

Striking Printers Reject Final Offer

Offer By Chicago Papers Rejected

Chicago, Apr. 4—(UP)—Union rejection of a "final" offer today wiped out hopes for any immediate settlement of the 17-month-old strike by AFL typesetters against Chicago newspapers.

The union announced yesterday that its members had rejected by a vote of 1,266 to 93 the \$10 wage increase and other contract proposals offered by the publishers.

John F. O'Keefe, secretary of the Chicago Newspaper Publishers association which represents the four big dailies affected by the walkout, said he had not been informed of the rejection officially and declined to comment.

The rejection left in doubt the question of whether negotiations would be resumed. The publishers had described their offer as "final." The papers have been publishing during the strike by substitute methods.

The publishers offered a flat \$10 weekly pay raise for all three shifts, which would have brought the pay scale for journeymen typesetters to \$95.50 for the dayshift and \$101 weekly for night work.

The union's "minimum" wage proposal called for a \$14.50 weekly raise for the dayshift and a \$15

raise for night work. However, the union settled its strike against the Hammond Times in nearby Hammond, Ind., last January for a \$12.50 raise.

John Pilch, president of the Chicago Typographical Union, charged that the Chicago publishers were trying to "hook" the striking printers with a "yellow dog contract."

Pilch said the vote of the members was "rousing evidence of their loyalty" to the union.

"The contract offered us by the Chicago newspapers would have given our Chicago members a wage scale considerably below what is being paid our men in Hammond," Pilch said.

He said it was "galling" that the "immensely prosperous" Chicago papers should "seek such an advantage."

The union has been on strike against Chicago papers since Nov. 24, 1947. The publishers' "final" offer, made last month, was submitted by the local union to its international executive board, which reportedly found "serious defects" in the proposed contract.

The local's negotiating committee subsequently recommended rejection, and the vote announced yesterday was on whether to abide by the recommendation. The members also authorized the union to continue negotiations.

The transmission of pictures over telephone wires was demonstrated first on May 19, 1924.



A HEAVY SCREEN—plus murder—separate Kathleen Birmingham Babich, 17, and her husband Milton, 19, as they talk in Milwaukee, Wis., jail where he is held in murder of her sister Patricia. With her at the conference are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Babich. (International Soundphoto)

Bennett Taken To State Penal Farm

Sheriff Herman Bowman and Ralph Bennett left early this morning for the state penal farm at Putnamville where Bennett will begin serving a 60-day sentence for indecent exposure. Bennett was found guilty in Adams circuit court Friday.

Jury Seeking To Impeach Sheriff

Gambling Conspiracy Charged To Sheriff

Greencastle, Ind., April 4—(UP)—Grand jury indictments were announced today against Paul Reising, a liquor store operator with whom sheriff John T. Sutherland was accused of gambling conspiracy.

While Sutherland, a Democrat, prepared his defense against the jury's impeachment proceedings, Reising was arrested on two indictments charging him with exhibiting a gaming device and advertising a lottery.

Sutherland was accused in an unusual open court report by the grand jurors Saturday. At the same time, the jury returned seven indictments but none was made public pending arrest of the defendants.

When the warrants were served on Reising, the first two indictments became known. Reising was accused of showing a jar of gambling tickets at a filling station and placing a jar of tickets in a restaurant on Jan. 25.

Sutherland, 65, who took office last Jan. 1 for his third term, was ordered to answer the charge April 13 in circuit court.

The jury returned no indictment against Sutherland. Instead, it made an open court report which prosecutor Frank Durham said was, in effect, an impeachment move.

It accused Sutherland of conspiring to violate state gambling laws by promising to protect certain places of business if they installed slot machines handled by a liquor store proprietor.

Judge John H. Allee said that if Sutherland denied the accusations when he appears in court, a petit jury would hear the case and decide whether Sutherland would be impeached.

The report was based on a seldom-used 75-year-old Indiana law.

Petition Change In Recreation Program

Several hundred Adams county residents have signed a petition calling for the replacement of the trustees of each township as administrators of the county recreation program. The petitioners want the program controlled by a county board of parks and recreation.

A group of taxpayers will appear before the county commissioners today to argue for the change. The county commissioners will also consider a petition asking that the Farlow ditch, located in Jefferson township, be cleaned and repaired.

