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win City Rider to Pact is Approved

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

In retrospect we live again the highlights and headlines of 1939. .

road strike still going strong after five months . . . strikers defy anti-picketing law by bannering state house Akron unionist arrested for picketing fink oil station, sentenced and fined . . . Omaha surrounded by iron ring of Spot operators allowed in outside terminals . . . Area com-mittee enters Southwest . . . Tom Mooney is free, after twenty-two years. . .

February-Omaha strike a vicory as four largest operators sign the Area pact . . . furniture haul-ers still remain adamant . . . 20,-000 Fascists, meeting in Madisor Square Garden in New York, need otection of 1,700 armed and unted cops to hold their meeting as 100,000 workers picket the meeting . . . WPA lays off mothers and aged . . . Three unions, the butchers, truck drivers, and warehouse men strike Wilson and Son in Philadelphia . . . company asks injunction to prohibit unions from picketing in order to "protect the constitutional rights' of their (Wilson and Sons') finks . . .

March - President Roose velt issues plea to Lewis and Green to create new "peace" committees to the end that the CIO-AFL fight might be terminated . . . Green appoints his committee immediately. . . Lewis stalls, then appoints himself chairman of the CIO committee . . . both men issue statements calling one another names . . . Sioux City drivers sign area pact with operators

in court case brought after their arrest for picketing Bekin storage . . . Stassen re-veals his colors . . . favors reactionary Vance - Myre bill, to hog-tie labor . . . AFL-CIO "peace" meetings begin in Washington . . . Minnesota nions rally to fight Stassen's slave labor act . . . special session of the Minnesota State Federation called . . . Martin UAW convention gets under way with very small delega-tion representing minority of the union present . . . move-ment begun to amend the Wagner Act . . . AFL and United States Chamber of Commerce both for amend-ment. Cleveland CIO convention of UAW convened with vast majority of membership represented . . . third group, composed of genuine rank and file delegates, proposes progressive nine point program, much of which is adopted. . .

April-Dallas Drivers strike in sixth week . . . color lines broken in deep south as Negro workers join strike . . . Sailors Union of the Pacific wins smashing victory against the federal government's fink hiring halls as Secretary of commerce, Harry Hopkins, forced to sign an agreement end-ing the Maritime Commission's fink hiring halls . . . Bituminous coal strike threatens . . . Harlan County again in uproar . . .

May-500,000 soft coal miners strike . . pledging themselves not to dig one shovel-ful of coal until the bituminous operators sign the pact (Continued on page 4)

cial meeting Wednesday morning at the Drivers Hall to hear a report from Carl Skoglund on last week's meeting of the Area Over-Road Committee in Chicago, and of negotiations for the new Twin

Cities rider to the area pact. Following a discussion on the eport, the men voted unanimously to ratify the pact. Tuesday the Minneapolis employers had agreed

to the contract. The new pact, to be published next week, retains for the Twin Cities won prior to the igning of the dorsed by the Area Committee

meting of St. Paul over-road drivers. Those active on the committee which negotiated the Twin Cities rider were Carl Skoglund, Tom Williams, Kurt Zander, Art Hud-

Skoslund Terms of the pact will be presented shortly to

Sioux City Drivers Win Fruit Strike

cent, hour reductions and vacations with pay were won by the unionists in three Sloux City fruit houses as the result of a restrike called by the General Drivers Union Local 383. Companies affected by the strike were Haley Neeley, Joe Rosenthal and Sher nan Brothers.

Forty drivers and warehou men were involved in the strike, which ended December 18th. The contract provides for strict seni-ority; time and one-half for overtime after 42 hours; a 48 hour weekly guarantee for country men and 45 for city men.

Local 383's victory over these three wholesale fruit houses gives a new impetus to unionism Sioux City and paves the way for

Food Workers Hold Yearly Elections

The Minneapolis Food and Candy Workers Union Local 20120 held its annual elections on De cember 9th, choosing the followg officers:

President: Edgar Hoppensted (white ballot)

Vice-president: Henry Sorrell Financial secretary: Stanley C. Miller (white ballot)

Recording secretary: Lola Wa-eldon (white ballot) Treasurer: Claudia Harves

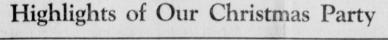
Assistant Treasurer: George Walser (white ballot) Three-year trustee:

Sergeant-at-arms: Mike Kulkay.

Progress in Negotiations With Kresge

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 reports this week considerable progress has been made in its negotiations for an agreement covering stockmen at the Kresge stores.

look good, union officials stated.





afternoon for the Christmas Party sponsored by all unions in the Drivers Hall, they were greeted by

amateur Santas with gifts of candy, popcor cookies. In the foreground above are seen Morris Olson, Moe Hork and Bruce Vincent.



A huge 70-foot sign informed our youthful guests that their host was "Your Daddy and His Union





guests lined up outside the armory, waiting for the cabs to take them home. Tired but happy, stuffed full of candy and taking home plenty for brothers,

Above are seen some of the Christmas Party sisters and friends, these kids will always remember the 1939 Christmas Party sponsored by the eleven drivers' unions, Locals 160 and 1859.

5,200 Kids Enjoy Unforgettable Time At Christmas Party

Cab Drivers **Elect 1940** Committee

six incumbents to office.

Miller and Edgar Smith. Sixth as has never hitherto been seen Drivers Hall and members of the man to be chosen was Floyd in Minneapolis.

and 409.

prevail.

as eleven and twelve hours daily. Friday.

Inside men received a wage year, to October 15, 1940.

bership was a determining factor there was no report on the atti-

brought matters to a head last to instruct its negotiating commit-

January 5-6, 7 a. m.-9 p. m.

officers for the coming year, 1940, will be held in Union Head-quarters at 257 Plymouth Avenue, Friday and Saturday, Janu-

In accordance with the by-laws of the union, election of

Voting shall be by secret ballot and the polls will be open

for balloting from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. Members in good standing

who cannot appear at the polls on the specified days may cast an absentee ballot, which must be secured from the Election

Board. The Election Judges will announce the results of the

election at the regular membership meeting on Monday, January

ing in the union so that you may participate in the election.

Be sure that you immediately place yourself in good stand-

KELLY POSTAL, Sec.-Treas. General Drivers Union Local 544

week by voting a 48-hour ultima- tee to deliver the ultimatum.

544 Members to Ballot

same weekly wage of \$32.50 will

Was Negotiated Jointly

About 120 Minneapolis workers and 80 St. Paul men gained

sented the St. Paul Bakery Drivers

The drivers were fed up with the

one hours and were ready to

ary 5 and 6, 1940.

Eleven Drivers Unions, Local 160 and 1859, Give Children a Merry Christmas "From Your Daddy and His Union" —Entertainment Is Tops, Kiddies Stuffed with Sweets
—Four Cab Companies, Cab Drivers, Local 160 Committee Thanked for Aid in Making Party a Success—Children Vote They Want Party as Annual Affair

Fifty-two hundred youngsters packed the Minneapolis Cab Drivers Union Local 958 bal- armory last Saturday afternoon as guests of the Minneapoloted for committeemen for the coming year, returning five of the mas Party for children in this part of the country.

x incumbents to office.

From the time the doors opened at 1:30 until the Re-elected were Emil Kariger, last child left at 5 o'clock, the armory was a scene of mass Ed Harlan, Roy Brown, Howard merriment and holiday cheer such +

The agreement is retroactive to

October 15th and will run for one

Zero Hour

In Laundry

them by the Laundry Drivers

pute headed for a showdown.

Members of Local 131 voted in

Retail Bakery Drivers

Each child was greeted at the ushers and gift-dispensers at the Curly Goodnough, George Swan-son and Earl "Pat" Seely served popcorn balls and cookies. Offi-Struck cers of the various unions in the Minneapolis, St. Paul

a huge sign reading: MERRY CHRISTMAS, WIVES AND CHILDREN, FROM YOUR DAD-DY AND HIS UNION, listing the thirteen unions participating in the Christmas Party.

