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. One Woman To Another . . By Marvel Scholl

Next week when Federal Judge Joyce's court reconvenes, a group of our sex is coming to trial on the WPA thing. I would like to talk about these women, today. To tell you something about them as persons and unionists. Knowing them, working with them, taught many of us that women can be as good "union men' as any mem ber of the male sex. A little less than two years ago the women on WPA began to realize that un less they did something about their own status, they would be left far behind the men. Most women on WPA are mothers, left alone to take care of their chil-dren. Unlike the men, they had not only to work on WPA but they had also to maintain their homes keep their children clean and in school, keep them fed and well.

In other words, they had double job. It might have been easier, from a purely physical point of view, had most of them stayed on direct relief or mothers aid — but women are no more ready and willing to take something for nothing than are the oppo-site sex. They clamored for and got jobs, sewing, clean-ing, assisting in the hospitals, clerical work — anything at which they could work to earn their money.

Working on huge projects, un der supervisors who were prone to give favors to favorites, made a group of these WPA women workers realize that unless they organized they were lost. So they organized. They won new and bet-ter conditions for all the workers. They took care of their members called on them when they were ill, helped them get relief when they couldn't work, helped them ge back their jobs when they were laid off, assisted them to do bet ter work when they were in dan ger of losing those jobs because maybe sewing wasn't something they had been born to do—got parents of workers on Old Age

In other words, these women took upon their own shoulders the cares and tribulations of many hundreds of families. Took those burdens willingly, their only compen-sation the knowledge that somebody else's life was a little less burdensome than it had been. They worked tirelessly completely forgetting selves in their efforts to help the other fellow.

Next week several of these wo en come to trial. They are measure by Congres charged with "conspiracy." They face almost certain conviction. If these women—if any of the WPA workers who stand convicted or who are in danger of being convicted—if they are with the restricted—if they are with the restricted and the restricted and they are with the restricted and the restricted and they are with victed-if they are guilty then so s every man and woman in the United States who has ever dared to stand up for his or her own ideals; who has ever struck out against oppression; who has ever believed that this is a free coun-

They are charged with "conspiracy" because they be-lieved in the Golden Rule which tells us to "do unto others as you would be done by." If "conspiracy" is help-ing your fellow man to a putting bread into the mouths of hungry children and old people; if "conspiracy" is giv-ing your all with never thought for yourself, then they stand convicted. They are real women. They make me proud to be a woman!

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 1939

FIVE CENTS

WPA Defendants and Families Are a Cross-Section of Minneapolis



Reader, study this picture of a group of the defendants n the present WPA trials, shown with their families as they met last Wednesday night in the Drivers Hall. Look at the faces of the happy innocent children, at the housewives, at the men. Do these people look to you like criminals, like conspirators? Or do they look to you like your own family and your next-door neighbor?

They are persons just like yourself, with all the average person's likes and dislikes, reacting to the same forces that move you. Indeed, every laboring man in Minneapolis, every woman and child, can study this picture and say to himself or herself: "There, but for a stroke of Fate, am I."

The defendants make up almost a perfect cross-section of the working and unemployed population of Minneapolis. Think of almost occupation, of any nationality or religion, and you will find it represented among the indicted WPA strikers.

You'll find teachers and preachers, cooks and nurses, chemists and blacksmiths, draftsmen and blacksmiths,

farmers and chiropractors, millwrights and cab drivers, garment workers and interior decorators.

You'll find World War veterans and young men and women who have never known what it is to hold down a job in private industry. You'll find college graduates and those whose lives have meant bitter toil from childhood on. You'll find Negroes and Irishmen, Jews and Yankees, Swedes and German, Frenchmen and Englishmen. You'll find Catholics and Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists and Lutherans. You'll find union veterans and persons who never before participated in a union or a

One thing you will find in common about all these per ple—their economic position was and is desperate. The recent Relief Law spelled tragedy for all of them, young and old. When the government cut their wages and took away their jobs and lengthened their hours, they joined onwide WPA strike which swept the country

Reader, you would have done the same. You undoubtedly HAVE done the same when confronted with a similar situation. You are as innocent of any wrong-doing ment. as any of these indicted workers.

Today these indicted workers-your neighbors and mine -find themselves in a tough spot. So does all organized lahor for that matter. For if the "conspiracy" charge made by the government can stick against them, it can stick against all of us, against every member of organized labor. It can be used to tear down our unions, the first long step towards forcing living standards in America

The AFL-WPA Defense Committee, through its chairman, George Murk, is appealing to unions everywhere to donate as generously as circumstances permit, to the defense fund. Help defend these workers, help appeal the decisions in the first two trials, help win complete freedom for all the defendants. Send your donation to L. Clair Johnson, Sec.-Treas., WPA Defense Committee, 18 North

Puffer Firm

Blows at 1859

The seven-weeks' Puffer-Hubbard strike shifted to a new front recently when representatives of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 appeared, together with Ed Palmquist of Local 544's Federal Workers Section, before the State Unemployment Commission. The union committee sought unemployment insurance for 23 Puf-fer-Hubbard workers who were laid off before the strike began. The hearing lasted all day Friday, October 13th.

workers be denied their unemployed insurance. The union leaders were able to prove by testimony that the practice of the Puffer-Hubbard com

3 More Convicted; Third WPA Trial Will Start Monday

Jury in Second WPA Trial Finds McLean, Connors and Riley Guilty of "Conspiracy" and Overt Acts—Moore, Fourth Defendant, Found Innocent—Of First Twelve Tried, Eight Are Convicted—Mass Trial of 25 for Conspiracy Gets Under Way Monday—State Federa-tion Sends Out Appeal for Defense Fund

Early Friday morning, October 20th, the jury in the second of the Minneapolis WPA trials filed into Judge Joyce's courtroom to announce its verdict: three of the four defendants were found guilty of conspiracy and overt acts in connection with the strike of WPA workers last July. The first trial ended October 17th when the jury found five of the eight defendants guilty of conspiracy and intimidation.

Found guilty in the second trial were Milton McLean, Charles Connors and William Riley. Charles Moore was judged not guilty. Jurors took three ballots to reach the guilty verdict, six ballots before they decided Moore was

To Be Sentenced November 4th

The eight defendants found guilty in the first two of the ten trials so far scheduled were ordered by Judge Joyce to appear before him November 4th for sentence. Each of the charges carris a penalty of up to two years in jail plus a fine

Directly after the second trial District Attorney Victor Anderson moved for trial of 90 defendants named by the federal government in one blanket "conspiracy indictment. All the defendants were alleged to have participated in the picketing of the WPA sewing project in Minneapolis, where police attacked the picket line, killing one unionist and wounding many.

Next Trial Stars Monday Defense attorneys moved for separate trials and the judge agreed to try 25 defendants starting October 30th,

next Monday. The score in the prosecution of the Minneapolis un-

employed now stands as follows: Indicted—Over 150 men, women and youth Arrested—138 Tried to date—

Found guilty-8 Found not guilty-4

The indicted make up a veritable cross-section of the city's population. There are young men and women who have never known what it is to hold down a job in private industry. There are World war veterans. There are college graduates and there are workers who have toiled from childhood. There are Negroes and Irishmen, there are Jews and Catholics and Christian Scientists and Seventh Day Adventists. There are veteran union members, and persons who for the first time in their lives participated in a strike and a picket line. pated in a strike and a picket line.

The one thing in common about all these people is

that their economic situation was and is desperate. When the government passed the recent relief bill, cutting the wages and slashing the jobs and lengthening the hours of workers on WPA, all these people joined in the nation-wide WPA strike which swept the country early in July.

