WHOLESALE DRUG CONTRACT RENEWED

Portland, Ore.—Renewal of the agreement between Local 11 and the McKeown and Robbins Drug Company resulted in salary increases ranging from $10 to $20 per month, the extension of union membership to all office workers employed by the company, and with other benefits, according to Secretary-Treasurer T. M. Kincade of the local. Kincade reports that further negotiations will be held on the installation of a job evaluation program proposed by the company.

Wholesale Grocery Statement

Negotiations between Local 11 and Associated Food Distributors, an association of local wholesale grocers, and employees in employe offer of 5½ cents per hour, retroactive to June 1, were recently reported by the members of the local employed in the industry.

Industry members of the union are requesting retroactivity to March 1, the expiration date of the former agreement, and have indicated their position by voting to strike if such request is not reached. Efforts of Federal and local mediation agencies have failed and the matter has been referred to the Portland Central Labor Council.

Jewelry Agreement Renewed

Kincade also announced renewal of the agreement between Local 11 and Westfield and Goldberg Company, a retail jewelry and household appliance concern, with a resulting 5-cent per hour increase.

Agreements between Local 11 and the National Biscuit Company, Yellow Cab Company and several manufacturing lines are presently in the process of being renewed, according to Kincade.

MEAT PRICE BOOSTS

MAKE SCALES OBSOLETE

New York—Meat prices have gone so high they have run right over the top of the computed price charts found on scales used by butchers to determine how much money should be jerked out of the hands of the consuming public.

To alleviate this trouble, locations for retail meat markets, the Toledo Scale Company has jumped into the ring and made the move. A new model scale which will have 900 percent more and higher price computations are available.

In announcing the new post-war models, the company said the scales will weigh R1 and 500-pound and furnish 125,000 price characters on the new price computation charts. $5,000 more than the previous charts.

If the present trend keeps up, they'd better start working on a new attachment for the scale, a ladder!

Wage Increases and Other Benefits Won in Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Wis.—OEIU Local 9 has won substantial further benefits for many of its members, according to Business Representative Harold E. Beck, who reports that the union entered into renewal contracts with the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Transportation Company; the International Harvester Company; Milwaukee Works; the Square D Company, and for its members employed in union offices.

The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Transportation Company agreement just entered into resulted from many months negotiation, with the union winning for its clerical members employed by the company, a wage increase of 10.34 percent to apply for the first six months of this year and 12.05 percent to apply for the second six months of this year.

In addition to the wage increase won for these members the renewal agreement assures them an additional five days in the unused accumulated sick leave allowed, bringing the total to twenty-five days.

The union was also successful in obtaining an agreement for employees of 25 years or more of service with the company. At the International Harvester Company, Milwaukee Works, the members of OEIU won a wage increase of 1%. an hour for employees employed at the minimum salary of office wage negotiations resulted in a general increase of 5 percent, with a guaranteed minimum of at least $10 per month for each employee.

The salary ranges in the local union's new union office contract were increased by $5 per week.

RENEW AGREEMENT WITH DURKEE FOODS

Oakland, Calif.—Substantial wage increases were highlighted in a new agreement won in recent renewal agreements with Durkee Famous Foods Company, manufacturers of the Bettermade Foods, Inc., according to the Business Representative, John B. Kinnick, of Local No. 29, which holds bargaining rights for the clerical workers in those establishments.

The salary gains made at Durkee Famous Foods Company range from $20 to $52 per month, with a weighted average of $23.50. The increase at the Bettermade Foods, Inc., office amounts to $20.80 per month.

Another improvement won in the Durkee agreement was a three weeks paid vacation after 25 years of service and an allowance for holidays occurring during an employee's vacation period.

It was also agreed that consideration will be given to the post experience of new employees in determining their hiring rate, and that these new employees will be paid at a point.

Paid sick leave for regular part time employees was obtained in the Bettermade Food agreement.

Reach Agreement With Baking Firm

New York.—A wage increase of $8 a week highlights the agreement made with the Gordon, Baking Company by OEIU Local 13. It represents a wage increase for regular and clerical employees to $42 a week.

Other benefits secured are a five-day week, guaranteed overtime and job security.

