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FINAL SETTLEMENT IN FOOD STRIKE BRINGS NEW WAGES

WHOLESALE IN AGREEMENT ON NEW WAGE

Direct Dealings Between Employers and Unions Result

Wage of 55c Per Hour Is Set for Platform Men

Last week saw the final winding up of a dispute between the Wholesale Grocery employers and General Drivers Union. Attempts to secure a union agreement for wholesale grocers did not result in a settlement, but a strike by the platform men was called. The strike was settled by an agreement reached between the union and the employers, which was acceptable to both parties.

The agreement was reached by a single meeting between the two parties at the termination of the strike.

Several matters, however, were left to be settled either by direct negotiations between the union and the employers or by an arbitration board which was provided for in the contract. The principal matter in dispute was the rate of pay to be paid for the work of the platform men. The employers offered to increase the pay of the platform men, while the union asked for a higher rate.

Numerous meetings were held by both parties to the agreement which finally resulted in the hourly wage of the platform workers being set at 50c. Other minor disputes were quickly settled. The difference in the hourly rate offered by the employers for inside workers and that which was (Gustafson page 10)

Settlement Near In Paper Dispute

Negotiations which have been going on between General Drivers Union and the Twin City News for an agreement covering wages and working conditions of drivers and helpers at this company have reached a stage where settlement is near.

The matter which is still in dispute is one on the question of the wage scale. A meeting between union and management representatives of the Twin City News was held Tuesday.

At the Graveside

Local Will Hold Party For All Union Children

All Union Members Urged to Bring Children to Free Party on Saturday, Dec. 19

On Saturday, December 19, General Drivers Union will sponsor its second annual Christmas Party for the children of members of the union.

The affair will start promptly at 1 p.m. and continue until all of the little people are satisfied. Every thing will be absolutely free and all kids of union members, under 12 years of age, are invited to be present.

There will be a huge Christmas tree 25 feet tall on which gifts for all of the little guests will be found. Candy, nuts, popcorn and all of the things which go to make a Christmas celebration complete will be there in abundance.

Everyone is asked, “What about entertainment?” That is the big secret with the committee in charge of the celebration.

Your reporter found out, however, that there is going to be a real program. For instance, Punch and Judy show, a dog set with a real clown; a magician who produces rabbits and does as much as you and I say, “knead,” music, Christmas carols and a dozen other things.

And last but not least there is going to be a real, live SANTA CLAUS! He will distribute gifts to the Tender lovingly while they cons i de in his Christmas wishes. Do not forget the time, place and date. Time, 7 p.m. Place: General Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. Date, Saturday, December 19. Let’s bring all the kids.

Trucker Hit by Haunting Jinx

C. H. Buchanan, independent truck owner, knows what it is to have a jinx follow him. Brother Buchanan went deer hunting and before he had a chance to take a shot at a buck he almost saw his rig right way with an ax while cut ting wood. On his return to the city, badly disabled, he found that a substitute driver who had been working his truck during the hunt ing trip had called the equipment into a ditch. Damage, $700. Pug ging Lady Luck.

Splendid Union Contract Signed by Store Owners Covers Drivers, Helpers

Agreement Marks Milestone in Local Trade Union Progress

Wage Raises, Seniority Won by Department Store Workers

The agreement signed between Local 544 and department store owners last week marks a milestone in the advancement of labor unionism.

The full impetus of this union contract is not apparent to anyone until we realize that here is the first union agreement ever signed by the firms involved. The pact between General Drivers Union and the department store owners provides splendid pay increases for union employees.

A standard work week is established and overtime pay is set at time and one-third. The agreement follows.

WORKING AGREEMENT

The undersigned department store employers and the General Drivers’ and Helpers’ Union, Local No. 544, A.F. of L., agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

ARTICLE I

General Drivers’ and Helpers’ Union, Local No. 544, shall be the representative of its members in collective bargaining with the employers. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

The employer agrees not to enter into any contract or agreement with his employees who are or may become members of Local No. 544 and who are covered by the classifications in Article V, individually or collectively, which may have an effect on any collective bargaining activities or other things which are done by the employer.