Children Delighted

Jack Mason, extraordinary own and master-of-ceremonies, Gain in New Contract and the talented Ernewein Trio, children's orchestra, entertained the crowd until the program got Drivers Win Shorter Workday, Inside Men Win Raise— 120 Men Affected in Minneapolis, 80 in St. Paul— Pact Negotiated Jointly by Locals 289, 409—Mem-bers Were Ready to Fight for Demands under way promptly at 2 o'clock. The children were enraptured and left breathless by the colorful acts that followed one another across the huge stage constructed in the center of the armory. The Ward Sisters' Revue featuring the tal-About two hundred men are covered by the new retail bakery drivers' agreement signed last Friday be-tween the Egekvist and Excelsior bakeries and the Minneented little Miss Patty Hanson, the Troubadours, Jack ("Ventriloquist") Super and Elmer, Charles apolis and St. Paul Bakery Drivers Unions, Locals 289 Brugge, Mason and Price and Viola's Animal Circus were among Measurable gains were made for both the retail the vaudeville acts that held the drivers and the inside men. The new agreement calls for a working day of nine consecutive youthful audience spellbound. Hit of the afternoon was Charles hours with one hour off for lunch, tum to the employers to sign or naking a workday of eight hours. face a strike, with the result that Brugge, Mason with his Goofus dance en-Drivers have been working as long the unions' demands were met on chanted the children, and, as at previous Christmas parties, this ar-The text of the new agreement tist did a masterly job as master-

Thanks Cab Companies

Ray Rainbolt, chairman of the Christmas Party, expressed the thanks of the Teamsters Council to the four Minneapolis cab companies who so generously provided cabs for hundreds of kids who had no other means of transportation to the Christmas Party. The four cab companies are Yellow, Liber-ty, Terminal and Minnesota Go-Dispute Near The executive board of the Cab Drivers Union aided in cowere meetings Wednesday to conordinating the cab service, and the can drivers donated their services. sider the ultimatum delivered to

cal 160 furnished a committee The militant stand of the mem- Union Local 131. At press time, which performed the difficult task of erecting the huge Christmas tude of the employers as the distree and trimming it with hun-

dreds of colored lights.
Hundreds of parents escorted their children to the party and were loud in their praise of the efficient manner in which the par-ty was handled. One school teacher said she had never seen such an orderly and well-behaved party.

Kids Get Real Christmas It was a real Christmas for thousands of children. Some of these kids, for probably the first time in their lives, got all the candy and sweets they could eat.

The armory custodian estimated the crowd at 5,200, much the largest affair of its kind in the city's

The daily press maintained a conspiracy of silence about the affair, though the childrens' shrill laughter must have been heard

even above the din of the presses at the Tribune and Star-Journal. The party was such an un-questioned success and can only the cooperating unions and for all

esult in such fervid good-will for unionism that the Christmas Party will undoubtedly become an annual affair in this city.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Shorter Hours Won By Bakery Drivers

trucks or wagons or any insid

ARTICLE XI

ARTICLE XII ARTICLE All It shall not be considered a vio-lation of this agreement for the members working under this agreement to refuse to deliver products where there is any labor

ARTICLE XIII

ARTICLE XV

dividing said route.

ARTICLE XVII

A shorter work week for retail bakery drivers and inside men, and a wage increase for inside workers were won by the Minneapolis and St. Paul bakery drivers unions in the new agreement jointly negotiated by the two organizations.

Below is the full text of the new one-year contract THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into by and between the Retail Baking Industry of Minnesota, coming under the jurisdiction of our Charter and the Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers' Union, Local No. 289 of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America.

ARTICLE I previous notice or pay for same. No member shall quit his position without giving his employer three (3) days' notice under penalty of fine by the Union. Dishonesty or drunkenness or insubordination shall be reason for discharging an employee; such charges must be proven within a period of two (2) weeks.

of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America.

ARTICLE I

It is agreed and understood that all employees coming under this agreement shall adhere to the following conditions:

All drivers shall spend not more than nine (9) hours per day on their routes and must be punched in at night not more than nine (9) hours from the time they leave the plant in the morning. Last driver shall not leave the plant later than 8 a. m. and must be in the plant not later than 5 p. m., except on Saturdays and the day before holidays, when one and one-half (1½) hours additional time will be granted. No salesman shall be required to report for work more than thirty (30) minutes before he leaves the plant and shall not be required to spend more than thirty (30) minutes in checking out in the evening.

satisfactory time-keeping system.

ARTICLE III

All Bakery Salesmen's wages shall be not less than thirty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$32.50) per week, plus twenty-two (22) percent commission on all collections in excess of one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160). Commissions to be paid every fourth (4th) week.

week.
Country Salesmen to be allowed \$100 working capital.
Extra men and Student salesmen shall be paid at the rate of \$25 per week for the first twelve (12) weeks and on salesmen's guarantee thereafter. Regular relief men shall receive regular salesmen's salary and commission after three (3) days when running a route and not to be paid commission while on vacation relief work.

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mission while on vacation relief work.

Special Delivery Drivers shall receive \$26.50 per week for a forty-two (42) hour week. With time and one-half for overtime.

Transport men shall receive not less than \$32.50 per week for a forty-two (42) hour week. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half after forty-two (42) hours have been completed. Shipping and Receiven these than 334 per week for a forty-two (42) hours have been completed. Shipping and Receiven the rate of time and one-half after forty-two (42) hours have been completed.

Assistant Shipping and Receiven the receive not less than \$34 per week for a forty-two (42) hours have been done year or longer. Preference in the matter of vacations shall give employees that the employer shall give employees shall give employees acie plus commissions. It is further agreed that any mentage of the protion of his vacation due him.

Assistant Shipping and Receiv-

Assistant Shipping and Receiving Clerks shall receive not less than \$31.50 per week for a forty-two hour week. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half after forty-two (42) hours shall have been completed.

Inside Workers and Barnmen coming under this agreement shall receive not less than \$25 per week for a forty-two (42) hour week and overtime at the rate of time and one-half.

It is agreed that all drivers, as soon as their routes are properly finished, shall be allowed to drive in, unload their goods and settle their accounts without unnecessary delay.

ARTICLE IV

There shall be no split shifts in any classification.

Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid to Inside Workers and Barnmen after thirty-five (35) hours have been completed in weeks where salesmen work five (5) days.

All salaries shall be paid once each week.

ARTICLE V

Wages mentioned in the above sections are considered minimum wages and any employees receiving more shall suffer no reduction because of this agreement.

If a salesman runs below commission will be based on three (3) weeks.

No member shall be called back to work during his vacation.

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ARTICLE V

The employee senior in service in each department, in each plant, shall be given preference, if qualified when a vacancy in a higher position occurs. In case of seasonal lay-offs, employees junior in service, in each department, shall be laid off first, and in the event of re-employment, employees senior in service shall be given preference. Whenevar a route is open, only one change will be permitted. A list of employees arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each plant.

When a job becomes open for any reason, in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be posted on the bulletin board for a period of seventy-two (72) hours by the employer.

ARTICLE XIX

It is further agreed and understood by both parties to this agreement that should any controversy arise not provided for in this do a committee of five (5) for arbitration; two (2) to be chosen by the Union and two (2) from the employer, and the fifth to be selected by the first four and this Board shall meet within five (5) days at place and date set by both parties to this agreement, it shall be submitted to a committee of five (5) for arbitration; two (2) to be chosen by the Union and two (2) from a parties. If for any reason either side fails to appear within a reasonable time set, those present shall render a decision to be handed down in ten (10) days. During the time the case is pending, there shall be permitted to furnish vehicles to be used in the delivery of goods in connection with his employment.