This is the second big baking concern organized in the metropoli
tan area by Local 13. Local organizer Edward J. Curley claims the organization drive was and was assisted by Celia Sabin and James Hallihan in the agreement negotiations.

10% BOOST

Trenton, N. J.—A general wage increase of 10 percent or $5 per week wherever applicable, is granted throughout the firm, which lights the gains made in a recent renewal of the agreement between the OEIU Local 70 and the Tren- tonian Publishing Company.

Edward W. McCullister represents the local union in this negoti-
atations, assisted by Mary Remzi, office steward. All previous gains were preserved in the renewal agreement.

GENERAL INCREASE AT PAPER COMPANY

Millinocket, Me.—Contract renewal negotiations with the Great Northern Paper Company have resulted in a general wage increase of $4 a week for all office employees, according to AFL-OEIU Representative Edward C. Nagel, who assisted OEIU Local 129 with its negotiations.

General wage increases were also applied to classification rates in the agreement. The proportional increase on new employees was reduced from 90 to 60 days, and further improvements were made in the personal time off allowances.

The local union was represented by its bargaining committee, headed by Local President W. M. Fraught.

CHRISTIE-BROWN PAY HIRED OVER $5 A WEEK

Toronto, Ont.—A renewal agreement with the Christie-Brown and Company Limited has been negotiated by OEIU Local 131, according to Business Representative Russell Harvey, who reports that Local 219 has made spectacular progress since its formation one year ago and the recent renewal agreement negotiated by Local President H. H. Morash and a committee composed of E. H. Blaine, S. E. Bakaj, and A. D. Scharm.

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Marathon, Ont.—A general wage increase of 11 percent coupled with a reduction of one hour in the weekly working time and the acceptance of a five-day work week highlight the gains made in the recent renewal agreement between Local OEIU Local 219 and the Marathon Paper Mills of Canada Limited, according to the officers of the local union. The renewal agreement also provides for a more generous merit rating plan than the one formerly enjoyed.

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THE PRICE OF POLITICAL ABSENTEEISM

PRICES HIT A NEW HIGH: WHOLESALE PRICES AT NEW PEAK!

COST OF LIVING HIGHEST EVER!

These three headlines made their appearance promptly in July, 1948. They have been appearing regularly since Congress abolished price control in July, 1946.

Now let's go back to July 3, 1946. The National Association of Manufacturers speaking: "If OPA is permanently discontinued the present higher prices will remain rapidly and through free competition, prices will quickly adjust themselves to levels that consumers are willing to pay." Then there is Congressman Taber, Republican from New York, speaking: "OPA is at the present time the chief promoter of inflation." We could fill a page with similar quotations from the "statements" in Congress.

Now the Federal Reserve Board tells us that one quarter of the Nation's families are finding it necessary to spend more than they are taking in, in order to get by with constantly increasing prices.

Prices have jumped 30 percent since OPA was scuttled in 1946. While the average of the speculative price boom that followed the destruction of the OPA? The Department of Commerce points out that while the total of wages and salaries have increased only 6 percent in the past three years, profits have increased 60 percent. That profits have increased ten times as fast as wages should please the present 80th Congress.

It was exactly what the Congressionals had feared; it is apparent that the destruction of price control has cost consumers approximately $25 billion dollars. This huge sum was paid unnecessarily. It is a consumer's tax of approximately 25 billion dollars a year for the past two years levied by the majority of Congress at the request of the National Association of Manufacturers.

You might remember this when Congress tells you your taxes have been reduced.

The 80th Congress that endorsed the extraction of this huge sum from your pockets was elected because 56 million Americans of voting age failed to vote in 1948. But the agents of big business obtained a majority in Congress and made the laws to suit their masters. The 80th Congress sat silent on rising prices. It was not necessary to legislate on prices by those who controlled it.

Fifty billion dollars is a lot to pay for this lesson in citizenship. How about remembering it in November, 1948?

Show's Benefits of Unionization

Berkeley, Calif.—"Real earnings in the highly organized industries have increased to a greater extent than have those in the less organized industries." That is the principal conclusion of an impartial, scholarly and carefully documented analysis of wage and trade union membership trends by Arthur M. Ross of the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations.

