

Special 544 Membership Meeting Tuesday Evening to Discuss Fink Suit!

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As from this hour you use your power, The World must follow you

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Because the Associated Farmers group, for several years now has taken the lead in directing anti-labor vigilante activities in California, is about to start a drive on a national scale, it is well that all workers have an understanding of this organization. Since its inception in California, the "Grapes of Wrath" land, the Associated Farmers has maintained that it was what its name implied—an organization of farmers. The impoverished and terrorized agricultural workers of California, and the union movement generally, has maintained that this is a hypocritical lie, that the Associated Farmers is really a creature of Big Business, formed to beat down the workers and agricultural laborers.

The LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee is now in the last lap of its investigation of the Associated Farmers. Its findings are of particular interest to the workers in California—and in Minnesota where Schilling of Northfield has sought to drum up support for a state branch of the A. F.

The LaFollette Committee has discovered that the largest financial backer of the Associated Farmers is the San Francisco Industrial Association, a boss group similar to the Associated Industries of Minneapolis. This Industrial Association contributed \$15,400 to the Associated Farmers from May, 1934, to November, 1939.

Banks, railroads, Standard Oil, trust and investment companies, sugar companies, cannery owners and industrialized corporate farmers constitute the major backers of the A. F. Leading contributors to the labor-hating organization for the 5 1/2 year period were: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, \$5,175. Pacific Gas & Electric, \$4,375. Southern Pacific, \$8,825. Spreckels Investment, \$3,800. Southern Californians Corp. (boss group in Los Angeles), \$6,500. Cannery League, \$13,700. Dried Fruit Assn., \$12,500. Holly Sugar Corp., \$3,800. San Joaquin Cotton Oil, \$3,866.

Other firms making large contributions to the "Farmers" during the past five years, contributions which totalled \$178,000, were: Bank of California, Crocker First National Bank, American Can, Continental Can, Pacific Can, California & Hawaiian Sugar, Standard Oil, Texas Oil; Union Oil, Union Pacific, Western Pacific, American Trust company, Anglo California Bank and Associated Oil company.

Masquerading behind the name of the farmers whose name they besmirch, these huge trusts and monopolies have spent enormous sums in hiring special deputies and vigilantes to shoot down, club, maim, stab, murder, torture, burn, hang the impoverished agricultural workers of the state of California.

The sort of "farmer" backing the A. F. is exemplified by the British-owned Balfour-Guthrie company, a corporation operating 8,435 acres. The wage bill for this company in 1937 was \$387,000—a tidy sum to be spent by a "farmer" for labor.

Another "farmer," the Earl (Continued on page 4)

Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council Asked to Northfield

On Thursday, February 8th, the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council will hold a dinner meeting in the Community Hall at Northfield, Minnesota, it was announced by Paul Rasmussen, executive secretary of the Council, this week.

The Council last met in Northfield late in December, but because of the inclement weather many Twin Cities unionists were unable to attend. A committee of Northfield farmers, business and professional men, have invited the

Council to a return meeting in the little college town.

Roland Burnston, of the department of economics in Carleton college, will preside at the supper meeting February 8th. Because Northfield is the home of a Mr. Schilling, known for his advocacy of the "Associated Farmers" organization, and because it is anticipated Mr. Schilling will appear at the coming gathering, the Northfield gathering should be of more than usual interest to local unionists.

ATTENTION

544 Membership Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 30, 8 p. m.

A special membership meeting of the General Drivers Union Local 544 has been called for next Tuesday, January 30th, 8 p. m. at the Drivers Hall, to hear reports on the status of the fink suit. Local 544 officers and other labor officials will speak. Miles Dunne will report on his conference with President Daniel Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. All Local 544 members are instructed to attend this important special meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Food Stamps Asked For 7,000 Families

Federal Workers Section Presses Welfare Board for Free Food Stamps for Families Receiving Supplementary Aid—Win Relief for Many in Need—Former Soldier and Family in Dramatic Scene Before Welfare Board

"I don't need an examination—I need food. Haven't you ever been hungry?" the small, pale, under-nourished mother asked Ole Pearson, Minneapolis relief superintendent. The woman burst into tears. Her husband, standing beside her, looked as though he might break down too.

The above scene transpired before the Minneapolis Welfare Board last Thursday morning in the mayor's reception room. Besides the board members, about 200 unemployed were present to press their demands for adequate relief.

Mrs. C., the hungry woman mentioned above, was one of the many cases presented to the board. Mrs. C. is the mother of four children. Her husband had served in the United States Army, and received his honorable discharge. Now he and his family are classed as federal transients, the relief authorities contending that because of Mr. C.'s army service he has lost his residence rights. Accordingly, the relief department ruled the C. family was not entitled to more than two weeks' relief.

Finally Promised Food Mrs. C. is in extremely poor physical condition, accentuated by the starvation diet she has been receiving. After hearing the family's story, the welfare board, with a munificent gesture, gave Mrs. C. a note to the General Hospital entitling her to a physical examination. It was at this point that she broke down and flung her question at Ole Pearson.

Shame-faced, board members finally instructed Pearson to see that Mrs. C. received proper food. Prior to the incident of the C. family, Max Goldman, spokesman for Local 544's Federal Workers Section, demanded that the Welfare Board make arrangements so that the 7,000 Minneapolis families receiving supplementary aid be entitled to the federal blue surplus stamps. Today these families are penalized by having to use the money earned by the working member of the family (money supposed to go for rent) to buy orange stamps to receive the free blue stamps. As a result, many such families, lacking rent money, are forced to live in wretched fire traps. It is either that, or not enough food.

Promised Free Food Stamps The Welfare Board had no answer to the facts and specific cases presented by Goldman. The board voted to hold an immediate meeting with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation officials and work out a plan whereby such families will receive blue stamps without first having to purchase orange stamps.

After the FWS spokesmen had presented a number of specific grievances, none of which had been satisfactorily handled by the relief department, all such cases were referred to Mr. Brader, assistant to Pearson. After the meeting adjourned, FWS officials

36 Standard Oil Stations Are Unfair

The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, AFL, which last week launched a drive to complete the unionization of the city's oil stations, publishes below a list of the 36 Standard Oil stations which are still unfair to Local 977.

Local 977 asks the cooperation of all unionists in making the drive a success. You can aid by insisting that every station attendant who serves you wears the button of Local 977.

The union announces that the Erickson Oil company stations are now fair to Local 977 and worthy of organized labor's patronage. The Sears Roebuck station at Elliot and Lake street is unfair to the union, as are the Standard Oil stations listed below. Clip this list, keep in your car for reference, and refuse to patronize unfair stations:

Standard Stations—Downtown 13th and Harmon Place 104 Glenwood Ave. 7th and 3rd Ave. South 5th St. and 2nd Ave. N. Standard Stations—South 50th and France Ave. S. 22nd and Hennepin Ave.