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No Defense Witnesses in Second Trial

Tom Davis, defense council, rested his case in the second trial without presenting any witnesses.

While waiting in the courtroom Thursday for the jury to bring in its verdict (the verdict wasn't reached until Friday at 9:45 p. m.), Charles Connors, Negro defendant, mused about his case.
"Here's me," he said, "I'm really a victim of circum-

Connors, who served 15 years in the U.S. Army, is

day, October 13th.

The Puffer-Hubbard management has intensified its vindictive attitude towards its workers by seeking to bar them from receiving the unemployment insurance and the relief to which they are entitled. In the Unemployment Commission hearing the management argued that the 23 workers were laid off for inventory only, and would be back working now if it weren't for the strike—therefore, the company demanded the workers be denied their unemploy-

Lull in Trials With no trial on this week, there appeared a brief lull in the WPA cases. The expected renewal of investi-gation into the WPA strike by the federal grand jury did Following weeks of negotiations, the American Excelsior Corporation, 3200 East Hennepin, has signed a new one-year agreement with the Furniture Workers Union nesota Drivers Council was held last Sunday in St. Cloud. Representatives present from drivers' unions throughout the state endorsed the work of the Area Committee and the processing the Area Committee work of the Area Committee work of last year's, inasmuch as it processes and the processes are period of years has signed a new one-year agreement with the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, to go into effect Decision of the Unemployment Commission on this case.

The pact is practically a renewal of last year's, inasmuch as it processes are period of years has strict Attorney Anderson announced his calendar was so fit to the Puffer-Hubbard company over a period of years has strict Attorney Anderson announced that no further WPA cases would be presented to the year. The union movement is awaiting with interest the decision of the Unemployment Commission on this case.

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the responsibility of appealing the verdict in the first two

recently signed in Chicago. The drivers' union negotiators were highly praised for their work.

The state council held a lengthy discussion on the dispute with the Gamble-Robinson company and reached agreement on detailed plans for the pending area strike against this concern.

52½c, the 40-hour week and a the strikers, it has also written letters to the relief department on each individual striker, asking relief authorities to deny them relief.

Despite these company moves, the union is maintaining a solid plans for the pending area strike against this concern.

The appeal will require a large sum of money, commach ing on top of the heavy financial burden already carried authorities to deny them relief.

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State Federation Sends Out Appeal to get Aid to Dependent Children when it was no longer possible for them to go on with the double job.

On Tuesday officials of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, in accord with the resolution adopted at the recent state convention, sent out a circular letter to all unions in Minnesota urging that contributions be made to the defense of the indicted WPA strikers.

Signed by President R. A. Olson and Secretary George W. Lawson, the appeal reads in part:
"You are aware of the actions

of the Federal Grand Jury and the trials now in progress in Minneapolis and the possibility of similar trials in St. Paul arising out of the protest made against the increasing of hours and reduction in pay which were brought about 10 pay which were brought increasing of hours and reduction in pay which were brought about by amendments to the WPA relief may have your cooperation in the matter."

"Prompt action by your local union is essential. We trust we may have your cooperation in the matter."

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Tickets are 25c and all FWS stew-

"While those involved in thes volved are of vital interest to the labor movement, and it is for this reason that the convention, in our opinion, took the position they did on this question . .

"It devolves upon those who are seeing justice done, and those who are or will be vitally affected by the best possible legal assistance and advice.

Recommend Contributions 'We are therefore recommend ng to the local unions of Minne sota that they cooperate in this effort, that they contribute to this defense fund to the extent of their bility, that such contributions be sent to the office of the Federation which will acknowledge the receipt of the same and make a report of all such receipts to the next convention, and will see that such receipts are properly appor-

Bill Heigel III,

resentative of the Electrical Workers Union Local 160, was taken suddenly ill Tuesday evening and was rushed to Fairview hospital. A recurrence of an ulcer condiinterested from the standpoint of tion brought on two hemmorhages and it was necessary to give him the outcome to assist in securing bers of Local 160 immediately volunteered as donors and a success ful transfusion was made.

Wednesday morning his condition was reported as fair.

Attention-544 Coalmen

All coal drivers and helpers are directed to report to their coalyards before November 1st. This is necessary to preserve your seniority standing. Executive Board, Local 544

'Hard Times' Is Theme of FWS Dance

Those attending the Federal Workers Section Halloween Hard Times Dance this Saturday evening will not only be assured a good time but will help contribute financially to raise needed funds for the FWS to extend its organ-

Costume prizes for the most elaborate and comic "hard times" ostunes will be given by the Dance Committee headed by

ards are selling them

The dance will start at 8 p. m in the third floor of the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North Taken to Hospital It is reported that many FWS members are preparing clothes for William Heigel, business rep- the party and a number of highly original costumes are anticipated.

State Drivers

Statement by Executive Board Aims New Of Local 544

The attention of the Executive Board has been called to the fact that several Union members have arranged meetings of members of Local 544 away from the Union Headquarters and without consulting and receiving authority of the Union. Such meetings are sponsored by individuals claiming the authority of the Union. The Executive Board declares that no permission has been or can be given for such gatherings and wishes to make clear to the membership that meetings of members dealing with Union affairs are customarily held in halls provided by the organization. The Board also has information which indicates that funds are being solicited from business firms in the name of the Union. The Union has not authorized anyone to solicit funds in its name. Anyone being so solicited will confer a favor by calling the Union at once.

Executive Board, Local 544

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Excelsion Corp. Signs With 1859

dorsed the work of the Area Committee and the new over-road pact vides for an hourly minimum of down the solidarity and morale of recently signed in Chicago. The drivers' union negotiators were week's vacation with pay. Slight ters to the relief department on

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Government Retreat On M-Day Plans is Only Temporary

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

We are grieved to report the death of a brother driver, Leon

McCullum of the Liberty Cab unit.

He has been an owner-driver for

many years and we will sorely

We have been informed that

Mrs. James Bigelow, the wife of a well-known retired member of this

local, died last week. We offer our

deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

him a visit anytime during regu-

Ernie Cloutier is now hon

from the hospital but will be off

A good attendance was had at

Contract discussions also

We liked the sentiment behind

meeting, but as the long minutes

Slogan for the trade: We take

(hope Mr. Drake sees this.)

olding the winning number.

fit association.

act accordingly. The Y. C. bene-

out the land these past months.

Albert Goldman

To Discuss War

At Sunday Forum

at the Sunday forum this Sun-

four-months' stay in Europe. The

A Halloween Party and Dance

will be given by the Socialist Workers Party Saturday evening,

October 28th, at 919 Marquette avenue. Guest of honor will be

Albert Goldman, well-known labor attorney, who has just returned

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Halloween Dance

our last meeting, although we

missed our country gentlemen, who we suppose haven't had time

Harriet Avenue, do this.

boosted the attendance.

a filibuster.

Howie Miller is on the mend at

Mary's Hospital; you can pay

miss him in the driving craft.

Leon McCullum.

lar visiting hours.

The recent storm of protest against the M-Day dictatorship plan that arose from organized labor circles and from all citizens interested in the protection of civil liberties has caused the national administration to make a temporary retreat. Late in September the president announced that the War Resources Board, controlled by the House of Morgan and headed by Edward Stettinius, Jr., would be disbanded.

But this is only a TEMPORARY + RETREAT on the part of the war-makers, and should be understood as such by organized labor.

Should this nation be dragged M-Day Plans into war, the government we nediately proceed with its M-Day plans.

Unfortunately, certain liberals are hailing the disbanding of the War Resources Board as a great conclusive victory. There could be no more dangerous illu-

Big Business itself does not permit itself such illusions. It KNOWS the administration will go full speed ahead with its plans for a military dictatorship once a war

crisis occurs in the United States. The New York Times, the newspaper of Big Business in this country, understands well that Roosevelt and the War Department are not scrapping their M-Day Plan.

