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Largest 160 Membership Meeting Votes Sterner Action Against NSP Co.

Failing to receive action from the Northern States VOL. 5, Nc. 43 Power company on its first resolution, the membership of the Electrical Workers Union Local 160 met last Thursday evening and unanimously adopted a resolution instructing union officials to mail to the company and the labor conciliator a notification of the union's intention to strike.

The meeting was the best-attended gathering of the membership in the union's history.

The St. Paul Electrical Workers Union Local 110, which is acting jointly with Local 160 in the fight for new agreements, has adopted a similar resolution.

The resolution is self-explanatory, and the full text is printed below, for all union members to study: WHEREAS, the membership of Local B-160, in meeting assem-

bled January 18th, unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the work of the union negotiating committee; and

WHEREAS, the union negotiating committee, taking the position that at the present time no agreement exists between Local B-160 and the Northern States Power company, bases itself on Section C under the heading "Agreement" of the expired contract which reads:

This agreement shall take effect the 20th day of Janu ary, 1939, and shall continue to and including December 31, 1939. It shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter unless written notice is given by either party hereto to the other on or before sixty (60) days prior to the annual expiration date requesting that the agreement be AMENDED OR CANCELLED. If amendments are desired, such amendments shall be contained in such notice;

AND WHEREAS, the union has consistently contended that the 1939 agreement terminated on December 31, 1939, based on the wording contained in section C quoted above, which section states with crystal clarity that the agreement shall expire on December 31, 1939, if either party gives written notice within sixty days prior to the expiration that it requests amendments (the union did give such written notice) or cancellation; the union contending that the word "or" implies that in the alternative either of amendment or cancellation the contract expires; and

WHEREAS, the company's argument that " 'notice of amendmakes this argument in a letter dated January 22, 1940), is a fraudulent argument, inasmuch as it picks out of the text of the old agreement three words - "notice of amendment" - and disregards the fact that Section C clearly implies that any "notice of amendment" from either party given on or before sixty days prior to the expiration date creates a new situation, namely, termination of the contract; and

WHEREAS, though some progress has been made in negotiations since November 1, 1939, yet three of the important points that remain unsettled are the following:

- 1. The right of the union to deal on conditions of employment other than those specifically mentioned in the agreement:
- 2. The union shop;

A 5 per cent increase in wages;

AND WHEREAS, the importance of (1) above lies in the fact that during the term of the 1939 agreement several occasions arose Inspection Expected to Drag Out for Weeks-Union Offiinvolving conditions of employment not mentioned in the agreement but which were of great importance to the company's employees. When the employees protested, through their bargaining agency, the company refused to negotiate the matter, basing its contention on the grounds that the condition of employment was not specifically mentioned in

AND WHEREAS, the union membership has a feeling of apprehension that the company, judging from experience, may again arbitrarily change other conditions of employment not mentioned in the union agreement, to the detriment of the employees; and

WHEREAS, the union's desire to use the words "and other conditions of employment" without using the additional words "contained within this agreement," to cover such contingencies as that referred to above, is a proposal that coincides with the suggestions of both the Minnesota Labor Relations Act and the National Labor Relations Act; by car to Carroll's courtroom on

WHEREAS, it would be impossible to incorporate in any union working agreement provisions for each and every contingency that might possibly arise, which is the reason unions seek the right to deal under circumstances relatively on conditions of employment other than those specifically mentioned favorable to the union. The court-

WHEREAS, Local B-160's negotiating committee has asked the Only persons permitted inside are company to list those working conditions it wishes exempt from the agreement, a list which the company refuses to prepare, which only further convinces the union that it is desirable and necessary to have such a clause as "and other conditions of employment not contained in this agreement," in order to protect the union membership; and

WHEREAS, the demand for the union shop, which demand the company has rejected, is important to Local B-160 because the union lic accountant to aid their attorhas ample proof, in the form of documentary evidence, that certain neys in the inspection. of the company's representatives have avowed their determination to The fishing expedition is expect-

WHEREAS, the company's refusal to grant the union shop would for no other reason than that the aid them in their union-destroying campaign; and

WHEREAS, when the majority of employees of a company de- plaintiffs will seek to make their sire the union shop, it is their clear legal and moral right to have such lucrative jobs last as long as posan agreement, and this right is recognized in decisions handed down sible. by the state attorney general; and

WHEREAS, the union contends that a five per cent wage increase amination progresses, the judge is well in order, based on:

- The rise in commodity prices brought about by the war; arate issues in the case. 2. The increase in the net income of the Northern States Labor Warned Against Frame-upon Power company for 1939;
- The 11.9 per cent increase in the load is based upon a higher output per employee, plus added responsibility; special membership meeting of Lo-
- The increased profits and load were brought about with cal 544 at which union members, no additions to the personnel of the production depart- officials of the Minneapolis Team-

questions in dispute is such that the union cannot agree to submit Minnesota State Federation of plan to bring the wages and conthese particular questions to an involved and complex arbitration pro- Labor expressed their full conficedure which might possibly discriminate against the union; and WHEREAS, the union has been endeavoring to obtain an agree- ership. Leading officials of the In-

ment covering the wages and conditions of employment in the St. ternational Brotherhood of Team-Cloud Division; and

WHEREAS, the company has rejected the union's demands for of Labor have also expressed their the employees of the St. Cloud Division, even refusing the union's complete confidence in the union proposal to submit to arbitration all disputed points; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 18, 1940, the union membership voted to enlarge its negotiating committee to at least eight members from Minneapolis and at least four from St. Paul, this subsequently being done; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 22, the union's enlarged negotiating committee met with the company's representatives, failing to about the outcome. All the union's cal 359 will be held on Monday, from 9 to midnight. Tickets are achieve any measurable progress in negotiations; and

WHEREAS, in the above negotiations the company's spokesman stated he would put in writing his refusal to negotiate with the union ularly and scrupulously kept and nounced this week by union offi-

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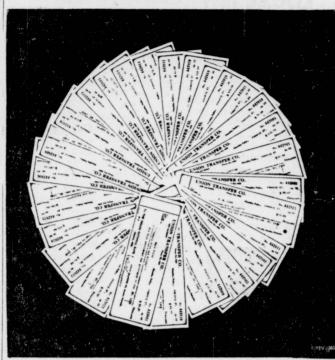
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Above are checks totalling \$2,286.85 collected for 27 employees of the Union Transfer Company by officials of the Sioux City and Omaha Drivers Unions, for back wages due the men during November ment' means just what it says, namely, notice of amendment, and and December. Malcolm Love and Al Russell of Omaha Local 554, does not constitute a termination of the Agreement," (the company and Jack Maloney and Sid Jarrett of Sioux City Local 383, spent three weeks in the investigation which led to the men receiving the

Plaintiffs' Agents Start Fishing in Books of Local 544 awaiting sentence. They were constituted on the same flimsy evidence that has led the Department Tuesday in Washington Robley

cials Take Records to Judge Carroll's Courtroom-Labor Again Warned Against Wild Anti-Union Propaganda Campaign

Having exhausted all available legal channels to keep its books and records out of the hands of the enemies of organized labor, the General Drivers Union Local 544 on of Justice which has learned that Monday brought its books in court under terms of an old court order handed down by Judge Reed in 1938 and upheld by Judge Paul S. Carroll two weeks ago.

The voluminous books, minutes, records and correspondence of Local 544 were taken from the union hall Monday by union officials and the*

union's auditors and transported the second floor of the courthouse.

The inspection will take place union officials, defense attorneys and union accountants, and attorneys and accountants for the finks.

From their apparently inexhaustible funds the plaintiffs have hired a high-priced certified pub-

professional representatives of the

It is understood that as the exwill from time to time hear sep

The inspection got under way Tuesday, just a week after a huge sters Joint Council, the Minneapo-AND WHEREAS, the importance of the three above-mentioned lis Central Labor Union and the sters and the American Federation

If the inspection were being made by an honest, unbiased and impartial body, it goes without saying there would be nothing to fear and no union worker would

As it is, leading Minneapolis unionists expressed themselves as prosecutions in this case. forces behind the fink suit would and labor unions will join us in exreasonably certain that those attempt, by quoting scraps of in- pressing to the President their structions of himself and Presi- facturers on a contract basis, and formation taken out of their context, and by taking a figure here now awaiting sentence."

the President their dent Roosevelt in keeping the that the jobs of the men lockedout last fall are no longer availtext, and by taking a figure here now awaiting sentence and there, to launch a wild antiunion propaganda campaign in the attempted frame-ups of union offi cials and active members was seen as ae a possibility.

In any case the ranks of Local 544 understand the true meaning as an attempt by honest and longan accounting.

