemen, which played no figured at the rate of 85c per hour for the first hour and at \$1 for each additional hour up to three hours. Workers will not work over

Workers' Power Shown

The strike was noted for the militancy and vigor exercised by the drivers. Boston, the key city of a four-state area, was com pletely tied up, the workers demonstrating their strength great show of power. One fatality occurred when a fink driver died of heart failure when he was stopped by unionists from crashing the

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#### Gassing With 977

By Jon Conder

Special attention, By-laws con tee: your meeting is scheduled to start promptly at 8 p. m. Thurs day, January 19th . . .

The Executive Board will hear discriminations and act on special order of business on Monday night, January 23rd, at 8 o'clock.

The first regular monthly meeting of Stewards for 977 will begin promptly at 9 p. m. on Monday, January 23rd. All Stewards are required to be in attendance.

All members of Local 977 are sked to keep in mind the Specia Meeting called for Monday night January 23rd, at 9:30 p. m. Your will be presented for your approval at that time. The contract coes into effect February first.

The office of your local is open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 12 a. m.

The Ben Freeman Gas and Oil Company is given one week in which to make payment of back salary totaling \$99.95 due two of John Field.

Did you know that-a former ice-president of the CIO petroworkers is now a member in good standing in Local 977?

The attendants at the Sears, Roebuck super-station continue to worker's family has a decent remain unfair to their fellow home; all factories that are idle or workers in the industry. Three operating far below capacity to meetings have been called for the operated by the government; these fellows and as yet, not one tunity to hear what Local 977 can do for him.

After being on the sick list since December 2nd, Al Marx returned to his work at the Apex Oil this

Another angle on the Kramer Tire situation: When forced to pay \$38 back salary to his tire-m Bill Zdenek, Mr. Kramer paid but \$20 in cash and asked the uni ruary 1st, and then complained ause Bill refused to return to work in an unheated shop for the um of \$9.60 a week. And this is the year 1939.

We are happy to report that the wife of one of your trustees, Mrs. Salyers, is making a rapid recovery from an operation this Mr. Salyers is steward at Diamond

All good wishes go to Jerry Rivet, who came off the unemploy ment list and goes to work full 36th and Lyndale Ave. S.

Irving Hanson, who was held up and shot through the shoulde

#### CRESCENT BAKERY

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#### Rubber Local Strike Nears At Goodrich

Akron, Ohio-More than housand Goodrich rubber workers crowded into the union headquarters last Sunday and voted unan-imously to deliver a 10-day ultimatum to the B. F. Goodrich Rubber company demanding that 42 union members be rehired.

The union has already forced he company to rehire 50 of the 92 leading unionists who were laid off last fall. Goodrich is trying to deny the remaining workers their seniority by using such phony excuses as "physical disqualifica-tions," "Bad work records," etc.

The union held a one-year greement with Goodrich which expired December 31st. The pact vas to remain in effect indefinite unless one of the parties gave 30 days notice of cancellation. Neither party has given such notice, but the Goodrich policy of discrimination against union men constitutes a violation of the seniority clause.

Strike Pends

The union has been working to ecure a suitable vacation clause, totaling \$99.95 due two of mployees, Bryan Leet and giving the union committee the run-around. If the workers' denands for strict seniority and vacations continue to be ignored at the termination of the 10-day period, "drastic action will follow," according to the Summit County Labor News. The Goodrich local is the largest and most militant Workers Union.

#### Laundry Five Beats Bakers

The Laundry Drivers Union asketball team defeated the quint from the Bakers Union Local 222 Monday night at Central High gym. McCormick, Sklader and Karch were stand-out players for

Coach Monk Fowler announces Local 131 will play its next game against the Plasterers Union on Monday, January 23rd, 9 p. m., at Central High school. All members of Local 131 are urged to come out and boost their team

ion at 36th and Nicollet Ave., is able to be about at his home, 3632 Park Ave. You can give him a ring at Re. 2297. New members this week come

they are Leonard Nelson and Eina

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## FWS Youth Gains Many Members

The Youth Section of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, held its most successful meeting this past Monday, January 16th, at the Drivers' Hall. An attendance of 250 packed the club room and evinced their determination to go on building a Youth Section to include ail National Youth Administration workers and unemployed

youth in this city.

The main purpose of the meeting was to explain the new method of determining the budget of NYA workers and their families, and how much clothing NYA workers are entitled to as a result of the victory won last week by the Youth Section.

