The papers of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union Local 2 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in July of 1976 by Doyle Worley and David Jacobs, the President and Secretary-Treasurer of Local 2 respectively and were opened for research in December of 1983.

The International Printing Pressmen and Assistant's Union is the largest printing trade union in the world. It was founded in 1889 when specialization within the industry encouraged pressmen to break away from the International Typographical Union and to form individual craft unions. Detroit Local 2, founded in 1899, was an active participant in the fight for the eight-hour work day and in 1921 attempted to secure a 44-hour work week. Members of Local 2 also participated in a strike against the Aronsson Printing Company of Detroit in 1937, a walkout that lasted well over one year.

Mr. Walter G. Wisdom, whose papers comprise a substantial portion of this collection, was appointed administrator of Local 2 by the IPPAU and was instrumental in organizing a membership drive that lasted for nearly two decades. When Mr. Wisdom assumed his position in 1935, Local 2 was under the stewardship of the International Union with a total of 57 members. When the stewardship was removed in 1953, Local 2 had over 900 members. In addition to his work with Local 2, Mr. Wisdom served as a member of the board for the National Selective Service system in the Detroit area and as an arbitration panel member in the dispute between the King-Trendle Broadcasting Corporation (WXYZ radio) and the American Federation of Radio Artists. These materials are included in this collection.

The papers of Local 2 reflect its efforts to negotiate for improved wages within the printing trades as well as its efforts in various civic and community affairs.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Negotiations
Aronsson Strike, 1937

Among the important correspondents are:

George Berry
Julius De la Rosa
Thomas Dunwody
Walter Wisdom

An index to subjects and correspondents will be found on p.
Contents

35 manuscript boxes

Series I, General Office Files, 1910-1961, Boxes 1-17:
Correspondence, reports and other materials relating to the daily functioning and objectives of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union Local 2. Also in this series are the materials relating to Walter Wisdom's work with the National Selective Service system.

Series II, Meeting Minutes, 1899-1958, Boxes 18-20:
Minutes of the regular membership and Executive Board of Local 2.

Series III, Negotiations, 1948-1958, Boxes 21-35:
Correspondence, contracts and statistical data relating to the negotiations of IPPAU Locals throughout Michigan and other states in the Great Lakes region. Included in this series are the materials on Walter Wisdom's role in the King-Trendle Broadcasting and AFRA dispute.

Non-manuscript material:
Approximately 8 photographs relating to IPPAU Locals including a strike by Local 2 against the Aronsson Printing Co. in 1937 have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection. Numerous IPPAU Local contracts and trade publications such as The American Pressman received with this collection are available in the Archives Library.
Series I

General Office Files, 1910-1961
Boxes 1-17

Correspondence, reports and other materials relating to the daily functioning and objectives of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union Local 2. Although some material dates from as early as 1910, the bulk of the material covers the period from 1948-1958. Included is a substantial amount of correspondence with the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union Headquarters in Tennessee. This series also contains materials relating to Walter Wisdom's work with the National Selective Service system. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or name.

Box 1

1. Account ledger, Local 2, 1911-1922
2-4. American Federation of Labor, reports, 1946-53
6-8. AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, 1955-58
11-12. AFL-CIO, Michigan, 1958

Box 2

1. Allied Printing Trades Council, 1955-58
2. Apprentice applications and standards, 1948-53
3. Audit report, New York City Pressmen's Union Local 2, Nov 1951
4-5. Berry, George, IPPAU President, Jun 1948 - Dec 1948
6-7. Board of Directors, IPPAU, 1949-55
8. Competition Code for the Graphic Arts Industries, 1934
14. Correspondence; Accounting Department, 1952-53
15-16. Correspondence; American Pressman magazine, 1948-57
17. Correspondence; Apprentice Pressman Department, 1952-53

Box 3

1. Correspondence; Apprentice Pressman Department, 1955-56
2-3. Correspondence; Apprentice training and standards, 1954-58
4. Correspondence; Attorneys, 1956-58
5-6. Correspondence; Charities and non-profit organizations, 1948-60
7. Correspondence; City of Detroit, 1951-58
8. Correspondence; Educational institutions, 1948-50, 1954-58
9-15. Correspondence; Employers, 1949-58
16-18. Correspondence; Employment inquiries, 1947-58
Box 4