359 and 503 **Boards Meet** Together

The executive boards of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Ware- Laundry Drivers house Workers unions held a joint meeting Monday in St. Paul to dis- Look Forward to cuss negotiations of new working agreements. Local 359 and 503 Dance Feb. 21st ditions of warehouse workers in dence in Local 544 and its lead- the Twin Cities to the same level.

Regular joint meetings between officials of the two unions will be held in the future.

Warehouse Stewards 3011 1st Ave. S. Meet Mon., Feb. 12

have to feel the slightest concern the Warehouse Workers Union Lo- orchestra will play for dancing books and records are in good February 12th, instead of Tues- only 25 cents and refreshments shape, the books having been reg- day, February 13th, it was an- will be available.

In Northfield Thursday

Many leading Twin City unionists are expected to attend the supper meeting of the Farmer-Coperative - Labor Council this Thursday evening in the community hall at Northfield, Minnesota. The meeting has been arranged by a local committee representing the community of Northfield. Faculty members from both Carleton and St. Olaf colleges will attend, as will farm leaders from the area. Supper will be served at 6 p

Liberals Ask Pardon for **WPA Strikers**

Last Friday the Workers Deense League called upon Presi victed Minneapolis WPA strikers. ident Roosevelt.

In a statement released to the ress by David Clendenin this libthe Department of Justice has sethat the standards of justice of the Department have been raised. It now remains for President Roosevelt to make this justice retroactive through the immediate pardon of those 32 strikers who have already been convicted and are

Evidence Was Flimsy

"In his statement to the court, equesting dismissal of the charges, Assistant Attorney Gen-We hope that it is the Department bach and Stolte. mocracy cherished by all Ameribehind the present opposition to Men Sought protests which led to the government's abandonment of further

"I am certain that all liberals

employer-controlled press. Even Milk Driver Union Saturday, stating that Glotzbach's the state unemployment division Furnishes Milk to Strikers in Jail

of the suit which is masquerading Milk Drivers Union Local 471, Glotzbach only stood by President ment insurance office, the com WPA strike defendants who have Roosevelt's policy that WPA work- pany the Northwestern bank intered to drag out interminably, if suffering union members to obtain been sentenced and are now in ers can't strike against the govthe county jail, are receiving fresh ernment." milk daily.

The men were no sooner removed from Judge Joyce's courtroom to the county jail than a representative of Local 471 brought them fresh milk. Through Max Geldman, spokesman, all defendants expressed their deep appreciation to Local 471.

If you see the laundry trucks careening wildly around the city, it's only because the laundry drivers have their minds on the union's annual winter dance, to be given Wednesday evening, February 21, at the Royal Arcanum hall,

Last year's Local 131 dance is remembered as a very successful affair, and the dance this year will The regular stewards meeting of be even better. Bobby Phillips'

> Local 131 invites all its friends in the labor movement to attend.

FCL Meeting 17 WPA Strikers Get Total of 65 Months in Prison

2 Old Parties Back Stolte, Glotzbach

With a solid front of Republicans and Democrats supporting Glotzbach and Stolte, strike-breaking WPA officials, hearings got under way Tuesday in Washington before the senate appropriations sub-committee on confirmation of dent Roosevelt to pardon all con- the two men's promotion by Pres-

The two anti-labor WPA officials were promoted by Roosevelt eral organization said: "News that following the WPA strike of last July. At that time Farmer-Labor cured dismissal of the charges Senator Ernest Lundeen, acting at against the remaining 125 strikers the request of the Minneapolis in Minneapolis is a welcome sign Central Labor Union, was able to block confirmation in the senate. Roosevelt, Governor Stassen,

> Glotzbach and Stolte Lundeen, Cramer Oppose

Colone! Harrington and Senator

dence that has led the Department Tuesday in Washington Robley of Justice to request dismissals Cramer appeared before the senagginst the remaining defendants. ate sub-committee to deliver the Central Labor Union's protests tive program. A bill calling for disagainst the two.

following the hearing that he need is being drafted for submiseral O. John Rogge said that the planned to make a speech in the sion to the 1941 legislature. strikers had 'learned their lesson.' senate next week opposing Glotz-

Last week Stassen wrote to Jobless mass trials of workers on flimsy Washington charging that "unand allegedly trumped-up evidence are foreign to the concept of dewere back of the WPA strike are Aid for P-H

> "Followed President's Orders" Colonel Harrington, in announc-

ing his support of Glotzbach, said company has indicated it is job-

and radicals in Minneapolis in titled. order to bring their political will When the union first attempt to bear on the politics and person- ed to get unemployment insurance Thanks to the generosity of the nel of WPA in Minnesota. . . . for the men from the unemploy-

> Senator Shipstead said, "I have son why these men should be deheard of no complaint against nied such insurance, and the union Glotzbach. I think his nomination means to carry their case to a sucshould be confirmed.'

Results of Organized Labor's Pressure Seen in Relatively Doubtful

The growing pressure applied by the union movement upon the government cracked the Minneapolis WPA strike trials wide open last week. Following the dismissal of indictments against 125 of the remaining 130 strikers last Wednesday, seventeen of the men convicted in the first three WPA strike trials were sentenced by Judge M.

Labor Aiding Blind to Get Legislation

The joint committee on legislation of the United Blind and the Minnesota Society of the Blind will meet at the Central Labor Democratic representative Ryan, Union Friday morning and present its legislative demands to the policy committee.

Organized labor through its committee on blind legislation, consisting of Roy Weir, William Sinnott and Walter Frank, has given valuable advice and aid to the blind in formulating a legislaability compensation to the blind Senator Lundeen told reporters instead of assistance on basis of

Representative Ryan, Demo- able, the Furniture Workers Union crat, repeated Stassen's charges Local 1859 is going to appeal to nomination was being held up in for unemployment insurance to the interests of "labor agitators which the locked-out men are en-

There is not the slightest reacessful conclusion

Defendants Express Gratitude To Defense Committee, Unions

The WPA strike defendants, meeting last Friday evening, unanimously and enthusiastically expressed their deep appreciation to the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee, the Minneapolis Labor Temple Association and to all labor groups and individuals who contributed to the defense.

The resolution of gratitude points out that the WPA Defense Committee has "successfully obtained, through its tireless efforts, the complete dismissal of federal charges against 125 defendants, and obtained suspended sentences for many more, and held unavoidable jail terms down to a maximum of 8 months . . . and has provided us the best of legal counsel, and has generously assured the comfort of all defendants while in jail, regardless of our organizational affiliations, all of which services required the collection and expenditure of \$25,000 to this date, in addition to the bond security of the \$100,0000 property of the Labor Temple association.

The resolution expressed confidence "that the trade union movement will continue its efforts in our behalf until all the sentenced defendants are completely vindicated, their records cleared and their rights restored; and we pledge continuation of the mutual cooperation between employed and unemployed that has so greatly aided in making Minneapolis the UNION TOWN

Light Sentences-Three Placed on Probation, Fourteen Get from 30 Days to Eight Months-14 Women, 5 Men to Be Sentenced Saturday - Appeal Held

M. Joyce Saturday morning.

That the enormous weight mobilized by organized

labor to defend the strikers was effective is indicated by the relatively light sentences handed down. Fourteen of the seventeen received a total of 65 months' imprisonment, with sentences running from 30 days to 8 months. Three of the seventeen received suspended sentences and were placed on probation for a period of 18-24 months. Victor Nicholas, the 18th convicted man, will be sentenced next Tuesday, February 13th.

Women in Court Feb. 10th Judge Joyce announced the 14 women strike defendants would appear before him February 10th, presumably for sentencing, at which time the five who pled note contendere are also expected to ap-

The women strikers to be sentenced were all convicted in the third WPA trial of 25. They are Margaret Schoenfeld, Pearl Richards, Ida Dunlap, Harriet Munson, Anna Wisdom, Stella Ross, Lois Viens, Minnie Kohn, Myrtle Squarcello, Sigrid Asunma, Dorothy Green, Bertha Gates, Marie Morgan and Nellie Wallbridge. All were convicted of "conspir-

The five who pled nolo contendere and will probably be sentenced Saturday are Owen Jacobson, Roy Orgon, Glen Smith, Louis Lindsay and Victor Chiodo.

FWS Leaders Get Heaviest Sentences

Edward Palmquist and Max Geldman, chairman and organizer of Local 544's Federal Workers tences, eight months, presumably to be served in the new federal reformatory at Sandstone, Minnesota. Leslie Wachter, FWS steward, was the only other to receive an 8-months' sentence. He also got 18 months' probation.

Charles Grider received 7 months; William Riley and George Toteno, 6 months; Milton McLean, 4 months; Eddie Alberts, Frank Stevens, Floyd Hurley, Myron Philips and Richard Connell, 90 lays; Ralph Core, 60 days; Charles Connors, 30 days. Core and Connors will probably be sent to the Minneapolis workhouse.