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ARTICLE VII ARTICLE VII

All employees coming under the jurisdiction of this Union shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days after this agreement is signed or thirty (30) days after employment.

ARTICLE VIII

No member shall be discharged or temporarily laid off after working six (6) consecutive days without being given three (3) days'

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Cecil Ellis

TAXI TOPICS

By Lunde and Hubbard

The mail box at the Y. C. gar age has a lot of uncalled for let ters and holiday cards which have been pretty well shuffled over and we suggest you lugs get your mail before the names wear off.

This is a good time of the year to sell coupon-books. If every taxi-mile-monger explained this system to our passengers it would Salesmen shall have nothing to do with the filling of gas, oil, greasing or repair and washing of go a long way toward making the people of Minneapolis cab-con-scious. Stress the fact that the books will be delivered to any No member shall deliver goods without collecting for same unless his employer assumes full responsibility for such collection. Employers shall receipt a credit daily for all unsold goods left in vehicles at behest of employer. It is further understood and agreed that should the employer require the employees to give bonds, same shall be furnished, the employer to pay the premium and any cash bond now outstanding shall be returned at the employee's request.

ARTICLE XI named address for the rider's con venience. Any good driver knows from experience that it doesn't affect our "scale" but boosts the tariff by making steady riders.

Scoops on the avenue . . . Frank Durham in a young hurricane without spilling tobacco . . . the new Y. C. and baggage neon sign at the M. depot . . . Leo Roach fly-ing a cub on his first trip aloft and doing a good job of it . . .

Kenny "The Shadow" Bronson concrete. (Mark O'Neal is giving Finch strike fund. him investment advice.)

We gear crashers don't apolo-ARTICLE XIII

All employees coming under the jurisdiction of this contract shall be granted the following holidays without reduction in pay: New Years Day, May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, and there shall be no Sunday or holiday deliveries in any classification, except for trains for out of city deliveries and when holidays fall on Saturday or Monday, goods may be delivered to hotels and restaurants and like public places by special delivery only, on call. Drivers making such deliveries shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half. Also, no bread or cake deliveries shall be made on Sunday to stores or restaurants. gize for our low booking the last voted a \$100 donation to the strike, warm spell. Give us the business and we'll wheel 'em.

or, just about needed a club to keep the drivers from pulling in early Christmas eve. Tough busi-ness plus Holiday spirit caused the boys to be anything but ambitious.

Vernon (Pool Wizard) Engholm eems to have quite a bit of troube lately telling what time it is cha you can hang onto that.

Very nice gesture, boys, hauling hose little kids home after the Christmas party the other day. I bet Santa Claus was much better to all of you for that bit of kind-

This column extends wishes for very Happy New Year to all the eaders and their families

Daly got the urge the other day o get back in the old harness and ake a run during one of the rush periods. When he got to the house that called, much to his surprise there was no rear cushion in the No member shall be held responsible for damage accidentally occurring to their vehicles and no employees shall be charged for any damaged or stolen goods.

ARTICLE XVI

It is further agreed by the employer that when a route is split, the man whose route is so divided, shall have first preference of the two routes with full commission, plus commission earned for the twelve (12) weeks following to be governed by the four (4) weeks' average sales previous to dividing said route. cab. However, our hero took the run anyway. I'll bet the battery box made a pretty soft seat. (You see, his famous wheel-barrow has

Taxi Trade Terms

Blimp . . . an old oversize cab. Circuswagon . . . any two-color

Monkey seat . . . folding seats

High-flag or straight up . hauling passengers without meter

Cruising . . . going from one

Scale . . . tip or gratuity earned by handling luggage or doing fa-

On the money line . . . first up appre or next in turn.

Over the hump . . . having book ons shall ed ten dollars or more. Long haul . . . going the far-

thest way. Hot quarter jerk . . . passenger e- holds the coin till warm, generally

Ice-breaker . . first run of the

It is further agreed and understood by both parties to this agreement that should any controversy arise not provided for in this agreement, it shall be submitted to a committee of five (5) for arbitration; two (2) to be chosen by the Union and two (2) from the employer, and the fifth to be selected by the first four and this Board shall meet within five (5) days at place and date set by both parties. If for any reason either side fails to appear within a reasonable time set, those present is hall render a decision to be handled down in ten (10) days. During the time the case is pending, there shall be no strike or lock-out. The decision of this Board is final and binding on both parties.

This agreement shall go into effect October 15, 1939, and remain in effect until October 15, 1940, and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter, unless thirty (30) days' notice is given by either party prior to October 15, 1940, or any year thereafter. Shift-straddler . . . driver who always turns into garage late. Dynamiter . . . driver who steps on brakes too hard, stopping suddenly.

On the carpet . . . in the super-

Lead-foot . . . fast driver.

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ANOTHER LOAD

From City and

Sanitary Drivers

Local 664

By Wally Raze

and gone and the American gov-

peace. F.D.R. has appointed My-

ron Taylor, a retired steel mag-

nate, as his ambassador to the Vat-

peace among the nations of the

less made most of his millions

nitions during the last World War

The Park Board has set up

of future trouble in this conne

permits free for nothing.

the mion wage scales paid in our city might have had some small

effect on this year's buying power?

The by-laws committee met a week ago Wednesday and are now

ngaged in the persual of the by

aws of many Minneapolis union

n an effort to draw up rules and

regulations applicable to any and all situations which may develop

in our union. Any suggestions from the membership will be very

Brother Hornig: I think Carlos

hereby align myself with those of

welcome, so hop to it.

This man, Taylor, doubt-

Another Christmas has

coming year by working twice as hard as I did in 1939.

Ottumwa Nash Finch Strike Supported by Iowa Drivers

Ottumwa, Iowa—Backed by the full weight of the Iowa State Drivers Council, the Nash Finch section of the Ottumwa Drivers Union Local 388 continued its effective

strike against the branch of the company in this city. Though the Nash Finch management claims they are operating as usual, actually operations have been cut way

down.

The strike against the company was resumed Tuesday, December 19th, after the boss refused to meet demands of the Ottumwa drivers. Union officials have published a resume of the company's counter-offer, in which it refused agree to anything that would really prevent it from discriminat-'Moby Dick" Riley rolling a Bull ing against union men. The com pany's wage offer was \$7 a week below the Ottumwa scale and about \$15 below the weekly scale in other Iowa cities.

The spirit of the strikers is excellent, and they are being supported all the way by their union and the rest of organized labor. While covering the L. and H. stand he picked a five-spot off the ment to the Nash

> State Council Donates The Iowa State Drivers Counci net the day before Christmas and carry the story of the strike back to their respective unions. On Tuesday, Nash Finch houses in Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Mar

ng bannered by the drivers. Carl Nilson, business agent of Local 388, conferred with the Nash Finch management Decemer 26th, but found the company vers' demands. This company has ong been infamous for its labor-

shalltown and Ottumwa were be

ating policies.
The Nash Finch company, whole ale grocery concern, handles Our 'amily groceries, Nash coffee, Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, etc. Though it operates throughout ota and Iowa, the company has signed agreements only with drivers unions in Minneapolis in a clean and orderly manner and St. Paul.

SWP to Hold New Year's Celebration

Socialist Workers Party ill hold a New Year's party Sunday evening, December 31, at its halls at 919 Marquette Ave.

Games, refreshments and pr essional entertainment will be of fered. Admission is 50 cents. All cordially invited.

Card of Thanks To 544, 977, etc.

I am extremely grateful for the flowers and expressions of sympathy from Local 544, the 544 of-fice staff, Local 977 and other

Downie Skoglund

Card of Thanks Acknowledging with grateful

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With the Limousines

By "Home James"

This week with the kind assis tance of Santa Claus, good old Gallop was able to bring in an "THE GALLOPING POLL"

Chauffeurs Institute of Public Opinion, Galloping Gallop - Would you rather

ave turkey than goose for Christ-Answer-

Some other people—Goose Ten million unemployed Would eat most anything if they

Well, anyhow, we tried to share with as many as we could, and so in return had a wonderful holiday.

