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Paul Rickman, Executive Officer of the Central Washington Retail Employees Union office, released the Labor Agreements negotiated by Mr. William Labursky of Portland Oregon and the Local Retail Union to cover approximately 80 employees of the Miller's Department stores in Yakima and Wenatchee, Washington.

The Labor Agreement, in addition to covering many standard clauses on wages, hours, and conditions extended the following benefits to the employees employed by the two department stores; the agreement provided for a 30 cents per hour increase in a 24 month period with three increases of 10 cents-10cents and 10 cents. The increases were retroactive to February 1, 1967. All employees will receive the difference of their regular hourly rate and the wage increase in the form of back pay.

Up to 50 days sick leave with pay is provided for the employees according the employment with the company.

Full seniority rights based on length of service and qualifications is provided for all employees.

Two and one-half times the regular hourly rate of pay is to be paid for all holidays worked.

Up to six months time loss is allowed without any loss in seniority status.

A minimum of two weeks vacation with pay for each year's service is provided up to a maximum of four week's vacation with pay based on service.

The wage rates range for employees with 18 months retail experience, from a minimum of \$1.77½ per hour to a maximum of \$2.62½ per hour.

Employees are guaranteed that they will not suffer any reduction in wages or conditions during the life in the agreement.

The labor agreement was signed today by Mr. William Labursky, attorney from Portland, Oregon, who represents the P. N. Hirsch Company, and Rickman, as the Executive Officer of the Local Union.

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