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FIVE CENTS

## On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

The NLRB election, conducted throughout the entire General Motors system last week, resulted in a decisive victory for the CIO United Auto Workers. The CIO-UAW won in 51 of the GM's 61 plants, with a majority which amounted to more than three to one. The AFL-UAW won in only five plants, and none of these represent the major operations. One plant decided on the "independent" craft union, the Mechanics Educational Society of America, and another small plant voted for no union at all.

The total vote shows that the CIO took about 90,000 votes, the AFL 30,000 and the "no union" and three AFL craft unions polled 15,000. The CIO won hands down in Detroit and Flint, the heart of the GM operations. They also won exclusive bargaining rights in Saginaw, Bay City, Pontiac, Lansing, and St. Louis. The Lansing Oldsmobile plant was considered an AFL stronghold. The AFL won both plants in Kansas City, Homer Martin's home town, two plants in Norwood, Ohio, and one in Meriden, Conn.

Last week we challenged the CIO top leadership with the question—What are you going to do about the 30-40 Plan adopted at the Cleveland convention more than a year ago? And we still ask that question. The auto workers have demonstrated very graphically that they want and need an industrial form of organization. They also have proven that they consider the reduction of hours to thirty per week, with pay for forty hours the logical and sensible solution for the terrible unemployment problem facing the workers in auto. It is now up to the CIO leadership to carry out the mandates of the convention and put these basic demands before the bosses. Will they do it? And if they don't how much longer will they be able to put these 90,000 General Motors workers off with evasions and pleas for patience?

While the AFL and the CIO were in the process of a hot election battle in auto the two groups were busy in Akron proving what the united labor movement can do, once it makes up its mind to quit battling within itself. In Akron, the United Rubber Workers Local 9 went on strike last week against the General Tire and Rubber Company. The company had been consistently violating its contract with the union, had refused to settle grievances, and was trying to impose on the workers a change back to the 40 hour week, eight hour day. The workers now toil thirty-six hours per week.

When the rubber workers struck the AFL Truck Drivers Local 348 refused to go through their picket line, and as a consequence, there are now two million pounds of crude rubber jamming the warehouses.

Other progressive AFL unions came to the immediate aid of the strikers. They are now providing the strikers the technical facilities of their offices, have assisted in setting up commissaries, and are providing pickets.

As a result of this splendid cooperation not one single production worker is inside the huge General Tire plant. Only those maintenance workers certified by the union are allowed to enter. Strike leaders have announced.

## To Labor and the Public (A Statement by the Executive Board, Milk Drivers Union Local 471)

Recently certain Minneapolis milk dealers have proposed to the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 that the daily delivery of milk to the homes of this city be discontinued, and that milk instead be delivered every other day.

Local 471 has taken a definite stand against this proposal, on the good and reasonable grounds that such a move would throw many milk drivers out of work and consign them to the huge army of the unemployed.

In this stand Local 471 knows it receives the full backing of organized labor, which is exerting its strength to increase job opportunities, and not to still further restrict employment.

The Milk Drivers Union has another and equally valid argument against the discontinuance of daily milk delivery. Speaking as the defender of the consumer and the firm friend of the working farmer, Local 471 has pointed out to the milk companies that to change the customary daily schedule of milk delivery would have the harmful effect of forcing the customer to drink stale milk every second day and of cutting down on the consumption of milk.

The dairy industry, together with the United States government and the various state governments, the agricultural colleges, the doctors and bacteriologists, have spent years and millions of dollars in educating the public as to the value of obtaining FRESH milk daily. Thanks to science and education, every school boy today knows the superior health-giving qualities of fresh milk as against stale milk. This scientific fact is so well-founded and so widely known that Local 471 thought no dairy middleman, no matter how avid for greater profits, would care to disturb the present schedule of home delivery which assures fresh milk daily.

A volume could be filled (and many volumes have been written) to prove what hardly requires proof to any reasonably well-informed person: That the longer milk stands, the greater the rate of bacterial growth, the staler the taste of the milk, the less health-giving it is, the closer the milk comes to the souring point, etc.

In the past, at least, the dairy middlemen have always recognized this fact. Indeed, most all the dairies take back from the grocers all milk not sold at the end of each day. Such milk is not permitted to go out to the public, but is converted by the dealer into some commercial milk product, such as powdered milk, cheese, casein, etc.