In winding up the year we find little unfinished business that must let you all know about first because we promised you, second because it is a matter of importance to all organized labor in

Some time ago we told you we ganization of HAI outdoor bury Ave. gesture of lip-service to world ican, in the hope of restoring just as it was told to us.

That it is supposed to be a "CHAUFFEURS CLUB NO. 1" duly chartered by the reactionary administration of this state, and

say the least. Millionaires and That the pretended purpose of corporation lawyers are still in the saddle insofar as the destiny this union-busting outfit, is supposed to be purely social and in-surance. (They probably need the latter.)

That the benefits of this outfit among other things, are a \$1,000 insurance policy, plus hospital insmall warming house and ice rink near the Pillsbury House for the surance, plus free meeting place, benefit of the urchins of that plus free employment service and neighborhood. Just who will have all this for a measly 50 cents a month. (We'd join in a minute, if we didn't suspect there was some heavy "EMPLOYER DONA-TIONS" connected with it; howcharge of it has not yet been de-termined. There is a possibility ver, we will let our readers be the From the American Guardian: judges of that.)

The city of Gary, Ind., is issung to relief clients permits to That they meet on the first and search garbage cans for scraps of third Tuesdays of the month food. The searching must be done (same as Local 912) and their It's sure big-hearted of the city's government to issue such

That their last meeting place ras a Mason hall on 46th St. Minneapolis business houses re-Bryant avenue south, and that they probably will meet there again the first Tuesday of the port a ten per cent increase in ago and attribute this to inyear. (Unless they read this colcreased buying power. I wonder if

umn.)
That they have sent out letters to ALL the employers in town, (yours and ours, too) offering the at less than union scale. (No com-

like sentiments. How's about Gilmore, Home James, and youse guys and gals?

A Happy and Prosperous New

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misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list.

That the president and also or anizer of this fink outfit, (who by the way, we ourselves caught street) is supposed to be one B. H. CONNORS, 2645 Grand Ave., who chauffeurs for a Dr. Roberts.

That among others who are sup posed to be active on the board of this ace scab outfit, is one JU-LIUS KRECKOW (who is deputized and wears a gun) who is working as a chauffeur for CAhad gotten on the trail of an or-ganization of "HAT CHAUF- VOUR S. LANGDON, 2200 Pills-

after much poking and prying, because it evidently is a furtive outfit who meets in basements and for F. H. CARPENTER, 121 W. number of other one-horse affairs shacks like the gangs of the underworld, we finally got this startling information, which we pass on feur for F. B. SNYDER, 120 W. 22nd St.

> In addition to these we have a list of the active members in this scabby conspiracy, and we will print their names here later when space permits.
>
> The active members in this front page. It's possible that the news hawks didn't know anything about the party. After all, the Star-Journal is 'way across the

Now, if it is a fact, that such a monster is raising its ugly head activity in the neighborhood. thing was done about it, because the way, ceanse the chamber we cannot help but believe that it you have always been the chamber pion of the underprivileged chilpion of the underprivileged c hating employers.

So far Local 912 has tried hard the street from your office? to get along on its own by working honestly in the effort to obtain a living wage for its members, and racts already made.

Now if we must compete with a fink state chartered organization whose members are all working for less than union scale, it might ship to the very end. possibly prove too much for us to

Perhaps the time is rapidly approaching, when employers onger will see fit to deal with mall units of the AF of L.

Perhaps the time is drawing near, when we will all bargain through one large union in order to gain the very modest living con ions we are now asking for.

However, and regardless purs and ours, too) offering the what the future may have in storvices of non-union chauffeurs for Local 912, you may all res sured that you will see a

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

Mr. McAloon advised us yesterday that there was a meeting of (Wednesday) at which time he contract before them.

We wonder if it was just a coinidence that neither one of the grand and glorious dailies had a single word about the Joint Counmanaged to get a small headline. When the book suit against 544 comes up again, see if you can find anything about that. We would hazard a guess right now that you may even find that on the street from the Armory and they probably didn't notice any extra

chance hear about the party across

CULTURE NOTE

Some of the fastidious Indian maharajahs have their ice cream coated with a thin layer of gold leaf before it's fit for their dainty

lant fight by a staunch member-

And so in the fading light of another year we again ask the same kind of cooperation that we

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What is the Game Of the N. W. Bank In Puffer Strike?

Rumors Persist That Northwestern National Bank Is cent increase. We were particu-Using Strike to Freeze Out Stockholders of Struck larly interested in what was sold Plant, Using Union as Scapegoat—Bank Has Stymied
Every Effort at Reasonable Seitlement of 16-Week
ulation on what people would
spend money for if they had it.
Clothing for the wife and kiddies
daunted, Vow Fight to Victory, Cheered by Christmas

Link Time Restored in what was sold because there has been some spective for the Christmas party at the Armory last Saturday. Chairman "Link" Lindberg and his crew in the Armory last Saturday. Chairman "Link" Lindberg and his crew are to be compilingented on the Twin Cities might attend.

Mr. Schilling himself attended which one is desired. And who has chosen his paper and which one is desired. And the Twin Cities might attended the Twin Cities might attended because there has been some spective for the Christmas party at the armory last Saturday. Chairman "Link" Lindberg and his crew are to be expound quite different ideas than initials), correct address and correct ham the specific for the correct

Is the Northwestern National Bank using the Puffer-Hubbard strike as a club against both the strikers and the stockholders of this woodworking company?

That is the question that is being asked—and an-

That is the question that is being asked—and an-swered in the affirmative—in many Minneapolis circles of course, was the improvement in

workers, affiliated with the Furnities tactics, it reckons without its tactics, it reckons without its creased substantially the buying power of Minneapolis and Minneapolis are reasonable settlement at a reasonable settlement at a reasonable settlement have been balked by the Northwestern bank, receiver for the stiplly voted to continue the struck. have been balked by the North-western bank, receiver for the grimly voted to continue the strugunaffiliated with and hostile to organized labor, the Northwest Organizer heard this week that the huge banking chain was williging of the state of food, much-appreciated huge banking chain was williging of the state of the st struck firm. From a reliable source gle until a union victory is won. huge banking chain was utilizing the strike as an opportunity to freeze out the stockholders and get control of the plant plus control. control of the plant, plus certain Molders Union.

important patents. The bank, it is Each Christmas basket contain

The inside story of the strike, from the viewpoint of the bank, is so raw that even certain business men find difficulty in stomaching and now they're here—from my wages make good business but it union, not from Hoover."

The way in which the bank has Members of Local 1859's execuceaselessly frustrated all attempts tive board addressed the strike tive at a fair settlement of the long meeting. dispute lends credence to this re

Finks Housed in Plant

Pickets reported Tuesday morn ing that three finks are now living in the struck plant, trying to ge production under way. The finks are the same that the Minneapolis police, at the order of Mayor Leach, were escorting to and from the plant recently. Now they are living and sleeping in the second floor of the strikebound building, cooking their meals, etc.