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Hartford Township Farmer Dies Sunday

Harold Meschberger Is Taken By Death

Harold Meschberger, 37, farmer residing in Hartford township, died at his home Sunday after a five-year illness. Mr. Meschberger, a son of Nathan and Ocie Mosure-Meschberger resided in Adams county his entire life.

He was born in Hartford township Nov. 10, 1911. On February 3, 1940, he was married to Mildred Jacobs, who survives, as do two children, Janet May and Ronald Eugene, both at home. One daughter is deceased. A sister, Mrs. John Rathert, Fort Wayne, and his parents also survive.

Mr. Meschberger was a member of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church of Vera Cruz, where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The body was taken from the John funeral home, Bluffton, to the home west of Berne this afternoon, where friends may call until time of the funeral. The Rev. H. H. Meckstroth, pastor of St. John's church, will have charge of the services.

Pact In Brief

Washington, April 4—(UP)—The North Atlantic treaty in brief: Members—United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Portugal.

Duration—Any member may drop out after 20 years after giving one year's notice. Treaty may be reviewed at end of 10 years.

Effective—When ratified by the "original seven"—the United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Two-thirds vote of the U. S. senate is necessary for American ratification.

Pledges—A common defense, alliance against Russia, although Russia is not mentioned by name. Each member to come to the aid of the other in event of armed attack. The method of aid, including armed force, to be determined by each nation.

Council—Creates a council of members to work out how to put treaty into effect. The council will establish a defense committee to recommend measures in event of attack on any alliance member.

Area covered—Member nations' territory in Europe and North America; the parts of Germany and Austria occupied by the western allies; Algeria in North Africa; Island of member nations in the Atlantic north of Tropic of Cancer. This includes the Azores and Greenland.

Official title—"North Atlantic treaty." It has 1,040 words, contained in a preamble and 14 articles.

Elks Leaders Are Honored At Dance

More than 75 couples attended the dance in honor of the outgoing and incoming exalted rulers of the B. P. O. Elks at the Elks home Saturday night. Music was furnished by a local orchestra.

Wendell Macklin will be installed as exalted ruler Thursday evening, succeeding Water Schug. The latter was named a trustee of the lodge. Lloyd Baker was chairman of the event, assisted by members of the entertainment committee.



Twenty years ago Nils Asther was a great screen lover earning about \$5,000 a week. Today, a handsome, graying man of 48, Asther (above), is shown at work as a \$1-an-hour delivery clerk in the Los Angeles City Clerk's office. The actor, who played in love scenes with Greta Garbo, took the city job two months ago. (International Soundphoto)

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See Good Financial Year For Farmers

Farm Income Likely Less Than In 1948

Washington, April 4—(UP)—Farmers can look ahead to another good financial year—perhaps several good years—but "the peak of prosperity for farmers seems definitely to have passed," according to agriculture secretary Charles F. Brannan.

Brannan and chief agriculture economist O. V. Wells also told the house appropriations committee that while farm income this year probably will be somewhat less than in 1948 "we look for no disastrous breaks (or) another long, drawn-out depression any time soon."

In testimony made public today, they credited the price support program with preventing a serious nose-dive in farm prices last year.

Testifying on the department's fiscal 1950 spending bill, Brannan said many persons thought a depression had hit when farm prices broke sharply from their unprecedented peaks early in 1948.

"But the price support system proved its worth as a stabilizer of the American economy," he said.

Wells said the February, 1948, price break would have been much greater but for the price support program.

Brannan, who will unveil his new price support recommendations to congress this week, said the problem is what percentage of parity the support price should be. In the case of potatoes, he agreed that the 90 percent parity figure forced the consumer last year to pay a price that was out of line. He said the mark-up started at the parity level. Next year, he said, the price may have to start at the 60 percent level.

His recommendations are expected to represent a compromise between demands for 100 percent price supports and flexible supports based on the supply situation.

Census To Gather Valuable Figures

Up-to-date national figures on family characteristics, consumer income, and migration will be collected in the U. S. census bureau's current population survey in April, it was announced today by Louis B. the bureau's Fort Wayne office. The current population survey is conducted monthly with a representative cross section of 25,000 throughout the county, including

many located in the Decatur area. The results of this survey show how many families there are, what kinds of families they are, how many of them are in each income bracket. Thus builders, groups, and businessmen in the fields will be better able to plan production sales.