Unionism Grows in Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls, S. D.—A new AFL city employes union, Local 266, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, has been established here. R. J. Fitzgerald has been chosen president, and the group already has several score of members.

New officers of the Sioux Falls Drivers Union Local 749 were installed last Tuesday by the retiring president, Art Carlson. Officers installed were Leonard Haney, president; Frank Jan, vice-president; Warren Grotjohn, secretary-treasurer; Lawrence Pickard, recording secretary; John Grenberg, Joe Kinney and George Armstrong, trustees, and K. E. McCreery, business agent.

54th and Nicollet Ave. 45th and Nicollet Ave. 44th and Cedar Lake Blvd. 22nd St. and Lake Calhoun 50th and Xerxes Ave. S. 50th and Penn Ave. S. 48th and Xerxes Ave. S. 38th and Hennepin Ave. S. 32nd and Lyndale Ave. S. 24th and Hennepin Ave. S. 24th and Bloomington Ave. 51st and Hiawatha 24th and Lake Calhoun 27th and Hennepin Ave. 48th and Hennepin Ave. 48th and Hennepin Ave. 48th and Hennepin Ave. 46th and Bryant Ave. S. Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd. 24th and Hennepin Ave. S. 54th and Lyndale Ave. S. 24th and Hennepin Ave. S. Holmes and Lake St. Standard Stations—North Girard and Plymouth Ave. N. Penn and 6th Ave. N. Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N. 37th and Fremont Ave. N. Broadway and Bockford Road

Second 'Marlborough' Is Narrowly Averted

"If this fire had happened at night-time, it would have been another Marlborough." This is what city firemen stated as they battled the flames in the 44-apartment building at 1365 Spruce Place last Thursday afternoon. The building is in the center of one of the city's poor-housing areas near the loop.

Jess I. Steene, 35, member of the fire department rescue squad, is dead, and four other firemen are recovering from injuries suffered while battling the Spruce Place fire. These casualties prove again what the Organizer stated January 4th: "Fire traps are just as dangerous for the fire fighters as for the victimized tenants."

Fire broke out late last Thursday afternoon at the Spruce Place building, and spread so rapidly through the wooden fire trap that occupants barely had time to dash for safety. Only the fact that most tenants were away at that hour prevented the Spruce Place fire from presenting the city with another ghastly proof of the human cost of tolerating dangerous fire traps. The thirty tenants at home during the late afternoon hour rushed out into 10 below zero weather after being warned by Joseph Campbell, caretaker, his wife, and Harry Davis, tenant. The three ran through the halls crying the dread alarm.

The Spruce Place building, like the ill-fated Marlborough, was a wooden building with brick veneer. Demand Open Hearing Last Thursday's fire only furnishes an additional argument to

support the Minneapolis Central Labor Union's demand that the city council hold a public hearing on the fire traps that infest this city and endanger the lives of thousands of citizens.

13 Families Routed Last Thursday night in St. Paul 13 families were forced out into the below-zero cold when the tenement at 908 Ashland avenue caught fire. Six persons fled a fire which enveloped a two-story dwelling at 413 Aldrich avenue north last Thursday.

A. S. Stuart Dies, Was Dayton Driver

Local 544 mourns the death of Alonzo Stuart, 38, 719 Jackson, driver at the Dayton company, and union member. Alonzo died of natural causes at his home last Friday, almost at the same moment as his father, W. A. Stuart, also passed away. Both men were buried Monday in St. Anthony cemetery. Brother Stuart is survived by a wife, Alice, a son, Walter, four brothers and sisters and a mother.

Court Rules Finks Can Nose Through Books of Local 544

359 Elects Delegates To CLU

With Gene Larson of the Milk Drivers Union presiding, newly-elected officials of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 were installed in an impressive meeting Tuesday night.

Local 359 also elected its delegates to the Central Labor Union for the coming year. Regular delegates will be James Bartlett, Don Penwell, Robert Tibbetts, Philip Snyder and Erling Nelson. Alternates are Axel Jensen and Sy Albert.

Labor Movement Stunned by Adverse Decision—Local 544 Calls Special Membership Meeting to Discuss Fink Suit — Labor Movement May Enter Court Protests Denied—Court Testimony Had Indicated Plaintiffs Not Acting in Good Faith

In the face of mountainous evidence that the plaintiffs in the Local 544 fink suit are members of an organization hostile to the General Drivers Union, and that they are not bringing the suit in good faith, District Judge Paul S. Carroll ruled Monday that books and records of Local 544 are to be thrown open to the finks and their agents.

The judge denied a new motion to dismiss the case, presented by defense attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson. The motion would have compelled the plaintiffs to first exhaust all remedies against grievances as provided by the rules of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Local 544.

The court's decision to permit the finks access to Local 544's records came after three weeks of testimony, during which a score of union men testified that the plaintiffs were members or organizers of the fink "Local Number One," and were bitterly hostile to Local 544, and wanted to see it destroyed.

Judge Carroll's decision came as a deep shock to labor leaders of Minneapolis and the state.

More Inhuman Housing Conditions Uncovered in City—25% of Families on North Side Ill-Housed—Support Central Labor Union's Demand for Public Hearing on Housing—Demand Owners of Fire Traps Be Made to Post Prominent Notices Warning Tenants of Danger

Continuing our survey of housing conditions in Minneapolis, as revealed by the Community Health Service Nurses in their report of June, 1937, we turn to the North Side.

Of this area, the nurses' survey records that "About 25% of the 974 families served by North Station are inadequately housed. . . . The nurses estimate that in the central districts from 50% to 75% of their patients live under most unfavorable conditions."

"Overcrowding is an acute problem, and much more so since dwellings were torn down to make way for the Sumner Field, Government Housing Project. Families who were left homeless had great difficulty finding places to live, and many were forced to move into much poorer quarters than they formerly had."

To get down to individual homes as they existed 2 1/2 years ago, at the time the survey was made: 509 Lyndale Ave. N.—This is a basement apartment of a six family flat. The lighting is so poor that the occupants use a kerosene lamp frequently during the day. The apartment is damp and musty, the walls are of crumbling cement. 329 Plymouth Ave.—In this three story tenement, it was so dark I walked into a clothes-line strung across the hall and almost hung myself. There is not even an inside court, nor artificial lamps for light.