His article, "The Influence of Unionism upon Earnings," appeared in the February 1948 issue of the "Quarterly Journal of Economics" and is available in reprint form from the University of California.

In a summary table, Dr. Ross shows that in the broad industrial group where average hourly earnings in 1933 ranged from $0 to 65 cents those industries which were almost completely organized (80 to 100 percent under agreement) experienced a 50.8 percent increase in real average hourly earnings, while only a 28.9 percent increase occurred in the unorganized industries (0 to 40 percent under agreement).

After careful examination of other factors, Dr. Ross finds that they have had a negligible or at most a slight influence on the more rapid increase in earnings in the unionized industries, and that the primary reason for the relatively greater increase has been union action.

DOUBLE DUTY

By MARY M. POTTER

Do you remember the old story of the woman who was bronzed, mended, stitched, cooked, cleaned, babies, scrubbed floors, etc., etc.? You were supposed to ask whether she had time for a little spare time.

Well, today she works—in an office, in a factory, a store, a schoolroom, or maybe in a laundry. Where she does more washing and ironing.

Millions of women have become breadwinners as well as homemakers in the past few years. The income of the head of the family is often insufficient and the mother must help supplement his earnings.

I know, I should know. I've been doing two jobs as a working woman and a homemaker for 20 years. It has been plenty tough, yet I got kick out of it.

If you've been awake practically all night with a baby who is cutting teeth, you might start a job in your early morning in a cheerful mood, with your hair neatly arranged, your nails freshly manicured and your seams straight.

At the end of a hard day in the office you return home, still in a cheerful mood (you're used to it) with your marketing under your arm. You don't tidy house dress. You cook and serve a cheerful family meal, the children's homework, and you take off your apron and worry about your problems while you wonder how you'll make room for Aunt Minnie when she arrives next Sunday from Minneapolis.

What if you finally go to sleep you dream of the woman of long ago whose "spare time" was such a joy?

But the woman who works outside her home has made a great contribution to the welfare of her sex. It is largely on her account that manufacturers have put on the market the modern "organizer" of such variety and efficiency as were never thought of in the old days.

Yes, it's a lot easier for a woman to carry on two jobs these days. They are not only passing on a few helpful hints. The two most important ones are to remain cheerful no matter how tough the saddle. If you can manage that, most problems can be licked.

Though you may have every appliance you want, there is one job (Continued on Page 4)

BACK ON JOB

Portland, Ore.—Members of OEU Local 11 are hailing the return of Ruth E. Flood as an organizer on the staff of the local union. She resigned from this position three months ago and during the intervening period has been assisting another AFL local union in a similar capacity.

With the return of Organizer Flood to her former position was made by Secretary-Treasurer, who represented the local who expressed keen pleasure and satisfaction and pointed with pride at the many accomplishments in this position. He also noted that she has many friends among local AFL laboratories who extend her all over the assist-
FURTHER GAINS AT NIAGARA SPRAYER

Middleport, N. Y.—A general in-
crease of $16 per month was ob-
tained in the recent renewal of the
agreement between the International
Representative George F. Firth, who assisted the local union
in the negotiations.
All minimum and maximum rates in
the eight job classifications were
raised. Among the local features, the
provisions of the old agreement were renewed with the exception of sick leave.
The new sick leave policy provides a minimum of one
day per month for new employees and a sliding scale of up to four
weeks leave with full pay after three
years employment, with ten
additional weeks at three-fourths pay after seven years employment.
Life, accident, and health insur-
ance is also incorporated in the
stipulations.
Since the organization of Local 184 in 1946, wage increases total-
izes $164 per employee contract
have been gained for the office of force of this
company.
For the past agreement with the company resulted in an average in-
crease of $27.50, and the 1947 in-
crease amounting to $16.80 across-the-board, with another $16 result-
ing from the current renewal negoti-
ations.
Mrs. Freda Worthood is presi-
dent of Local 184, and the negoti-
ating committee was composed of Ed-ward Robichard, Matt Bala-
zek, Irene Nayman, Geraldine Hoff-
man, Neva Whitney and Dean Volle.