Explain Youth Gains Ed Palmquist of the Federal Workers Section and Oscar Kohler the Youth Section explained that under the new set-up, NYA workers are not required any longer to purchase all their clothing out of their miserly twentydollar-a-month wage, but are now included in the full family budget and that in cases of special need

NYA workers are entitled to all work clothes, to be obtained from the DPR and WPA commissary outside of the regular budget. It was evident that all present understood that this gain was won only as a result of the fight put up by Ahem! the Youth Section.

A feature of the meeting was introduction of members of the Youth Section basketball team. tition. Manager Jack Herman did a good job of introducing all the boys and urging members of the Youth Section to attend all the nes played by the team.

Start Drama Troupe
As part of the drive to make the Youth Section a broad youth walk on his day off? organization, the formation of difrent group activities was also taken up. A capable dramatics involunteers from the meeting made take place. No doubt he intends to up a group that will put on short strut his jitterbug stuff. dramatizations for the Youth Section and the labor movement. Other group activities will be announced in the near future.

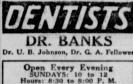
The highlight of the evening was the speech of Max Geldman, Executive Board member of the Federal Workers Section. Brother Geldman made it clear that the that it was a stable organization and that the problem facing it in the future is that of building a arge mass organization with many different activities, rather than the still relatively small group at

At the close of the meeting, a large group of new applicants were accepted into the Youth Section. Oscar Kohler acted as chairan of the meeting.

#### Harry Algren, 958 Member, Passes On

ber of the Cab Drivers Union, died January 15th. He was a World War veteran and served

Brother Algren was well liked by his fellow workers and the boys the Yellow Taxi unit will mis him greatly. The burial will b Sunset Memorial cemetery Wednesday, January 18th.



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Watt Notes

pathy to Brother Baldus, whose father passed away Saturday, January 14th.

Brother Ernie Nelson of the Trouble Department, who is confined at Glen Lake Sanatorium, is improving steadily. We're all pulling for you, Ernie, and hope to see you about again real soon.

Who are the six brothers at Riverside who, it is rumored, plan on buying jointly new Studebakers in the spring? Must be they have heard of cooperatives.

It's been another strenuou week for the Executive Board.

Many of our brothers who were laid off recently are taking advantage of the unemployment insur-It's not much, to be sure but it helps out.

A progressive membership:when the leaders of the Union appear too conservative to the mem-

What meter reader goes for a

Understand "Daddy Warbucks" of the Underground Department structor has been obtained and is rather anxious for our dance to

Meter readers are getting hot under the collar. That's the way, boys, the rest of the membership will help you get 'em organized.

Erwin Haack is an expert at jacking up cars and changing tires before an audience of one. Local 292 is around with dance

tickets. Let's cooperate and at-Do not forget our own dance will be held in the near future.

\* \* \*
The members of the Sick Comnittee are doing nice work, and

their efforts are truly appreciated. The Ladies' Auxiliary is grow-

ing, and quite a few husbands en-joy the lunches after their meet-Do not forget the winter sports

trip to St. Cloud Sunday being sponsored by the Minneapolis nion Sports Council. See Jimmy Nevins for tickets. His telephone Nevins for tickers. number is Gr. 6680.

Come on, members, let's see ome good news items for this column next week.

#### Card of Thanks

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### 544 Youth Team Heading for Cup



Above is the 544 Youth Section basketball team which is burning up the league in early-winter play.

Flakne, Jack Kilbride, Bill Murphy, Lyle Flaherty, John Gryziano

Front row: Dwyhart Jacob, Andy Simso, Captain Back row, left to right: Manager Jack Herman, Ken Stan Brouard, Ken Hoeft, Jake Cooper.

#### The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

NEXT MEETING—GENERAL MEETING, Thursday evening, January 26, 7:30 sharp. All members should be at this meeting. Installation of officers will be held with John Geary, International Vice-President, officiating. tant contract news and I'm not saying anything definite now. But we have another surprise to pop. Come and see! Let's have the biggest meeting we have ever had. How about it?

Loren Johnson, dance chairman, eports that tickets are going omewhat slowly, although he has old about 95. Come on, you guys Let's have some action on this. See your steward and buy those dance tickets. Bring your friends. Everybody welcome at the 289 dance, Saturday evening, February 4, at the 257 Plymouth Auditorium. Tickets 50c which includes dancing and lunch for two.

In my estimation, anybody who editorials and believe over 10 per cent of them is an addle-pated

our handkerchief in my pocket, Honey?"

The Loren Johnsons are infanticipating, very, very soon.

Ole Roe, Monohan's, who recently hurt by a truck in their garage, is so bad they have taken him to the Veterans Hospital. It's a compound fracture of the leg.

Georgie Brown, our stenogra pher, was seen in a prominent nite spot recently imbibing a pale am ber liquid that, to give her the benefit of the doubt, might have been pure gingerale, maybe.