ARTICLE II

The regular work week shall be not over forty-eight (48) hours and the regular work day shall be eight (8) hours. All time worked in excess of forty-eight (48) hours in any one week and all time worked in excess of ten (10) hours in any one day shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-third except that time and one-third shall be paid for all time worked on the following Saturday and during the first work week of New Years, Christmas Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and any other national holiday. The regular work day for drivers or helpers shall start at 8 a.m. Any driver or helper re

Christmas Fund to Be Raised for All Strikers’ Children

In Minneapolis, at this time of year, practically all unionists are on strike against exploiting employers. These people are fighting our fight. We gaining when we win, suffer when they lose. Many of these strikers have families. Christmas for the children of the striking workers will be a sorry affair unless we help them. A fund is being raised to provide Christmas cheer for these little ones. Every worker and trade unionist should gladly contribute to such a worthy cause. Pending the setting up of a committee, which will be in charge, funds will be received at the Central Labor Union, 216 and 208 S. 8th St. Urge your union to join and give generously yourself, and give the strikers’ children a happy Christ mas.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town
THESOUTHWESTERNRIZER

Thursday, December 17, 1936

WHOLESALE.

IN AGREEMENT .ON NEW WAGE

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Finally, the workmen voted for the end of the strike.

Following acceptance of the supplement to the agreement covering wholesale grocery workers, matters covered in other letters, care for decerned and disputed points that were left to arbitration, and a statement that the conditions had been settled to the satisfaction of the union and the employers.

ARTICLE I

The minimum weekly wage for drivers shall be sixty cents ($0.60) per hour and assistant shipping clerks shall be paid sixty cents ($0.60) per hour. Any employee engaged in the duties of Office Clerk, office man, and Tomman shall be paid at the rate of sixty cents ($0.60) per hour, payable at time worked in those classifications. Employers receiving more than the above minimum in any classification shall have their pay reduced. All wage in- creases are to be retroactive to November 1, 1936.

ARTICLE II

Except for drivers, performance by regular crews, time and one-half shall be paid for all work beyond the 40 hours and regular holidays, provided, however, that such regular employees be given regular day-off and shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for any work required to be done on that day.

ARTICLE III

Drivers who do long distance hauling shall be paid expenses, 30 cents ($0.30) per mile, and board and care at cost when out of the city. All concerns who now have both driver and helper at all times on truck and trailer, are asked to continue this practice.

ARTICLE IV

This supplement shall become effective on November 1, 1936, and all parties hereto mentioned original agreement shall continue in full force and effect until October 31, 1937.

By and through this authority, P. WHOLESALE SUPPLY CO.

By I. F. Pauch, Mgr.

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By R. B. Stevens.

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By R. K. Nash, Pres.

GIROP UNION FOODS AND HELPERS UNION

By Wm. S. Brown.

By C. Shalvey.

Local 1859

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Garment Workers Thank Local 544
UNITED GARMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA
(General Federation of Trades Unions, Sec'y)
3827 Thomas Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Dear Mr. [Name]

We, the Garment Workers Local 544, Minneapolis, Minn., representing you and your organization for the woolen shirt, hope you are satisfied during our recent organizing drive of this shirt industry. We are not interested in the money that we make, but in the money that we save for you. We are not interested in the money that we make, but in the money that we save for you. We are not interested in the money that we make, but in the money that we save for you.

Yours truly,
[Signature]
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**Chiseling Is Hit By Drivers Union**
The Executive Board of Local 544 took steps last week to put an end to wage chiseling in the woolen shirt industry. Several firms on the market have reported to the board of failing to pay the scale, and the practice of not paying the union scale, amounts to a strike, in their opinion, in withholding overtime from workers who have such pay cut in their scale. The board has ordered the secretary to write the following letter to the offending employers. The letter is self-explanatory.

December 19, 1956

**Gentlemen:**
Since the signing of the working agreement between the management and the union, the Drivers Union Local 544 and its members have adhered to the agreement and have not suffered any deduction of wages. In January of this year there have been several cases reported by the union and firms who have signed the contract have failed to pay the wage, hours and overtime provisions. It seems that there are only a few who practice this racket; however, these few have been continuous offenders. The union asks only that the employers live up to the letter and spirit of the agreement which they have signed.

We expect nothing more than this but we have every right to demand this and nothing less be observed.

Therefore I am communicating this as formal notice that all in future cases where wage chiseling or such attempts to violate the provisions of the Union contract covering this industry will be reported to the public by the union and face the board's severe penalties.

With this information, the union and its members will continue to perform their work of giving the employers the regular scale.

**G General DRIVERS UNION LOCAL 544**

By FAREWELL Dobbs, Secretary

The committee made the rounds of the sick drivers Monday and all are reported in a convalescent condition and hope of being back to work soon.

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**President**

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**Secretary**

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