Ben Palmer and Oscar Schoenfeld received suspended sentences and were placed on probation for 18 months, and Carl Pemble received a suspended sentence and 24 months' probation.

Many Friends Present

The courtroom was packed with sympathizers of the victims, and a large crowd lingered around the federal court building to wave encouragement to the strikers.

Shortly before 10 a. m. Saturday the defendants were ushered into the now-familiar courtroom and seated where, not so many weeks ago, the jury sat. The room

quickly filled with sympathizers. The judge opened with a tenminute speech in praise of American citizenship; attacked the strikers; said he was in complete accord with President Roosevelt and Frank Murphy in their statements that "The strikers had no right to strike against the government."

Tom Davis, defense counsel, pointed out the trials bore a faint resemblance to political persecu-(Continued on page 3)

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ese-U. S. Trade Treaty Expires,"

will be discussed at the Sunday

forum February 11th, 3 p. m., 919

Marquette avenue. Carlos Hudson

Women's Co-op Guild

The regular monthly meeting of

the Women's Co-op Guild will be

held next Wednesday, February

14, at the Franklin Creamery au-

ditorium at 2 p. m. A short busi-

ness meeting will be followed by a

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Des Moines Bakery Drivers Union Charged with "Conspiracy"—President, 10 Officers of AFL Longshoremen's Union Indicted in Government's Union-Smashing Drive—Five More Chicago AFL Building Trades Unions Named—Government Encourages Monopoly in Telegraph Industry

The union-smashing drive of the United States Gov- Pie drivers Thursday afternoon at ernment moved a little closer to home last week when the 4 p. m. Des Moines Bakery Drivers Union Local 356 was named by the federal trade commission as party to a "conspiracy" to monopolize the bread trade. Other unions to feel the heavy hand of the govern-

Association, its president, Joseph Ryan and ten other union officials; ommended that the Western Union the Building Material Teamsters merge with the Postal Telegraph Union Local 282 of the I. B. T., company, a proposal that would and five more building trades mean that tens of thousands of

unions in Chicago. On January 26th the federal trade commission instituted action against an alleged conspiracy between the Des Moines Bakery Drivers Union and six bakeries. Union officials named as defendants are Ray Mills, Glenn Rhoads, Albert Gardner, Everett Holcomb, Mastin Thomas, Lester Davitt and Pearl Hagen, comprising Local 356's executive board. Several of these men are well-known to Min-

neapolis unionists. 'Conspiracy' Claimed

The government claims the union contract with six Des Moines bakery companies constitutes a bakery goods. A hearing will be order to meet the competition of yet, I bet. held in Washington on March 1 Postal. where the defendants may show cause why an order should not be entered requiring them to set aside the union contract.

Substantially the same charges were filed last month against the Sioux City General Drivers Union Local 383-that the union entered into a "conspiracy" with certain companies "to prevent certain independent route men from obtaining bakery products for resale in the Sioux City area."

Among the bakery companies named are Continental, Schulze, Interstate, Metz. Supreme, Colonial. Ungles and Zinsmasters. More "Anti-trust" Stuff

On January 23rd Joseph Ryan, president of the AFL's International Longshoremen's Association, together with ten other union officials and a teamsters union, were indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to vio-

late the Sherman anti-trust act. The government charges that the I. L. A., by means of boycotts and blacklists, prevented certain lumber companies from obtaining lumber in a drive to compel the employees of these companies to join the AFL.

As in all the "anti-trust" cases against unionism, the United States government is functioning as the agent of the employing

The truth of the matter is that only be explained by the fact that companies were trying to hide behind a CIO local which had the unions-it suits the interests invaded the jurisdiction of the of the employers to have the antilongshoremen and teamsters. Government Acts as Boss Agent

Edward Maguire, attorney for ond case-the proposal of the one of the Longshoremen's locals, Western Union company (a substated that the union was seeking sidiary of the giant American Telto maintain the AFL wage scale ephone & Telegraph) to establish of \$44 a week against the non- a complete monopoly in the indusunion scale of \$27.50 fostered by try-it suits the interests of the the fake CIO set-up. To permit employers to waive the anti-trust the company-dominated CIO out- laws. fit to invade the field would mean to allow the higher wage scale, built up by years of hard struggle. to be undermined and destroyed. Blank 289'ers AFL Hits Indictments

The New York publicity bureau of the American Federation of Labor issued a statement immediately after the indictments against Union team blanked them. L. Masthe Longshoremen and Teamsters coek had 555, H. Hawkinson getbecame known, reiterating labor's ting 593 for the losers. The Kenposition that the Sherman antitrust law does not and was never Drivers. Kenzie led with 549. meant to apply to labor unions.

The government's answer was, a odd game from the Soft Drinks, few days later, to indict five Chi- Rudell leading with 513. Oasis Bar cago building trades unions and took a pair from the Meat Drivers. 12 union officials in the plywood E. Klein had 582, and Hendrickand cut stone industries for al- son, 574. leged violation of the anti-trust Team-Local 289

Kenzies The list of unions who have become victims of the government's Soft Drinks anti-labor campaign becomes more Oasis Bar distinguished daily. The closer this | Meat Drivers government comes to war, the Local 359 more will the employers insist that Local 221 the union movement be weakened Local 544 and ham-strung, the longer the list of labor victims will become. Government Encourages Real

Trusts

While the government continues to persecute the organized labor movement as a "trust," it is extremely revealing to note that the same government actually defends and encourages the real monopolies of the Sixty Families that hold this nation and its people in a vise-

The United States federal communications commission has recThe 289 Blab

Next meeting will be Cake and

By A. M. Ogren

Here's a belated Ground Hog gag: Ask anyone if he knows another name for ground hog, of ment in recent days are the International Longshoremen's which there are several, such as hedgehog, ardvaak, etc. But here's the answer: Sausage! Get it? Ground hog. . . . And then there's another one you may have heard. Russia says that if the Finns keep on killing Russian soldiers, they are positively going to declare war on Finland.

> phers Union, in protesting against Technocracy brought up to date. the contemplated merger, points I wonder where all these movie out that "a merger will close up ushers and ticket sellers are going 1,206 Postal Telegraph company to go when everyone owns a telemain offices and 774 branches. vision set. Incidentally, KSTP is Solicitors, branch managers, oper- supposed to start television broadators and clerks will have no place casts in June.

to go. Relay operators, T. and R. Funny that with all the excuses men, route aides and others will advanced for the lousy business we "The Western Union, or merged are "enjoying," no one has company, with no competition, will dragged that old chestnut out of not keep open all of its 2,373 main the bag. You know, the one about offices and 1,340 branches. Many presidential election years being "conspiracy" to raise the price of of them are now kept open in poor business years. You'll hear it

Hats off to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ash who celebrated their silver "But what of the 29,247 telewedding anniversary last Saturgraph workers who have been laid day. Twenty-five years of more off or put on part time since 1930? or less wedded bliss. Nice going. The F. C. C. mentions that the They were surprised by several interests of labor should be spe- friends and a good time was recifically protected,' but offers no ported. Loren Johnson entertained specific' proposals of its own exon the "acordeen." I am sorry I cept to include the severance pay couldn't be there to see the fun. Previous engagement and stuff, you know, ahem.

You'll all be glad to hear that nessages was handled by 92,658 mployees, as against a total of George Fisher of Continental has 196,552,000 messages in 1938 with been re-promoted to route fore-63,411 employees. With a teleman again. He took over this week. graph monopoly, more and more Hubert Taylor will pull George's work will be added to the load of country route.

individual employees because no Harry was in Des Moines Wedoffice or branch will be maintained nesday, on some very important unless it is worked at full capabusiness of which I'm sure you will hear at the next membership The American Federation of Lameeting the 22nd of this month. or has pledged its full assistance

in the fight to block the telegraph The executive board informs me from now on they will have informative speakers at each general Here is the government, in its membership meeting who will give rive against the union movement, us a true picture of things behind retending to enforce the antithe scenes. rust laws. At the very same time,

this government gives the go-ahead Rumor has it that Egekvists will signal to a merger proposal that discontinue house-to-house services would vest in one company com- this Saturday, Feb. 10.

Gedney pickles and dressings. be retroactive to February 1. in one case—the persecution of Don't forget, gals, you help out 289 members every time you buy these products and I doubt if you can find better quality anywhere

7th-Ward FLP to Hold Card Party The 7th Ward Farmer-Labo

club will hold a card party Sat-urday evening, February 10, at the fire hall, 42nd street and Cedar.

Ice Drivers Mourn Death of Wilson

Oscar Wilson, 235 Nicollet aveue long-time member of the Ice Drivers Union Local 221, passed away at the Swedish hospital Friday after a short illness.

He was buried Tuesday after noon at the Mound cemetery in Brooklyn Center. Services were held at the Billman funeral home Local 221 officials and many members attended the funeral Brother Wilson left no immediate

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Promoth Ave. N.