Writing on this problem in the N. Y. Times of September 29th, Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent, says:

"In a few days the War Resources Board headed by E. R. Stattinius, Jr., is to make its report, file its when-as-and-if blueprint wartime industrial mobiliza tion, and—in the President's word
—'disband.' The young New Dealers of the inner White House circle roll this word lovingly the end of the official draft of Wall Street men' to administer industrial mobilization in event of war or an emergency just short

President Would Revive Board But units which are disbanded form a reserve which can quickly be reassembled. And the eagerness with which the President re cruited the War Resources Board when he needed an industria blueprint and wartime plan more than suggests that he will resummon men of this type, perhaps these very men, if the necessity

The New York Times then explains the reasons for Roosevelt's move to disband the War Resources Board—that Roosevelt has proclaimed only a "limited" emer-gency and "therefore ther is no real need to maintain a war-supply administration in Washington, and it is possible for Mr. Roose-velt to disband the group and satisfy his young keymen without in-jury to the public welfare. The article closes by informing its readers that permanent or administrative status for the War Resources Board "awaits warlike conditions. But this is precisely as it should be."

You see, the New York Times is telling its readers: Don't worry about the little recess arranged for the War Resources Board and the M-Day Dictatorship. The government is just marking time now until the war starts. Then the plan will be put into effect just as planned.

Kipplinger Letter, that well-known and tie organized labor to the war compilation of "inside stuff" governmental activities in Washington, written weekly and "CIR-PRIVATELY TO BUSINESS MEN," as its letterhead reads.

Draft Plans All Ready

"Draft plans are nearing completion," writes Kippling-"Aim is complete selective service, with volunteers discouraged. Objective is, 'Every man in his most useful place, civil or military.'

"Register all men 18 to 45, make them subject to military orders.

"Take those from 21 to 30 for ACTIVE military service . . . first.

"WPA workers of proper ages are candidates for the military, but this is a subject which officials discuss ginger-

"Wage - hour law would stand, but new emphasis would be given to military needs, resulting in flexibility. And this is one reason why army officer, Colonel Fleming, may soon replace Elmer Andrews . .

Big Business Ready to Rule

Big Business Counting on

Yet further evidence on the permanence of the M-Day Plan comes from the Septem-ber 30th issue of Business Week which assures its readers that " . . . if the time omes to put the force of law behind projected wartime controls, Congress will be disposed to put its reliance in military rather than in the New Deal agencies. Industry can trust the military to deal fairly and finally, it has to assume that, as Commander-in-Chief, the President will rise above other considerations."

There is no question that industry "can trust the military to deal fairly" there is overwhelming doubt that organized labor can trust the army to deal fairly. We remember how the army was used during the past war to break strikes and smash M-Day plan would create a gigantic union-smashing instrument controlled by the army in the interests of Big

In its October 7th issue, Business Week magazine ex-plains to its Big Business readers that until the neutrality fight ends, the President will soft-pedal war-talk, but that the New Dealers will continue their maneuvers."

"No more submarines will be sighted from the White House-definitely-and Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson will be 'persuaded' to soft - pedal his quick - step plans for industrial mobilization," writes Business Week, but assures its readers that "after Congress has legislated on neutrality, the industrial mobilization plans again will be brought out on top of the

reparedness for war, published uthored by Blair Moody.

In his October 6th article, Moody admitted the reality of the Industrial Mobilization Plan. "The country has been divided up into districts for the mobilization and 'education' of industry.

"At the head of each mobiliza

tion district is a prominent local industrialist. Under his supervison work executive assistants who are regular army ordinance offi cers in Washington, the army and navy munitions board . . .

Yes, Big Business and the gov ernment are only marking time, waiting for the war crisis to in stall their military dictatorship This view of the matter is con-firmed to the hilt by the latest crush all our traditional liberties half of the General Drivers Union pay to be late, he lost out on the

In an effort to keep its readers day, October 29th, 3 p. m., on the subject "Europe in Flames." informed as to the latest version subject "Europe in Flames." of the M-Day Plan, the Northwest Goldman has just returned from a Organized recently wrote the U. S. War Department, requesting a copy of the plan.

"Plan Not Available"

On October 6th we received a nimeographed form letter (many people must have also written the War Dept. inquiring about the plan) as follows: "With reference to your request for a copy of the Industrial Mobilization Plan, you are advised that the plan is now in the process of revision and copies are not available for distribu-

Copies of the M-Day plan have always been scarcer than hens' teeth, and for a very understandable reason. Two days after the first draft of the plan was published, there was not one copy available to the public. Interested

parties had seen to this. We shall continue our efforts to secure copies of the M-Day plan to present our readers, and to folthe fortunes of the M-Day plan and expose its dictatorial aims and its threat to organized

Demand the War Referendum Still another confirmation of In the meantime, we urge our the M-Day Plans was provided in readers to fight against the M-Day

Scissorbill Sam. The Boss's Man



My employer told me I'd better contribute to the Com munity Fund so our company could go over the top. Private charity is a fine thing.

Warehouse Union Holds Nominations for 1940

Nominations for officers of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359 were held at the regular mem-

bership meeting Tuesday night.

James Bartlett and Joe Howard were nominated for the post of president to serve during 1940. Don Penwell was unopposed to succeed himself as vice-president. Fred Tepilo was the only nominee for the post of recording scretary. Robert Tibbetts was also unopposed to succeed himself as secretary-treasurer.

Those nominated for trustee

With the Limousines

Mailman staggering in the door again just now with another load the job for some time. He appreciates a visit now and then so if you are in the vicinity of 3202 poll this column is conducting and

> THE GALLOPING POLL Chauffeurs Institute of Public Opinion, Galloping Gallop (ND) Director

Here is with another burning question, sprung on the unsuspect ing public by old (behind the door) Gallop. The question: Do you believe in repealing the arms embargo? The amazing results Bill LaBelle's talk at the union embargo? were as follows: ticked away we strongly suspected 11/2 % _____Say, they've got their

arms full now 98% Might as well declare war on Germany.

em to town and bring 'em back So there you have it, just like Our wrench wielders are getting old (lives by his wits) Gallop some good licks overhauling promised you, and don't forget he cabs for the winter but there are must be right because all he still some of our "hackies" that promised was that the result would see some good sense in the British picture showing the driver with

good gas-mask handy, P. S. BOO-YA! We're so full of it, the chicken bones are sticking in our underwear. From the view-"Rosy" Ryan rounded out a full point of the private chauffeurs it rop of grey hair while waiting was decidedly a success; ask Mel for the game to end as he was Johnson who was doing a swell job on the committee and we have a suspicion that there will also Just a reminder: The last be some picture "evidence" as one neeting empowered a committee of our official photographers brother Ray Heddin, was on the ollect delinquent loan payments. job with his candid camera and we 'his is the wish of the great ma- believe some of those "shots" were inis is the wish of the great ma-jority of the membership of the unit envolved so those concerned

Chauffeurs proved good custom ers at the "Bingo" game and who do you suppose screamed "Bingo" same time, none other than Read the bulletin-boards in your espective garages, sometimes it the D. X. brother from down hay save a headache.

LaSalle way and his wife. Seven-We welcome back our drivers teen must be the lucky number in who have been off for the sum- your family, Carl. your family, Carl. mer, and expect some good "yarns" on their travels through-

The last meeting went off short and snappy, brother Joe Fredercks presiding, most of the boys being down at the Lyceum, "tam-ing the shrew." Next meeting so far as we know is going to be a pecial one, but more about that

Albert Goldman, known in Min-Speaking of meetings, Brother the brother who lost out on the erendum and ten bucks by not being there at all. WAR!