People Deserve Better Homes 301-311 Plymouth Ave.—This is the old Iowa Block, where we always have patients. There is one toilet per floor, and the whole place is greatly infested with bed-bugs. 505 Lyndale Ave. N.—Colored and white live in these basement apartments infested by cockroaches, with no gas or electricity. 720 Bradford—This tenement is occupied largely by Mexican families. There are no outside windows in some of the rooms, and deplorable toilet facilities. 1507 Washington Ave. N.—More tenements with 10 families sharing one toilet. Toilet rooms apparently have no windows, other rooms also. 819 Fremont Ave. N.—This place is typical of houses in this area. The rooms are dark, the plaster is falling off the walls, the screens are off and doors sagging. The plumbing is in very poor condition.

Demands for mass action on the part of the rank and file of organized labor to force their leaders to achieve unity between the AFL and CIO came from two sources last week—from Daniel Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and from the famous Electrical Workers Local 3 of New York City.

In his lead article in the International Teamsters monthly magazine for January, 1940, President Tobin surveys the harmful results of labor disunity. "You ask me what's the answer, and I say the answer is that the rank and file everywhere should rise up and demand, by public expressions, mass meetings, and by resolutions and declarations, that the committees representing both sides get together and settle this trouble one way or another. Neither side has to sacrifice very much in order to bring about a settlement. Less than one dozen men on both sides are responsible for the division of eight million workers. We wonder in this country of ours why the great masses of the people of Germany stand for a monster dictator when they themselves are being persecuted. Let us look to our own house and let the workers ask themselves why eight million organized workers allow a few men to keep them separated in two or three rival organizations. . . .

"Central bodies, State Federations of Labor, local unions and conventions of International Unions should make themselves heard at once, immediately, and continue to voice their disgust and disappointment and demand that

Goldie Charges Bad Faith In court last Friday Mr. Anderson, attorney for the finks, demanded not only the records of Local 544, but the records of old Local 574 as well. Local 574 was succeeded by Local 544 in the (Continued on page 3)

National Jewelry Won't Wait on Organized Labor The National Jewelry Store, 426 Nicollet Avenue, has not changed its hostile attitude towards organized labor during the past week, the Watchmakers Union announced Monday. This company still refuses decent wages to its employees. Union people are staying away in droves from the store.

289 Dance Is Huge Success It'll be many weeks before guests cease talking of the outstanding dance presented last Saturday night at 257 Plymouth avenue, by the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289. The floor-show was as fine as any to be seen this side of Chicago, the music was just right, and everybody had a right good time. Many friends from other unions dropped in to partake of the fun.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Tenant Farmers of South Celebrate 5 Years of Unionism

(Special to Northwest Organizer)
By P. A. Rasmussen

35,000 Farm Tenants and Agricultural Workers Represented at Sixth Convention of Southern Tenant Farmers' Union—Demand Representation on Government Farm Boards, More Large Co-op Farms, Minimum Wage Laws for Rural Laborers, Slum Clearance, Popular Referendum on War

Blytheville, Arkansas—The sixth convention of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, representing approximately 35,000 workers and small farm tenants organized into 135 locals in five Southern states met here last week, and expressed its opposition to imperialist war.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Brother Oscar Pertinen contributes a poem:

Way back in the '30's in the days of much snow,
Little Ernie Eckman a-fishing would go.
You may think he's a liar
But for a line he had only a stove-pipe wire.

He would wait and wait for the fish to bite,
But at last he got one and he pulled with all his might,
He couldn't get it out because he was so small!
So he got two other guys to help him haul.

Thirty-eight pounds and not an ounce less!
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Listen, brothers; this means you, all of you 1859-ers. This column is conducted to carry news from all the 1859 sections. There are 21 sections in this union and 19 of them are not represented in this column this week. This is bad. So bad that something must, will and shall be done about it. You workers get after your stewards. Give them some news or tell 'em to get it themselves. But tell them to get it and turn it over to Clarence Englert at the stewards' meetings which are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Clarence will give it to me and into the next column it will go. Come on, brothers and sisters of 1859. Anything that happens to you is of interest to all the other members. Thank you for your kind attention.

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Loans made by your credit union are covered by insurance. Your money is safe in the credit union and will pay you 5 per cent. See John Janosco.

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Card of Thanks
To Local 544:
Your kindness and sympathy at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.
—Art Essrum and relatives.

Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



I think every union ought to let the employers look at its books. Workers shouldn't keep anything from their employers, who are their best friends.

N. W. Bank Still Blocking Puffer Strike Settlement

Evidence that the Northwestern National Bank may be the real power behind the Minneapolis Civic Council has been indicated during recent weeks, by the fact that at none of the numerous forums sponsored by the Council throughout the city has the Puffer-Hubbard strike ever been referred to. "Labor specialists" of the type of the reactionary Harthill, sent out as speakers by the Civic Council, will discuss almost anything save the Puffer-Hubbard strike, now in its 21st week. Yet the Puffer-Hubbard strike, involving a hundred workers and their families, is certainly important to the city.

The Civic Council from time to time pretends that it is interested in building up industries in this city. Yet, this same Council hasn't uttered a word of criticism against the Northwestern bank for directing the Puffer-Hubbard company to continue its lock-out against Minneapolis workers at the same time it moves some of its machinery to other states.

Bank Warns: Hands Off!
It is rumored that Governor Stassen has said of the Puffer-Hubbard strike: "This is one strike that no one can settle," and the general talk around the state capitol is that the state labor board has been instructed to "keep its hands off the Puffer-Hubbard strike." It would seem that the power of the Northwestern bank is indeed great in this city and state.

That the bank has indeed warned the state labor board to keep its nose out of the strike is indicated by the slight gesture which the state labor board has made towards the dispute. Early in the conflict Haney called a meeting of both sides. Representatives of the company and the Northwestern bank contemptuously stalked out of the meeting a few minutes after it got under way.

Why No Settlement?
Lest anyone claim that the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 is unreasonable in its stand, all readers should understand that the union has leaned over backward to effect a fair and decent settlement. Some three weeks ago, following negotiations, a new agreement was drawn up providing for approximately the same working conditions that obtained last year. Though this agreement failed to contain many of the strikers' demands, the men agreed to accept it.

The agreement was then submitted by a mediator to the Northwestern bank. Not a word has been heard from the bank or the company to this date. Yet even the bank admits that last year the Puffer-Hubbard company enjoyed one of its most profitable years, that is, that the company can easily operate profitably under the old union agreement.

Yet the Northwestern National Bank gives every evidence of indicating it means to starve the strikers into submission, no matter at what cost to stockholders in the company.

At this time we want to bring out a part of Section 5 in our contract which reads "and no deductions shall be made from employees salary for credit." Our union absolutely will not tolerate any violations of this section and we expect every member to cooperate and report such cases to the Business Agents at once. On the other hand we expect all route salesmen to comply exactly with "credit limits" set by some employers; by so doing there will be no chance for an argument of any kind. Most employers do not set a definite credit figure because occasionally they lose customers by so doing.