Al Stanchfield of Monahan's got good start on his route Monday morning but he sure came to a sudden stop about 50 miles south of here when he rolled his truck

George Fischer of Continental, cording to reports, is in the habt of asking his guests and callers f they would care for a drink and then going out in the kitchen and

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bustling around for a while, finally appearing with cups of cocoa-of all things!

The 50 cents fine for non-attendance at Wholesale Drivers' meetout zowie! what a crowd! The

Two dates to remember: January 26, General Membership Meeting and Saturday Night, February 4-the Dance. Set these two dates aside right now!

#### On WPA

By Vic W. Nicholas

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has its work cut out for gators are claiming they have to can read the capitalist press it for some time to come. Not sat- live up to such an order. editorials and believe over 10 per isfied with the cuts instituted in November and carried out indiscriminately regardless of suffer-Famous last words: "Is this ed another cut.

State officials have used every trick, every chiseling method ever devised by political parasites, to put the workers in the position of serfs.

workers, employed and unem ployed, are brothers.

fare agencies under one man is going to call forth such repercu sions from Minneapolis workers as will be heard even by the Republicans and Democrats. who right now are pretending not to know that hunger and cold follow WPA and relief cuts.

sota. Under the present WPA appropriation bill (which may be cut best way they can.

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While these judges are so busy sentencing chiselers, they might see if chiseling doesn't work two ways. I could see more justice in entencing an investigator who ings was voted out last Thursday, clothes which are desperately needed, than in sentencing a man needed, than in sentencing a man Council has a ski train going to St. who is at least putting what he Cloud. Costs are nominal, so make 'chisels" to good use.

> If the WPA officials are really nterested in cutting down expenses, why don't they sourt with the their friends. in non-relief jobs.

What happened to the \$10,000 that was appropriated for teeth and glasses in Minneapolis? Anyone asking for teeth at the Sexton lding is told there is no money for that purpose, and that there hasn't been any money for a long

Who handed out the order that ays: No more than one article of clothing from the Surplus Commodities to each family. The investi-

Some of the boys are already asking: Well, when do we start? My reply to that is: How much can you stand?

#### One Down, One to Go

The strike of the Pharmacists and Drug Clerks Union Local 1353 against the Hatch Drug company has already resulted in a victory at the store at 4316 Upton Avenue South, which has been sold by Hatch. The new owner immedi ately signed up with Local 1353. The Pharmacists Union will continue to picket the Hatch store at 2553 4th Avenue South.

The Central Labor Union at its last meeting voted to put the labor-hating Hatch Drug store on the "Unfair" list.

Local 1353 has secured closed shop contracts covering all clerks at both the Snyder and Economy drug store chains. Wage increases still further), the families of 9,000 from \$2 to \$15 weekly, two weeks vacation with pay, and a shortening of hours to 54 weekly are stipulated in the pacts. Clerks formerly had to work from 65 to 70 someone is being tempted by a fitted extra work or some outside hauling to get himself behind the eight ball. Now just because the air is a little fresher out in the "Jack."

> The verdict acquits the raven but condemns the dove .- JUVE-

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#### Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Our Ways and Means commit-ee met last Saturday for the first time this year. Officers for the year were elected and a permanent organization on committees and ousiness was set up. A regular W&M meeting will be held this Thursday evening also.

February 2nd the regular mem ership meeting will be treated with several bits of confidential well worth while for all to attend

Judging by some of the ques-ions asked by the men in regard to the new by-laws many members are going to be nicked for fines unless they pay particular atten-tion to the new rules. Please, for ticles in section one and two, and nine, ten and eleven. These new regulations will probably be out in month and go into effect in

Personal to Mr. Mooney: Curt asks that you check your September reports on WPA truckers you signed up on Current dues.

It surprises us that many of our members and stewards do not yet know that new members can be inif they are working on WPA. Next Sunday the Union Sports

up a party and find out what fun ing the loop.

political parasites who have all their friends and relatives on WPA of new deals.

GMC is going to work in on a lot the Twelfth-street lite finally

all his trucks. And if all the relast four months are true it is no bers and many finks still think the only way to get a job is by chisel-

seniority lists is already finished. city park board and all . . . The WPA has a bad case of layoff fever. Our men would do well to join in these protest meetings against cutting work relief funds.

So far we have nothing against Roy Chamberlain's work except that it always results in a disap-pearance of trucks from every job he checks. However, some of these foremen and our more timid ITO get awful nervous when a stop-watch in the hands of one of these efficiency snoops starts to time their trips. With a little pushing from the straw-bosses our leadfooted drivers will go into action to the point where ice and another fast driver can make a nice mess. If this happens we do not propos to let the driver take the heat unless entirely at fault.