Yaps, Saps and Yazahampers bought. By volume it was about In order to hold its customers, Northwestern National bank like this: clothing, such as men's has set up three new scab comide the state-in Eau dresses, shoes, household appli-Claire and Dowing, Wisconsin, and ing boards (notice J. R. Clark which a gesture is being made to company) ice boxes, washing ma manufac-chines, toys, radios, furs, sport-bard com-ing goods, cigars and likker. tured by the Puffer-Hubbard com-

wn the spirit of the strikers by fact that the whole U. S. was in-









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LOCAL 1859

Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

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The United States Departmen

cluded in the Christmas business

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m to the tune of about 10 per

We see by the papers that the

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head the list. Then comes house-

A remark at the end of the colgeneral employment which has in

No safe and sane union worker

important patents. The bank, it is charged, is cynically using the difference durion as a scapegoat in its sordid day eatables. One striker drew a laugh when he said: "I voted for laugh when he said: "I voted for buying back more of the buying back more of the buying back more of the said: "I voted for laugh when he was la unions to get higher wages and with these bigger pay checks they lery. doesn't follow that good business makes good wages. Only collective bargaining by organized union workers raises wages." Or. as they say in Ruskipolske, "The windmill doesn't make the wind. And since labor creates all wealth,

> ruin next year's business. The Christmas party at the Arory went over with a bang. The youngsters were presented with a crackers when they came in. There clowns and singing and magic big was where the magic man (knots to you) then he put 'em in hat and took 'em out untied and folded separately. Afterward the tooge looked in the hat and said, What shall I do with these three

> spliced handkerchiefs?' Brother Frank Schwartzkopf eposes and sez: "We have deeided that we are not to be rode over high-handed and Janosco has got all them keys."

> Miss Jeannette Wellumson takes opportunity to wish you, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frank Wachter told us confidenially that Frank Dier is quite a singer. Sort of a Caraso.

Big sporting events of the past ear: Frank Dier, the whittling sion, hamp, went down to defeat before Murphy's slashing slices. Murphy, wielding a knife with an 8 petition in the whittling contest

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Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

And lest we forget, the sa

efforts. Nice work, boys.

If any members failed to read bor movement. ons for the thirty-hour week.

pass out cigars? We won't men- farmer needs the city laborer and \$4. Flem Proddie wasn't at the ion names, but he is a time-switch the city laborer needs the farmer."

of marryin', too.

There are still a few 30-houreek petitions left at the office.

The operators had quite a meet-40-hour-week.

som out in a late model? Say about a '32. the more labor consumes, the less

Scotty finally came back from his Hudson Bay trip with a car surplus there will be left over to full of crappies about the size of

> the near future. The Ladies Auxiliary is going to put on a dance. More about this later.

The cooing stops with the honeymoon, but the billing goes

Toby Svendsen sez: "You don't herring. Look at Cy Paulson."

Ragnar Carlson wishes a certain fella more luck with office girls for the coming year. Earnest Nelson wishes you all a

Happy New Year. The visiting hours at Parker's Lake are ersee Gabriel Holdin for details.

Shades of the Good Ship Progress: Martin Dies reported seeking to deport 7,000,000 aliens to end the depression.

"To over-sensitive persons, the procedure adopted in throwing the surplus workmen overboard may appear a little rude but as the chairman of the Board of Direct ors aptly remarked on the occa 'Time and Technology are no respecters of persons'." (Quote

from the Good Ship Progress.) Brother R. F. Hornig in "Independent Truck Chatter" says boss Carlos speaks of steak with trim-Speaking for myself-and I feel Wally Raze will agree—yea to produce.

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Farmer-Coop-Labor Council Applauded in Northfield

Invading the hinterland of William Schilling, erst perous and happy New Year to the membership, the wives and Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council closed its 1939 program by holding its liveliest discussion meeting in North-

field on Tuesday, December 19th.

Despite the wet snow-blocked roads which prevented many farmers and townspeople from the evening's supper good wishes go for our fellow columnists in this paper with a little extra warning—"Do not imbibe and were so impressed they voted and were so impressed they voted our stewards can be a later war stayards. Our stewards can to hold another meeting at a later your stewards. Our stewards can

Art Marystone served as warden

It was voted at the last meeting

to assess all members of our Union fifty cents for the WPA defense;

heard of the special assessment, he said it's ten beers shot to h-...

Streets and steps are very icy,

ow about calling a mutual slow-

light? Your health, limbs, and well-

than all the milk and cream that

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Committee. All out Saturday, Im-

portant meeting, 3 p. m. at the

The Retail Contract was ratified

last Thursday by the membership,

giving them an 8-hour day for the

first time. This section of our

union cannot be praised too much

spirit and pep. It was only by this

ceived what they wanted in their

O'Hare and Ed Esboldt of St. Paul

particularly thankful to the retail-

ers for the fine backing they re-

Talk about your business rivals

Ask Tomte of Regan's to tell you

linsmaster gave him for Christ-

guess it's getting to be a fad to

give a bowling ball for a present.

Over 5,200 kids were at the

We don't want you to forget

the dance January 20 in the usual 289 style. Bobby Phillips' orches-

ra has been hired again, so start

working on it. Get up your par-ties now. As usual the cost is very,

You'll have a good time.

these six o'clock "fuss budgets'

ever did or ever will buy.

ing mean more to your family

(Foam and all).

Local 160 members took care of the lighting and decorating of the Mr. Schilling himself attended which one is desired. And kindly with something for the old man are to be complimented on their he was ready to organize "ax order. handle" brigades against the la-

> "What is good economy for the during the last meeting and w "On the National Picket Line" in last week's issue, they should do the laborer, and vice years." he during the last meeting at farmer is also good economy for must say he did a fine job. thought in it. Plenty more reaincomes depends on the working out as soon as possible of a balwho is the guy in the Meter ance whereby hour-wages of both che amount to be paid from Department who got himself mar-ried a while back and failed to In this effort toward parity, the the first month we have dues under

> > Jensen Leads Discussion

"I am glad to hear Mr. Schil-Judge Nelson, from the River- ling comment that farmers and ler room, has again been city workers need each other, elected Justice of the Peace. Bet- drily commented Andrew Jensen, er stay on the right side of the manager of the Minneapolis Coudge, boys, if you want to speed operative Services, "for that is ex-Brooklyn Center. He takes care actly what the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council is aiming for-With the new thermometer, the fundamental factors in American Union office looks like an art gal- economic life so they can solve their problems together. It is heartening to see that a man of Mr. Schilling's position believes in

Jensen carried the bulk of the ng last Wednesday. Not on the discussion for labor and the cohour-week, but on the same old operatives, tracing the history of several leading cooperatives e early efforts and results of the Wonder when Sherman'll blos- F-C-L Council.

> Endre B. Anderson, leading farmer of the Northfield area, acted as toastmaster. Dr. C. A. Melby of the St. Olaf college econboth farmers and city workers had should be the foundation for fu-

The meeting's open forum discussion was the most energetic of any conference held by the Coun-Carleton and St. Olaf, fifteen farmers, several students and a number of workers attended the old John Henry on the dotted line.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

who went on card through sickess and have been unable to re-Christmas spirit.

ments royally entertained and sent home. for January. Members 1446, 98, lots of them by cabs, with each a 269 and 597 could have won if bag of candy, a box of animal ders to you every month of the they had attended the meeting. crackers, popcorn balls, etc., and year should give you ample reason We hope that next time they will the newspapers didn't think it was attend and give their luck a chance news!

Ice fishing is in vogue again for again that the press in this town is a 'must' duty. has been forced on the controlled by labor-hating in-

During 1940 we are to get only one labor paper from our local.

At the polls we were supposed to belong to our local were seen de, choice of opposing candidates make a selection, the paper we designated. Many of us designated the livering bread on Christmas. paper but omitted our name, but- I noticed in a news item the paper but omitted our name, but ton number and address. In case you forgot the all important information, mark the same carefully with the same carefully voting. Quite an idea, but I don't as the same carefully to the sa on a piece of paper and hand it to think it would work here.

MINNEHAHA

YELLOW TAXI

years old on January 1. Mickey Freed's wife and sevenonth-old daughter flew to Sioux Some class for a truck driver,

To All Trade Union Members

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.