In the future all Milk Relief orders will be issued for a definite number of quarts; we hope this will eliminate the confusion caused by a price change and different ways of handling them.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

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Our "Educators" remind "Prospects" that he who hesitates is going to pay 15 bananas to join after Feb. 6. Pass on the information.

WHO AM I?
I drive an old Lincoln; it has a purple light on top; I wear dirty glasses; chew snuff; and the knees are out of my pants. I don't think any chauffeur is worth over \$75 a month, and I am a 100% FINK. WHAT'S MY NAME?

Another week, another fire trap

Several short courses on butter making, pasteurization, ice cream and plant management. Generally, our employers are glad to assist the worker in getting off to attend these classes; in some cases they pay the tuition fee which is five dollars. Possibly we can work up and get a better job by learning new methods and by becoming more efficient. For additional information, call the University Extension Service, Ma. 0624.

Local 471 sends its best wishes to Leo Maloney who has been sick at home for some time; he lives at 2104 28th Ave. S. Frankie Stevenson is home again but remember the Veterans Hospital just the same; Brother Ed Bowman is there now.

Contrary to all rumors we found out that Business Agents do not "soften-up" Tommy Ammerman caught his limit of crappies on Little Rock Lake, Thursday, January 18; it was 25 below zero with a 20 mile wind.

Mr. Howalt gave us a fine talk about cooperatives and their value to the labor movement. Over the world they have one hundred million families behind the movement. In addition to all industrial enterprises they are expanding their Credit Unions, Health Service and Insurance Organizations. In Tacoma there is a cooperative hospital. We can do our bit by cooperating and purchasing from them.

At the last membership meeting it took 51 members to produce a winner. Number 1,339 was present to transact the business of Local 471 and he gets free dues and assessments for February.

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Oracles and priests originated the art of ventriloquism more than 2,000 years ago when they learned to speak with their lips closed, thereby making listeners think they were hearing the prophecies of a nearby holy idol.

In a basketball game last Monday in the Wells Memorial the Falcons were tied with the Lions 32-32 in the last quarter with two minutes to go. (For the benefit of those who came in late, Bednarski plays with the Lions and Peterson with the Falcons). The game was hard fought and fast when, with a show of stamina and brilliant foot work, Johnny Peterson, the feet-footed Finn, broke through and shot a basket at the third second to make the score 34-32.

A new warehouse is being constructed at the J. R. Clark plant.

Ludwig Lindberg, who passed away January 18, Thursday, was laid to rest last Saturday afternoon in Hillside cemetery. Mr. Lindberg was 86 years old and for 43 of them he worked at the Aaron Carlson sash and door company. We remember him best as the genial old gentleman who sometimes answered the door bell at Fred Diedrick's house on Jefferson street. He was Fred Diedrick's father-in-law. Local 1859 offers its sympathy to Brother and Mrs. Diedrick.

It was Brother Diedrick's request that no collection be taken and that no wreath be sent by the union because he felt such collections and floral expense should be conserved and used in cases where workers were more hard-pressed financially.

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—Art Essrum and relatives.

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The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR to organized labor and worthy of your patronage:

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- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South.
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North

All others considered unfair until such time as their name appears on the above list.

gone up in flames. Let's all get behind Labor's proposed housing program before we get burnt.

Brother Jack Winn ought to be sold pretty thoroughly on the union by this time. Last week this local collected back pay from his former boss, J. R. Martin, 2700 W. Lake Isles, to the tune of \$115 for Jack.

When brother Jack was laid off last fall, he thought (a little late) about the weeks and weeks he had worked without a day off last summer, and so he thought he would do something about it.

He asked Mr. Martin for some financial remuneration for the Sundays he didn't have off, but was told that he'd never get any. (That just goes to show what four-flushers some of these bosses really are.)

Now right about that time brother Jack happened to remember that he was a member of Local 912, and so he told his trouble to the membership, and although there was no signed contract with Jack's boss, the local decided on action in Jack's behalf.

And so like before when Local 912 goes into action it gets results. Last week a check was received from Jack's former employer from far-away California, and Brother Jack was duly rewarded for being a good union man.

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Ottumwa Nash Finch Strike Aided by Volunteers, CIO

Ottumwa, Iowa—As the strike of the local Drivers Union against the Nash Finch company entered its seventh week, Local 388 issued a call for volunteer pickets to increase the effectiveness of its secondary picketing against anti-labor grocers still accepting the scab Nash's Coffee, Fabst Blue Ribbon Beer, and other products handled by the Nash Finch firm.

In its weekly Organizer, strike bulletin, Local 388 "calls on every union-minded man who has any time to spare to volunteer his services on the picket line. There will be work to do morning, afternoon and evening. If you have the courage of your convictions, and want to make Ottumwa a union town, now is a chance to show it. Come in and make yourself known. We have a place for you on the picket line."

CIO Cooperates in Strike
The United Packinghouse Workers Local 1 of Ottumwa, CIO, has backed the drivers strike to the extent of branding the store owned by John Morrell & Company unfair, because this store continues to purchase Nash Finch products. Local 1's Bulletin asks all Ottumwa workers to cease purchasing meats and groceries from the Morrell store.

Commenting on this welcome solidarity, Local 388 states that "It goes to show that the family quarrel in the house of labor is not the most important thing in the world to labor. When it is a matter of defeating a cheap, chiseling, union-hating chain outfit, the interests of ALL working-class organizations lie in the same direction."

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze
Last regular meeting was a very heated affair, hot air being unusually plentiful that night. Also, and in addition thereto, many of the brothers blew off steam aplenty. A hot time was had by everyone.

Brother Joe Traeger, Park Board, is ill at his home, 1422 5th St. S. Drop in and see him when up that way.

Thanks a million, Home James, for putting me at ease mentally regarding the nature of 77th and plowed ground. It sounds like a darn good thing and I rejoice in the knowledge that you brothers are in possession of all the facts and are not backward in making good use of the same. Again, thanks.

Brother Platt, Park Board, can have the hottest kind of a time at Minnehaha with an icicle. He just loves an audience, too.

Brothers Mlynec and P. Larson went fishing last Monday with small success. Lars snagged a northern but nary a crappie.

Brother Einar "Matchless" Nygaard was more than somewhat irked, one very cold morning last week at Longfellow rink, because his buddy, Oliver, didn't show up to open the warming house at 7 a. m. What did he say to you, Oliver?

Ex-Governor Elmer A. Benson has flatly refused to re-enter politics in Minnesota or anywhere else for which nobody can rightfully blame him. He was defeated by the ignorant element in labor's ranks and one such crucifixion is about all one man, no matter how steadfast, can stomach. The G. O. P. hopefuls are making Min-

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To carry on the fight.
A fire's kept a-going
For the boys all day and night.