We don't say this to try to cover up any loafers on the job. If anybody gets the works on that ac count it is too bad. All of our boys have been on jobs where the trucks have made their round trips all one squawked but if the stopwatch goes on a deal like that and
a maniac is used for a test trip—
well, we call that the well, we call that the speedup and that is cause for a riot.

someone is being tempted by a litcountry and the ITO men are more scarce is no sign that we do not know what is going on. Or has ing Willie" and "Miller the moursomeone discovered that the union rules do not go beyond the city would be sumpin' or dontcha?

Somebody, I think Milt Hodson,

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at 919 Marquette Avenue. Admis-

#### TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

Jacob Schuller, our ace mehanic, who was gravely injured ast spring, is trying his hand at the old job. Glad you're back, "Jake," and we all hope to see your greasy fingerprints on our

We are delighted to inform yo that Bill Johnson is home from the ospital. He thanks everybody for their kindness during his illness.

We found the reason Curly Goodnough keeps his coat but-toned: he's got a shirt on this Monday that's so loud you can hear the echo clear down the length of the "deppo."

Wonder what the "Belles" of the north side are doing for transportation since those well-known merchandisers of mileage, "Papa" Rankin and Nordstrom, are play-

Melvin (two-speed) Castner did Crabtree has gone and bought a "wrong way Corrigan" last himself a new Dodge. It looks like week. While in his cab ruefully popped." When nudged by Bill Axel Larson has apparently sold (bumbershoot) Russell, little Melthe street instead of the lite and phone-box. From now on, says he, "my reflexes will reflect regular."

Cliff Rollins has the pocket fumbig box in his hack; we peeked into it and observed that with all the stuff he's got in it he could stake a first class homestead.

Kirkham really has a "beef" coming, the constant embarrass-ment is getting him down. The lady-travelers mistake his office-coop for a lounging room. Kirkie should display the old railway slogan, "travel at your own risk."

those Ohmers wound.

Jimmie Huntington visited meetings open with about five hun-Orion McDonald at Glen Lake and dred strong and hit 'New Business' reports him in fine spirits and minus about 475 good union men gaining weight.

Well, the implement dealers cars for sale. Both are Lafayettes have come and gone and as usual with these much-touted conventions we only got what the "courties we can be a supplied to the sale. Both are Lafayettes and in fine shape. The "courties we can be a supplied to the sale. Both are Lafayettes and in fine shape. The "courties we can be a supplied to the sale. Both are Lafayettes and in fine shape. The "courties we can be a supplied to the sale where the sale was a supplied to the sale. Both are Lafayettes and in fine shape. The "courties we can be a supplied to the sale where the sale was a supplied to the sale where the sale was a supplied to the sale where the sale was a supplied to the sale was a su with these much-touted conven-tions we only got what the "cour-

Jack Herman's snappy basket-

ball team won its first game by a very imposing score. Good going, Local 292 to

ner" of one of the blue numbers last week slipped me a tip for this column, but for the life of me I Nessler, Bill Dunphy, E. Nelson, can't remember about who or what

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Our dance is becoming a realty and will be held on the night of February 15, Wednesday, at the Marigold ballroom. Let's all trade days and get Thursday off. We have some Route Foremen, who occasionally 'pull' two routes in one day. They may be much in demand on the morning after.

One outstanding feature of this dance will be our chance to get acof Local 471. Maybe you did not hundred of them and that just last week we took in another group at the National Tea Co. They are some of the finest and prettiest girls in town. I would bet my last dollar that the L.O.L. members are second to none. We are going to try to get our sister members to wear their 471 buttons; then you cannot say 'that baby is some

Too many of us overlook our Official Magazine of the Interna-tional. On the inside of the cover of the last issue, are eleven of the most helpful Commandments I have ever read. We take this chance to copy a couple of them.

1. That you will attend as many meetings as possible and make some sacrifice to participate in the work of your local union during the coming year.

3. That you will watch carefully nside and outside of your meetings for those characters who are plausible speakers and who are spreading the poison of discon-tent and distrust in the organiza-

stand that without the union you would be working long hours at small pay, as those that went be-fore you had to work and suffer

4. That you will fully under-

long hours for a starvation wage.
Find your Official Magazine and read the other eight and some of the other helpful articles.

Last Friday evening at the regu-Roy Nelson opines his day-driver is no good; he doesn't even wind the meter clock. Roy lost some waiting time and now he's looking around for the "helper" Lied just before adjournment. I think that hereafter the delegates lug what's supposed to help keep and sit tight during the entire session. Would this plan work to an advantage for our union?