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

Independent **Truck Chatter**

Thursday, January 4th, at your egular ITO membership meeting you have on your agenda as speial business the choice of voting for the men you want on your new 1940. Your officers feel that you your bit so every member is pres can be depended upon; press into have what it takes. Your future the harmony within this section can be traced back directly to the wise handling or bungling of ITO matters by this committee. Let's go forward!

Our wonderful school board's general independent cussedness best revealed in its latest selling building for \$4,000, just a small matter of \$9,000 less than the cost to the city of a remodelling job year ago on this same building for use as a WPA headquarters.

Seems like, and correct me if I'm wrong, that the labor member on this same board haven't really shown any brilliant returns fo who campaigned so hard to elect

New Year Babes: your new number on the city list, a brand

And wee is me! Nary a job in the bag.

Somebody whispers to look for about the present Bing Crosby of county action sooner than last year . . . A New Year party or something right after will be VERT whooped up by that West Wall Hubert Taylor is also sporting gang Stranger with a coal a new bowling ball, a present from box: Carl Bath . . . Wonder how Mama Taylor, as is also Phil Cote many independent truck-tractor

WPA bids are upping slight-Frank Guile is reported eccived a Christmas present of I should have told you women have snared an out-of-town bid at

All week long I have felt some turn to work. For several years Joint Council Christmas party held what ashamed of myself because I past Local 71 has shown the same at the Armory Saturday, Decemforgot the spirit of the times and Christmas spirit. Bob Evanson was the lucky brother in the drawing at the last membership meeting. His prize will be free dues and assessments will be free dues and assessments.

Aristmas party in Minneapelis, mas. If I can make amends I sinyet the newspapers didn't see fit cerely hope you had that Merry to give it a tumble. Think of it! Christmas and add to that a happy will be free dues and assessments.

to recognize that in return you have certain obligations to per-This surely is positive proof form as a member. Paying dues This is Richard Gilmore wishing one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And I do mean you. (Look at all the money I save on stamps by getting out my New Years cards this way and this goes for Jeanette Wellumson, too.)

Lee fishing is in vogue again for many of our members. We have had good reports on Lakes Ida, South Long, Mayo, Osakis and Rabbit. Jens Melby brought in a nice catch from Minnetonka (Goose Island.) We haven't seen any pound and a half crappies this goes for Jeanette Wellumson, too.)

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Equipped for Efficiency Organized for Speed

During 1940 we are to get only It has been grapevined to me You have a moral duty to exercise that some route foremen who don't that right the belong to our local were seen delivering bread on Christmas.

Your vote should be cast on the basis of consideration of difference of the basis of co ence in policies not personalities A past record and continued performance, future policy, individual ability, sound application of union principles, all these should be on your yardstick when you cast your judgment, never name-calling or personal bitterness.

> 544-ITO Bowling League Team very low-only 50c per couple. Draglin And you won't be disappointed. Diesel Here's wishing you all a very Minnesota

Diesel 25 17
Gravellers 24 18
Committee 22 20
Minnesota 20 22
Muckers 12 30
Excavators 7 35
City for the Christmas holidays where Mrs. Freed will visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. White.
Some class for a truck driver, happy and prosperous New Year, as we complete three years of progress in our local which is three

National Farm Union Backs Labor

Organized labor welcomes the ympathetic expressions of the Naional Farmers Union towards la oor and peace, as outlined in the by this farm organization at its recent national convention in Omaha.

The National Farmers Union movement: "The Farmers Union is movement: "The Farmers Union is distinguished among farm organizations for its friendly attitude owards organized labor. We reaffirm our historic position expressing a continued desire to cooperate with our brethren in the mills, mines and factories. We emphatically condemn those individu als and organizations who seek to foster intolerance, strife and mis-understanding between farmers and organized labor."

Oppose Boss War

On the problem of war the Farmers Union, like organized lanatural attribute of an economic system based upon the profit mo ive. The seeds of hatred, intol take root and flourish in a world where frenzied economic rivalry creates the tragic contrast of growing poverty for the masses a few."

unalterably opposed to the approfor armaments made at the ex necessary in the solution of our iomestic problems both rural and

in the tide of hatred, erance and war out of which noth ing can be secured except more hatred, more intolerance, more war and the probable destruction of our freedom to continue build-

ing a just society. Make the World Safe for De Gallant Little Belgium

The United States, the Guar-dian of Small Nations Save Our Beloved Land from the Hue Save Our Civilization from Hun

Kultur Youth Will Be Refined in the Crucible of War A Land Fit for Heroes When

You Return Your Loved Ones Will Be Cured for The Sanctity of Treatier

Work or Fight! Make the World Safe for De

Gallant Little Finland, etc. The United States, the Guar-dian of Small Nations Economic Sanctions Quarantine the Aggressor Youth Will Be Refined in the

Crucible of War A Land Fit for Heroes When You Return Your Loved Ones Will Be

Cared for The Sanctity of Treaties Fight or No Relief!

When I was a kid we had a ame called "Pussy wants a corner." There were four corners corners were taken, one of the players was looking for a corner. That obligation That's the way it is under capi

two 201 games weren't quite enough to beat the City boys.

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

·企业组1重点

Has the Minnesota Leader Learned Anything?

Every worker in the United States knows that the pressing working-class problems are war, unemployment and the protection of labor's civil rights from the com-bined government-Big Business onslaught.

The current issue of the Minnesota Leader contains a very lengthy article on "a definite, specific program" which it advances for the Farmer-Labor Party in 1940. The Minnesota Leader achieves the remarkable feat of presenting a 13-point program without once mentioning the very real danger of this country's being involved in imperialist war, without coming to grips with the prob-lem of unemployment, and without even referring to the present onslaught of the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation against

organized labor.

Most remarkable of all, the Minnesota Leader DOES

NOT EVEN LIST repeal of the Stassen Labor Law as a
Farmer-Labor objective in 1940. Yet the Leader must
know very well that if there is ONE objective upon which all Minnesota unions are united, it is to repeal the Stassen

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union, the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, the Minnesota Federation of Labor, have all gone on record with vigorous resolutions calling for repeal of the Stassen Labor Law.

Everything that the Minnesota Leader says about the "failures and frauds" of the Stassen administration is true.

But the reactionaries are not going to be defeated by the masses if those who claim to speak for the masses do not come to grips with the pressing problems of life and

give clear and unambiguous answers to these problems.

And the Farmer-Labor movement is never going to come back in this state until it recognizes the right of such benefits. I am sure that the organized labor to a dominant voice in the councils of Executive Board of Local 544 the Farmer-Labor Party.

To reject labor, to turn one's back on labor—that is but any consideration of such a what brought about the catastrophic Farmer-Labor defeat plan should carry with it the recin 1938. Hasn't the Minnesota Leader YET learned this ognition that more benefits mean

Canadian Worker Is Jailed For Speaking Against War

The case of Frank Watson, Canadian unemployed worker and the first person to be arrested and jailed in Canada for speaking against the boss war, is arousing considerable interest in American labor circles. The American Labor Aid, workers' defense organization with head-quarters in New York City, is creating a Watson Defense Fund to obtain moral and material support for this victim of the Second War for "Democracy.

Speaking at a public meeting Toronto on September 15th, atson stated: "Workers, when they tell you to fight for democracy in Europe, reply by fighting for it here . . . When the Canadian millionaires felt that their wealth was safe, they turned the unemployed single workers on the streets to starve without a cent of relief. Now that they feel their is in danger, they can afford \$1.30 and 85 cents living allowance to these same unemployed to fight for Canada. For whose Canada? Not ours. We own nothing. The unemployed are being paid only to become cannon fodder of imperialism. Workers, let us first own Canada before we fight

arrested and, on September 21st. onvicted of "making statements likely to prejudice recruiting of His Majesty's Forces." A week later he was sentenced to six months imprisonment plus another six months or \$300 fine. Since Watson is destitute, the sentence is actually one year's imprison-

Labor Appeals Case

Through support from various labor and liberal organizations in Canada and the United States Watson appealed the case to the Toronto Appeal Court on Novem-When the appeal judge in Russia. "I said 'Workers in Canada should not rely on the with the Canadian war regulations

'at that time, did you know of of Canada regulations "as a viola e Defense of Canada Regulations tion of elementary democratic lib-(nassed at the start of this war) ? | erties "

made any difference?"