More than half of all the families in the Seattle metropolitan area earn \$3,000 or more annually, survey showed.

SALE CALENDAR

- APR. 5—Ind. Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Assoc., Lafayette, Ind., bulls, 45 females. 12:30 P. M. Col. Ham Jones, auctioneer.
- APR. 5—Otis Starr Estate and Ralph Starr, 8 mi. S.W. of Bluffton, head registered and grade Ayrshire cattle, also personal property. 10:30 A. M. Ellenberger Bros., Auctions.
- APR. 5—Schrack heirs, 103 N. 10th St., 8 room house. 6 P. M. T. Schieferstein, Auct.
- APR. 6—Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Foster, 10 miles south of Richmond, Ind., 5 miles west, 255 Acres of Land. 1:30 P. M. The Kent Realty & Auction Co., Inc. D. S. Blair, auct.
- APR. 7—Mr. & Mrs. Everett Anderson, 1/2 mile northwest of Cale, Ind., or 11 miles southwest of Bedford, Ind. on No. 450, 140 miles west to Cale. 215 Acre Stock & Grain Farm. 1:30 P. M. The Kent Realty & Auction Co., Inc. D. S. Blair, auct.
- APR. 9—Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lerch, 1/2 mile west of Wanatah, Ind. on highway No. 30 on south side. Gas Business, Lunch Room, Cabins, 2:00 P. M. The Kent Realty & Auction Co., Inc. D. S. Blair, auct.
- APR. 9—Mary Lhamon, executrix of Francis Bogner estate, 1104 Monroe St., Decatur, Ind. 7 room modern house and personal property. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, auct.
- APR. 9—Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lerch, 9 mi. E. of Valparaiso, Ind., on Gas station, lunch room, 2 cabins. 2 P. M. Kent Realty Auction Co.
- APR. 9—Don & Jesse Ellenberger, 3 mi. E. of Bluffton on 124, 40 out. 41 head high grade Holsteins and personal property. 10 A. M. Dale Ellenberger, Roy & Ned Johnson, Marvin Liechty, Aucts.
- APR. 12—Florence Edith Kerns, Executrix James Kerns, 6 mi. E. Van Wert, O., or 6 mi. W. of Delphos, O., on U. S. 30, 140 acres in four tracts with improvements. Roy & Ned Johnson and Homer Pollock, Aucts.
- APR. 12—M. A. Tourney, 3 mi. W. of Montpelier on No. 18, then 1 mi. N. Well improved 44 acre farm. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.
- APR. 13—Merl G. Kelham, Adm. Nellie Kelham Estate, 16 mi. N. Fort Wayne, Ind. on No. 3 Highway then 1/4 mi. E. Well improved 224 Acre Farm. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann—Auctioneer.
- APR. 16—Paul R. Blacker, Adm. Blacker Estate, 6 mi. N.E. of Hillsdale, Ohio on No. 2 Highway, then 1/4 mi. S. Well improved 145 acres of Level Black Land. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann—Auctioneer.
- APR. 19—C. E. Bell & M. O. Stoutenberry, 2 miles east of Decatur, mile north of road 224 on Belmont farms. Holstein cattle sale and Hampshire bred gilts. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, Aucts.