Gassing With 977

meeting of the year will be held tonight when he will report on the Monday evening, February 12, in civil rights conference. the club room, union headquarters, at 9 o'clock. A report on negotiations for the general station and Gordon Rognrud whose fishing contract will be given. Due to the exploits are something to hear illness of one of the employer To the Ladeez: Now that Lent members of the negotiating com- boys come back from their piscahas started, why not serve more mittee, the signing of the contract torial expeditions with the legal Blue Moon Cheese products and has been delayed; however, it will limit of 2-pound crappies. Some-

station at 300 10th St. S., has ones. been passing the cigars this week; the Hardstads are parents of a new 71/4 pound girl.

now a union operated station and

The Motor Truck Service at 120 2nd St. S. E. is now 100% union, pany of St. Paul. and worthy of organized labor's patronage.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Verl Weaver on the arrival of an eight pound daughter. Verl is at tendant at the Erickson station at Plymouth and Emerson Avenues North.

Sam Goodman sold his interest n the Seventh Street station last

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You By Richard B. Gilmore

Tractor driver at the Clark dard Oil stations continues to be plant is hoisted by his own petard. whittled down It was 20 below zero but John weekly, stations listed it. John was hunkered down below still oper-the snow by the lumber yard tracks with his coat off while he union station peered trustingly at a big therattendants. mometer he had propped up on a Your support of pile of ice. The thermometer read the AFL Filling Station Atten- 20 above zero and thermometers dants Union Local 977 in its drive don't lie so why wear a coat?

Little did Lapata know that the thermometer he had borrowed When purchasing gas or oil, in- from the first floor was a wood sist that every station attendant kiln type and only registered down

John Lohse finally missed the Elliot and Lake street is still unfair to Local 977, as are the Stan- around when he saw John out in back in his shirt sleeves. The mercury was all down at the bottom of the bulb so tight it took 15 minutes to thaw out when Brother Lohse finally got it back. In a statement for the press Lapata sez: "Why don't somebody tell me these things? I mighta friz to death."

> Clothes make the man-warm. Johnny Biernat was assigned to work in the lumber yard Monday but he came to work in his ice cream pants.

The press met Brother Reuben Latz at the Laundry Workers last Friday night at the conference on civil rights at the Curtis hotel. We told Mr. Latz that we were there as a delegate from Local No. 1 and Reuben sez: "What union is that?" We was stymied by this but pressed bravely on and sez to Mr. Latz: "Why No. 1 is the bosses' union and we are here looking for communists and don't this burn you up?" "Nope," replied Brother Latz, "I mind my own business."

The genial Cyrus Paulson will again be the cynosure of all eyes The Minnesota Casket company

workers are proud of Eddie Pegel about. We have been told that the times they go to Little Rock but last week they went up to the Ca-Larry Hardstad of the Skelly nadian border after some real big

According to success story No. 12, "Neatness always wins promotion," but things didn't work out The Standard Oil station at like it says in the book and John Wayzata and Cedar Lake Blvd., is was still assigned to work in the came off the unfair list last week. Saturday. The station, located at

805 7th St. N., was formerly operated by the Freeman Oil com-Earl Hoard, steward at Bulk Oil,

confined to his home with an injured back.

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lumber yard, so he did the next best thing. He went out and got himself some warm clothes and came back all fixed up to brave the wintry blasts. Attaboy, Biernat, never say die.

John Janasco gave us one of his pearls of wisdom. Sez he: "Remember the banana that leaves the bunch always gets skinned."

Introducing and thanking a brother who has given us several enjoyable and witty poems from time to time. Brothers and sisters, I give you Oscar Pertinen's latest: Joe Novak he works with a Far-away look in his eye, Thinking of all the nice

Things this spring he will buy.

I know I'll get chickens Because I had them before Last year I had fifty, This year it'll be more.

Because this year you see I've got a little boy that will help me. And some day when I'm

Riding around in my big lim-

With my sweet little wife And my son in between, I'll give my little boy A slap on the back And say: "It was you who Helped me Get this swell little hack."

ousine

Bright spots in 1859. An unusually large group of workers have enjoyed steady employment at the J. R. Clark plant during the past vear. An additional 35 men have been called back to work lately.

More Minnesota Casket news: Every Friday night Emil Helm, Arnold Johnson, Nels Midthune, Ralph Koll, Joe Maslow and Karl Krystosek do some bowling out at the Columbia Heights municipal building.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

and unusually orderly, possibly members noted for their belliger-

Brother Cliff Freeman surprised us all by getting out of the hospi- chance for Paul Rasmussen to get tal for one day to attend the meet- the Farmer-Labor nomination for ing. He is recovering rapidly from governor in the next election. Mr. his illness and was, as usual, in Rasmussen is the man for the job. good spirits.

According to Brother Al Mlynek, sweeper No. 29, B.P.C., consumed 92 quarts of oil during January. Why don't you request a helper to take care of No. 29, Al? I'm glad, Brother Home James

you like the appellation "Stinky" as applied to our repulsive Republican over in St. Paul, Personally, I think the name very descriptive and appropriate when attached to the only man I know whose official acts in one short year have out-stunk all the stockyards in South St. Paul.

Brother Mike Kanasky recently emerged from the Jackson Square fieldhouse with a very red face, in fact so red the icicles on his eyes started dripping. It seems Brother Mike had gone into the basement to turn on the water for the rinksprinklers when the lights sudden-

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

ly went out. Suspecting a practical joke by one of the crew, War With Japan? Mike took a deep breath and spoke as follows: "Wot the these and Is Forum Topic those do you so and sos (descendants of doubtful predecessors) think you're doing? Turn on those blankety-blank lights." A slight pause, and then a frail feminine voice quavered: "Oh, is somebody down there?" The WPA charwoman had just come in.

Brother Sam Barriger at Sibley Field has a new one out there, Next Wednesday and she's an eyeful, too. It seems Brother Sam just called up the WPA office and told them he didn't want any more of those "big old fat mamas" and hit the

'Tis my belief that our Local publicity director, has announced. and all other locals should take a positive stand right, and turn the pa. Congratulations, Chris, and heat on Lewis and Green in an where's that cigar? effort to bring unity and peace Brothers, when buying work to the ranks of American labor. gloves, don't forget to ask for United we stand-divided we fall. Co-op gloves. They are of high The labor movement of the U. S. quality and are union-made right is definitely in peril, and it's nigh here in Minneapolis. Give our time that the leaders and mem- brother unionists a break in their bership of both factions realized up-hill fight to compete with the that fact. If necessary, we can rid big scab outfits throughout the ourselves of our present leaders country. in short order, should they con-Last meeting was well attended tinue to obstruct the forward march of a united labor move-where's thad vaporub? Wish I had due to the absence of several ment. I'd like to see our presi- a peppermint with schnapps right dent Tobin head of the American now, Lindy. labor movement.

It appears at present there's a so let's back his nomination.

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19 Strikers Will be Sentenced Saturday

mercy. Davis pointed out the defendants had all suffered much during the past six months.

Judge Joyce then began the sentencing, summoning each man before him and presenting the motivation for the sentence. At times he referred to the strikers as cruel, heartless, ruthless, cowardly,

He warned all that next time they would receive much heavier sentences.

After lecturing William Riley, one of the defendants, the judge sentenced him to six months on a substantive charge and placed him on probation for two years on the conspiracy charge. When government attorneys pointed out Riley had only been tried on the conspiracy charge, the judge gave him the six months and the probation on the conspiracy charge.

Charles Connors, Negro defendant, told the court he had not participated in the strike. He said he hit a strike-breaker because the man made a vile reference to his race. The judge gave him 30 days 'as a lesson" and told him to keep his hands in his pockets in such

Men Taken to Jail

On the motion of defense at torney Tom Davis that the execution of the sentences on the men be delayed pending a possible appeal, the judge obliged. The strikers were taken to the Hennepin County jail where they will remain until Friday.

Actually, it is doubtful if an appeal will be made, because of lack of funds. It would cost \$3,700 to bail out the seventeen, and an- everybody had a good time. other \$10,000 to have the transcript printed.

Had the sentences been heavier, however, it would have provoked an insistent demand that the case be appealed.

Friday night in the Drivers Hall the indicted strikers met togethe for the last time in a spirited meing. Max Geldman and Ed Palquist spoke, explaining the meaing of the new development Charles Connors thanked the de fendants for the brotherly way they had treated him and the absence of race prejudice. All present pledged their deep faith in the Federal Workers Section.



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tempt to provide each prisoner with cigarette money during their confinement. The committee will also work to see that the proper relief agencies care for the families of the strikers.