One Guy Likes War-Dupont

Business is booming — for the chemical corporations, a key industry in modern war.

Eighty-six and a half million bucks in profit for the first nine months of 1939. Not bad, eh? This is 53% higher profits than last year. That's because war preparations were stepped up this year at the same time the WPA budget was cut.

Nearly half the total profits in the industry wene to the giant dominating the industry—Dupont. His firm got something over forty millions. Waris a fine thing—for the fat hoys.

war," Watson replied.

Appeal Is Turned Down

The court then rejected his appeal. Chief witness against Wat on was an ex-recruiting sergeant named James Cummings. now faces the possibility of a year n jail, unless \$300 can be raised for his fine, which will reduce hi sentence by six months.

Should any reader or any union wish to contribute to the Watson asked him for further details about defense fund, make checks payable his speech, Watson stated he had to M. G. Dawson, 246 College scored fascism in Germany and Italy and the totalitarian regime them payable to the Defense Fund Communists because by their recent pact with the Nazis they have yed the workers of the Justice at Ottawa protesting the orld'."

Judge Honeywell asked him if and urging repeal of the Defense

Since Watson's arrests, a num "Had you known, would it have ber of other workers have been picked up and jailed for express "Yes," answered Watson, "al- ing anti-war sentiments, including



If further proof is needed

efits, it is only fair to recall

the fact that less than two

years ago a broad committee

of rank and file members of

the union was selected by the membership to draw up and

put into effect a set of by-

laws which would govern our

local union. This committee

was in session over eight

months. Every phase of union

benefits was studied. Local

unions having benefits were

interviewed, and officials and bers of such unions were

called before our by-laws committee to advise them on the

question of sick and death

benefits. When all facts were

assembled by the committee the inevitable conclusion was

reached that the only benefits

possible with two dollar dues

were those provided under our present by-laws, free med-

ical care. Do not be deceived

by persons who may say further benefits are possible

under our present dues. More

HIGHER DUES.

benefits mean just one thing,

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

At this time of year union mem- erate sick benefit plan would mean ers are apt to hear all sorts of an increase in dues of \$1 monthly omises about union benefits to with proportional increases for mbers in the form of sick ben- any other benefits. fits, death benefits, etc., etc. .

All union members should understand the simple fact that an increase in such benefits would automatically bring an increase in dues. There is no other way to finance such benefits.

Every member has the full free om to consider the question of rould not oppose such discussion ognition that more benefits mean higher dues. At any rate, long and careful consideration is necessary before any changes take place.

It is true that some unions, especially older, wealthier or-ganizations, have adopted a plan of sick and death benefits, but in every instance dues in such organizations are considerably higher than in Local 544. Also, not infrequently, special assessments for varying amounts are levied on the members.

That strong sister union, the Milk Wagon Drivers, has a good sick and death benefit program, but the membership of Local 471 has found it necessary to pay \$3 per month in dues, with frequent assessments bringing monthly dues at times to \$4 and more.

It has been estimated that for same the Local 544 to adopt even a modements.

Drivers Hall Has Own **Xmas Party**

For these remarks Watson was though it would not have affected my opinions, it would have affected my opinions, it would have affected my early last Friday afternoon in the main floor hall. With Helen Hanimar for hall with Helen Hanimar for cremonies, elev-Officials and office workers of "You don't think Canada should fan as master of ceremonies, clevee in this war?" asked the Crown.
"No, I don't approve of the guest were read off and presents er thumbnail descriptions of each distributed.

> a CIO organizer, C. H. Millard On October 4th police raided the homes of four Italian workers and arrested them on the charge of General Motors, washes his hands possessing "subversive literature." 12 to 15 times a day.

Jack Smith received the largest present, a huge cowboy doll. Clarence Hamel got an all-day sucker, and others received gifts of sim ilar mysterious significance. Coffee and fruit cake were served, after which the girls went to work packing candy for the kiddies' Christmas Party.

same time, high dues and assess-

WELL WORTH THE MONEY-TO THE BOSSES

The most costly candidate for President in the history of the country was Warren G. Harding, in whose behalf the Republican National Committee of 1920 spent \$5,319,729 to elect.

GUILTY CONSCIENCE? Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of

Officers of State Federation Will Speak at Holiday Banquet For WPA Defendants at Dyckman

George Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, has accepted an invitation to speak at the holiday banquet for defendants in the series of WPA trials, to be given Saturday evening, January 6th. The committee in charge of the banquet announced Tuesday the affair will be held in the Dyckman Hotel

The AFL-WPA Deense Committee, sponsors of the banquet in honor of the strike defendants, has already mailed invitations to all officers of unions and central labor bodies in Minnesota, asking them to attend and to speak.

Reservations and acceptances may be made with the Defer nmittee, 18 N. 8th street, up to Wednesday, January 3rd. The price is \$1.25 per plate, and supper will be served at 7 p. m

the last word

things said about the children's Christmas party staged by the Teamsters' Joint Council in the Armory. Everyone who saw it was its size and its style. It was really grand. But the thing that impressed most was the fact that the whole affair, from beginning to end-and the work that went into t began many weeks before last Saturday—was done voluntarily, and was additional to the regular tasks of the union men who made it a success.

Everything went like clockwork. Volunteer ushers, checkers, tree-trimmers, and helpers of all kinds began early in the morning, preparing for the biggest social event in the history of the Minneapolis union movement and never left their appointed posts until the last of the 5,200 guests departed, safe in the care of volunteer taxicab drivers.

Over 5,000 pounds of Christmas candy, 5,300 boxes of animal crackers and as many popcorn balls were distributed to every child as he came into the Armory For almost three hours, those who attended were entertained by a galaxy of clown, musicians, dancers, trained birds and animals, and reel after reel of animated cartoon movies. All this was the I present this information for work of the unions whose offices the benefit of the members and as are at 257 Plymouth avenue a warning against irresponsible north — the "racketeers" whose promises of free-and-easy benefits. A study of various union benefit working men out of their hard-programs shows that there just earned wages. If this is the work "ain't any such animal" as sick of trade union gangsters, let's and death benefits without, at the

From the finished product, we venture to say that Ray Rainbolt, Commander - in -Chief of the whole affair, can organize anything.

Other writers in this paper are as shocked as we are because there was no publicity given this mag-nificent affair in any of the daily papers. And it isn't because photographers weren't there. We saw

There were a great many women whose work went into the making of this tremendous Christmas party. About 20 of them worked fast and hard last Friday night, putting those two and one-half tons of candy into individual bags. Besides the girls who work in the union offices, we saw two wives and one mother whose faces are familiar on all such occasions, who are always ready to help when help is næeded. They were Mrs. Tommy Williams, Mrs. Joe O'Hare and Mrs. Emma Lubick, mother of Julia who keeps the books for the Teamsters' Joint Council.

The Christmas spirit in the unions was not confined to wives and kiddies over the Yuletide reekend. Last Friday when the Puffer-Hubbard striker with an over-flowing shopping bag of fruits, vegetables, canned goods and two chickens. From the expressions on their faces, we know they were as pleased as they were surprised. Although he's very modest about it, John Janbusiness representative of 1859, was responsible all of it. He spent many days collecting donations and making all arrangements secretly so that Local 1859's Christmas present to

On the **National** Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)
... two weeks of strike brings 80 per cent of the operators to heel . . . six associations hold out . . . war in Harlan as Governor Chandler pledges that "all who want to work will be protected" and (to the strikers) "the right to peaceful picketing will be upheld"
. . . six hundred militia sent in to help the association operate its mines . . . 260 unionists arrested . . . tried in mass trials . . . coal operators, con-victed last October, granted new trials by Supreme Court
... "Justice" in Harlan ...