Suit Emphasizes Need For Union

Milwaukee, Wis.—"Why do I
need a union?" As convincing a
reason as would be possible to find
lies in the general 5,500 dollar
suit filed by the Chicago Foundry-
men’s Association against the Star
Electric Company of Chicago whose employees are represented by an
AFL union.
The Association is seeking dam-
ages against the Delta Company be-
cause Delta offered members of the
AFL union a 13-cent increase which
allegedly weakened the bar-
gaining position of the 41
Association members who, through the employees’ organization, offered a
maximum 10-cent boost.
In the words of the employer
association had agreed to limit the amount of any wage increase to its
employees it found a shred figure regardless of the needs of the workers or
varying grades of skills in different positions, and that the employees who are
members of the AFL union are near to $3 million in
billion dollars.
In commenting on this suit, U. S. Director of Labor and
Treasurer Anthony Doria
stated: "What chance has a worker
particularly a Negro, have to
worker—when employers agree
among themselves exactly what

Meat Prices Hit New High; Consumer Rooking Goes On

Washington.—The nation’s con-
sumers, already groggy from large
overdoses of high prices, were hit
hard again when wholesale meat
prices soared to new highs.
The United States Department of
Agriculture reported that prices
were at their highest point in his-
tory and that only a "stiff" con-
sumption would keep them from
going even higher.
Wholesale meat prices in Chicago
jumped as much as 6 cents per pound
in the livestock centers, hogs climbed
to new all-time highs at some
marketed choicest beef hit new highs
during the week ended July 16.
Cause for the price jumps, ac-
cording to a market analyst, is the
fact that the nation’s supply of
meat in relation to demand is one of
the shortest on record.
Offering no cause for optimism, H. S. Munsey, managing editor of the
National Livestock Producer, said the
situation would remain "acute"
until well into the summer.
Conway did not supply compar-
te figures but said his estimate
of the short supply was made in rela-
tion to the country’s increasing
demand.
"Considerable population growth
in the past decade and preva-
lence of full employment, the current pro-

tective meat supply is very inade-
quate," Conway said.
He blamed the short corn crop
here and the recent packing-
house workers’ strike for the
restricted supply of meat. Conway
said lack of corn discouraged pro-
ducers in feed lots and slowed up hog production.
Conway said livestock prices
would remain high during the sum-
mer and that meat might be short
for another year.
In a recent report the Agriculture De-
partment forecast an all-time rec-
ord corn crop for 1948, Conway said it would be "some time" be-
fore the increased supply of feed
could be converted into meat.
Experts in pocket book a year before bumper 1948 feed
meat could be reflected in more

Union Shop Wins in Four Elections

Los Angeles, Calif.—Four union
shop elections conducted by NLRB
in over twenty states for OEIU Local
No. 30, ac-
cording to Business Representa-
tive Al Brasley.
The union shop election held among the clerical force of Brasley-
Co. and the company’s Union of
the J. A. Meyers Jewelry Company both resulted in 100 percent votes for
the shop.
The election conducted among the clerical force of the Grinnell
Company of the Pacific resulted in
a 98 percent vote for the union
shop, and the election held at Karls
Shoe Stores Limited resulted in the
86 percent union shop vote.
Contract negotiations with Brasley-
Co. and Karls Shoe Companies have
been completed with the agreement to be signed shortly.
Negotiations with Grinnell are cur-
rently under way.

Election Won At Insurance Office

Phoenix, Ariz.—OEIU Local 58
has been certified by the National
Labor Relations Board as the ex-
clusive bargaining representative of
office and clerical employees of the
American National Insurance
Company district office in Phoenix.
A vote of 184 to 50 was unanimous.
A majority of the workers at the
home office of American National in
Galveston, Tex., have signed up
Local 27 in their election to establish bargaining
rights is being awaited.
A recent hearing on the pet-
tion for an election all issues were
agreed to and the matter was
submitted by stipulation to the NLRB
for a direction of election, according to Vice President C. A.
Stafford who has been assisting
the local union.