Mrs. Baldus, chairman of the Local 160 Women's Auxiliary Dance held last Saturday for the benefit of the WPA strikers, announced this week the dance was well-attended and that all the proceeds would be turned over to the Defense Committee. A complete financial report cannot be made until all outstanding tickets are

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts ********

The Ladies' Auxiliary is to be omplimented on doing a good job on their handling of the WPA benefit dance. Among the notables in the tag dance. Judge Relation, who even offered bargain rates to week last year. And George and Baldy where you'd expect to find them, BE-HIND THE BAR, but so busy skimming off the foam they were dry themselves. And, of course, Bill Winters and his charming wife. Tom is a member of the Executive Board of our sister local opened until February 15th. Nuff in St. Paul. In spite of the fact said. that many asked, "Where's Mid?"

Have you ever heard the expression "Pull a Moe?" The oper- and flowers sent during his beators at Riverside know what it reavement, the death of his

Heard at the dance, "Confucius say, 'Wise man know that bustle is deceitful seatfull."

And who is the operator that can rightfully add the following initials to his name, J.O., D.C.U., S.G., L.N.C.?

The only thing that marred ar otterwise perfect evening at the Tuesday the Central Labor last membership meeting was a tempe amental "mike." And who says that Geo, from St. Paul, can't

> Don't forget to send in all sick reports, boys. They're important

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and necessary for our records.

St. Cloud voted unanimously to uphold the action taken at our neeting on the first. Their membership meeting on the second was well attended and remarkably well conducted for a small local.

Thanks to Gephard, we all know now what an I. O. U. means.

fifty-cent WPA assessment is due this month.

Brother George Bramwell is sufering from a ruptured blood vessel in his eye. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery, George.

Electric Output Up

Electric output for the Northern States Power Company system for the week ended January 20, topresent was good-looking Art taled 30,793,673 kilowatt-hours, Clunis, who was mighty popular an increase of 17.7 per cent comin the tag dance. Judge Nelson, pared with the corresponding

> Brother Don Stein's father passed away February 5th. This WPA projects this year than last. column extends Don sincere and deep sympathy.

A hint to any and all non-union members. The charter has been

Brother W. J. Ball wishes to thank members of Local B-160 for the kind expressions of sympathy

Once there was a corporation who wanted to help solve the unemployment situation. What did they do, you ask? Why they simply laid off men and economized.

Does patriotism mean making democracy work here in the United States, or does it mean making conditions worse under which we

Laboring men spend more

Ladies' Auxiliary will be held pit. \$1.65 is tops. . . . Farmers are in the downstairs auditorium of The Belt Line reports one with the Leonard's Clin's at 2301 Oli-three trucks including a '40 ver Ave. N.

B-160 are eligible for membership me that all these low bid truckers to the auxiliary, and all of the are just getting the h'--- worked ing to join.

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Independent **Truck Chatter**

By R. F. Hornig

No one has yet reported to me their opinion of the movie of strike scenes, scheduled for showing scab Graves fuel when there is an lafter our regular meeting las Thursday. A hurried box changeover for that scrap-iron deal you all were told of that night kept me from the first ITO meeting that have missed in years.

Your column writer was given an initiation into the mysteries of newspaper makeup last Wednesday when he visited the Argus Don't forget, boys, that the possible through your Organizer ing away soon. . . . And I bet not alleged tobacco Willie now smokes.

> If none of you follow up our leads in this column on the park board WPA truckers situation then all this print is wasted. If you are interested, study these facts. We are not asking for a special fund for ourselves. The park board has already acquired money for truck hire with that \$250,000 bond fund the city council voted last December for the park sponsor's share. Supt. Bossen has already declared that the park board must even supply more trucks to Twenty-five per cent is approxido you desire that the park board spread its funds gradually over the ix months to July of this year to parallel the WPA contribution, as ommon sense union seniority requires? Or would you rather have them take over when WPA funds run out about May, and face a call for about forty trucks when you have a chance at state and county work, the Olson highway job with Fielding and Shepley, city paving and contractors, besides all the industry? Our big problem is to buy trucks to supply every job has been on the decrease. On the that comes up.

WPA Specials

Maybe many more five yard noney when they earn more, thus bids would have been submitted nelping economic conditions grow had the boys known most of the better, but some we know of spend jobs were hand-loading. . . . Loads less when their net income in- are reported as weighing in over eight tons. . . . The 5-yarders will haul ten thousand yards of sand The regular meeting of the to Nokomis beach from Hedberg's Phyrsday, February 15, at 8 p. m. becoming fleet operators on WPA.

a winch line going on 89c an Wives of members of Local hour. . . . A WPA foreman tells truck.

> BELT LINE. A midnight telephone call convinces me that the





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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 unem 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.

printing plant to watch last week's who's got the gravy. . . . Four ssue of the Organizer being set more called back to work; which up. While on the subject of our settles that Belt Line-Humboldt mind you that buying as much as that the little shovel begins grind- he burns to offset the odor of the advertisers will be a big help in a nickel against Greasa's doing promoting a bigger, better drivers' part of the Olson Memorial until I see the work advertised for bids.

> The sympathy of all ITO memat the death of his father last

Some of you hot-shot pin smashers may be interested in a union bowling tournament coming the middle of February. First prize, \$50, entry fee \$3.

A diesel-motored Ford is on display at the Hercules agency at the elbow on East Hennepin. Those who have seen it believe that the four cylinder oil burner will shake mately their responsibility. Now the daylights out of the Ford in no time. Price, \$1,000.

With the **Dairy Workers** Local 471

By George Bergquist

Solicitation violations have been other miscellaneous work that at a minimum the past few weeks comes up in the spring throughout and we want to express a word the dirt moving and construction of appreciation to everyone who has helped make conditions better. find employment on a stabilized We were told that it was due to pasis to provide an annual income, the cold weather and hard going and not to find enough men to that the "swiping" of customers contrary, we are inclined to believe that many of our members have resolved for 1940, that, dur ing this year, they will not und mine their brothers' jobs by stea ng his customers.

Last Tuesday a meeting of the ndependent Salesme of Local 471 was held; the brothers turned out strong and we had a nice session. It mems that by the price change of December 1, there desped a distinct decrease in their earnings and it is the job of our union to get some adjustments.

are getting thinner and thinner, day at the Frank (Moby Dick) out of their equipment on almost Harvey Boyd of Jersey married on every job. Ten gallons of gas is an Saturday, January 27. We wish average day's consumption per him good luck and lots of it. Cigars are rather costly and Harvey has been so nice we have decided to let him off with "Cher-

We had a meeting Thursday last pre-Lenten party of the Lilac night of our suburban brothers; Way crew was a complete success. those who live in Robbinsdale, St And sorry I was to be too much on Louis Park, Columbia Heights, the outs to attend. . . . Gene has Richfield, etc. An attempt is going finally popped his old crow bait to be made to improve their lito the dealers for a new one. . . . cense and ordinance set-up. Mel the fish to his wife and "got by." Tree hauling requires two on a Cummins is chairman of the St. (She's the indoors type). Dear forty-eight hour week now; guess Louis Park committe, Adam wife didn't want to clean any fish Kurtz of Monnisbale, Sullivan of the Hopkins and Sinnott of the Co- father-in-law. He was a meanie lumbia Heights. There are some able brothers on these various were herring and not to be had in committees and it is expected that a single inland lake in our state. through cooperation success will We still maintain our brother is

A dear brother of ours went ice ishing on Clearwater lake at An-

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Softies of the week: Roy 'Limey" Hilton and F. H. Lunde (this writer) tried out for the wash-rack and baggage depart ment respectively, and they all taunt us 'cause they think 'can't take it."

Since Curly and Shorty have quit playing those mechanical derices which are only for skill and amusement, they are withdrawing from the much-touted pin-ball tournament and are open for suggestions on how to invest money.

Since W. Postier stopped smoking that imported perfumed tobacco. Allen Roberts the night-driver. paper, it will do no harm to re- Fuel seniority feud. . . . Rumors has chosen an exotic incense which

A lot of mile-mongers from every cab company in town are showing a lazy streak by not getting out of their hacks to assist bers is extended to Larry Schwartz passengers. We are out to sell service in competition with buses, street-cars and even private cars and it is necessary for us to keep "on our toes," this means every driver who wears a union button.

> Harry Humbre, the Y. C. aviators' flying instructor, whose ship caught fire while in flight, was landed safely, the prop and motor were taken to the Piper Cub facory, installed in another ship and lown back to Minneapolis.

Otto Krenke is a hospital pa tient this week. It must be the change of climate between here and St. Paul that laid him low.

We reprint below the office addresses of our Local 958 doctor and dentist.

Dr. A. B. Litman, office at 23 At. 7337.

Dentist: R. S. Maybury, 628 Syncicate Bldg. Phone Ma. 4017. Dr. Maybury has an ad every week n the N. W. Organizer.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Milo Mitchell, baby boy. Mr. M. is with the Y. C.