### FRESH MILK HAS BETTER QUALITY

The February, 1938, issue of the Milk Plant Monthly, organ of the milk industry, in an article entitled "Why Should Milk Be Distributed to the Home," stressed the resulting "IMPROVED QUALITY—the milk comes directly from the plant that processed it, the milk is directly under the supervision of the dairy that bottled it when milk is delivered to your door. Not so when handled by stores. MILK DELIVERY DEVELOPED BECAUSE MILK IS A PRODUCT THAT DETERIORATES RAPIDLY and it can only be kept in its most desirable condition when it is under the supervision of those who know how to handle it properly."

In its issue for April, 1939, the Milk Plant Monthly (p. 37) states that "The principal factors revealed in the preference for home delivery were convenience, quality and freshness."

Certainly if the customers were to receive milk every other day, they would be unfavorably impressed with the quality and freshness of the milk.

Far from wishing to put up with stale milk, the milk drinkers of the nation are quite insistent that they receive fresh milk from their drivers. Indeed a California dairy has built up a thriving business on the slogan of "Fresh Milk TWICE Daily for Children," the company making two stops to the home each day.

There is no dodging the fact that if milk were available only every other day, one of two things would occur; either the public would drink less milk, or the milk it drank the second day would be inferior, stale milk.

In the first instance, the fluid milk market for the farmer would be cut still further. As the firmest city friend of the working farmer, Local 471 will not agree to such a move.

### POOR WOULD BE HARDEST HIT

In the second instance, the health of the consumer would suffer. Such a proposal as that made by the Minneapolis dairies would fall with particular hardship on the families of the poor, who do not have available the most modern methods of refrigeration.

No, Local 471 will not agree to the proposition that daily milk delivery be discontinued. As spokesman for its members, the union will not permit workers to be thrown off their jobs in the interests of still higher profits for the middleman. And as protector of the consumer and friend of the working farmer, Local 471 will, as always, see that the consuming public receives good fresh milk daily.

Convinced of the soundness of its position, Local 471 will be pleased to discuss this problem, strictly on its merits, with any section of the public, and particularly with consumer and farm groups.

## Released Strikers to Be Feted

All preparations are completed for the dance May 4th at which the WPA strike prisoners to be released from the Sandstone federal prison next week will be greeted by organized labor.

The dance is being sponsored by Local 544's Federal Workers Section. Local union leaders will

speaking at the dance, welcoming the strikers who have suffered jail sentences in defense of the wage standards of their fellow workers.

Tiny Thompson's orchestra will play for the dance, to be held at the Drivers Hall, third floor.

Those to be released May 2nd are Eddie Alberts, Frank Stevens, Myron Phillips, Floyd Hurley and Richard Connell. Other strikers to be honored are Minnie Kohn, Charles Connors and Ralph Core, all of whom have already been released. Dancing will start at 9 p. m.

## NSP Negotiations Still Continuing

Direct negotiations between the Northern States Power company and the Joint Union Negotiating Committee representing Minneapolis Local 160 and St. Paul Local 110 continued during the week, with meetings in St. Paul last week and Minneapolis this week.

The company continued its refusal to grant demands of its employes for a five per cent wage increase and the right of the union to deal on matters not specifically mentioned in the agreement.

If further progress is not made in the negotiations, the union negotiators will meet with Governor Stassen, as agreed upon after the three man commission had submitted its report.

The regular membership meeting of Local 160 will be held next Thursday evening, May 2nd, at which time a full report on recent negotiations and a plan of action will be discussed.

## Negotiations With Bakers Continue

With the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 now in the 10-day "cooling-off" period provided by the Stassen Slave Labor Act, a meeting was held last Friday between the labor conciliator and negotiators from the union and the wholesale bakeries. Other meetings with the conciliator will be held this week. The 10-day period expires this Saturday, April 27th, 3 p. m., in the Drivers Hall.

### "Still Losing Money"

The Excelsior Baking company again took a rain check on its threat to discontinue its retail business last Saturday unless Local 289 agreed to modify the existing contract. Apparently the Excelsior company has decided "to continue losing money" for a while longer.

## B. F. Nelson Men Meet, Plan Strike

Negotiators for the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 and the B. F. Nelson company met with the state labor conciliator Monday afternoon to attempt to settle a dispute. The meeting failed to change the situation in any respect.