Now Local 471 has two good

Viv: "I had a good load last nite." Harvey: "Ya! but if you don't talk too much it will never be noticed."

The town has been cleaned-up; Tommy Ammerman has made an arrest. Officers go in for poetry and his will appear in the next is-

## Dance Feb. 11th

The Electrical Workers Union Local 292 will hold a Winter Ball at the East Side Eagles hall on E. Pettit, E. Neprude, N. Hill, George Nelson, J. Jacobson — promises new lighting effects and two separate dance halls; one for jitterbugs and one for old time

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threat of that four-bit fine brought them out. There were guys there that I haven't seen for two years, so help me. Well, it was nice seeing you all again. I hope you keep it up, especially at this most important time of the year.

## **Projects**

Organized labor has so far frustrated their efforts. The union movement recognizes that all

Stassen's move to put all wel-

Imagine what a cut of 9,000 in WPA rolls will mean to Minneworkers will have to subsist in the

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#### Forgotten Words for the Forgotten Man

In 1936 Franklin D. Roosevelt said the following in a speech delivered in Buenos Aires:

"The employment given by armament programs is false employment. It builds no permanent structure and creates no consumer's goods for the maintenance of a lasting prosperity. We know that nations guilty of these follies inevitably face the day either when their weapons of destruction must be used against their neighbors or when an unsound economy, like a house of cards, will fall

Now here is the record:

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#### What Are They Afraid Of?

The large circulation five cent magazines, owned by the biggest money in the country, are sounding off in a new chorus of Donald Duck squawks against "radicalism," "spending," "spies," and so forth.

On one page they wheeze about how well off we all are. About what wonderful wages American Business pays the workers. About Private Industry waiting for "willing workers," to whom they are anxious to hand out jobs.

Then on the opposite page we get this high-fevered squawking about "revolution," "radicalism," "agitators."
What's the matter with these kept calamity-howlers

for the rich?

If the millions of employed and unemployed are so well off, if they can live on air, if everybody is pulling down wonderful wages and if unions are all bad and if everybody can get a job in private industry—

Then what are these editorial rats AFRAID OF?

If everything is all right, why not forget it?

They don't dare to forget it. The truth would become too plain to all.

come too plain to all.

The truth is something they know they have to hide. The truth is that the working class of the United States must be squeezed to the point of starvation before the desires of these profit-makers can be satisfied. These Super-Bosses want no relief for the unemployed, no taxes on wealth, no unions to wrest a square deal from this system. And they want to do it with gangs.

Here, for example, is a quotation from the laborhating Bernarr McFadden, owner of Liberty Magazine. It reveals clearly the kind of poisonous thoughts these big employers are beginning to chew on.

If you live in an apartment see to it that the mop swinger in your flat belongs to the Apartment House Janitors Union.

We may be several years late with this, but we believe that the union t

employers are beginning to chew on.

"Every hamlet, every town, every community should begin to count noses to find out definitely who wants a continuance of the liberties we have been enjoying through continuance of the liberties we have been enjoying through the American system . . . Enemies in disguise should be labeled, and a definite decision should be made as to what should be done to them. Deportation or a concentration camp is suggested, although Mussolini's castor-oil penalty might be desirable in some cases."

But who are these "enemies in disguise?" They are anybody who does not agree with Rat McFadden, or with the local employers who dominate the press. Every union

the local employers who dominate the press. Every union on strike is a gang of "agitators." Every pay raise is "alien

Concentration camp . . . castor oil . . . the sound of these words from the magazine called "Liberty" is like a dirty squeak which should be answered by every union man with a roar for: Union Defense Guards! A Union Guard to defend the union from these enemies who are trying themselves to machine the second straight the start of the sound of the for Local 554's demands and for unionism in Nebraska. Each week, in 50,000 copies, Local 554 takes its story to the towns and countryside. readying themselves to smash every effort, now and in the future, to unite and fight for a living wage!

Then let some of these drum-majors come around with their bettles of castor cill.

with their bottles of castor oil!