A baby girl arrived at the John Martin home. The new license year brought

at some color changes in the Taxi ousiness. The two well-known Christenson Bros. and Wynn D. 'Windy" Scarfelt are now under the De Luxe colors and the lone checker cab has added an orangecolored top to his hack. We note a new '40 Red Top Terminal also

loing business on the avenue. Who is the taxpayer whose inials are K. S. that is muttering brough his beard 'cause the judges always decide in favor of the city cash register. (P. S. It all happened at Knutson's corner.)

Social notes: George "I make The ranks of our single brothers a motion" Reed spent ground-hog kiley nursery service.

Curly G., while quaffing wassail at Hefler's overcoat exchange, disovered he'd gotten the wrong 'benny." Owner can trade back by alling at W. Goodnough residence, 3129 South Garfield avenue or Yellow Cab Co.

nandale. The crappies were not biting so he came home with a couple of northerns. He presented so she made a donation to the and splashed the fact that they truthful because we checked closely and we cannot find a Clearwater Meat Market listed any-

For 1939 Franklin Co-operative showed a highly satisfactory financial statement; the organization is one of the outstanding successes of the co-operative movement.

Brother Sinnott called this one a tee. At the Northland Christmas party, Al and Len Heller nade a couple of false moves in



Largest 160 Membership Meeting Votes Sterner Action Against NSP Co.

(Continued from Page 1) for the St. Cloud Division, the Construction Department of the N.S.P. Co., and the Minneapolis Mill company and St. Anthony Falls Water Power company, until negotiations had been completed for both the Minneapolis and St. Paul Division , the company's representative (Mr. Miller) further stating he would place in writing the company's reasons for assuming that the 1939 agreement was still in effect; and

WHEREAS, on January 22 and 23, 1940, the union received two letters from Mr. Miller referring to the company's position on its relation to the union (Exhibits A and B, attached to this resolution), in neither of which letters Mr. Miller fulfilled his promises made in the January 22nd negotiations; and

WHEREAS, though the company in its letter of January 23, 1940, accuses the union of being dilatory in the St. Cloud negotiations, the union contends the company itself is the sole party guilty of dilatory tactics, and such company practices are not confined solely to the St. Cloud negotiations; to support its charge the union presented the following facts:

1. The 1937 agreement provided for a wage review to be made by January, 1938; this wage review was not completed until early in 1939, due solely to the company's policy of petty delay and obstruction (the union possesses documentary evidence that the company consciously sought to delay the wage review, at the same time it maintained before union negotiations that it was proceeding as swiftly as it could);

The 1937 agreement between the union and the M.G.E. company provided for the company's making certain wage adjustments immediately after the signing of the agreement on March 3, 1937; actually, the company did not make the last of these adjustments until July of

3. The understood agreement between the union and the St. Cloud Division provided for a wage review by May, 1938. This wage review was not completed until the summer of 1939, over a year later; this delay, too, was due solely to the company's dilatory practice;

4. The Construction Department of 1939, which went into effect January 1, 1939, was not actually completed until July, 1939, partly due to the company's success in involving a representative of Local 949 in a jurisdictional dispute with Local B-160, a dispute finally settled in favor of Local B-160 on April 7, 1939; 5. In arbitration between the union and the company

too numerous to mention, the company has dragged out such arbitrations for an intolerably long time; AND WHEREAS, the company appears to have followed a con sistent policy of negotiating only for one section of the company's emoutheast Fourth street. Phone ployees (covered by individual agreements) at a time, in order that

the full strength of the membership of Local B-160 could not be brought to bear in the negotiations, thereby weakening the union in the negotiations and hitting at a fundamental principle of union organization, that is, unity of action; and WHEREAS, because of all the facts presented above showing the

the company's refusal to recognize the union's interpretation of the 1939 agreement; the company's resorting to the subterfuge of repeating "the company is very anxious to meet and negotiate your suggested amendments TO OUR PRESENT CONTRACT, strictly in accordance with the terms OF OUR PRESENT CONTRACT;" the company's refusal to negotiate in good faith the major points for a new agreement; the company's attempt to divide and weaken the union membership in the negotiations; the company's persistence in wrongly charging the union with dilatory tactics, the truth being that the com pany itself is the guilty party in this respect; and

WHEREAS, on Ocober 31, 1939, the union, under terms of the 1939 agreement, gave the company sixty days notice it wished amendments to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, since October 31, many meetings have been held

etween the union negotiating committee and company representatives, which meetings have failed to bring negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion; and WHEREAS, further negotiations under the present circumstances

give no hope that the union can reach a satisfactory agreement with THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the membership of Local

B-160, in meeting assembled this 1st day of February, 1940: That the officers and negotiating committee of Local B-160 stand instructed to mail to the company and the state labor conciliator the ten-day notice of intention to strike, required by law;

2. That the officers of Local B-160 stand instructed to call from

to time such special mass membership meetings as in th on is necessary to keep the membership informed of the progress of relations between the union and the company; 3. That the officers of Local B-160 stand instructed to set up a publicity committee and any other special committees they may deem

ecessary to deal effectively with the company; 4. That Local B-160's negotiating committee stand instructed o confer with the Policy Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, informing it of the background and status of the negotiations, and asking the Policy Committee's approval and support for the union's contemplated action:

5. That the officers of Local B-160 stand instructed to confer with the officers of St. Paul Local 110, looking towards joint action and a joint victory of the two organizations.

have issued orders so long they ave forgotten how to take them." Let's one and all punch the time lock, in and out; thus we'll avoid fine and perhaps get overtime. Anyway, we will be bona fide nion members.

Card of Thanks To Local 664:

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Brighton, grocery store.

Dr. R. S. Maybury

Dentist Sixth Street at Nicollet Ave. 628 SYNDICATE BUILDING

Minneapolis

The big financier snorted conemptuously. "Money, pooh, there are a million ways of making

MONEY MAKING

"But only one honest way," replied his listener.

"One way? What's that?" asked the banker. "Naturally you wouldn't know," vas the reply.

WANT 5-room modern house, south side. Will pay \$25 or \$20. Write Box A7, Northwest Or-ganizer, 253 Plymouth Ave. N. WANT to rent four rooms, south. State rent and location. Write Box A9, Northwest Organizer, 253 Plymouth Ave. N. CARD reading by appointment. Neleh. Br. 3997.

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Central Ave.

BOHN white porcelain ice box,
75-lb. capacity, good condition,
very cheap. Hy. 7662. 1415 26th
Ave. N.

1937 CHEVROLET sedan in good

condition. For sale cheap. No trade. Call Local 160, Ge. 4691,

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



Behind the 544 Suit

(Below we print the first of a series of articles presenting the facts and background of the book suit against the General Drivers

Prior to 1934 Minnapolis was known as an Open Shop town. Wages were extremely low and the Civic & Commerce Association, in advertising the city's advantages to prospective industrialists, boasted of the abundant non-union low-wage labor available.

The union movement was pitifully weak in those days. No one ever sought to get hold of a union's books and records.

In 1934 occurred the three strikes conducted by the General Drivers Union. These strikes and the resulting unionization completely changed the industrial situation in this city and area. From being an Open Shop city, Minneapolis became and has remained the best-organized city in the United States, recognized as such both by organized labor and the United States Department of Labor.

In 1933 there were less than 30,000 union men and women in Minneapolis - today there are over 60,000. In 1933 the average weekly wage for a driver was about \$11-today it is about \$33. The driver's weekly hours have been cut from about 60 to about

Drivers receive annual paid vacations. They have job security—as much as that is possible in the anarchistic system under which we live. What is true of the transportation industry is today more or less true of all industry in the city.

The total annual payroll for all drivers in Minneapolis has risen from about \$5,100,000 in 1933 to about \$23,000,000 in 1939.

Because of unionism, Minneapolis workers live in better homes, there is less sickness and malnutrition, children are better clothed and educated, working men have more leisure time to play and study,

wives have more to spend. Higher wages for workers has benefited not only the union men and their families, but the unorganized workers, the retail merchants, the farmers and the professional people. The farmer is able to sell more of his produce and at a better price. The doctor and the dentist have been more adequately rewarded for their professional skill because the workers have more to spend on health and the prevention of disease.

Higher Wages, Lower Profits And higher wages for workers has also meant lower profits for many employers. The organized employers of Minneapolis view the General Drivers Union as the demon who has raised the wages and improved the conditions of their wage slaves, at the

expense of their holy profits. Employers love profits and hate unions. The better the union, the more the employers hate it. No union in the United States is more hated by the em-

ployers than is Local 544. This is not at all a blind hatred, an unreasoning hatred, as some friendly souls are apt to think. It is a cold and calculating hatred, a hatred that realizes that if only Local 544—the keystone of the Minneapolis labor movement-can be smashed, the fabulous profits of the Open Shop period will return and labor's face can again be ground in the dust of low wages and long hours.