The company held to its position of granting an increase of 1 1/4 hourly. The union maintained the employees must receive an increase up to 48 hours pay for 40 hours of work.

A meeting of all B. F. Nelson employees was held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. to discuss plans for strike action.

## 977 Lessees Will Cooperate With Association

Members of Local 977's Lessee Section met last Wednesday and voted to maintain their section strictly independent from the Retail Oil Dealers Association.

The union, however, went on record to cooperate with the Association in fields of mutual interest.

Local 977 and the Association have agreed there will be no solicitation of the members of the other group, and that a drive will be launched to bring into either group all those lessees in Minneapolis not now affiliated with either.

In gas stations managed by two lessees, both the union and the Association will aim to see that one of the lessees is a member of the union and the other is a member of the Association.

## Paint Firms Get Pacts From 359

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 has presented new working agreements to the McLaughlin Gormley King company, the Pan-American Paint and Wallpaper company, the Northwestern Paint and the Cook Paint and Varnish.

The union is asking for wage adjustments and improved working conditions. The present contract expires May 1st.

## Strike at Marine Fish Is Settled

The strike of Local 544 against the Marine Fish company last Wednesday was settled a few hours later when the worker who had been laid off in violation of the contract received the back pay due him.

## No Hits, No Runs For Plaintiffs in Suit Against 544

Small-Town Bosses Cry the Blues About Unionism in Big Cities — Anderson Implies that Union Organizers Should Hitchhike and Live in Two-Bit Flophouses When They Travel on Union Business—Teamsters Joint Council Refuses Finks' Proposal to Peek at Records—Plaintiffs To End Presentation This Week

Another week of the court trial of Local 544 has passed, with Attorneys Anderson and Thompson for the plaintiffs still to prove that in a single instance the leaders of Local 544 have been guilty of misuse of the union's funds, of racketeering, or of a single one of the miserable charges made by the finks in the beginning of the 544 suit.

## 544 Picnic To Be Held July 14th

The annual picnic of the General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held Sunday, July 14th, at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. By vote of the last general membership meeting it was decided that the same picnic committee which served last year is to serve this year. Walt Hagstrom, who has been head of the picnic committee for some years, will again be in charge.

All 544 members who acted on the picnic committee in 1939 are asked to attend the first meeting of the 1940 picnic committee to be held Friday, April 26th, 8:30 p. m. at 257 Plymouth avenue north.

(Local 544 will hold the picnic for sure, unless Mr. Arthur Anderson, attorney for the finks, decides to amend the union by-laws or set aside the vote of the last membership meeting. If Mr. Anderson decides the union can't hold the picnic, of course there will be no picnic. Sure!)

## Union Chauffeurs Will Hold Spring Dance May 4th

The Spring Dance of the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 will be presented Saturday evening, May 4th, at the Royal Arcanum hall, First avenue at Lake street.

Tickets are 25c each, and Sammy Kartes, chairman of the dance committee, cordially invites all friends of the union to participate. Dancing will start at 9 p. m. to the music of a good union orchestra.

## WPA Strikers To Be Met at Prison Gates

The WPA Defense Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union announced at the Tuesday luncheon of the Board of Union Business Agents the Committee's tentative plans to welcome the five WPA strikers who will be released from the Sandstone federal prison next Thursday.

The Defense Committee plans to have two autos at the prison at 3 a. m. that day to transport the released strikers back to Minneapolis. They will be brought directly to a downtown cafe where the Board of Union Business Agents will honor them with a luncheon, and with speeches of welcome.

The following Saturday the released strikers will be honored at a dance to be sponsored by Local 544's Federal Workers Section in the Drivers Hall.

## One Laundry Won't Sign 131 Pact

The only Minneapolis laundry that has refused to sign the new working agreement with the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 is the Dahlgren Cleaners, 714 Washington avenue southeast.

On Tuesday Local 131 notified the state labor conciliator of its intention to strike Dahlgren after ten days.

Dahlgren has refused to sign the agreement which twenty-seven other companies have found reasonable and have signed. In addition, the forty laundries represented by the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Institute have signed with Local 131.

## Strike Seen at Boulevard Frocks

The Warehouse Workers Union has found it necessary to notify the state labor conciliator of the effect that a strike may take place at the Boulevard Frocks company, 510 First avenue north.

