

[December 1925]

ATTENTION!

To the Officers and Members of all Local Unions in District 14, U. M. W. of A.

Greeting:

As the call for the election on the question of moving our District Headquarters, is being sent out and you will be asked to vote on same December 29th. We the committee representing the Local Unions of Arma, wish to give you the following reasons why our district headquarters should be situated in our city and therefore ask you for your support in the coming election.

1.

We believe that our headquarters should be situated where the business people are in accord with the principles and have the respect for our organization. The business men of Arma have always shown this respect and always willing to give us a helping hand whenever needed.

Now, again to show their attitude towards us they have donated (ten thousand dollars) towards the erection of our headquarters in the city of Arma.

2.

We believe that our Headquarters would be best in Arma because Arma is situated in the center of the coal field. We have at present 30 mines within a distance of 6 miles of our city, you will therefore see the saving it will mean in transportation alone in taking our Board members to and from the mines.

3.

If by your vote the Headquarters is moved to Arma, the rent that we can receive from same will more than pay for the up-keep of the building.

We have 4 Local Unions here paying \$10 a month rent, these Local Unions will move to headquarters, this will mean \$40 a month from Local Unions alone. Now different parties have already asked in regards to rental of the auditorium and we feel assured that the lower floor can be rented for every night each week. We also wish to state that the savings that we will receive from the auditorium for our District Conventions will be great.

4.

The Committee of Arma has had the plans of the building with an architect and he has given us assurance that a building 40x80 by 40 feet high will not cost over Twenty-six thousand dollars completed. The building to be fire proof, business men having donated Ten thousand dollars leaves Sixteen thousand dollars to be raised by the rank and file. There is now Six thousand members employed in our District, so the cost to complete the building per member would be about \$2.60. This could be paid at an assessment of less than 25 cents per month for one year.

We hope that we have made it clear that it would be a great saving to our organization to have our District Headquarters in Arma and ask that you will cast your vote for the same.

We Remain In Behalf of Local Unions No. 3930, No. 46 and No. 3816

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