A light glows out the windows
In the blackest of the night
To show the Puffer-Hubbard firm
In darkest hours we're sittin' tight.

So hats off to "the little red shanty"
That really is our home,
Fulfilling its duty in this fight
And will never be left alone.

—Ray Perleberg, vice-president Furniture Workers Union, Local 1559

544 Bowlers Hot--Tumble 289's

It took the boys from the cellar, Local 544, to dump the leading Local 289 for their first three-game loss. M. Mickelson had 616 for the losers. Turbin had 540. Kenzie's took a double from Oasis Bar with the help of E. Klein who was celebrating his birthday. Kenzie led with 552. Meat Drivers blanked the Ice Drivers. W. O'Connell had 520. Soft Drinks took a pair from Local 359. C. Englund had 549. L. Hatting had 507.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 289	35	16
Kenzie's	32	19
Soft Drinks	29	22
Meat Drivers	26	25
Oasis Bar	24	27
Local 221	21	30
Local 359	20	31
Local 544	17	34

esota the stage for their individual opening guns in the battle for presidential nominations. Doubtless Stinker Stassen, the Stalwart Stooze of Steel will be made stage manager while the visiting firemen put on their show. Here's hoping the misguided yaps who helped elect "Stinky" will have come to their senses before another year has passed.

It seems Brother Fisher has postponed his trip to California.

Brother Forsman, Fireman, Lange and Rudeen of the Park Department, are still on the sick list. Hurry back, Henry, because Brother Al Mlynec is getting restless.

Report of statistical bureau gathering facts. Members of silk stocking districts are compelled to wear wool socks while engaging in winter sports.

By-laws committee at 8 o'clock tonight, so here I go.

See you next Friday.

E. Blake of the Phillips station, 309 54th Ave. S., has entered the Veterans Hospital for an operation.

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Court Rules In Favor of 544 Enemies

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summer of 1936. Judge Carroll denied Anderson's request.

Attorney John Goldie charged in court that Anderson, the plaintiffs, and the interests supporting the suit against Local 544 "only want to nose through the books. They came into court with falsehood in their hearts and carried it onto the witness stand. They have failed to prove a single allegation in the complaint."

Unionists who have followed the testimony in the suit agreed with Goldie's remarks.

Will Report to Members
In order that Local 544's membership get a clear picture of the present status of the suit, what is involved, and the possible courses of action to pursue, the union executive board has announced a special membership meeting to be held next Tuesday, January 30th, 8 p. m. in the third-floor hall at 257 Plymouth. Local 544 officials and local labor leaders will report on the suit.

To acquaint the International Brotherhood of Teamsters officialdom with the latest developments in the fink suit, Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, left Minneapolis Tuesday to confer with President Daniel Tobin. Brother Dunne is expected to be back in time to address next Tuesday's meeting.

St. Paul Workers Get Back Pay

Nine employees of the Northern Jobbing company in St. Paul received \$697 back pay, representing the difference between wages and overtime pay received and what they were entitled to under the Fair Labor Standards Act, it was announced this week by L. A. Hill of the regional office of the Wage and Hour Division, in room 406, Post Office building, Minneapolis.

The company made restitution without the necessity of court action.

Complaints of underpayments, as well as other violations of the Wage-Hour law, may be filed in person, or in writing, at the regional office of the Wage and Hour Division, Mr. Hill announced.

M. F. DeWitte, employed at Northern tire service, was injured while at work this week, and is confined to his home.

The response to the medical service which is now available to members of the local, has been very fine. This complete medical care can be obtained at the low cost of \$1.20 per year, by all members who are in good standing with the local.

The members of the local extend sincere sympathy to the family of Oscar Sandberg, who passed away Monday, January 15th. Mr. Sandberg, who operated the Zephyr station at 2206 44th Ave. N., was taken to a hospital, where he passed away before an operation could be performed. The funeral was held last Thursday.

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Federal Workers Section Asks \$10 Billion Housing Program, Funds for Youth

Last Friday evening the membership of Local 544's Federal Workers Section met at 257 Plymouth avenue, and unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the federal government to launch a ten billion dollar public works and housing program, and to appropriate three billion dollars for youth aid. The FWS also demanded that the government turn over all war funds to the unemployed.

Speakers at the meeting were Max Goldman, Oscar Shoenfeld and Carlos Hudson.

WHEREAS there are still at least ten million persons and their families unemployed in the United States, and

WHEREAS on January 4th President Roosevelt proposed to Congress a new slash of one-third in public relief funds, amounting to a cut of one-half billion dollars, at the same time proposing new all-time high appropriation for war purposes of 2 1/2 billion dollars, and

WHEREAS both Democratic and Republican congressmen and senators appear to approve of the President's proposal to cut relief and increase armaments, and

WHEREAS during the past seven years the U. S. Government has spent over ten billions of dollars for military purposes, an expenditure which has been of absolutely no benefit to the great masses of people, and

WHEREAS the great majority of American people have absolutely nothing to gain from imperialist war, and own nothing to defend, and receive very little democracy to protect, and

WHEREAS over one-third of the American people are ill-housed, many in unhealthy vermin-infested firetraps, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Workers Section, in meeting assembled this January 19th, 1940, proposes that:

1. All war funds be turned over to the unemployed; and
2. That the federal government immediately launch a ten billion dollar public works and housing program on a trade union basis; and
3. That Congress appropriate three billion dollars for youth aid.

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts
Our personal nomination for a man doing a mighty fine job is Brother La Ferriere on the Sick Committee.

When it comes to committees, there are few that can be as tough as those on working rules. The men composing such committees have great responsibility, and have done some fine work. If a brother on such a group asks your opinion or assistance, extend a helping hand. It would be appreciated.

Several of the boys at Riverside have been sick recently. Martin is now out of the hospital and at home. Doing quite nicely, we hear.

One of the boys who seems to be doing very well in color photography is Hanscom at Riverside. And you can take the writer's word for it, that is a ticklish proposition even if you're good.

There's still some coke left in the nut and stove sizes. And a saving of \$2.20 on a two-ton delivery is something besides peanuts in any man's language. One of the boys borrowed from the credit union and bought his next winter's supply. He seems to have the inside track and said coke is due to go up another dollar this coming fall. Don't look now, but all you have to do is call Granville 7247.

True courage is like a kite, a contrary wind raises it higher.

A pamphlet produced by LaFollette committee investigators in Los Angeles contained a warning by an employer agent that if strike-breakers didn't get better treatment, "they might even organize."

Power Output Up
Electric output of Northern States Power company system for the week ended January 13, 1940 totalled 31,196,430 kilowatt hours, an increase of 16.7 per cent compared with the corresponding week last year.