#### ILGWU Fights Strike Injunction

al Ladies' Garment Workers Union sign statements against the union. in Minneapolis declared a strike at Employees were escorted down to the Belden-Evans company, 125 Mayor Leach's office where they South 10th Street, in protest were told by this tool of the labor-against low wages, intimidation haters that they shouldn't join any and intolerable working condi-tions. The company manufactures tee them police protection. The

the request of E. Ford, the boss, cops was posted on 24-hour duty. issued an injunction against the The infamous Harthill, Citizens union that is sweeping in charac- Alliance man, has also attempted ter. Provisions of the injunction constitute an outrageous violation of labor's rights, and the ILGWU means to demonstratively challenge the injunction, according to Finkelstein, union business agent. John Goldie, labor attorney, has been retained by the union in its fight on the injunc-

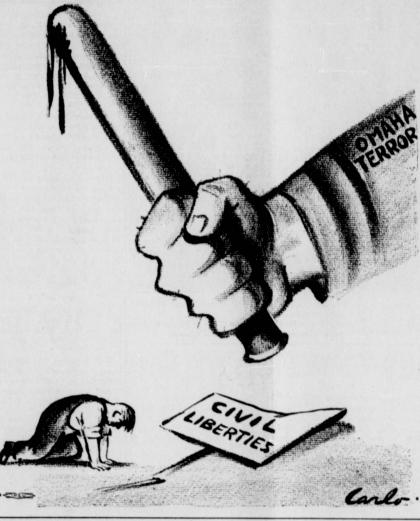
Leach Up to Old Tricks

all the slimy tricks developed by The owner has pretended that the "so the girls can make a living." went to bat for the bosses and Gross intimidation against union tried to prove that the Farmer-Gross intimidation against union members has been used, and sev-Last Thursday the Internation- eral workers have been forced to day the strike started. Leach saw This week Judge Bardwell, at to it that a police detail of eight

to horn in on the situation. Asks Support of Movement The ILGWU plans to go to the local labor movement and ask for assistance in defeating the injunction and in winning the strike.

For every social wrong there must be a remedy. But the remedy can be nothing less than the abolition of the wrong.-HENRY The Belden-Evans firm has used GEORGE.

## The Fight for Democracy Begins at Home!



## Keeping Step With 544 By Micky Dunne

The election in the Teamsters oint Council saw all of last year's officers returned to office with the exception of M. I. Smith, who had solve the tangle caused by the esigned. His place was filled by Carl Skoglund.

From the last C. L. U. meeting it seems that before the Teamsters take any important action in the future they will have to "Consult the Building Trades."

Or else take it up with Frank nd Boerbach personally.

Sinnott and Skoglund, with Seavey as an alternate, will serve on the Policy Committee during the coming year.

If you live in an apartment see

that the union that has the most ups and downs is the

Elevator Operators local.

Federal Wage and Hour Law.

Anderson, attorney in the Five Fink Suit, is reported gnashing his teeth over the long delay in the action.

Wednesday, January 25, will be the yearly elections meeting of the Central Labor Union. Ali delegates should be on hand and stay until the meeting is over!

Jack Smith is still confined to his bed.

The CIO sit-downers in Hopmany of them have gone over to down.

Off to St. Cloud!

# **Omaha Bosses**

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weekly strike bulletin, which is
proving to be a powerful weapon
of defense and offense in the fight

rested drivers who were distributing the strike paper. On Tuesday Dean Campbell, George Dickens and John Kravalic, were arrested local bosses to avoid unionization.

on charges of violating the city handbill ordinance.

Local 554, backed by the Omaha Control Labor Union, turned the cont

Wednesday in Judge Dennis Labor Press strike editions were 'handbills, pamphlets and propaganda sheets used to attack outstanding institutions in Omaha.'

Attempt on Paner Fails

This hellish attempt to deny free its right to free speech and free press. The test case against the

three unionists was dismissed.

More Thuggery
The two boss thugs who early
in January stoned the union hall were hailed into court Thursday morning. Under questioning by David Weinberg, union attorney, they admitted the car used by them was owned by the Union ination Transfer company, headed by Hen- MADISON.

ry Ogram. Both strike-breakers were convicted of malicious destruction of property and sentenced to 90 days. The same night Omaha cops gave chase to a reckless driver and discovered a lot more than they bargained for. Inside the car were three boss hirelings, with a veritable arsenal of death-dealing weapons-shotguns, pistols, a steel Again last week Omaha cops ar- the same people who fired upon a man had been doing group of union members in Gret-na, Nebraska, a few weeks ago.

Fight for Unemployed Local 554, backed by the Omaha spotlight on the unspeakably rot-ten relief situation locally. Last only reason he stays in business is O'Brien's court, the city attorneys week a union delegation presented a petition bearing several thou-sand signatures to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. demanding the ouster of E. F. Magaret, county relief director.

The petition, which has been endorsed by the Omaha CLU, points out that Magaret has used speech and freedom of the press to the striking drivers was a com-ter, and that this boss tool has deplete flop. In a remarkable address to the courtroom, Judge al 554 members and to many O'Brien named these rights as other needy people. Local 554 is fundamental democratic rights in the United States, said he consid-against Magaret and against the ered himself a crusader for such terribly low relief scale in Omaha. rights, and upheld the union in All other unions and the unemployed have been invited to join the demonstration.