Brother Lill and Fitz are doing a swell job representing the Smith forum is at 919 Marquette. Admission is 10c.

Admission is 10c.

Admission is 10c. wonder if there are any other union men working there; we'll have to remind our "educator" to pay a social call and report to us.

> Gene Nelson set 'em up on their COAL

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Lind, recording secretary, Robert Tibbetts, financial secretary, Fred treasurer, Phil Snyder, Axel Jensen and Frank Johnson, trustes, and Donald Rock, ser-geant-at-arms. Under rules of the nternational Brotherhood of Teamsters, the offices of financial

were Erling Nelson, Phil Snyder, Axel Jensen and George Cooper.

Three trustees will be elected, for

terms of one, two and three years

Donald Rock and Raymond Lind

vere nominated for sergeant-at-

Present officers of the union

ecretary and treasurer are combined in one person. The memberhip voted to elect two sergeantsat-arms, and to retain an executive Election on Nov. 24-25

place on Friday and Saturday, November 24th and 25th, at the nion headquarters. The two full days of ballotting should give every member the opportunity to vote. The three election judges hosen to preside over the election are George Jensen, Jerry Richter and Jack Gridley.

Joe Farrell, Journal Driver, Passes On

The many friends of Joe Farrell in Local 544 were shocked to hear of his death Sunday morning. Farrell, old-time driver and unionist, dish now and then. died on the job at 3 a. m., drop ping over his wheel on the Journal truck he drove. He is survived by norning at the St. Joseph church,

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new baby girl; thanks, Gene. Of ourse a girl is fine, but how about a future union man next time.

Persistency is the best policy; we got those birds from Eddie Forster and what's more, Eddie and the Mrs. threw a pheasant din ner; boy, can she cook! We always wondered why he looked so contented.

We heard that Phillips of the electricians calls on Brother Ed Liffin every time he goes hunting; we're going to find out who fur nishes the shells, so that we'll know which one of them to ask to do our shooting next time we need som

And so in closing, that reminds Essex will tell you that it doesn't us, that we don't intend to shoot during the 1934 strikes, will speak two dollar drawing and what about at, do you? So let's have a ref-LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

The Boo-ya turned out to be howling success. The pavilion at Costello's was full of people most of the time. Reports are coming in some guys ate as much as five bowls in a row. Hats off to the men who told their customers about the Boo-ya, as I noted at east 10 or 15 grocers and beerparlor operators there. Very grati ur affairs, and we want to extend our thanks and appreciation to these persons as well as to everybody who attended.

Thanks must also be given to Loren Johnson and his committee who ran everything slick as whistle. Loren even had me doing everything from selling cards at the Bingo game to dishing up this here now Boo-ya.

Jackpet oddity of the Week: Art Larson at Zinsmaster who pulls route No. 7, took square No. and when it was opened, strange seems, his numbers were and 7, believe it or not. Oh, I forgot to mention, it didn't mean a thing because he didn't win.

Who's "Sut Tattersall" at Mon ahan's? Ask Earl Hatcher,

Next meeting: All inside men re requested to attend their regare James Bartlett, president, Don ular monthly meeting to be held Penwell, vice-president, Raymond Saturday, October 28th, which is next Saturday at 3 p. m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. And by the way, there won't be a football game to listen to, so let's see you all up here at

Clarence (out-of-gas) Wennberg, Zinsmaster, finally got a chance to go hunting, as a group of hunters allowed him to tag along to carry the sandwiches, etc.

The bowling team won two out of three Monday night, bringing the total up to 16 wins and only 2 losses, pretty good pitching don't To the Ladies: Get your hus-

band to serve on a refreshment committee at one of these shindigs sometime. For all you know he may be a good cook or at least a good dishwasher. Think of all work you could get out of him, if you find that out. For instance we found out that "Bing" Crosby, George Erickson and John Mc-Grath are past experts at frying hamburgers and making sandwich es, to say nothing of washing

John Steinbeck started some thing in Hollywood when he wrote "The Grapes of Wrath." To the movie colony, always ready to throw a party at the drop of a tear, the migratory workers were the newest "Cause." Recently there was a big cocktail party for their benefit at which the and food consumed cost \$375 and the contribution totaled \$35. PEGGY McEVOY.

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To All Friends of Organized Labor-In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list.

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Tommy Zalusky certainly is go-getter. He got a car several pital. Peebles was an inside work-days before pay day, then went down on the 20th and collected company. He lived at 909 East his check and also a tag for overtime parking.

George Phillips wonders who the operator is that barks like a dog when he hunts pheasants-Phillips says he might be inter ested if he retrieves, but wonders how he is on ducks.

Quite a number of operators vere present at the last member ship meeting.

Boy! Oh Boy! Me for Boo-ya

One of the brothers saw Bill Sinnot (B. A. for the Milk Drivers) in Traffic Court Tuesday, riding herd on his chickens. During the last year every one

of the operators has received pay for the "holiday time off" to an amount in excess of the annual We have to hand it to Donny

floor like a Floyd B. Olson. Brother Heigel was rushed to the Fairview Hospital Tuesday night. Bill had two hemorrhages at home; sixteen brother member in case blood transfusions were

necessary. Will all members of the Dia pants from their diamondball suits

544 Negro Member Dies, Is Mourned

Local 544 mourns the loss of Brother E. W. Peebles, 49, who died recently at the General Hos-Twenty-second street. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and a daughter, Marianne, 23, a school teacher in Covington, Tenn. The wife and daughter have written the union that "We are extremely grateful to you for your beautiful floral offering. Thank you so much.

Peebles, a Negro, has been a loyal member of Local 544 since August, 1936.

to Brother Nevins not later than November 1st.

The annual election of officers vas held in the Ladies' Auxiliary of L. U. B-160 at their October 19th meeting. The following were President-Mrs. V. G. Gilbert-

Vice-President - Mrs. E. Ru-

Secretary—Mrs. K. G. Gerdin. Treasurer—Mrs. E. Swanson. Exec. Board-Mrs. E. Burkhart

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Negro Labor Leaders Make Stirring Appeal to People To Join Union Movement

Minneapolis Negroes heard one of the most stirring body good and no matter who appeals for trade unionism ever made in this city when M. P. Webster and Phillip Randolph, international vice-president and president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping mers of the new war. On the land mers of the new war. m. P. Webster and Prining Randolph, interhactorial Man Moe announces the winder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters spoke last Sunday at the Phyllis Wheatley House. The union leaders appeared on the regular Sunday afternoon forum sponsored at the House. They were introduced by Frank Boyd, secre-time to the sea—Sharks. Grab a musket! Hay foot! Straw foot! Belly full of beans! Let's get to shootin'.

What Labor Can

Expect from War

"The man at home will be

"The man at home will be placed upon something approximating the (wage) level of the man who shivers in the Aleutian cold for \$1.50 a day."—Lieutenant-Commander Charles B. Gary, U. S. Navy, in his book "War in the Pacific," p. 291, describing what will happen to wages of American workers when this country goes to war.

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of the working class."

tary of the Twin City Division of the Brotherhood and himself an able trade unionist.

Randolph was suffering from a throat ailment and left to Webster the main speech of the af-

Webster told of the immense gains made by the ten thousand sleeping car porters since they organized and forced the powerful Pullman corporation to sign a union contract. Pointing out that the overwhelming majority of Ne-groes are workers, Webster urged the Negro community to recognize this fundamental fact and to organize as workers into unions, and usually find some Negro 'leaders' to do this for him." Chambers of Commerce and other like pursuits.