Brother Brice of the Meter Department is having a hard time getting no bowling shoes, anything with low rubber heels will do.

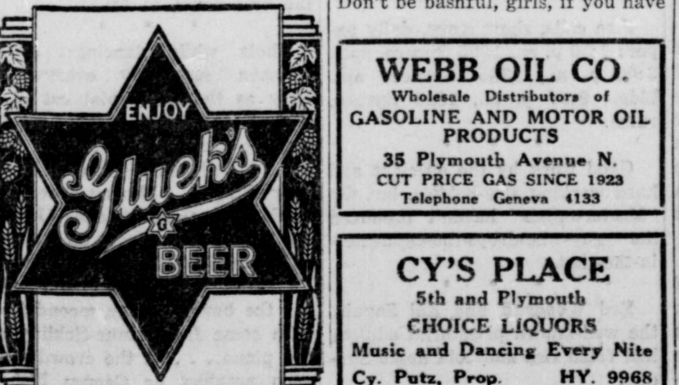
544-ITO Bowling League

	W.	L.
City	44	10
Committee	33	21
Dragline	32	22
Diesels	30	24
Gravellers	29	25
Minnesota	24	30
Muckers	18	36

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 I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
 But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
 I'm labor.

Foot Notes on Our Courts

Stephen Paine, wealthy broker formerly connected with the well-known Paine, Webber & Company, was recently convicted of looting three investment trusts of millions of dollars. Mr. Paine has been sentenced—to a year and a day in the federal penitentiary.

Dominick Velez, unemployed Brooklyn youth, was recently convicted of forging a check for \$2.64. Mr. Velez has been sentenced—to a year and a day in the federal penitentiary.

Ex-Judge Martin Manton, former senior justice of the Federal Circuit Court at New York, was recently convicted of accepting over one million dollars in bribes while functioning as the tenth ranking justice in this nation. Manton has been sentenced to two years in prison, the same sentence which hangs over the Minneapolis WPA strikers.

On January 15th Judge Manton urged the U. S. Supreme Court to review his conviction. He makes his plea, he states, "for the honor of the American judiciary."

In his petition he states that "from a broad viewpoint it serves no public policy for a high judicial officer to be convicted of a judicial crime," and with breath-taking brass, he points out that his conviction "tends to destroy the confidence of the people in the courts."

What confidence?

Watchmen Asked for Fire Traps

(Continued from Page 1)
 dition and there are no bathrooms, 2405 6th St. N.—Infested with bedbugs.

254 21st Ave. N.—Ready to collapse.

2811 Lyndale Ave. N.—This place has been condemned and is infested with bedbugs.

So much for housing on the North Side, as studied by the visiting nurses some 30 months ago. It is possible that some of the properties described above have been improved since the nurses' survey, that other families are living there. It is equally as possible that conditions are even worse than described in the summer of 1937.

Some Fire Traps

From a description of housing on the North Side, we turn to some dangerous and unsanitary structures revealed by the federal government's survey of Minneapolis housing made in 1934.

The building at 2301-09 13th Ave. S., a nine-apartment structure, owned by J. R. Tjader. It is described as "bad, unsanitary, should be condemned." Rental is about \$12 monthly.

On March 1, 1939, the building was inspected by the WPA Fire Hazard survey, which discovered "frayed wires and extension cords throughout the building, strung over nails. This has not yet been taken care of."

The Minnesota Loan company is reported the owner of the 13-apartment building at 2105 15th Ave. S. Apartments rent for from \$7-\$10 monthly, and seven of the renters are relief clients. Rooms are heated by stove.

On February 13, 1939, this building was inspected by the WPA Fire Hazard survey, and several fire hazards were called to the attention of the owners, but the WPA inspectors reported "These matters have not yet been taken care of."

The place at 301-09 Aldrich Ave. N. was reported in 1934 as being in "bad condition, a fire trap, renters on relief." Owner was stated to be George Huhn.

The building was inspected last February by the WPA Fire Hazard survey, and the poor conditions were reported corrected on August 7, 1939.

3-Point Program

With new evidence being turned up daily of the hundreds of horrible fire traps in Minneapolis, and with every other day witnessing another narrow escape from a "Marlborough" affair, it is clear that certain minimum steps MUST be taken immediately to safeguard the lives of the poor people living in daily and nightly danger of their lives.

1. The Minneapolis Central Labor Union has demanded the city council hold a public hearing on

fire traps and means to combat them.

2. The citizens of Minneapolis must insist that every owner of a fire trap be forced to display a prominent sign on such buildings warning tenants and prospective tenants of the dangers they face by residing therein.

3. The citizens of Minneapolis must insist that the owner of a fire trap housing more than a dozen people be forced to hire a watchman to guard the danger-spot nightly, ready to warn inhabitants if a fire breaks out. Such a regulation as this, strictly enforced, would save the lives of many people, and would encourage greedy landlords to get their property in decent and livable shape.

TAXI TOPICS

By Lunde

Emil Kariger, one of our hard-working committeemen, was off the job due to illness during the good booking weather.

The drivers of the cabs equipped with the blue-tinted frost-shields report less glare from the snow and reflections.

Starting Monday, January 22, and until the last day of the month you can get your 1940 Taxi Driver's badge. As usual, bring your state 1940 badge, your book and two pictures (recent) of yourself, a dollar for the city treasurer's office. Go down there early and avoid the rush.