There is an undying opposition to Local 544 and everything it stands for, on the part of the organized employers of this area. Everyone who reads the employer-controlled press can verify this. If Local 544 can be smashed, it would be worth tens of millions of dollars to the employers of this city and this area. Yes, area. For Local 544 has been in the forefront of the drive to unionize workers throughout the Middle West.

The golden dollars that used to go to the employers to swell their profits-and that since 1934 have gone in part to their employees in the form of higher wages-these are the reasons why the organized employers of this city have utilized almost every conceivable weapon to smash the drivers' movement.

Boss Attacks Never Cease There has really hardly been a day since the resurgence of the General Drivers Union in 1934 that the union has not been under murderous attack from the employers. In May, 1934, the employers threw the entire police force and an army of 5,000 special deputies armed with clubs into the market, in an effort to break the drivers' strike. In July, 1934, they sent the police into the market to shoot down in cold blood some sixty union pickets, two of whom subsequently died and many others of whom were maimed for life.

Many, many times since then, strikes of various sections of Local 544 have been provoked and police sent against the union, in an attempt to weaken the

On at least one occasion, an employer toyed with the idea of using Chicago gangsters against the union leadership, and actually brought a prominent gangland figure to Minneapolis to explore the possibilities of destroying union officials.

On the night of November 17, 1937, Patrick Corcoran, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, was murdered by a person or persons unknown. Pat's death was a heavy blow against the whole drivers' movement. Thousands of members of organized labor believe Pat was done away with by gunmen hired by a certain section of the employ-

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

of the disorganized state of

the transfer workers after

having been crushed at the

hands of the Citizens Alli-

ance, Brown busied himself

with the erection of a new

He said time and time again:

No matter what has gone on

before and regardless of the de-

of the workers because he was

ems of the teaming craft workers

Any crowd that Bill ad-

dressed at once felt the im-

pact of his personality, of his

sincerity, of his intense desire

to right the wrongs of the

world. He was a crusader in

the true sense of the word.

No cause was too slight and

none too great for Bill Brown

to tackle. He was a born ad-

juster of the world's inequali-

No greater thing can be said

of anyone than that he loved his

lasting love for every person who

toiled for a living. He knew the in-

solve its problems. From that

stand he never wavered. A

great guy was Bill Brown.

problems for himself.

union organization.

A raging tooth has laid us low this last few days and has given us time to think back a little on some of the stirring days when Local Five Seventy-four was being born.

There perhaps will never be another guy just like Bill Brown. He was in a class by himself. He had ingrained a deep, lasting love of humanity coupled with a hatred of all sham, pretense and injustice. Bill was for the underdog first last and all the time.

* * *
Bill Brown was kicked around during his childhood and that period left a lasting impression on him which he was never able to shake off. He gloried in the humbleness of his birth and the suffering and sorrow of his boyhood. Brown frequently boasted that he was a member of the "poorest family that ever lived in Minne-

Fourteen years of age found him driving a one-horse wagon for one of the local transfer companies. From that time on he knew nothing but work year after year at the wages and hours which were common in the teaming industry at that time.

But don't get the idea that Bill vas ever satisfied with conditions as they prevailed during that time. To his credit let it be said that e was an everlasting and most justices and the suffering and the of the time a one man rebellion sorrow which confronted the workagainst the universal long hours ers of the world. Not to speak out and low wages prevailing in the against exploitation and misery ing the twenties and early thir-

He was a member of the Drivers Union in Minneapolis before the disastrous Nineteen Sixteen strike of the teaming craft workers here. Following the defeat suffered by the union at that time Bill did not give up. Despite the loss of the International Union charter and unmindful

transfer and teaming industry dur- was to him the greatest crime. Above all, Bill was intense ly human. He had lived a hard life. He knew life. He had all the frailties and all the sins which go to make up human nature. But like a mantle that concealed all his weakness was his belief in the ability of the working class to

The most recent attack against the General Drivers Union and the organized labor movement of Minneapolis was the persecution of WPA strikers by the government. As a result of this persecution more than a score of members and leaders of the Federal Workers Section face prison terms. There is little doubt that one of the aims of the persecution was the crippling of Local 544's unemployment section.

The Start of the Book Suit

On February 16, 1938, almost two years ago, Local 544 was attacked from a new angle. On that day five alleged union members filed a suit in district court asking for a financial accounting of the General Drivers Union. This was the start of the now-celebrated fink suit.

The document then filed in court against 544 is one of the most amazing papers ever drawn by or on behalf of alleged union men.

Masquerading as an attempt by loyal union members to secure a financial accounting, the document is actually a slashing frontal attack on all trade unionism and accepted trade union practices, practices recognized by the courts of the land.

The document opposes union contracts. poses union picketing. It opposes the employment of organizers by a union. It opposes the union fighting for higher relief standards for the unemployed.

The plainitiffs in their document call upon the courts to take the following steps: tie up the union funds; close the union offices to receipt of dues, etc.; appoint a receiver to take over the union; stop the union from interfering with non-union trucks; permit the attorneys, agents and accountants of the plaintiffs to inspect all the books and records of Local 544. The very terminology of this court document reveals it to be employer-inspired.

An example: The plaintiffs complain "that said Local 544 has, since its inception, made contracts with a large number of employers by the terms of which employers could employ none but members of Local 544," and therefore "others who were not mem-

prevented from working for any such employer.' The document protests that Local 544 has used "illegal picketing." We ask our readers: Who but an employer or a fink would bring charges against a union for "illegal picketing?"

bers of Local 544 were prevented and are now being

The foulest item in the document, and the most revealing, is its attack on the union for fighting for decent relief standards for the unfortunate jobless. The plaintiffs protest that the union has "intimidated and coerced the officers and agents of said city having control of the disbursement of relief funds, into paying out large sums of money for relief to persons who were not equitably or legally entitled thereto, or larger amounts than the recipients were entitled to, all to the prejudice of the taxpayers of said city.

The worst anti-labor employer and tax-dodging Big Shot couldn't do worse than make such a complaint. The wealthy dislike seeing the trade unions, with their organized strength, fight for decent relief standards. But no union worker anywhere has ever protested against decent relief standards.

This is the sort of stuff that is being palmed off on the courts and the public as . . . the complaints of honest and long-suffering union members.

Who Are the Plaintiffs? The five truck owners who signed their names to the complaint were, at various times and without enthusiasm, members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544. Lest this fact be misconstrued as a criticism of the Independent Truck Owners Section, we hasten to assure our readers that this section of Local 544 has a splendid and honorable record of achievement and devotion to the cause of unionism, and has given Local 544 invaluable help in aiding to track down the records of the plaintiffs. From the

Labor-Hating **Bank Gouges More Profits**

The Northwest Bancorporation, year, the Puffer-Hubbard strikers loyal friends. will be glad to learn.

In 1939, the Bancorporation had ts best year since 1932, showing a profit of \$3,385,774, as compared with \$2,602,800 in 1938.

The Northwestern bank controls feats we have encountered in the a large chunk of the Puffer-Hubpast there is no outlook for us if bard company, and has been the we do not organize and there is stumbling block towards settling no substitute for a union of the the 22 weeks' dispute between the workers." He spoke the language company and the Furniture Workers Local 1859. one of them. He had the knack of

The figures show that the Bangetting to the bottom of the probcorporation was able to gouge al- or did he? most a million dollars more out of for the reason that long before he the workers and farmers of this had met and solved those same area last year than in 1938. The bank is the bulwark of the laborhating forces in Minneapolis. More than one business man has testified in private that the bank withholds loans from certain companies unless such firms agree to conduct a head-on fight against organized labor.

Organized labor continues to sk: "WHAT'S HOLDING UP A we see more of him. SETTLEMENT OF THE PUF-FER - HUBBARD DISPUTE? WHY DOES THE NORTHWEST-TLE WITH THE UNION?

Drivers in fellow men. Bill had a deep and Ottumwa Get Watson. Out Paper

The eleventh issue of The Otumwa Organizer, official organ of the Ottumwa Teamsters Union Local 388, was published in printed tabloid, containing much news of the strike against the Nash Finch friendly local merchants.

Previously, The Ottumwa Organizer has appeared as a mimeographed weekly strike bulletin.

The Ottumwa Organizer an-Courier.

We greet the new labor paper of the Ottumwa drivers, and have weapon in winning the Nash Finch

All readers are urged to heed in Ottumwa, Marshaltown, Cedar MY NAME? Rapids and the Tri-Cities, to refuse to purchase Nash Coffee and

Green Urges Support to Labor Press

president of the American Federa- workers have been asking for? tion of Labor, summarizing the ork of the 59th convention of the in full at the next meeting. AFL, says in part that:

"The Convention expressed deep the bona fide labor press."