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"To say that there is Jim Crow the only thing they have to sen their labor power. They can sell wiches prepared under the super their labor power. They can sell wiches prepared under the super vision of the undisputed Sandwich for the Negroes to turn their back on unionism," he stated. "Of urse there is Jim Crow in the ridiculed the efforts of certain Neunion movement. Why? Because gro to seek to advance in the busithe labor movement is American, ness world. The huge monopolies and there is Jim Crow everywhere and corporations, the great chain in America. But that is no rea-son for Negroes to back away and control that there is mighty from the unions. Join them and little room for the Negro to build fight against Jim Crow. Our International Brotherhood finds a are workers with our labor to sell, way to work in the American Fedintellectual leaders who means building unions. cek to turn the Negro from the lishonest besides. They always free so long as one Negro worker oint out the race prejudice in the labor movement. But they dont point out that Jim Crow exthe labor movement. But they dont point out that Jim Crow exists also in every American institution—including the YMCA and Methodist church. I can start at the YMCA at 135th street in Harthey Methodist church is the same at titude. We can never be free until tic soul, a fellow who would go anywhere to help a couple of lov-capitalism. We are workers and our job is a working class job. We will solve our problems as part bride. he YMCA at 135th street in Harm, that masterpiece of Jim Crowum, and go all the way across the ountry and show you Jim Crow

Webster pointed out that the nti-union arguments of certain Negro community leaders were often inspired by white employers 'A white employer doesn't have to tell his Negro employes they

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. B. Gilmore

While we stard around grabbing there may be thousands of little baby maggots going hungry.

There must have been some misunderstanding about the meeting for the Box Section workers called for last Tuesday. Just a handful of brothers showed up.

Brother George Mecklenberg of the Puffer-Hubbard section en-tered into the blessed state of matrimony on October 14, at Pine City. Local 1859 wishes Mr. and shouldn't have anything to do with unionism," Webster said. "He can Mecklenberg a long, happy and prosperous married life.

Brother Gilmore dropped in at the Puffer-Hubbard trailer head quarters last Saturday night. It As long as the vast majority of Negroes are workers, he argued, Here is a record of some kind the only thing they have to sell is The boys offered me some sand they are organized into unions. He ridiculed the efforts of certain Ne-Nelson himself. The sandwiches were so good I ate some during the early morning hours.

S.O.S. Sam. How's about som nice quarter-sawed oak chunks for the P. H. trailer stove? They hold

Brother John Beraci takes eration of Labor, and to fight to ganize to sell this labor of ours at break down race prejudice. These the best possible price. And that drove down to Iowa Sunday and took the holy vows of matrimony. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. come to see that they can never be Beraci.

> Cupid's little helper, Raymon Robinson, the lad with the romar said. "We must take the same at-

John Janosco got a bill from the Puffer-Hubbard section. "For Webster was given an ovation as he concluded. sandwiches consumed by R. Gilmore. 36 at 10c each. Total \$3.60. Randolph in his shorter talk made a survey of Negro thought, P. S. We don't mind the sand-from Nat Turner, Negro revolu-wiches so much, John, but doesn't tionist, down through Booker T. Washington, Dr. DuBois, Marcus that guy Gilmore ever eat at Garvey and the modern Negro

The press takes the stand that answer to their problems. He paid you guys from Clarks gotta keep your lunch-hooks hobbled when it by each of these Negro leaders to the problems of his race, but the P. H. headquarters. Let this be a lesson to you. pointed out the weaknesses in the theories of all the earlier Negro

"I ain't had no lovin' since January, February, June and July, but I always stand ready to help Just prior to the speaking program, the audience was privileged to hear L. W. Harris, Jr., St. Paul (Cupid) Robinson. "I'd go to Negro singer, sing Invictus.

George Jefferson opened and closed the meeting with prayer. , excuse me, I mean Iowa,

Special notice: P. H. section has stalled time lock on sandwich

Norman Baker, the much selfdvertised cancer cure quack, is

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At the Boo-ya Counter Last Sunday



Many hundreds of drivers brought their families and friends to the Teamsters Joint Council Boo-ya last Sunday at Costello's Grove, and everyone who came had an enjoyable time. George Haeg, the Northwest's great Boo-ya cook, said that the quality of meat and vegetables furnished for the Boo-ya was the finest he had ever used, and those who ate

waitresses at the Boo-ya counter. From left to right: Mrs. Jimmy Hanna, Evelyn Hill, Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Loren Johnson, and Loren Johnson, chairman of the Boo-ya. Johnson said that there are many tickets still outstanding and that a full financial re-

544 Players Local 131 Get Star "Gas and Suds" Sports Medals By L. Clair Johnson

Members of Local 544's city the St. Paul bosses tonight. This championship baseball team reeived a final post-season honor them. Monday morning when they received individual gold "Medals of Merit" from the Star-Journal, together with a blanket invitation to appear on the Parade of Champions program held each summer at the Parade Grounds. The Starals to outstanding local champions in each field of sport. The handome medals are appropriately in

William Hill, 221 Member, Passes on

Members of the Ice Drivers Union Local 221 mourned the death of their fellow-member, William Hill, an independent dealer from Kemps Ice. Hill died last week and was buried at Bemidji over the weekend. He is survived by a wife and five children. The union sent flowers to the funeral

now out on \$10,000 bail. A few years back Baker operated radio station KTNT (Know the Naked Truth) in Muscatine, Iowa. The heat was on and Baker moved his "hospital" to Eureka Springs, Ar kansas. His broadcasts were out from Mexico and you have probably all heard them at on time or another. Well, the U. S government finally nailed him through the postal department.

any member of 1859 or any of their relatives might be tempted to throw away their hard-earned dollars on Baker's fake cancer "hospital' cure.

Patriotism, Chapter II, in this issue. A peppy little saga presented for your approval by the Sage of the Mack Truck.

Lucky those Canadian Quintu lets were not born over here. We night have plowed three under .-The Wise Guy.

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To All Trade Union Members

We're going into a huddle with

We have nothing further to report on any progress here on the contract. Negotiations are at a complete standstill. Dave Berdt, the top-sergeant at

G. and G., after being in the hospital for a week, is back at work Ralph Kummett, from the Min-eapolis, is laid up with a strained

ligament in his leg. You fellows who missed the Booya, according to the ones who did coction that is a real boon to jaded

The next important event sponored by the Joint Council will be far away, either.

We're going to have a little sesion before the on before the labor conciliator

The Farmer Co-op Labor Coun-il is certainly doing some valuable work. Every meeting they ponsor is more successful than any previous one. The one this week at Cloquet promises to be exceptionally progressive and ed-ucational for all who attend.

The work of the WPA Defense mmittee is attracting nationride interest both within and outeen anything the outcome of which is quite so vital to the whole abor movement as this situation. can be localized, but in this case the issues involved strike at the very heart of that which organized abor stands for and threaten its ery existence.

We feel that the membership of nembers has a part in the great rounded by Monkeys playing with drama that is being enacted on the matches. AND NOW SEE WHAT Minneapolis stage before the auentire nation.

What Labor Can Expect from War-

"There is no difference between what Mr. Hitler is doing in Germany and what could certainly be done here. Would this Roosevelt administration be likely to give up drastic war powers? Does a fish drown? If we get into this war—goodbye democracy." — General Hugh Johnson, addressing U. S. Building & Loan League.

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

m. All workers seeking unem levment insurance are asked All workers seeking unem-ployment insurance are asked to get in touch immediately with Ed Palmquist before ap-plying for such insurance. Palmquist will be in the office of the Federal Workers Section from 8:30-10:30 daily except Saturday and Sunday.