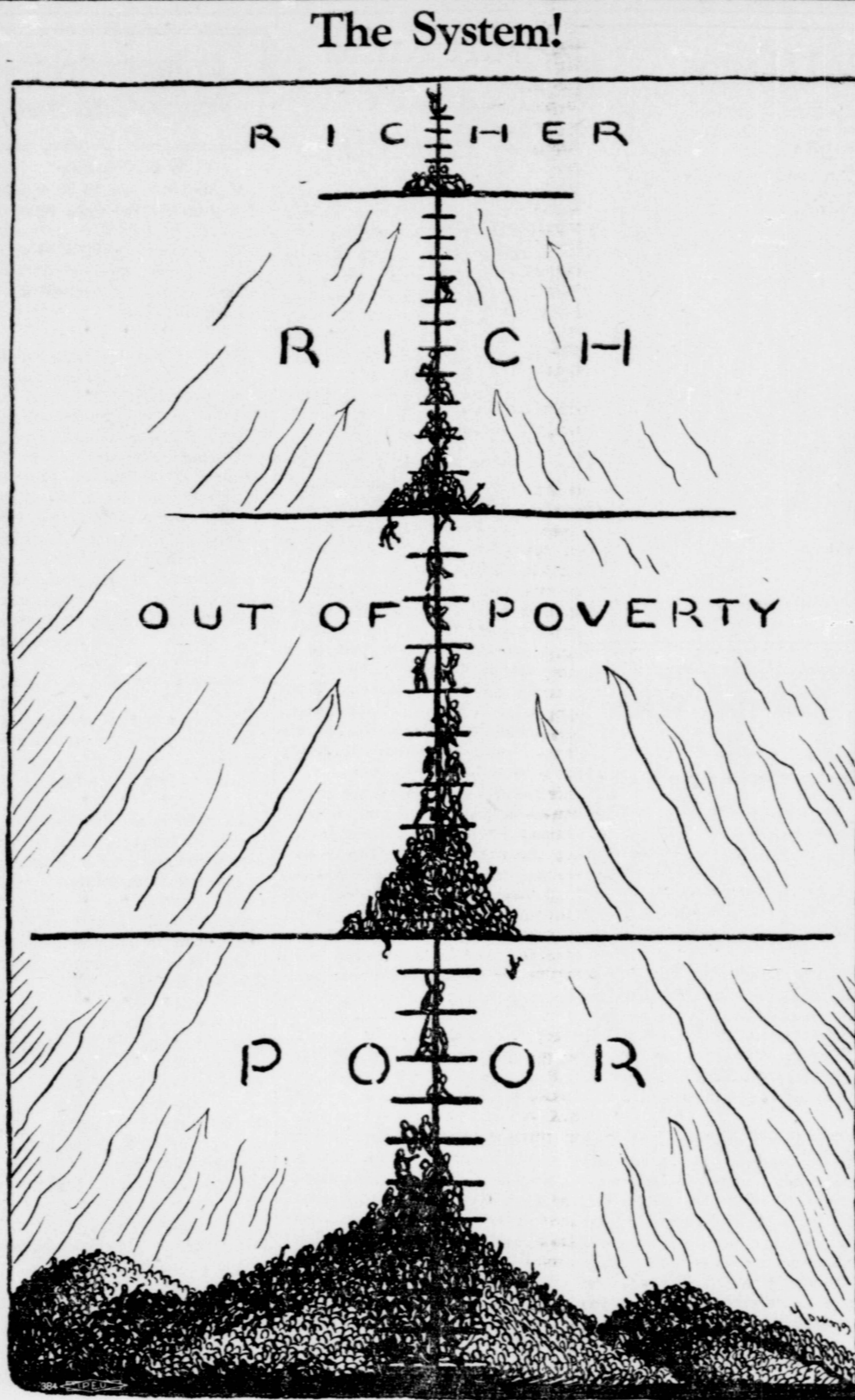
The license renewal is a big headache to "Obie" Hanson as he lost them all in the Marlborough fire. By the way: Copy down your badge numbers someplace so you won't forget them. Cecil Cotton lost his state badge and forgot the number so he couldn't recognize it if found, "he says."

Chet Anderson got "stuck up" again but kept his dough and got away with only a little rough treatment.

"Paul Bunyan" weather plus the lumbermen's convention put folding money in the mile-mongers' wallets again. . . . Bill Russell nearly wore the snaps off his change purse. . . . "Ole", our genial floorman presents us with the late-train-fairy-tale, and we "bite" 'cause the train's gotta come some time, even on cold days.

The kids as usual this time of the year are "flipping" rides on anything and everything; it's a good idea to watch for this as it's no fun to write out a "P. I." report even if you're not to blame.

Nothing but fun: In summer it's ol' debil vapor-lock, in winter we have sticking valves. . . the first hundred thousand miles are the hardest.



This cartoon, drawn several years ago by the famous labor cartoonist, Art Young, and reproduced in his book, "Art Young's Inferno," is as up-to-date as the latest report of the O'Mahoney Monopoly Committee of the U. S. Government, which recently revealed that 76,000,000 men, women and children in this country, representing two-thirds of the populace, live below the poverty and starvation lines. Young's cartoon may not be pretty—but neither are the facts revealed by the O'Mahoney Monopoly Committee.

Miss Ernewein, Musician, May Lose Finger Tips

The 289 Blob

By A. M. Ogren

The thousands of unionists and their children who have been entertained by the Ernewein Trio were shocked to hear last week that little Miss Angeline Ernewein, violinist, may lose several finger tips from frost-bite. The girl was forced by her teacher at Ramsey Junior high school to walk home to get an excuse for absence. During the mile and a half walk Angeline's hands and feet were frost-bitten.

Angeline and her brother and sister have entertained at the 1938 Local 544 Christmas Party, and at the Teamsters Council Christmas Party last month.

Members and friends attending the dance last Saturday night were certainly given their money's worth. The dance lasted well into the wee hours. The outstanding event of the evening was the entertainment which was about the tops in shows, as far as I remember, at any of our social events.

The first act was the Kiddie Dancing team, put on by the Ward Sisters' Dancing School, headed by Kent Lindeman, diminutive Master of Ceremonies. These kids deserve better write-ups than I have time or space for, as they positively put on the best show I've seen in many a moon. Also on the show was the old reliable Charles Brugge (the man without a bone in his body) who plays the banjo standing on his head, together with some very classy tumbling. So, the Second Annual 289 Dance passes into history as the best dance so far.

Shots while dancing: Loren Johnson seemingly everywhere, busy as the proverbial cat. . . . Harvey McKinney smugly watching the floor show, thankful that he is so tall, making it easy to see everything. . . . Mickey Freed collecting tickets at the door (I wonder if he put my name on the stub as he promised for the door prize). . . . George Bofferd entertaining the bunch on the second floor with some fancy tune-ticking on the piano. . . . In the crowd were such notables as George Fisher, Mrs. Fisher, Chet Ryan, Len Hagen, Mrs. Ryan, Floyd Bistodeau and the Mrs. and quite a few others all trying to demonstrate their singing abilities. . . the sudden popularity of Hi Osen when he won the door-prize consisting of

FOR A TEN BILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM!

Fire calls, short story, daily paper: 2:50 p. m., 1365 Spruce, apt.; 3:02 p. m., 1365 Spruce, apt. bldg.; 9:37 p. m., 1365 Spruce, ruins.

Good work by the efficient and hard working fire-laddies, but the "Master-minds" haven't produced the guy-who-drops-the-cigarettes-in-the-chute.

Red Woodruff and Kal Seguin, the well-known piscatorial addicts, had fresh fish and cold noses Sunday.

Night-drivers idea of good clean fun: Cruising the theaters and street-car stops to shame the boys into taking the gal home in a hack. P. S. If they still won't ride they're either broke or married.

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.