June-"Peace" in Harlan Coun-. . many things left unsettled by agreement which ended the two months strike . . . mass demonstration in Minneapolis shows WPA officialdom what the workers think about the Woodrum Bill . . thousands trek to state capitol to inform Stassen and Glotz bach of the workers' sentiment . .

July-GMC strike begins . . July 5, Woodrum Starvation bill goes into effect . . .

the Puffer-Hubbard strikers would a complete surprise.

We paid a visit to the Puffer-Hubbard strike headquarters out on 26th street and 32nd avenue south. We had heard so much about their famous trailer, where the boys keep house as well as constant vigil, we decided to see it for ourselves. There it was, tar-papered and banked up for the winter. Inside was a small, wood-burning heater, a table, stools, cupboards and a meagre supply of plates, cups and spoons. A large coffee pot stood on the table and in the cupboard were the remains of the last supply of sandwiches. Besides two small windows, the interior was lighted by a kerosene lamp. On the wells were photographs of Puffer-Hubbard workers on the picket line, playing douball, playing diamondball and in sociable groups around the plant. And last, but of course not least, was Freda, the famous union cat, purring contentedly in her own little corner.

When we talked to our cordial hosts, we learned that their sup-plies of all kinds were running ow, that anything in the way of food, tobacco or even fuel would be accepted with great appreciation. Keeping this in mind, we left, determined that we would do our small part in helping out swell group of union men who had strike for fifteen long weeks. As we drove away, they pointed out a Christmas tree, do nated by a friendly grocer. They told us the union was going to furnish a battery and that the

The first thing we did when we arrived back at the union hall was to talk to Bill Sinnott, business agent for the Milk Drivers Union, Local 471. Bill promised us that his union would make regular deliveries of Milk, Stillicious or whatever products were available to the Puffer-Hubbard trailer. Next we talked to Harry DeBoer and Joe O'Hare, president and business agent of the Bakery Drivers Union, Local 289. They told us they would have bread, cake and pastry delivered to the Puffer-Hubbard strikers at least during the Christmas weekend.

Now we appeal to you, readers of this column, to do what you can. Cigarettes, sandwiches, fruit and even dishes would be welcome in that homey little trailer. think there is probably some women's auxiliary that would find it a simple task to gather together some cups, plates and spoons that are no longer needed in someone's cupboard. If there is something ou would like to do for thes stalwart strikers—there are 100 of them-send it to our office here at 253 Plymouth Ave. N. or call Bridgeport 8741. We'll see that your contributions reach their des

The cooperative commonwealth dom and solidarity. It allows for personal genius and unhampered ocal initiative. It develops a true ense of citizenship nembers.-GEORGE RUSSELL.

once had a classmate named Guesser, Whose knowledge got lesser and

It at last grew so small, He knew nothing at all-And now he's a college profes-

-ARIZONA KITTY-KAT

July 11, hundreds of thou-sands of skilled and unskilled WPA workers walk off their jobs in protest . . . Minneapo-lis workers conduct most militant strike . . . cops kill one, injure scores . . . G-men among strikers, acting agents-provacateur . . . Cops and strikers in Cleveland battle it out . . .

August - GMC strike settled with wage adjustments part of contract . . . contract a complete victory for the workers . . . Minneapolis WPA workers being grand-juried . . .

September — One hundred and sixty Minneapolis WPA workers indicted by Federal Grand Jury for "conspiracy" and "intimidation" in WPA strike . . . workers treated like dangerous criminals . . . high bond . . . Packing House Workers convention calls national strike which does not materialize . . . top leadership continues vaccilating policy toward Big Four as workers all over the country pull surprise strikes to gain concessions AND WIN THEM . . Hitler marches into Poland

clare "state of war" . . October-New Area Pact signed covering 350,000 drivers . .

nigher wages and better conditions for teamios . . . National War Referendum gaining momentum as the labor movement takes up the cry—"LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON WAR" Government trials of WPA workers Minneapolis get under way . . eight convicted . . . labor move-ment rallies 'round . . . eyes of entire country on Mill City as per-secution of hungry goes forward . . . Seven mid-west truck drivers nion officials arrested for allegedly burning a truck in 1938 dur ing a bakery strike . . . all held American Workers are alert to under exorbitant bail

November-WPA trials result in the conviction of 25 workers for "conspiracy" trial reveals that G-men disguised themselves as strikers and participated in picketing
... the trial of Jack Maloney,
Howard Foute, Ralph Johnson, of Sioux City, Walter
Stultz, Earl Carpenter, and
Lou Miller of Omaha, and
Francis Quinn of Des Moines for the alleged burning of a Metz Bakery truck in 1938 results in the conviction of all seven, on twenty-eight counts
-with the hand picked jury out only four hours Chrysler corporation locks out 55,000 workers for allegedly conducting a slow-down strike at the main Dodge plant . . . negotiations to settle the con-troversy and to effect a new

December - Longest strike in the history of the auto industry settled as Chrysler and the UAW sign a two year agreement . . . the relief situation becomes more critical in all parts of the land . . . Toledo has 40,000 unemployed who have gotten no relief since September . . . all schools closed Dec. 2. Cleveland weathers the worst situation since the onset of the depression" as the city fathers concede to sell bonds to feed the hungry . . . thousands of relief clients participate in mass demonstrations to help the city fathers make up their minds . . .

contract long and fruitless. . .

In retrospect we can see that it has not been an easy year for Labor. There have been no spectacular victories, won by the mere force of the movement itself. Every victory has been only as the re-sult of long, hard struggle, militant action on the part of the workers. The persecutions and prosecutions have been many. They will con-

But 1939 has shown us of thing - one glorious thing. The the dangers with which they are faced. They are willing to fight, and what is more, they know that they can win through only by fighting. And they will fight. THEY HAVE ONLY THEIR CHAINS TO LOSE.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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 Second Monday of each month

LOCAL 664
General Membership—First and third Thursdays.
Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

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

PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting First Wednesday each mon

LOCAL 977

General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Each Thursday, 7 p. m. Stewards — Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. p. m.
Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.
Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

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

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second
Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth
Thursday.
Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.

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

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—
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
Tea 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.

LOCAL 160 eneral Membership—First and third Thursdays enjority Board—Every Mon-Seniority Board—Every Mon-day
Executive Board—Every Tues-day
Stewards—Wednesdays preced-ing 1st and 3rd Thursdays

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

LOCAL 1859
General Membership-January 3
Box Industry—January 9
Casket Industry—January 15
J. R. Clark Section-January 17
Puffer-Hubbard—January 18
Grievance Board—January 4
and 18
Executive Board—Every Frie

and 18
Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—January 8 and 22
General Membership—February
7th

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

LOCAL 544 January, 1940

Monday, January 1 — Package Delivery, Department Stores Wednesday, January 3 — Sau-sage, Petroleum Thursday, January 4—Green-house, ITO Friday, January 5—Job Stew-

ards Monday, January 8 — General Membership Monday, January 8 — General Membership
Tuesday, January 9—Lumber
Wednesday, January 10—Market, Excavating Drivers, Wholesale Paper
Friday, January 12—Wholesale
Grocery, Meat Drivers
Monday, January 15 — Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing
Thursday, January 18—Tent
and Awning, Newspaper (10 a. m.)

a. m.) Friday, January 19—Job Stew-

Friday, January 19—Job Stewards
Monday, January 22 — Spring
Water
Wednesday, January 24—Sand
and Gravel
Thursday, January 25—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug
Friday, January 26—Cold Storage

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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 designated.