1. Correspondence; General Council, IPPAU, 1947-48, 1951
2. Correspondence; Grand Rapids Pressmen's Local 13, 1948
3-11. Correspondence; IPPAU-affiliated Locals, 1948-58
12. Correspondence; Local chapels, 1951-55, 1958
13. Correspondence; Membership, 1947-Jun 1948

Box 5

1-11. Correspondence; Membership, Jul 1948-1956

Box 6

1-2. Correspondence; Membership, 1957-58
3. Correspondence; non-IPPAU unions, 1948-51
4. Correspondence; Offset Organization and Technical Services Dept., 1951-55
5. Correspondence; political candidates, local, state and federal, 1948-58
6. Correspondence; State of Michigan, 1948, 1951, 1955-57
7-15. De la Rosa, Julius, IPPAU President, 1948-51

Box 7

1-3. Detroit Allied Printing Trades Council, 1954-57
4-11. Detroit Federation of Labor, 1945-58

Box 8

1-12. Dunwody, Thomas, IPPAU President, 1953-58
13. Dust, Marvin, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 2, 1956-58
14-15. Election materials, IPPAU, 1952

Box 9

3. Entertainment Committee materials, 1949, 1952-54
4-5. Executive Board, Local 2, 1947-54
6. Federation of Labor Temple Co., 1946

Box 10

7-12. Googe, George, IPPAU Secretary-Treasurer, 1949-55

Box 11

14. Googe, George, IPPAU Secretary-Treasurer, 1956-58
5. Graphic Arts Association, 1943, 1946-48
6-8. Grievances, 1954-58
9. Grievances; case re: Grossett, George, 1956-58
10. Howard, Charles, ITU President, statement, c. 1938
11. IBM Department, IPPAU, 1949-52
12. Information re: government wage-price policy, 1946
13. International card numbers of membership, 1946-48
20. IPPAU organizing efforts, 1926, 1948-52

Box 12
4. Label promotions; ITU, (N.D.)
5. Labor News mailing lists, 1955
7-15. McHugh, William, IPPAU Secretary-Treasurer, 1947-51

Box 13
1-5. McHugh, William, IPPAU Secretary-Treasurer, 1952-53
6-8. Meeting notices, 1948-53
9. Membership dues books, 1953-54
10-11. Membership Records Department, 1954-56
15-17. Michigan Federation of Labor, 1946-49

Box 14
1-5. Michigan Federation of Labor, 1950-56
15. National Labor Relations Board, 1947-49

Box 15
3-4. NLRB representational dispute, IPPAU vs. United Office and Professional Workers of America, 1947-50
5. National Selective Service system, 1945-46
7. **Newspaper Pressmen Local 13, Detroit**, 1938, 1943, 1951
9-10. **Pensions**, 1953-55
11. **Questionnaire Responses**, (N.D.)
13. **Resolutions, IPPAU N.D.**
15. **Scholle, August, Statement to Senate Committee**, 1961
16-18. **Schroeder, C., Resident, Local 2**, 1954-60
19. **Seniority Lists**, 1952
20-21. **Service Bureau, 1935-41**

Box 16

1-5. **Service Bureau**, 1950-58
6. **State Labor Mediation Board**, 1951-53
7. **Sunshine Committee, IPPAU Sanitorium**, 1948
16. **Testimonial Dinner, Local 2, 1957**

Box 17

1-2. **UAW-CIO War Chest**, 1942-46
3. **Union Wage Rate Study**, 1948-49
4. **U.S. Civil Service Commission**, (N.D.)
5. **U.S. Department of Commerce**, 1939-40
15. **Women's Auxiliary, Local 2**, 1949-54, 1958
Included with the regular membership minutes are the minutes of the Executive Board of Local 2, the Allied Trades Council and special committee meetings. Files are arranged alphabetically.

Box 18

1-6. Allied Trades Council, 1899-1958
7-9. Executive Board, Local 2, 1925-41

Box 19

1-4. Executive Board, Local 2, 1941-56
5. Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 1954-56
6-9. Local 2 membership, 1923-36

Box 20

1-8. Local 2 membership, 1936-58
Correspondence, contracts and statistical data relating to the negotiations of IPPAU Locals throughout Michigan as well as several other states in the Great Lakes region and Canada. Included are negotiating materials from individual printing companies in the metropolitan Detroit area. Also in this series are the materials relating to Walter Wisdom's role as member of the arbitration panel in the King-Trendle Broadcasting Corp. - AFRA dispute. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or name.