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.

you-know-what. . . Frank Stanley selling Coca Cola and pop, assisted by Reese Shoop. . . Joe and Hi Osen doing the rumba on the second floor. . . Mrs. Sam Ash and a couple of girls doing the hula hula in front of the orchestra, surrounded by an enthusiastic audience which wound up the dance.

News from my mysterious reporter at Excelsior: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Huffman of that plant will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary at the Uptown Ballroom. Might not be a bad place to go next Saturday to help them do it up proper. You can send my piece of cake to the union hall, Morris.

I am in receipt of a card from a party who signs himself M. F., questioning my superb star gazing abilities in regards to the two-day holidays for the next three or four years. Would like to say that I will answer this in an early column as soon as I can check up on myself.

To the Ladeez: I guess I am going to quit giving recipes in the paper as I had no less than six ladies point out the mistakes I made on the last one. Oh, I might relent and give you a good one now and then but you have to treat me better and remember I am only a mere man and "don't know no better."

FOR A TEN BILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM!

... the last word

By B. and C.

To most of us, figures beyond a thousand dollars seem unreal. Because money spent by the government is usually quoted in terms of billions, the amounts are completely beyond any comparison to our own pocketbooks. The World War cost this country fifty billion dollars. Until we read the following figures, we had absolutely no idea what fifty billions dollars could do. Here are only a few of the things that could have been done with that amount of money:

All of the 5,750 farm homes in the United States that do not have modern plumbing facilities could be equipped with bathrooms; All of the farm mortgages in the United States could be paid off;

A trust fund could be established at three per cent to provide a monthly pension of \$100 for each blind or deaf person in the United States.

Another canal could be built across Panama; Double the amount spent on recovery and relief from 1932 to 1938 could be used to aid the unemployed;

And after all this was done, there would still be more than 15 billion dollars left!

That was a big price to pay for that mass murder 22 years ago.

A few notes for the housewives, with the accent on oranges:

Cheap foods during January include butter, eggs, apples, oranges, flour, rice and pork. . . when selecting oranges, the smoother the skin and the heavier the fruit the better they are. . . generally, good oranges are firm, have no soft spots, are not puffy, spongy or wilted. . . Right now the juice oranges on the market are pineapple oranges. . . naval oranges are easy to peel and therefore better for eating, dessert or salad purposes.

After listening to them for three years, we still think the Screwwalls are the funniest entertainers in the northwest. The other night we had dinner with them and were just as screwy in the drawing room as they are on the stage. Roy King—the tall, hungry-looking guitar player—knows more card tricks than he had time to show us and they were all tricks we hadn't seen before.

After the show, we cornered him in a cafe next door and our conversation went something like this:

Question: Are you the original Screwwalls?

Answer: The world is filled with screwwalls.

Question: Which instrument would you rather play?

Answer: I'd rather go home, I'm tired.

Question: But what is your favorite instrument?

Answer: Pounding on glasses at the table.

(Time out for a demonstration.)

Question: Do you like Beethoven?

Answer: He was a good guy. We played in the same beer joint together.

Question: What do you think of Jack Benny?

Answer: I've heard of him.

Question: Do you like your work?

Answer: Immensely. Because we have twice as much fun as the audience. They entertain us more than we do them.

Having been part of the audience for the past three hours, we retreated at this point and said good night. As you might guess, they're all good union members. If you want a full evening's entertainment sometime, stop in to see them at the Park Recreation, in St. Paul. You'll probably see us there. We can't resist 'em.

Tobin Asks For Unity

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 Labor come together," urges Tobin.

In a similar vein, Harry Van Arsdale, business manager of the New York Electrical Workers Union Local 3, demanded a few days ago that unity be restored in the labor movement. Local 3 is famed throughout the country for its success in winning the 30-hour week with no reduction in pay for its 16,500 members, and for its championing of the 30-hour week as a cure for unemployment.

"If both William Green and John L. Lewis lived with labor and recognized themselves in the rank and file, instead of standing aloof from the vital interests of the millions who toil, unity would be achieved overnight," Van Arsdale stated. "It is to be hoped that the thousands of local unions throughout the country will follow the example of Local 3 and demand an end of Labor's civil war."

On the National Picket Line

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Fruit company, has an annual wage bill of \$350,000.

Of the 150,000 farms in California, less than 4 per cent—those over 1,000 acres in size—included 24 per cent of all crop land; less than 7 per cent—with acreage of 500 acres or more, hold 42 per cent of all crop land. In California there are about 3,000 farms with a gross annual income of \$30,000 or more. These are the "farmers" who, together with the banks, railroads and corporations, make up the rolls of the A. F.

Over 70 per cent of California farms employ no wage workers whatever.

The sort of "law and order" fostered by the Associated Farmers was brought out by the LaFollette investigators. Former Sheriff Harvey Odell of San Joaquin County admitted recruiting an army of 1,200 businessmen and others, equipped with pick handles, to break a strike of cannery workers.

During the Stockton cannery strike of San Joaquin County in

1937, the county auditor purchased for the sheriff 446 pick handles and \$2,215.47 of assorted ammunition and bombs from the Lake Erie Chemical company. Vigilantes in this strike were recruited by applying to American Legion posts for the names of persons "who were the better type of citizens." Forty-five strikers were wounded, 27 of which were wounded, 27 by gun fire.

Shortly after the LaFollette Senate committee opened its hearings on the A. F., the Associated Farmers held its annual convention at Stockton, with over 2,000 members in attendance. At this convention, the A. F. more or less cast aside its pretense that it was a "farm" organization. It announced its main concern henceforth was not with agricultural labor, but with labor in general. It discussed staging a march of 8,000 "farmers" on the Frisco waterfront, to smash the union movement in that city. The convention, amusingly enough, denounced John Steinback, author of "Grapes of Wrath," as the enemy, defamer and slanderer of the dust-bowl migrants.

Last week Harold E. Pomoy, executive secretary of the A. F., announced the group would shortly hold a convention to found the Associated Farmers of America, bringing together A. F. branches in Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Minnesota and California, and setting up new units in other states. If the Associated Farmers succeed in their new drive to expand across the continent, organized labor can look forward to the worst wave of vigilante terror since the post-war years.

In such an event, organized labor will have no recourse but to form Union Defense Guards, trained to protect union headquarters, union leaders, union picket lines, against the vigilante thugs sent against them by the Associated Farmers and its Big Business backers.

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 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of 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 19 Grievance Board—January 4 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—January 8 and 22 General Membership—February 7th
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 20481 General Membership — January 3rd
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursdays each month. Third Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 January, 1940 Monday, January 1 — Package Delivery, Department Stores Wednesday, January 3 — Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, January 4 — Greenhouse, ITO Friday, January 5 — Job Stewards 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.) 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 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.
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. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday. 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.
LOCAL 359 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.