Thus ended the twentieth week of the tie-up.

War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes. And armies, debts and taxes are the known instruments for low traveler of whom you asked bringing the many under the domination of the few.—JAMES of myself as well as you.—G. B.

#### Sit-down in Hormel Plant Won by Men

partments of the Hormel plant in Austin, Minnesota, on Thursday, December 22nd, forced the management to withdraw a foreman from work other than that of su-

On December 21st the Shipping Division of the Hormel plant pre-sented a grievance to the management demanding that the company prohibit the foreman from performing work other than supervison. Hormel's answer was unsatisfactory. When a report on the negotiations was made the following day to the Shipping Division, the employees voted for a sit-down. in the hospital. kins are sticking it out in grand Other departments followed suit shape, although it is reported that until nine departments were shut

Hormel Backs Down

Faced with this demonstration of union power, Hormel backed down and agreed to meet with the gotiations, providing the workers went back to work during negotiations.

The sit-down was called off, but preparations were made to close down the entire plant if necessary in case the negotiations were unsatisfactory to the union, Local

Recalls 1933 Sit-Down

Hormel must have recalled the belaying pin, three sawed-off wag- of 1933 when the Austin packing- courts. on spokes, etc. All three were house workers startled the nation given 90 days in jail for vagrancy. with their militant sit-down strike "It's men like you that incite riots which established unionism in the and provoke labor trouble," said Hormel plant. The company agreed Judge O'Brien in sentencing them. that the foreman would break in Unionists identified the thugs as a man to take the work the fore-

#### Suit vs. World Set for Jan. 25th

Some months ago Eugene Kalkman, an employer, started a suit against a good proportion of the city's population, charging them with "a conspiracy in restraint in trade." Named in the suit were Ray Rainbolt, Local 544, Local 221, the Cedar Lake Ice company, Kemps, the Hygienic Artificial Ice company, etc., etc.

A tremendous amount of money for damages is claimed.

Anderson, attorney against the union in the fink suit, is representing Kalkman It was learned this week the suit would be heard in District Court

on January 25th. Fink Suit Drags On Last week Judge Reed, at the request of Anderson, granted at-torneys for both Local 544 and the finks a twenty-day period to file

I am not a teacher: only a fel-

#### On the **National** Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)
The Executive Board knew it. And the MEMBERSHIP knew it.

Even before the expiration of the June, 1937, contract the bosses began to show their hands. They violated the con tract in every way possible. They fired men out of seniority. They gave their pets the best runs, again out of seniority. They cut wages and hours. They made the men pay for every scratch on the trucks. They did everything in their power to force the men out on strike.

With June 1, 1938, their campaign became more militant. Bosses themselves visited the loading docks, daring the men openly to strike. . . .

And the members of the

Over-the-Road and City-Pickup and Delivery Sections of Local 554 stood their graund. It took real courage and determination to do this and they deserve just as much credit for their ability to take it on the chin before the strike began, as they do now for their wonderfully militant stand for the past nineteen weeks.

Finally in August of 1938 things became so bad at Watson's that it was necessary to call a strike. The strike lasted four days and was settled temporarily under the 1937 contract. This contract was never lived up to by the bosses. They continued their campaign of discrimination even while their representatives were sitting in Chicago in the Eleven State Area Nego

On September 9, 1938, the Omaha employers in the trucking industry LOCKED OUT their men.

The Union immediately turned the lock-out into a strike.

Since the strike began the strikers have been subject to more and more violent intimi-

They have been beaten, slugged, shot. They have been trapped in dark alleys and beaten by hired

They have been faced with the loss of their furniture and cars and eviction from their homes when the Omaha Business Men's association got together with their collective creditors and served notice on them in a body that all of their unpaid-for possessions, bought on contract, would be reclaimed. (It took about four hours and a few telephone calls around the area to get enough money in here to straighten that out.)

One hundred-and-forty-four of the strikers have been in jail, on charges which could not be subnightmare he suffered in the fall stantiated even in the Omaha

How do they do it? How is it possible for these men to withstand all the pressure which has been put against

The answer is in two parts. First, the very character of these men, and of the women behind them; the lessons they have learned in the past two years have taught them that this fight is one not only for economic gains for themselves but for the very life of their union. They are honest to goodness union men and women who have learned through long and hard experiences that their only hope, economic and social, lies in their union, and they BELIEVE in the union.

