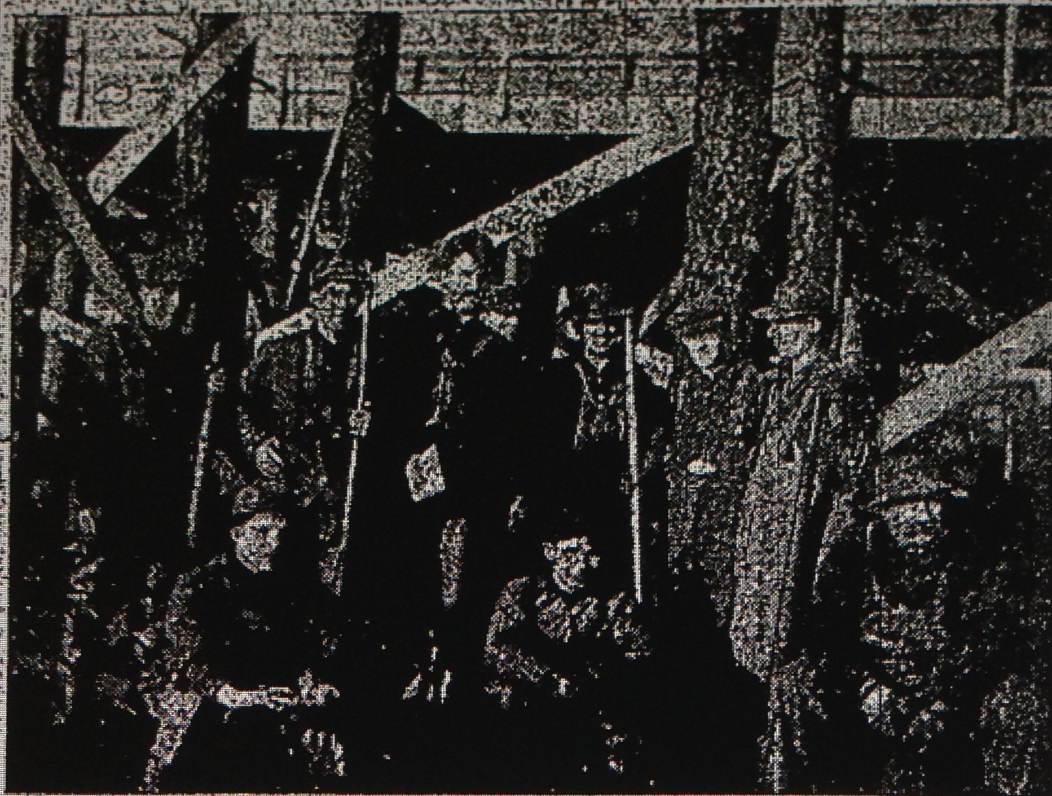


## BUILDING THE FIRST TRADING UNION



By March of 1915 construction was well underway on the first Trading Union building.

Organized by the Sons of Norway and opening its doors to customers in 1916, the store was first called the Sons of Norway Trading Union. E. L. Skog gave birth to the plan in the spring of that year as mem-

bers of the Petersburg lodge pondered ideas to help pay for their then newly constructed meeting hall.

Jack Otness, first manager of the store, said the members decided they all had to eat . . . decided to start the store, buy their groceries there and if there were any profits they would use them to pay for the hall.

The picture above was taken by Otness and is from the collection of Chris Wick.

Included in the picture are Peter Lero, Gabriel Sather, Roy Peterson, Chris Wick, Hans Bugge, K. O. Knutsen, Ole Bugge and Ole Holm. Two other gentlemen are also pictured whose names Wick was unable to supply. The PRESS will give \$5 to the first person who can correctly identify every man in the photograph.

DELIVERY SERVICE  
WILL CONTINUE

Roy Lund stands beside the Trading Union's delivery truck for this picture.

Lund maintains what Manager Jess Ballard considers the



The Trading Union, Inc., was incorporated in 1920

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