NEGOTIATE INCREASE

Titusville, Pa.—Wage negotia-
tions with Struthers-Wells Corp.
have resulted in a 6 cents per hour
increase for office employees in the
company’s operations in this city and at War-
town, according to Bruce Ger-
ahan of OEIU Local 85, which
represents the Titusville group. The
office force for the five
members of Local 186.
kind of a raise each will give and im-
pose drastic penalties on any
company who exceeds the arbitrary
limits placed on the prior law. The
Negotiations Act should be amended to
include a provision protecting ‘poor em-
ployees’ and to those companies which believe it right to
grant fair wage demands.”

F.R.B. SURVEY SHOWS INCOME INADEQUATE

Washington—From one-third
to one-half of the families in the
United States in 1947 did not have a sufficient income to maintain an
acceptable American standard of
living, according to a comparison
made by the Research Bureau of the
The Federal Reserve Board’s sur-
vey of family income during 1947 shows that 43 percent of the typi-
cal four-person family earned less
than $3,000 a year. From $5,004 to $5,688 per year was esti-
mitted by the U. S. Bureau of Labor
Statistics as the cost of a modest
but adequate budget for a family
four to June, 1947.
To cost of the BLS budget for
two, three and five-person fami-
lies has been estimated by the
Bureau of National Affairs. This
organization finds that the cost of
the BLS budget for a two-person
family was $2,075 in 1947, $2,238.
The Federal Reserve Board sur-
vey shows that 35 percent of the
families of five or six persons re-
ceived less than this amount in
1947.
For a three-person family the
cost of the BLS budget is $2,561.
Twenty-eight percent of the
families in the Federal Re-
serve’s survey received less
than $2,500 in 1947.
For a five-person family the
BLS budget is $3,414 to $3,777. The
Federal Reserve Board shows that
56 percent of the families of five
persons or more persons received less
than $3,000.
The Federal Reserve Board sur-
vey also showed that 64 percent
of all families of all sizes received
less than $3,000 per year, these
same families also received only
21 percent of the total money in-
come received by all families.
Income by occupational groups
showed that workers employed by man-
gerial or self-employed per-
sions received a median income of
nearly $3,000, as much as the $1,750 received an-
ually by unskilled worker fami-
lies, and as much as the skilled worker fami-
ly’s $3,000.
Income has not kept pace
with the increase in living costs:
the median income for all families
increased 12 percent from 1945 to
1947, but the cost of living in-
creased 18 percent from June 1946
to June 1947.

PIPPING LOCAL AIDS CONVENTION

Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh’s Baltimore
County of the Pacific received a
commodious booth at the local during the Pen-

New AFL Radio Show

Washington.—The American
Federation of Labor has inaugu-
rated a new series of 15-minute
radio programs to be broadcast
each Tuesday evening at 10:45
E.S.T. The programs are to
be known as the "Summer Serenade," which will feature an-all-string orchestra un-
der the direction of an expert conductor. In addition to the musical selec-
tions, the program will include educational messages of inter-
est to labor and the general public.
NEW REGULATIONS ON OVERTIME PAY

Washington.—William R. McComb, wages and hours administrator, announced new standards governing premium overtime payments. They become effective Sept. 15.

Mr. McComb said the ruling was made in view of the Supreme Court's recent decision in the longshoremen's overtime pay suit.

The court upheld claims by the longshoremen that premium payments for working on weekends and at night should be included in their base pay on which overtime rates are figured.

Mr. McComb's lawyer said the new ruling would require "only slight changes" in labor contracts affected by the Supreme Court decision.

"In view of the court decision," Mr. McComb said, "the act requires the inclusion in an employee's regular rate of premium payments for work on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or at night, as such, which are made without regard to the number of hours or days previously worked by the employee in the day or work week."

"In addition, such premium payments may not be offset against the statutory overtime compensation due for work in excess of forty hours in the work week."

"However, if the payment for Saturdays, Sundays, holidays or night work is contingent upon the employee's having previously worked a specified number of hours or days according to a bona fide standard, such premium payments will be regarded as true overtime premiums which need not be included in the regular rate and may be offset against the statutory overtime compensation due under the act."

Mr. McComb said that in enforcing the Supreme Court decision he would look "not only at the terms of the applicable contract but also at the actual practices of the parties under the contract."