The management has not shown any willingness to negotiate with the union. The conciliator has called a conciliation meeting for Thursday, April 25th.

## Teamsters Council Protests to Press On Unfair Handling of 544 Trial News

Charging that the Minneapolis daily papers are abetting Attorney Arthur Anderson in using Judge Carroll's courtroom "as a sounding board to echo all the discredited and labor-baiting charges which the employers have always thrown at Local 544," the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council on Monday issued a public statement on the fink suit against the General Drivers Union.

"The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council protests to the daily papers of this city—the Tribune, the Times-Tribune and the Star-Journal—that they are abetting Anderson's base work by treating his charges in their columns as good coin. By dignifying Anderson's foul attacks on the General Drivers Union, the daily press is do-

ing a distinct disservice to Local 544 and to all organized labor. Anderson is seeking to try his case in the daily papers, and the daily papers are aiding him in this dishonorable aim," stated the Council.

Labor Backs 544 "The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, and the Minneapolis Central Labor Union have studied the charges of the five disgruntled former members of Local 544 who lent their names to the book suit against Local 544, and have concluded that the charges, insofar as they are intended to cast discredit on Local 544, are baseless in fact.

"Together with Local 544's membership, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council and

the Central Labor Union have voted complete confidence in the General Drivers Union and its leadership. But the daily press has not seen fit to publish these facts.

Fink Suit Is Backed by Bosses "The Teamsters Council, together with the rest of organized labor, feels that the book suit is employer-inspired, for the purpose of discrediting and weakening all labor organizations and thus paving the way for a return to the low-wage conditions that prevailed in the old open shop era in Minneapolis.

"The praiseworthy contribution that Local 544 has made to the cause of strengthening organized labor in this city and area, and in contributing, financially and otherwise, to sister unions, is an open book for organized labor. The

charge of Mr. Anderson that Local 544 has somehow been guilty of shady practices in coming to the aid of other unions is beneath the contempt of union men and women. The deeds for which Mr. Anderson and the employers condemn the Minneapolis General Drivers Union are the very deeds for which all sincere, honest workers honor Local 544.

Pamphlet Tells True Story "The true story of the book suit against Local 544 has been told, not by Mr. Anderson nor the daily press, but told in the booklet "Behind the 544 Suit" which has just been published by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. Copies of this booklet may be obtained at 257 Plymouth avenue North for 5c each.

## How Parking Meters Will Effect Drivers—

With parking meters being installed on down-town streets, the traffic department has made the following ruling concerning drivers of commercial vehicles: All commercial vehicles may be parked at the parking meters up to 11 a. m. without cost. After 11 a. m. the driver must pay his nickel. No truck will be allowed to double-park at any time.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

### Noted Labor Lawyer Makes Estimate of Wagner Act

(Below we print excerpts from an article by Albert Goldman, well-known union defense attorney, on the attempts being made to amend the National Labor Relations Act. Goldman is known to many Minneapolis drivers for his work as defense attorney for the General Drivers Union during the July-August 1934 strike.)

With the introduction in the House of Representatives of a bill (H.R. 8813) to amend the National Labor Relations Act (Wagner Act), the campaign to destroy whatever merit the bill has for organized labor has begun in earnest. The bill is the work of a majority of the House Committee to investigate the Wagner Act.

Intelligent workers never fell for the buncombe passed out by the labor bureaucrats that the Wagner Act would constitute a substitute for struggle in organizing the unorganized.

These workers understood that the act was won by the workers as a major concession from the Roosevelt regime in order to obtain the support of labor, and they were more than willing to take advantage of its provisions and especially of the sentiment for organization that it created. But that required militant union activity.

### Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

The act could not and did not serve as a substitute for militant activity. The labor leaders who tried it as a substitute did not get very far in increasing the membership of their unions.

Would Emasculate Act But since it did contain provisions which aided the workers in their efforts to organize, it was to that extent valuable and it remains the duty of all workers to extend and improve the act and to fight strenuously against any emasculation of it. And that is what the Smith committee amendments propose to do.

One of the amendments provides for the creation of a new board of three members who will sit as a judicial tribunal to hear evidence on complaints filed by an administrator. Ever since the enactment of the Wagner Act the reactionaries have been howling about its violating "all rules of fair play" in that the Labor Board acts as both prosecutor and judge.

Looks like we're gonna have to have a special Examining Board at St. Cloud, on such things as aptitude for cement, lumber and Irish buggies.