Gassing With 977

An example of what can be done when Lessees join the Union and then stick together, can be seen out in Columbia Heights. The Lessees out there are in the Lessee the Christmas party for the kids at the Armory. It isn't so darned low bids on gasoline to the city. The Lessees realize they will be better off financially, if they keep a higher margin, even though they have a smaller turn-over. The Local expresses its appreciation to Lessee Hoff, whose efforts on be half of the group, were respon sible for a unified spirit and high

> Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rinehardt a new baby boy has arrived at the home of each couple.

The new chain of stations being opened by the Super Service Oil Co. this month, are 100% Union. Three stations now opened to the public are located at 42nd and Nicollet, 18th and Washington Most troubles that confront labor avenue north, and at St. Marys and University avenue S. E.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting next week, the Seniority-Grie vance Board for the Local will dis continue the Monday night meet We teel that the membership of the Local 131 is happy that one of its members has a part in the great Executive Board of the Local on drama that is being enacted on the Minneapolis stage before the audience that is the millions of organized workers throughout the o'clock, at which time the Executive Board transacts the business to resume work for some time, so of the Local. Members are requested to bear this schedule in mind when appearing before the Board.

> Ernest Peabody started work for the Goodyear Tire Company last week, which makes one less on the Local's unemployed list.

Secretary Davidson says that it is as hard to try to figure out the Erickson situation as it is to become an Organizer for the Teamsters International.

Gust Wills tendered his resigna tion at the Apex Oil Company, and took out a withdrawal card from the Local this week. Gust is the new proprietor of Cozy's Tap else." Room at 2223 19th Ave. N.; he invites the membership to join his Cribbage Club.

The boys at the Twin City Renoil, 529 7th St. N., have re-

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By the Sage of the Mack Truck

CHAPTER II

Patriotism

"Ah, my friend, these are purely domestic problems. They have nothing to do with our interests in Ruskipolski."
"Our interests? How do you get that way? I just told you—"
"Calm yourself. I'll explain. You shall know all about Ruskipolski in proper time and by the approved process of mental penetration as practiced by high, middle and low education." "Go ahead. Shoot."

"Have patience; the shooting will come in good time. But to return to our subject. You are undoubtedly acquainted with Mr. J. Skinflint Pennypincher whose memorial mansion stands up on yonder hill. Mr. J. S. P., as you are aware, owns the principal stores in this city. He also owns the gas works, the electric light company, the Daily Wow and Woof, the trolley line, the First National Bank, the filling stations and most of the homes our citizens live in, including

your own. In fact, Mr. J. S. P. owns about everything worth owning, so that he is properly and universally regarded as our leading citizen. "Now, it is self-evident that a man as widely interested as Mr. J. S. P. should make a great deal of money. It would perhaps lead too far, explaining to a man of your limited comprehension just exactly how our illustrious fellow citizen makes that money. I will, therefore, content myself by stating briefly that his income is mainly derived from charging you more for goods and services than they cost him and paying you less for the labor or service you render him

"By working this particular Rabbit-Foot, not only on you but on the whole community, Mr. J. Skinflint Pennypincher has accumulated a great deal of capital. So much, in fact, that he was forced to invest part of it in a Pork-Bristle mine in the Republic of Ruskipolski."

"Well, suppose he has. What is that to me?"
"I am astounded, my friend. What is that to you+ Are you not a citizen of this community in which Mr. J. S. P. is the leading citizen? Am I not a citizen? Are we not all citizens and as such, bound by the holy bonds of communal interests? Are you and I to stand idly by while the barbarous and benighted heathen like the inhabitants of Ruskipolski tell our most illustrious fellow-citizen to pack his duds and get the h--l out of there. And this for no better reason than that they refuse to exchange their heathenish ways for the methods of our own beloved community? The methods through which we became the eternal debtor of Mr. J. Skinflint Pennypincher?

"Where is your patriotism? Where is your sense of solidarity? Your pride in the prestige of our town, the gem of the ocean, the crowning diadem in the firmament of glory? Will you permit a lousy Ruskipolskian to tell us where to invest our money, insult our flag, flaunt our reputation, defy our laws, customs and sacred traditions?

"Strike for the altars and your fires, Strike for the green grass of your sires.

We and us and Pennypincher.'

"Ah, friend, I see you are not impervious to the highest emotion The tears of town pride are flowing. Your bosom heaves in patriotic waves. Your double-fisted fists are doubling in holy wrath. Your brain has gone to sleep. Now, quick! Take this gun and bag. Forward march. Strawfoot, hayfoot. Hep, hep, hep. On to Ruskipolski for God, Fatherland and J. Skinflint Pennypincher's pork-bristle

FINIS (Which is Latin for the End)

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

With Apologies to All and Sundry I just got back from the Boo-ya A goodly crowd was there; And the aroma of that luscious

Enriched the autumn air.

My wire and I went in, sat down, Consumed a bowl of stew. Then I lit a smoke and looked

For anyone I knew. A long, long time I gazed and was About to quit in despair,

When a stranger ambled into the With bushy hair and an easy grace Whom I recognized by the pipe in his face— As Brother Joe O'Hare!

The affair was a complete success. The boo-ya was hot and so was the music. On the other hand, the beer was cold, which is as it should be.

Brother Freeman is in Veter as' hospital with a very bad gunshot wound acquired last week through an accidental shotgun blast. Brother Freeman would

suggest that Al Benz should eat his lunch before he starts talking about his work. Nice to know there is someone who is so interested in his job that he wants to spend his lunch hour talking about it. Unique, I'd say!

Negotiations Between 359 and Grace Lee

Negotiations are now on between the Warehouse Union Local 359 and the Grace Lee company, with several minor concessions al-ready granted the union. The company has offered a reduction of two hours in the work week and a slight wage increase.

Grace Lee employees feel, how-

ever, that the management is capable of granting a larger wage in crease, and these workers intend to get such an increase.

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do your stuff, boys.

The Park Board grievance committee met Monday night.

Brother Parnell Larson and Lil' Joe went to Green Lake over the weekend.

Brother "Buick" Helling spent a few hours of his vacation "throwing the hardware" into Lake Harriet.

Brother Fisher got out and walked home.

Thought for the day: "Many a self-made man could stand a thorough re-modeling by somebody else."

Brothers, many of you have not, as yet, paid the last assessment. How's about it?

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Ceived a raise in pay amounting to \$5 to \$7 per month, through the efforts of Davidson and Eidsyold, representing the Local.

The fellows at Kunz Oil plant suggest that Al Benz should eat his lunch before he starts talking about his work. Nice to know

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In the Park Board grievance committee, hop to call at 620 S. 7th St. Frank J. Lynch.

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



Fighting for Democracy

(The following editorial on the Minneapolis WPA persecutions appears in the September 30th issue of The Wheel, paper published by the Drivers Union Local 79 of Lexington, Kentucky. The editorial indicates that the lessons being taught by the federal government in its attack on the Minneapolis unemployed are not being overlooked by organized labor

Scores of WPA workers have been arrested in Minne-apolis for daring to strike against the wage cuts given to them last summer by the government. Many of these strikers are still in prison for the "crime of fighting for decent wages." Thousands of dollars have been donated to these WPA men by unions from every part of this na-They still lack about \$40,000 in bail money which is

needed to set these victims free.