Secondly. This is NOT a purely local fight. The entire Eleven State Area is behind the Omaha Drivers. Contributions come in from every part of the United States for the strike fund. Daniel Tobin, president of the Teamsters International, to which Local 554 is affiliated, sends a regular weekly contribution of \$3,500. Individuals and organizations send in money and words of encouragement.

There is an invisible, mighty state of Nebraska. The Nebraska bosses are surrounded by union terminals in a complete circle from Souix Falls, S. D., to Des Moines, Iowa, to Kansas City, Mo.,

Wichita, Kan., Denver, Colo., to Cheyenne, Wyo., and thence to Sioux Falls. No Omaha operator can pull into or out of terminals in these cities unless he signs the contract.

> Out of the original fifty nine companies, employing six hundred and twenty-nine men, forty-six companies have signed the contract for city pickups and delivery and 329 men are back at work. Of the sixty-three over-the-road operators who locked out their men, fifty have signed the contract and 1,208 men are back at work under the contract.

Thirteen companies in both categories, the same companies by the way, are still holding out. They represent only thirty-two percent of the industry.

Thirty-two percent of the operators are defying the world. The men they once determined not to give up the fight until the Union has been victorious.

The Union is going to win. It CANNOT LOSE. Omaha will shortly be, not a haven for the Open Shop but a haven for Union Organization. They cannot fail. They will not fail.

As soon as men begin to be ashamed of what they ought not, they will not be ashamed of what they ought.—LIVY.

#### Basketball Schedule for 544 Youth Team

(Clip for reference)
January 18—Citizens Club
Super X
January 25—Packard Flyers
February 8—Pioneer Printers
February 15—Twin City Upholstering
March 1—Citizens Club Super
X

March 8—Packard Flyers
March 15—Nineteenth Avenue
Market
March 22—Pioneer Printers

LOCAL 131
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.

LOCAL 1859, 20481
General Membership 1859 — January 4
Casket Industry 1859—January 17
J. R. Clark Section—January 18
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Puffer-Hubbard Section—January 19

LOCAL 1086

The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS egular Membership Meeting— First Wednesday each month.

General Membership — Second
Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards
— Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.
Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS

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.

Day Laborer Section — First
Tuesday each month.
Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each
month.

LOCAL 20316
Stewards — First and third Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.

#### News Guild Lists Unfair Advertisers

The following nationally distribated products and chain stores are the most consistent advertisers in the struck Hearst newspapers in Chicago, and are thus abetting Hearst's attack on unionism.

All readers, all friends of labor, will refrain from using these products until Hearst sees fit to grant the moderate demands of the Chiago Newspaper Guild. DRUGS: Ipana toothpaste; Smith Bros. cough drops; Colgate

Palmolive products; Bayer aspirin; Vick's vapo-rub; Pepsodent toothpaste; Bromo Seltzer.
Tobacco: Old Golds, Camel, White Owl, Chesterfields, Luckies, Van Dyke (looks like its safest

o stick to Avalons).
FOODS: Minute tapioca; Heinz 57; Campbell soup; Quaker oats; Ken-L Rations; Snyder catsup; Kelloggs brands; ...unt Jemima flours; Salada Tea. LIQUORS: White Horse scotch;

Calvert; Martins VO; Mattingly & Moore; Teachers' scotch. CHAIN STORES: National Tea;

A & P; Jewel Tea (you could bet this company would be there); Neumode hosiery; Walgreens Drugs; Sears Roebuck.
MISCELLANEOUS: Bond

lothes; RCA-Victor; Greyhound Bus: Standard Oil.

When Henry Thoreau was arrested for non-payment of taxes to a government that returned fugitive slaves to the South, Emeron came to see him in jail and askd, "What are you doing in here?" "Waldo," answered Thoreau, "what are you doing out of

This animal is very malicious, for when attacked it defends itself .- LA MENAGERIE, a French song.

Money nowadays is money; money brings office; money gains friends; everywhere the poor man is down .- OVID.

#### UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.

day.

Executive Board—Every Tuesday.

Stewards — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.

Puffer-Hubbard Section—January 19
Box Industry—January 20
Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Grievance Board—January 9
and 23, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—January 9
and 23, 8 p. m.
General Membership 20481 —
January 4
Executive Board 20481—January 4
Executive Board 20481—January 16, 8 p. m.

Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.

LOCAL 544

Regular Membership Meeting— Second Frida yeach month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Every Wednesday, 3 nuary 4 — Sau-sage: Petroleum

Second Frida yeach 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 Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth Thursday.

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

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays.

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays.
Executive Committee Meeting—On call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and Thursday, January 23 — Spring Water
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Thursday, January 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating Sand and Gravel Friday, January 27-Cold Stor-

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 the large hall on the first floor

All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indi-