Rumors at St. Cloud are running wild. Don't believe anything you read about the war or anything you hear about jurisdiction and work in the Granite City territory. We don't hear many rumors in Minneapolis any more. Evidently St. Cloud is considered virgin territory.

If you want to pass an interesting half hour, or for that matter, a week, drop in at the Union office and ask to read the transcript of the hearing.

We wonder how many department heads for the company have access to the transcript.

Donny Moore is now a member of the Rotary Club. He changed clothes after the initiation.

The U. G. Gestapo and his allied assistant (The Fixer) can really get the boys out of trouble—you know, he can't say anything or else I'll talk. Catch on?

The "Poonyac" is being adorned with a trailer hitch. Must be more than five passengers. (When will the family reunion take place, Lars?) Photographers barred.

Roy Hed, ex-mayor of Cambridge, is moving out to his ranch. New fields to conquer, eh, Roy? We all wish you luck.

When Crocker covered the company's financial status at the hearing, some of the boys sobbed like everything, and indicated their willingness to start a fund for rehabilitation of the N. S. P. Co.

How about having an election on the remaining two issues?

The fishing season is nearly here. Why is it that the boys with the longest arms get the biggest fish? How about it, Jerry?

Bros. Eliasson and Wain sure are high pressure salesmen. Things have looked up considerable in Camden. Where next, huh?

Brother Larson of the Painters Section is really on the "spot." It's all about that paint on "Daddy Warbucks'" thumbs. Turner doesn't know anything about it. Sorry, Lars.

Kenny Brown, the Caruso of the Underground Department, really can sing. Heard a remark the other day as follows: "They all get like that from working in the manholes."

Anyone wanting a wicker baby free of charge call at 1720 Fifth Ave. South, second floor, and take it away. By all reports, some of our members will be able to use one in the near future, if not now.

Repos came from Glen Lake and Hopkins that the chickens were aroused quite early on Thursday, April 11. To our farmer friends, please rest assured that it was not preachers. It was Brothers McGraw, Larson and Shaw coming.

**With the Dairy Workers Local 471**  
George Bergquist

From all indications our Union will soon have a new source of income: fines for failure to punch the time card, in and out. It is expected that soon the executive board will set a deadline and members who fail to comply with the by-law will be fined. Since the rule was established there has elapsed sufficient time for all of us to make a habit of punching the time clock when we begin our day's work and again when we are all through. Time clock violations can be handled very simply, the member involved will not even have to appear before the Board; the clock-card will have all information necessary for both parties. It has been suggested that beginning each year these fines begin at one dollar and double on the following violation (Police Dept. stuff). At all times it is with regret that any fines are levied so let's remove the cause and turn out some perfect time-cards.

Congratulations to Gordon Walker of Norris Creameries on the twin boys; most books on etiquette say it has to be ten cent union made cigars for twins and when they are boys you are stuck for a Scotch and soda besides.

The Fluid Milk contracts cannot legally be opened until May 1 of 1941. During the last negotiations the "thirty-day" clause was stricken and they now read that if they are not opened thirty days prior to May first they shall run for another full year.

Sam Chase of Ewalds is back to work again and seems to be feeling pretty good. Brother Chase does the rare and unusual thing; he sends his thanks and appreciation to our union, officers and members for the kindness and help he received during his long illness.

Last Tuesday we had a fine full-house attendance at our regular membership meeting. It certainly is encouraging to realize that so many members take an active interest in its affairs. Sig Sivertson carried away the bacon—free dues and assessments for May.

The compensation case ruling in favor of Mrs. P. J. Corcoran was recently upheld by the Industrial Commission. It will result in \$3000 to the city to cast an early ballot.

The line crews from Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Cloud are back from Duluth, and all report our brothers in the Duluth local are quite interested in our local situation here and wish Locals 160 and 110 all the luck in the world.

We wish to thank whoever was responsible for that "child brain-storm." When the restraining order was served on the officers of the union, many members were heard to remark "That settles it, I'm for the union from now on."

So many members who in the past were just lukewarm felt "just that way" about it. It must have put at least a hundred votes on the "yes" side of the ballot Thursday, April 11. Again many thanks.

Many of the members are pulling hard for a hundred-dollar initiation fee.