The drivers unions of Minneapolis are backing these strikers to the limit. William Green has issued a statement condemning the brutal action of the government in houndcondemning the brutal action of the government in hounding these workers into prison just because they happen to WANT TO LIVE! Green said, "Working people everywhere must protest against such a policy taken by the government, at a time when more than 10,000,000 are unemployed. It is bad enough for workers to suffer from unemployment. It is cruelty when the government adds to this suffering by persecuting the workers of Minne-

The labor movement of this country has stood solidly behind the New Deal up to the present time. Yet it appears like the New Deal is no longer interested in seeing labor organize. By its action the government has taken the lead in reducing American wages. BUSINESS WILL SOON FOLLOW SUIT!

Now this same New Deal launches a drive to cripple Now this same New Deal lathriches a dive to chiple
the entire union movement in the Northwest... because
the WPA workers didn't MEEKLY ACCEPT A WAGE
CUT! THESE MEN WERE FIGHTING FOR THE KIND
OF DEMOCRACY THAT MEANS 'FREEDOM TO LIVE'!
LET'S GO TO BAT FOR THESE BROTHERS WHO
ARE TRYING TO KEEP THEIR UNION TOGETHER IN
SPITE OF "NEW DEAL JUSTICE"!—From The Wheel.

On Strikes Against the Government

Inasmuch as the major crime of the WPA workers throughout the country seems to be that they disregarded the threat of leading government spokesmen that "You can't strike against the government," it is interesting to reflect if this dictum applies to all sections of our populations of the country country in the leading sections of the wife places of the country country in the country country is the country country of the workers.

Gamble-Rob trouble is still brewing with unions all over the area pledging support to the three Joint Council Committee.

reflect if this dictum applies to all sections of our population or just to the laboring classes.

Many times the labor press of America has called attention to the disregard of federal laws and orders by Big Business—by Henry Ford, by General Motors, by almost any big-shot you wish to name.

From the Congressional Record of October 5th, 1939, we wish to submit a bit of new evidence on this question. The speaker is the Hon. John G. Alexander, Republican, in the House of Representatives. The Hon. Alexander is discussing what he considers unjust treatment towards the discussing what he considers unjust treatment towards the 12 Northwest states by the Federal government.

"We have had a lot of strikes," he states, "and I hate them as much as anyone possibly could, but if we cannot get a little more consideration and justice from these Federal departments here in Washington, I suggest that we little more than the states of all go on a strike against paying in any more taxes. Our slogan should be. 'No more income taxes, no more cigarette, liquor, amusement, gasoline or social-security taxes unless and until we get our just deserts.' . . Our own State is one of the greatest producers of natural resources (sic) in the Nation, but still we are in the depth of a

gested?"

We have carefully studied news dispatches from Washington for over two weeks now, expecting to read that the Hon. John G. Alexander has been shadowed by that the Hon. John G. Alexander has been shadowed by the Ho handcuffed and dragged through the streets like a felon. We have anticipated reading that the Hon. John G. Alexwe have anticipated reading that the Hon. John G. Alexander has been arrested as an agitator, a subversive element, charged with conspiracy, and held for \$10,000 bail. Each day we have expected to learn that the Hon. John G. Alexander has received a penitentiary sentence of, say, two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine to boot. For did not the Hon. Alexander propose a strike against the government—more, did he not rise in the House of Representatives to propose a that "we all go on strike". tives to propose that "we all go on strike."

As we say, we have looked daily for news that the

Hon. Alexander was being punished for his general strike

But we have looked in vain. It all seems to depend upon WHO proposes a strike against the government.

Signs 2-Year **Dairy Pact**

After weeks of negotiations, the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554 on October 17th signed a new two-year working agreement with the Roberts Dairy, bringing wage increases and improvements working conditions to 65 men and women.

Minimum wages in each classifi-48 (46 for those working Sun- ing to Local 554,

days), with overtime at straight Omaha Union time during the 9th hour of any day, and time and one-half over nine hours. Two weeks' paid vacations and strict seniority are also stipulated.

A feature of the pact provides that members of the union will Drivers Confer not be required to go through a picket line maintained either by a union of workers or of farmers Local 554 was greatly aided in obtaining the Roberts contract by



It's the American Way!



Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Coal yards have sprung into activity with the season's change. Many men have returned to the industry during the past few weeks.

The new over - the - road agreement has been signed in Chicago. It runs for two years and brings many improvements in wages and working conditions for all long distance truckers.

The state drivers' meeting in St. Cloud Sunday brought out a full delegation from all parts of the state.

One of the larger open shop road contractors will soon be hail-ed before the state labor board to

The union hiring hall is working out well. All unem ployed members are urged to register.

WPA trials are down until No-

Ask Art Hudson to tell you what happened in Rochester.

The committee in charge of the

TJC Boo-ya gets a nod from this corner for the fine way in which the affair was conducted.

Laundry drivers' negotia-

tions are getting nowhere

Frank Cameron, Belt Line brick, fathered another boy Thurs-day. That makes four in a row.

Mention of the WPA trials in the Organizer brought a check for the defense from Lexington, Kentucky.

unionize the city's funeral estab-

Plaster Tenders

Subscribe to

nember to the Fund.

arrested WPA workers.

Pierce, Bridgeport 6837.

Labor Temple

Building Fund went over the \$40,-

000 this week with the Plaster Tenderers' Union Local 111 vot-

ing to pledge one day's pay per

This brings measurably nearer

the goal of the Labor Temple As-

sociation. The Association won the

hearty approval of all organized

labor through its generous ges

ture of solidarity when it pledged

the property of the organization as

surety to gain the freedom of the

Any union wishing to hear of

he plans and program of the La-

bor Temple Association may se

cure a speaker by phoning Tom

Let the People Vote on War

No ducks yet!

Chauffeurs Union Signs Two More Mortuaries The Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 continued its drive to

which has been able to convince the men that their only real hope with all other workers in the in

Unionism in the city's oil industry was further strengthened re cently when Local 977 signed working agreement with the Clark Super-Service Oil company, main taining stations at 4328 Nicolle and 17th Avenue North and Wash ington. The company employs al local men and has agreed to union wages and give union cor ditions to its employees. The Clark stations have been constructed 100 percent union labor Clark thus takes its place together with many other oil companies as being worthy of the patronage of organized labor in Minneapolis.

Midwest Bakery On Negotiations

Leaders of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council met a few days farmers throughout the area, who ago in Omaha to confer with Farsupported the union in its demands. The union victory heralds hood of Teamsters representative. cation were raised \$2 weekly.

a new day for dairy workers in Agreement was reached on a proMaximum weekly hours remain at 48 (46 for those working Suning to Local 554,

Gets Funds From South

an eve-opener to our union boys down here," wrote Frank Kwallek, secretary of the Drivers Union Local 779 of Lexington, Kentucky, this week, in a letter enclosing a donation of \$15 to the AFL WPA Mooney's pardon, Billings an-

Defense Committee.
"We'd give more if the treaslater on, if the situation demands.

workers throughout the will rally to the anti-war policy of your paper in the critical times that lie just ahead."

We ask all unions throughout

America to follow the lead of the Lexington Drivers and contribute to the WPA Defense Committee, 18 North 8th Street, Minneapolis Mail your donations to Clair John on, Sec.-Treas.