Fenton Assails Totalitarianism

San Francisco.—Delegates to the International Labor Conference heard Frank Fenton, United States worker delegate, denounce "human slavery" of "Red totalitarianism" in eastern Europe.

Mr. Fenton, international representative of the American Federation of Labor, gave notice to the conference, which includes delegates from several of the "satellites" of Soviet Russia, that "the free trade union movement intends to take all practical measures to end forced labor in any form."

"You hear now," he said, "that forced labor—human slavery of a particularly vicious sort—exists in some countries. I refer to the work camps of eastern Europe, where Red totalitarianism, like the foul black totalitarianism which is its twin counterpart, forces men and women to work as slaves."

"Let me say here bluntly that we intend to tolerate no totalitarianism, whether it's black or red."

Pay Tribute To AFL Founder

A Philippine worker delegation pays tribute to the memory of Samuel Gompers at ceremonies before the memorial statue of the founder of the American Federation of Labor. Pictured with the Philippine delegation are Serafino Romualdi, the AFL's Latin-American representative, at the extreme left; and George Mann, AFL secretary-treasurer, at the extreme right. Frank Fenton, the AFL's international representative, is third from the left.

We might recommend a few good movies and perhaps we can point out what your government and your labor union is striving for and how you can help. We'd like to try.

Double Duty

(Continued from Page 2)

for which there is no shortcut and it takes a lot of time. We all have to think for ourselves.

Every woman should know a little about what is going on in the world and a great deal about what is going on in her own community.

When the house gets noisy and we send the children to the movies, we should know what kind of a picture they are going to see. We should be interested in what sort of programs our local radio stations are offering during the hours when children are sitting on the floor with ears glued to the receiver.

We should know how many vitamins and calories are contained in a well-balanced meal. We should examine the records and find out about the policies of people who are asking for our vote.

There are countless ways in which we hope this column may be of help to a woman who is endeavoring to fill the jobs of housemaker, wage-earner, nurse, wife, mother, gardener, PTA worker, religious consultant, and jack-of-all-trades.

Maybe some simple menus and recipes will save you valuable time.

Council Names New Organizer

Oakland, Calif.—J. Herbert Geohagan was recently named organizer for the Northern California Council of Office Employees Unions, according to Council President John Kinnick. Geohagan succeeds Raymond K. Colliver, who is now serving Local 29 as secretary-treasurer.

Formerly AFL Advisor to the OFA and executive secretary to AFL members of the Regional War Labor Board, Geohagan brings a wide range of past experience to his new post.

We have much in the field of education, Geohagan was formerly professor of sociology at the University of Washington and was a director of education and welfare with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. His first union affiliation was in 1931 and in his labor background includes activity in both the United States and Great Britain.

It is reported that the California State Federation of Labor has inducted the Council's organizing advisor, who is contributing financially to sustain the activity.

Job Rights Protected Under Draft Measure

Washington.—Robert K. Salyers, Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights, United States Department of Labor, announced that reemployment provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1948 are applicable to enlisted and reserve personnel as well as to persons who may be inducted.

The Solicitor of Labor issued an opinion stating that although persons may not be inducted or ordered to active duty within 90 days after June 24, 1948, the effective date of the new draft act, any person voluntarily entitled to active duty subsequent to that date is entitled to all the reemployment rights conferred by the act. The Selective Service Act of 1948 provides that any person inquiring for not more than three years shall be entitled, upon expiration of his enlistment, to reemployment on his rights. However, such rights do not carry beyond the first enlistment unless it is extended by law. A member of a reserve component who responds to an order or call to an extended period of active duty is likewise entitled to re-employment rights if he is honorably relieved from such active duty not later than three years from the time he began it, or as soon thereafter as he is permitted to be relieved from active duty.

"In general, Salyers stated, "the reemployment rights conferred by the new act are substantially like those which are extended to veterans of World War II. Individuals now in the service are still covered by the old law. Of course, reemployment under Service Act, responsibility for assistance in connection with reemployment is not assigned to the Secretary of Labor. These functions will be performed by the Bureau of Reemployment Rights. Reemployment Rights, the same organization which is currently assisting World War II veterans to obtain their former jobs."