Our brothers in the local at Grand Forks are keenly interested in the affairs of Locals 110 and 160 and were not slow in requesting the results of the April 11 election. Thanks for the interest, boys, we have your welfare at heart, also.

It is reported Brother "Skid" Moe is about to pass out the cigars. Don't forget the boys at the Union Hall, Skid.

Brother Frank Kluk of the Land and Tax has taken on the "shacles." Matrimony is quite a thing, Frank. Best wishes to you and Mrs. Kluk. The happy event took place in Chicago on Saturday, April 20.

Congratulations to Mrs. and Brother Claire Otis. It was eight pounds and all boy. Best wishes.

Famous last words: "I'll quit my job before I'll join the union."

**Mortuaries That Are Fair**  
The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

- Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
- Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrensstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundeth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

Commission. For the insurance company there is only one alternative, an appeal to the Supreme Court. It is unlikely that such a move will be made; the companies seldom try to over-ride the Commission. We are glad to see the help go to the wife of our beloved past secretary-treasurer and besides the ruling sets an insurance precedent that our business agents are covered day or night.

A good suggestion came in for the Card and Label Committee, that at our well attended meeting they bring in the real article—shoes, shirts, ties, underwear, hats, slips, etc., and that these articles be passed around, member to member, so that the "label" and its location can really be learned.

A couple of weeks ago we enjoyed a letter from Frank Howard; he has completely recovered and will soon leave Glen Lake. We can't win though, for Ed Cannon entered the same sanatorium last Monday. Things happen fast as Brother Cannon had worked the Saturday previous. Our Union sends its best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to Ed.

To correct an abuse which invalidates a Chauffeur's license because of something that happens outside of working hours, our Joint Council has set up a committee. Possibly the correction will require an act of the state legislature. Regardless, we have a moral right to make a livelihood in spite of what may happen when we are driving our own car.

This year the dairy workers who have Wednesdays off get the breaks; May 1, brook trout opening; May 19, pike and pickere, and May 25, opening of bass and panfish in the southern zone. Those off on Friday get the northern zone opening on June 21. Thursday holders are supplied with good ammunition for trading purposes, for Memorial Day and Fourth of July belong to them. Tuesday loafers have October 1, opening day of duck season, all sewed up. Things look favorable for the Saturday gang; we'll bet pheasant season will be set for either October 12 or 19. This year, Monday men can look forward to attending the Labor Day Picnic at Powderhorn Park. And route foremen will have to be extra nice to their men if they plan on any "opening days" in 1940.

Here's a few timely comparisons. The milkmen are now getting \$39 per week for 54 hours. The over-the-road drivers make up to \$48 for 48 hours. The General Drivers get \$33.60 for 46 hours and now we come down to the lowly bread hiker, \$32.50 for the majority of the men for a 55½ hour week. I don't know, but I think there's something rotten in Denmark besides Hitler.

To all the Excelsior men I want to say, that of those who were pleading for 11 hours a day, we know you were all sincere in your efforts, and had just cause to be come alarmed but had we allowed the tacking of a rider to your contract letting you work 11 hours a day we would have earned the damnation and justly deserved criticism of the entire labor rank and file, not only in Minneapolis but in the entire country. To them 24, 34, 44 or 54 dollars a week wouldn't make much difference but the breaking down of condi-

### Socialist Labor Candidate on Air

The presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor Party will be interviewed by a Columbia broadcasting system representative on a nationwide radio hookup Sunday, April 28th, from 10:30 to 10:45 p. m. Station WCCO will carry the broadcast. An address by Eric Haas of the Socialist Labor party is scheduled for the Mutual broadcasting system on Saturday, April 27th, from 12 to 12:15 p. m. Eastern standard time.

**Card of Thanks**  
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### Gassing With 977

The best wishes of the Local are extended to Dr. H. P. McCrimmon, who was a medical reserve officer of the U. S. Navy, and has been called into active service by the government. Dr. McCrimmon has been very faithful in administering medical service to the members of Local 977 since the first of the year.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. J. P. Korchick has been secured to take over Dr. McCrimmon's practice in the LaSalle Bldg. Until a future date, you may call the office and home phone numbers of Dr. McCrimmon to obtain the services of Dr. Korchick.

Congratulations to the George Nelsons on the birth of a baby boy; George is employed in the plant of the Phillips Petroleum company.