N. Y. Post Ribs the Cab Drivers

Curly, co-author of our Taxi within a short time all mortuaries Post which our readers will enjoy in the city would be working under and especially Local 958 members union agreements. Readers can Says the Post, referring to a re obtain a list of all union mortuar- cent statement of a New York ies by phoning Local 912, Geneva judge: "We cannot agree with Magis-

trate Oliver's dictum that taxicab drivers are 'lousy' drivers. That is not their trouble. Their difficulty is of another sort; they are too good. No ordinary driver would dare to go a full block in reverse at thirty miles per hour. He knows he would land in a doorman's lap. But the gifted cab driver does this insouciantly, and if a private driver wants to get into trouble by taking up the whole street driving forward in the normal, foolish way, it is just up to him to look out. The world belongs to experts in this age of specialization. The highest mani-festation of the art is displayed by the cab-driver who flushes a covey of pedestrians at a cross-ing, plants himself in front of them and then jockeys back and forth to keep them from crossing the street. Like a sheepdog guid-ing the poor, dumb animals, he deftly blocks off first one pedes-trian, then another, until he re-trian, then another, until he re-

WPA Case

Warren K Billings, convicted September 21, 1916, together with Tom Mooney in connection with the Preparedness day parade bombing in San Francisco, was finally freed last wek after spending 23 years in prison.

Broke With Mooney

Vigilantes

Dickinson

Butcher Workers of America, AFL. The vigilantes dragged him

from a hotel room at night, struck him, tore his clothes and forced

him to leave town. Gruggen brought a suit against the vigi-

antes for \$10,000. Most of the

vigilantes were prominent Dickin-The North Dakota Federation

of Labor was deeply concerned over Gruggen's case. No sooner had the jury acquitted the vigi-lantes than W. W. Murray, presi-dent of the state federation, sent

out a request for donations in order that the Gruggen case may be appealed to the circuit court.

"We believe that the very exis tence of the labor movement is in

jeopardy and this court's action

can and will be used as a prece dent for groups throughout the entire country to adopt such prac-

tice that has been used in the city of Dickinson," Murray stated.

The state president asked all the Defense Committe chairman, Cliff Hammer, 420 15th avenue south, Fargo, N. D.

Warren K.

Billings

Is Freed

Freed in

was severing connec nounced he tions with the Mooney Molders De ury could have stood it. We stand ready to give a few more dollars the Billings Defense together with fense committee. Billings formed the union movement in San Fran-Please give our sincere regards to cisco. It was the pressure from those WPA strikers and to those these unions, plus demands from cisco. It was the pressure from these WPA strikers and to those staunch unionists who are fighting to defend them," ended Kwallek. Kwallek praised the Northwest Organizer for its stand against the war, writing that "all union-consistency weakers the second of the second of the pressure from these unions, plus demands from labor all over the country, that has now won Billings his freedom. In breaking with Mooney and his committee, Billings announced: "The Tom Mooney Molders De-

fense Committee, having refused Middle West are thinking like the Northwest Organizer. We know trol of the work on his case or to the Organizer will never waver or turn like a weather vane in the face of the approaching war. We have confidence that working peo-have confidence that working peoquested the unions of San Francisco to form this democratic representative Labor committee handle his case."

Minnesota Men Lead ITO League

Sundby's 488 led the Minnesota men in a triple win over the Muck-ers to regain the lead in the ITO ers to regain the lead in the II-bowling league this week. Joe Faustgen's 221 is high game for the league so far, and Schwartz' 493 put the Gravellers three up on

Team	Won	Lo
Minnesota	10	
City	9	
Diesels	9	
Dragline	8	
Committee	8	
Gravellers	8	
Muckers	6	
Swanson	. 2	1
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289. Kenzies **Lead Bowlers**

The leading Bakery Drivers ook a double from the Oasis Bar, P. Knoblauch bowling 553, Taylor 550 and Conway 557. The Drivers took the odd game from the Soft Drinks. J. Haugh had 550 and Murphy, 519. Local 359 took a double from the Meat Drivers. Kenzies took a pair from Lo-cal 544. D. Curran had 566, B. Ambrose, 556 and H. Carlson, 526.

Team	Won	
Local 289	. 16	
Kenzies	10	
Oasis Bar	. 9	
Local 359	. 9	
Meat Drivers	8	
Local 221	. 8	
Soft Drinks	. 7	
Total 544	5	

duces at least one to desperation, who then signifies surrender by entering the cab as a fare. Instantly the cabbie takes off with a efforts to outlaw it."

Clarifies Use of Coupons from Union Cigarettes

In response to an inquiry from William Sinnott of the Minneapo-lis Card and Label Council of the Central Labor Union, the Tobacco Last Friday in Bismarck, North Dakota, a federal district court jury brought in a verdict acquit-ting the 25 businessmen-vigilantes Workers International Union has explained that it is possible to sewho forced George Gruggen, Mincure an artificial limb for a maim-ed member of organized labor by neapolis labor organizer, to leave Dickinson, North Dakota, September 15th, 1938. Gruggen was active in Dickinson at the time, organizing for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and

The Tobacco Workers report there is a cash redemption value new problems confronting organ-of %c for each coupon and that ized labor as a result of the war coupons to buy artificial limbs for lyzed the significance of the grow-

for the union labels on the prod- the country.

ucts of the Brown & Williamson states.

Miles Dunne Is Guest Speaker At Duluth Drivers

Duluth Minn.-The Duluth General Drivers Union Local 346 recently held its quarterly educa-tional meeting and had as guest saving yellow coupons found with speaker Miles Dunne, seemen saving yellow coupons found with Kool, Raleigh and Viceroy cigatreasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council and head

Brother Dunne spoke on the labor in many cities has used the situation in the world. He anaome needy member.

There is no redemption value union movement in all parts of

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day Executive Board—Every Tues-

Stewards—Wednesdays preced-ing 1st and 3rd Thursdays

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

LOCAL 20481 ovember 1—General Member-ship

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

LOCAL 544—OCTOBER, 1939

Monday, Oct. 2—Package Delivery, Department Store

Monday, Oct. 9—General Mem-bership Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 11—Market, Wholesale Liquor, Wholesale

Tuesday, Oct. 10-Lumber

Vednesday, Oct. 4-Sat

Petroleum

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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LOCAL 471
General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m.
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)

LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.

LOCAL 259 Monday of each month

he 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

October 10—Casket Industry
October 17—Box Industry
October 18—J. R. Clark
October 19—Puffer-Hubbard
October 9, 23 — Twin City
Stewards
October 5, 19 — Grievance
Board
Every Friday, 8 p. m.—Executive Board
November 1 — General Membership 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

LOCAL 977
General Membership — Second
Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards
—Each Thursday, 7 p. m.
Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 Executive Board-Each Thursday, 8 p. m. essee Section—Third Wednes day, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership Meeting—
Second Friday each month.
Stewards Meeting—First and Stewards Meeting—First and third Mondays, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting — Every Sat-urday, 10:30 a. m.

Thursday, Cct. 5—Greenhouse, Friday, October 6-Job Stew-ards Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers — Second
Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth Thursday.
Inside Workers — Last Satur-

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

Wholesale Liquor, Wholesale
Paper
Friday, Oct. 13—Wholesale
Grocery, Meat Drivers
Sunday, Oct. 15—Over-theRoad Drivers, 10 a. m.
Monday, Oct. 16—Furniture
Stores, Coal and Printing
Tuesday, Oct. 17—Building
Material
Thursday, Oct. 19—Excavating
Drivers, Tent and Awning,
Newspaper, 10 a. m.
Friday, Oct. 20—Job Stewards
Monday, Oct. 23—Spring Water LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—
First Monday each month.
Executive Committee Meeting on call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and
Helpers Local 912 meets the
first and third Tuesdays of each

LOCAL 275
ea and Coffee Drivers, Local
275, meets the first Friday
of every month.

LOCAL 359
Stewards — First and Third Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.

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Tuesday, Oct. 24—Sand and
Gravel
Thursday, Oct. 26 Transfer

Gravel
Thursday, Oct. 24—Sand and Gravel
Thursday, Oct. 26—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug
Friday, Oct. 27—Cold Storage
Seniority Committee meets each
Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at
7 p. m. in Local 544 office.
The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor.
All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.