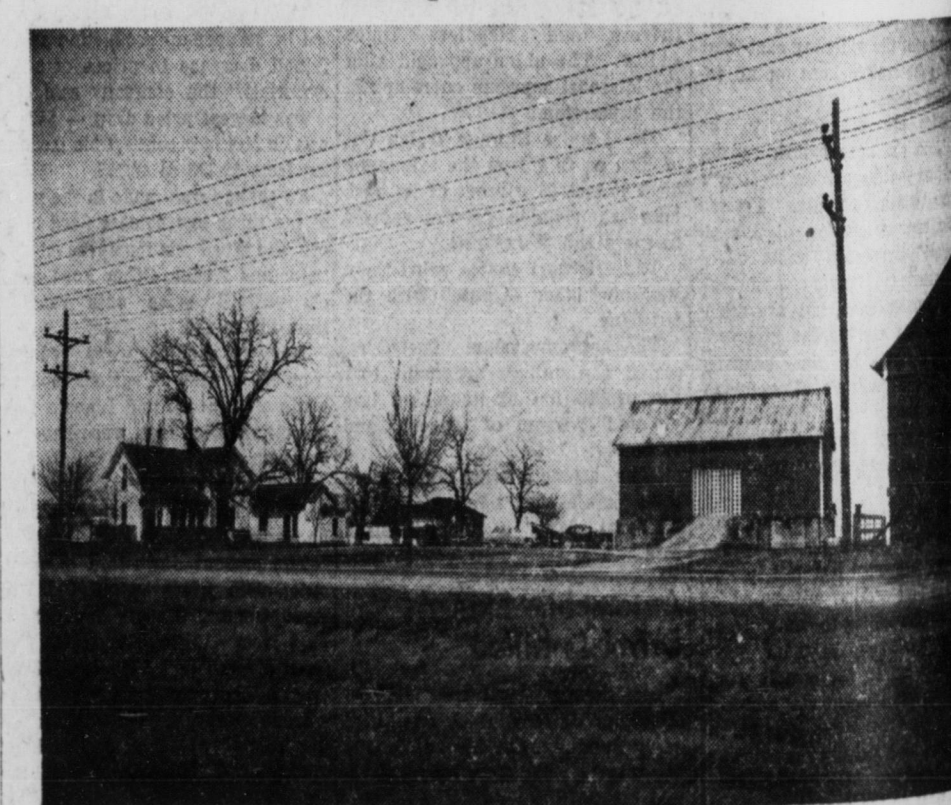
PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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In Four Tracts

The undersigned Executrix of the Estate of the late James M. Kerns, will sell at Public Auction the following described Real Estate on the premises located 6 miles East of Van Wert, Ohio or 6 miles West of Delphos, Ohio, on U. S. 30, on

Tuesday, April 12, 1948

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TRACT No. 1—188 Acres more or less, in Sec. 12 Ridge Twp. Van Wert County, Ohio. 40 acres under cultivation except 1 1/2 acres woods. 40 Acres Wheat, 4 Acres Alfalfa. This farm is thoroughly tile drained spaced 35 to 50 ft., with good outlets.

IMPROVEMENTS—Good 8 room frame house with summer house attached; Hardwood floors down, enclosed porch, basement, new hot air furnace, 2 cisterns, drilled well, water pumps in house.

BARN No. 1—Bank barn 40x60 with 14 ft. shed, basement, concreted, stanchions for 10 Cows; BARN No. 2—54x32; Double crib 24x60, with overhead granary and elevator, concrete floor; Hen house 14x40, concrete floor; garage. Drilled well at barn. Buildings on good foundation, good roofs, in good repair. All have electricity.

TRACT No. 2—Approx. 32 Acres located directly across highway from Tract No. 1. Practically all tillable land now seeded to grass and used for pasture. Ample water for stock.

TRACT No. 3—Approx. 1 Acre with 4 room brick house, basement, small barn joins Tract No. 1 fronts on U. S. No. 30. An ideal location, can be remodeled into nice home.

TRACT No. 4—87 Acres more or less.

LOCATION: 1 1/2 miles North of Tract No. 1 on Dog Creek Road. In Sec. 1 Ridge Twp., Van Wert County.

IMPROVEMENTS: Barn 36x50 with 16 ft. shed attached; Double crib 32x22; Good single crib 7x30; granary 14x18, metal siding and roof, sealed; Brick house in need of repairs, drilled well. This farm is thoroughly tiled every 35 to 50 ft.. Growing crops, 35 Acres.

Wheat, 10 Acres Alsike Clover; 17 Acres Big English Clover.

CONDITIONS AND TERMS: Tracts 1 and 2 may be offered separately and then together and sold to highest bid or bids. Tracts No. 3 and 4 will be sold separately. One half (1/2) of all crops to purchasers. Landlords possession day of sale, full possession March 1, 1949.

Farms are rented on 50-50 basis coming crop year.

TERMS: 20% day of sale, balance at delivery of deed in 30 days or less.

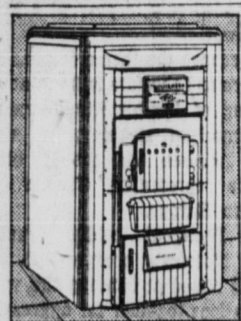
NOTE: These farms are outstanding from the standpoint of soil type, containing mostly black and black sandy loam. Close to market in Centralized School district. Inspecting welcome any time. For further information contact Auctioneers or tenant of Farm No. 1.

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