Mr. O. H. Prestemon, a member of the Columbia Heights Welfare Board, had a splendid article in last week's Columbia Heights Record, in regard to the flagrant issuing of filling station licenses by the City Council. Local 977 heartily endorses Mr. Prestemon's stand and we quote in part from his article: "The result of further additions of stations is to spread the existing business thinner; the present stations are hanging on by the skin of their teeth . . . there is not volume enough to give the operators decent wages . . . the public revenue will be affected . . . By granting an unlimited number of filling station licenses they create a situation which induces tax delinquencies . . . this threatens the wellbeing of our present stations and because of this the public revenue . . . We should insist that power be lodged in our governing bodies to exercise discretion in the granting of permits to competing business when further increase is of no possible benefit and can be of decided harm."

We are happy to report that Sy Anderson of the Mobile station at the time of his vacation was on duty and going back to the hours worked in the early 1900's that labor has consistently worked to cut down to the accepted eight hours of work a day is what would have brought down the wrath of every honest worker.

Samuel Gompers would no doubt roll over in his grave if he knew that such a move was on foot.

Please understand me. I am not taking you to task, particularly for your attitude, knowing the cause of it, but merely pointing out the results if we had made a reverse decision the other night.

Only a few more days and we have that dinner for the columnists at Harry's cafe, Tuesday, April 30, or did I mention this before? Doggone, I just can't seem to forget it.

To the Ladeez: I ain't saying a word.



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### FCL Meeting At St. Olaf Friday Eve

John Boscoe and Robley Cramer will speak for labor, and Glen Thompson, head of Midland Co-ops' education department, will speak for the cooperative movement at a program at St. Olaf's college in Northfield Friday, April 26th, in the administration building at 7 p. m.

The meeting is sponsored by the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council. Professor Benson, head of the college's history department, will preside. An open forum discussion will follow.

3203 Lyndale Ave. N., who is in Midway Hospital, is greatly improved after an ulcer operation; Sy's condition was very low last week and a blood transfusion was necessary.

There is a shortage of boarding homes for children in Minneapolis; any member of the Local who would like to make application to the Board of Public Welfare to care for one of these children, should call the office and leave your name and telephone number.

Congratulations to Bro. Frank Wzros of the Skelly station, 3203 Washington Ave. N., who was married last Saturday; as a wedding present, Frank's parents presented the young couple with a beautiful new home.

We call your attention to the fact that you will be aiding organized labor by purchasing your milk from the milk driver who passes your home, rather than at the neighborhood grocer.

James Castle, attendant at the Erickson station on East Hennepin, is now sporting a new Studebaker; who says that it doesn't pay to fight for a decent wage scale and working conditions?

The Lessee meeting held last Wednesday evening was well attended; the fellows agreed that they would cooperate with the lessees in the Retail Dealers Ass'n. as far as is possible.

### Squirrel Palmquist Home from Hospital

Squirrel Palmquist left the General hospital Saturday, where he underwent a successful operation for a double hernia. Squirrel's dog, Spotty, was looking all over for his master during the two weeks Squirrel was in the hospital.

### With the Limousines

By Home James

Don't forget the big dance at the Royal Arcanum Hall, First Ave. at Lake St., May 4th. There should be some tickets left yet if Joe Fredericks hasn't sold them all.

The sluggers of Esk Nielsen got five to 15 years, which to our way of thinking, is a little short of justice. Brother Nielsen's condition is about the same at this writing.

We wish to ask all members to attend our next meeting. Remember, it is to your own interest to be present.

912 picks up a new booster every month by looking after the welfare of its members.

Our last meeting must have been good. Nobody wanted to adjourn. We have to watch that (it might go on and on).

Anyway Ted Gardener is back. That should mean something!

News reaches us that a brother has been in the hospital for quite some time, but no one knew until after he was out. These things should be reported to the Sick and Flower committee.

By the way, who is this good looking lady out on Garfield Ave. who reads this column?

Careful, Hazel, you're making headlines!

Wonder what became of "What's My Name?"

They say the Republican party will start things moving. So will castor oil!

A Texas lad, lacking a team of horses for plowing, got his sister to guide the plow while he yoked himself to a steer for the pulling. The steer promptly ran away, and the lad had no choice but to run, too. They came shortly to the village and went tearing down Main Street. As he yelled alongside the steer, the boy yelled: "Here come home, darn our fool souls! Somebody here us off!"

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