Gas and Suds

Do you know what two laundry drivers have hopes of becoming drivers for the city? Was the examination hard, boys? We lost the arbitration of the We wonder what the snooper

With the Limousines

Gimble's "Tarzan" dance down stairs; Williams and Gardner tending bar; Mrs. Hines forgetting to answer to a lucky number; Ferris of the General Tire Co. guzzling Coca Cola with Jess Paxter and Jack Kartes, while Bill Hines watched the drinks and tickets-

More highlights: Carl Gustafson 24th and Nicollet and his brother: the professional manner of the Bravo; good work of Jerry Cramers and Jack Wynn.

Mr. Clare Richards was a guest of Scotty down 6th St. way. Hope

The party who picked up the one quart cans of oil was seen but not recognized. People who are ERN BANK REFUSE TO SET- that reckless with their health are to be pitied.

> and tribulations of a livery driver. The words and music by Lilly and

Well, folks, they get tougher

After being in critical condition for the last week from the birth of a handsome baby boy, Mrs. Clarence Kartes is reported doing O. K. Our hearty congratulations

* * * *
"Freedom at its worst is preferable to compulsion at its best,' said Dr. Ruth Alexander Tuesday afternoon at the Woman's club. A letter from William Green, Well, Ruth, isn't that what all us

Did you note the address of the ppreciation of the service which Royal Arcanum hall was wrong the bona fide labor press is giving the American Federation of Leber the American Federation of Leber to the Science of Leber to the Scien the American Federation of Labor.
The Convention directed that all affiliated units be called upon to make it even a better affair than give a full measure of support to make it even a better affair than the publicity program of the Am- last year's. From all reports we erican Federation of Labor and to had, everyone who went last year enjoyed a swell time. Tickets are 25 cents. Dancing from 9 to midnight, to the music of Bobby Phillips' band. There will be re-

> All our sick members are back to work now.

J. B. Hutton case. We'll report think they'll find in 544's books

first, the ITO has been part of the backbone of the General Drivers Union.

These five plaintiffs resented the regulations established by the union, whereby both independent truck owners and drivers were protected against the chiseling of the employers. None of the five had a savory trade union record.

Adolf Svenndal scabbed during a strike at the Minneapolis airport. He only came to the union months afterward, and then balked at paying the John Asplund had been disciplined for under-

cutting the stipulated union wage scale. Edward Corbett was not permitted to drive a

truck after he became an employer in the wrecking contract business. John Ryan was one of those dropped from a job

under the rules of seniority established by the ITO. All five plaintiffs, at the time the suit began, were members or organizers for a rival organization hostile to the union, were members of the "Associated Independent Union Number One." The labor movement of Minneapolis has charged many times that the "Associated Independent Unions" are sponsored and backed by the Associated Industries, employers'

Coming Next Week: History of the ITO Section-Have the Plaintiffs Clean Hands?

By Home James

Well our dance turned out to holding company for the North- be a huge success. Thanks to all west bank, had a nice profitable hard working members and their

> We say that band was tops for one without any name.

Some of the highlights: Bill

dancing in between runs to the lake; that big Grocery Guy from out certain conditions and terms as set up by individuals or associations whereby the employee will have a given plan to follow or a standard to guide him through his term of learning a trade or vocation where apprenticeship is check room handled by Brother

There are educational features in connection with the plan and wages that are agreed upon as For example:

30% for the first year
40% for the second year
50% for the third year
60% for the fourth year
80% for the fifth year
That is, an agreed percentage

Our new theme song: The trials What's My Name?

Well, folks, they get tougher every week. Think hard on this one.

I drive a Chrysler, that is, I make it go. I have been trying to learn to drive for forty years. Some day I'll make it. I originally was a bell hop way back when—? And I once had a greasy beer joint out near Deephaven. When I stand on my tiptoes and raise my chin I can almost look into the hip pockets of a union man. (Ah! We had to change that last form last week as a nice-looking was a bell hop way back when company, and many ads from I stand on my tiptoes and raise (Ah! We had to change that last one.) I've been called Grandpa Snazzy and am sort of a cross between Barney Google's cousing he company and finks published Snuffy, or Dopey in the Seven in the boss-controlled Ottumwa Dwarfs. My boss's shirts don't fit me around the neck very well, but the fringe tickles me. I can tell more lies about unions than most no doubt it will prove a potent finks because my boss tried to break the 1934 strike. He wore sun helmet and carried a big club Remember? He was also very good the request of the Drivers Unions at ducking pop bottles. WHAT'S

and wishes for a speedy recovery.

freshments.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth

Mondays, 8 p. m

Thursday.
Inside Workers — Last Satur-

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 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

LOCAL 221

ay Laborer Section -Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Sec-tion—Second Tuesday each

Explained by Unionist

To the Editor of the Northwest Organizer: Dear Sir: ing this very much more satisfactory than the old system of catch as catch can.

Apprenticeship System

command wages and conditions commensurate with the times.

It is no more or less than a deed

or contract entered into by the employee and employer to carry

tion where apprenticeship is ap-

There are educational features

That is, an agreed percentage

Dear Sir:

I note in your editorial of December 21, 1939, on "Youth in the Shadows" you make certain statements that need some clarification and therefore I am writing you to give you my views on this matter as a trade unionist of more than twenty years standing.

You get her heart learning a catch as catch can.

You leave the impression that the more than the workers learning a trade which is very unjust to Barrett as he is a trade-unionist with progressive ideas and has the interest of both the young people and the workers at heart You state how horrible indentured apprenticeship is, that it is the next thing to slavery and you go on to cite conditions as they were a hundred years ago, but we people and the workers at heart and therefore is interested in seeing a system of apprenticeship set up that is just and fair to all in-

were a hundred years ago, but we are not living in the past and we should try to live and solve our problems as they exist at present. I believe you will find if you investigate the indenture system of apprenticeship a little more thoroughly, that it is and will continue to be a help to our young people and will help them to receive and command wages and conditions.

Notived.

I put forth these statements in defense of John Barrett, not because Jack cannot defend himself as he is very capable of doing so, but for the reason Jack is a member of Local 455, Steamfitters of St. Paul, and in my opinion a good trade-unionist.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted, GERRY O'DONNELL, Business Agent, Local 455.

Editor's note: - The editorial mentioned by Brother O'Donnell dealt with the plight of the five million unemployed youth, and in passing referred to a reported statement by John Barrett that the government was interested in "promoting the old country meth-od of indentured apprenticeship as a source of skilled workers."

The old country method of in-The old country method of indentured apprenticeship, as described by Charles Beard, A. M. Simons and other historians, was a system that practically enslaved the youth of Europe, and, in a later period, the youth of the Eastern United States. We assumed that Mr. Barrett's reference was to this slavish system and we conof the journeyman's wage. Is that undermining wages for the youth? I would say that's protection for them if organized labor will assume their part of the responsibility and see that it is carried out the right manner and real left in to this slavish system, and we condemned it.

Mr. O'Donnell explains that the I would say that's protection for them if organized labor will assume their part of the responsibility and see that it is carried out in the right manner and not left to work itself out with no sysem of control as prevails in many instances at present.

It has a ratio feature which is

LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Seniority Board—Every Mon-

day
Executive Board—Every Tues-

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

LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays.

Executive Board — First and third Mondays.

LOCAL 1859

General Membership — February 7, 1940.

Box Section — February 20,

R. Clark Meeting—February 21, 1940.

Warren Shade Meeting—February 15, 1940.
Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—February 16, 1940.

16, 1940. Grievance Board—February 1 and 15, 1940.

Executive Board - Every Fri-

LOCAL 958

LOCAL 544

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

day

1940.

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 Fridays
Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

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

PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting-First Wednesday each month

day, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—February
12 and 26, 1940.
General Membership — March
6, 1940. LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. LOCAL 20481
General Membership — February 7, 1940. Grievance and Seniority Boards

-Each Thursday, 7 p. m.

Stewards-Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thurs-Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.

day, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednes day, 9 p. m. Thursday, February 1—Green-house, Independent Truck Owners. Friday, February 2—Job Stew-FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Defendants—First and third

ards. Monday, February 5—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, February 7—Sauwednesday, February 7—Sau-sage; Petroleum. Friday, February 9—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, February 12—Gener-al Membership Tuesday, February 13—Lum-her

ber.
Wednesday, February 14 —
Market; Excavating; Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Li-

Thursday, February 15-Tent & Awning; Newspaper (10 a. m.) Ways & Means ITO. Friday, February 16 — Job Stewards.

Monday, February 19 — Furniture; Coal.

Thursday, February 22—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale

Drug. Friday, February 23 — Cold

Storage, Produce.
Monday, February 26 — Spring
Water.
Wednesday, February 28 —
Sand & Gravel.
Seniority Committee meets each
Tuesday at 7 n m in Hell 2

Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor.
The Executive Board meets each Wedneyday at 10 c.m.

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.