Box 21

7. Aronsson Printing Co. vs. Local 2, brief, 1937
8-17. Aronsson Printing Co., strike rolls, Jul 1937-May 1938

Box 22

3. Aronsson Printing Co., strike correspondence, 1938-39
4-5. Athens, Ohio, Local 269, 1949-53
6-9. Battle Creek, Michigan, Locals 6 and 489, 1948-52
10-13. Battle Creek, Michigan; case re: Kellogg Co., 1953
14. Battle Creek, Michigan, membership applications, 1950
15-16. Birmingham Eccentrie, Birmingham, Michigan, 1947-54

Box 23

1-3. Canton, Ohio, Local 241, 1948-50
4. Cleveland, Ohio, Local 5, 1950
5-6. Columbus, Ohio, Local 15, 1949-50
11. Correspondence re: negotiations, 1949
12. Dayton, Ohio, Local 54, 1949-51, 1957

Box 24

1. Detroit News vs. Local 13, publisher's brief, 1940
2-7. Detroit Newspaper Publishers' Association vs. Local 10, 1939
8-9. Detroit Newspaper Publishers' Association vs. Local 10, 1940-41
10. Detroit Newspaper Publishers' Association and Local 13, supplemental agreement, 1948, 1951
11. Erie, Pennsylvania, Local 73, 1946
13-18. Fabricon Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1946-53

Box 25

1-4. Fabricon Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1954-58
6-10. Flint, Michigan, Local 282, 1948-58
11. Fowler-Reig Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1947-50
12. Freisema Brothers Printing Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1951-55
14. Graphic Arts Association, Detroit, Michigan, 1942-45
15-16. Graphic Arts Association, Detroit, Michigan, 1946

Box 26

1-10. Graphic Arts Association, Detroit, Michigan, 1947-58
11-12. Holley Carburetor Co., Van Dyke (Warren), Michigan, 1953-55
13. Imprinters, Inc., Detroit, Michigan, 1948

Box 27

1-2. Imprinters, Inc., Detroit, Michigan, 1949-54
3. IPPAU vs. Burgess Seed and Plant Co., 1934-35
4-6. Jackson, Michigan, Local 239, 1948-51
15. King-Smith Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1956

Box 28

1-2. King-Trendle Broadcasting Corp. vs. American Federation of Radio Artists, briefs, 1944-46
3-6. King-Trendle Broadcasting Corp. vs. American Federation of Radio Artists, exhibits, 1944
7-8. King-Trendle Broadcasting Corp. vs. American Federation of Radio Artists, proceedings, 1944

Box 29

1-3. Lansing, Michigan, Locals 12 and 479, 1950-53
5. Michigan Carton Co., Battle Creek, Michigan, 1949-50
6. Minneapolis, Minnesota, Local 20, 1951
7-10. Monroe, Michigan, Local 18, 1945-50
11. Muskegon, Michigan, Local 353, 1951-53
12. National Detroit Publisher, Inc., Detroit, Michigan, 1956
14. Newspaper Pressmen Local 13, Detroit, Michigan, 1950-51

Box 30
1-2. Offset printing companies, 1949-53
3-5. Paper and Plate Handlers Local 10, Detroit, Michigan, 1940, 1949-51
6-9. Parke-Davis Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1949-50
10. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Local 9, 1949
11-14. Pittsburgh newspaper pressmen wage arbitration, 1949

Box 31
1-2. Pittsburgh newspaper pressmen wage arbitration, 1949
3-5. Port Huron, Michigan, Local 283, 1946-52
9. Quality Commercial Printers, Detroit, Michigan, 1952
12-18. R.L. Polk Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1947-54

Box 32
1-5. R.L. Polk Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1955-58

Box 33
1-2. Rotary Manifold Forms Corp., Detroit, Michigan, 1954-55
3. Safran Printing Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1956-57
4-10. Saginaw, Michigan, Local 405, 1946-53
11. Seniority agreement, (N.D.)
12. Springfield, Ohio, Locals 348 and 393, 1949-51
13-16. Square D Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1948-52
17. Toronto, Canada, Local 1, 1950-53
18. Typothetae-Franklin Association of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, 1941
Box 34

1-10. Wage negotiations, 1941-53
11. Wage Stabilization Board, 1951-52

Box 35

1-6. Youngstown, Ohio, Local 205, 1941-43, 1949, 1952
7. Youngstown, Ohio, Local 205, briefs, 1952
8-10. Youngstown, Ohio, Local 205, exhibits, 1952
11. Youngstown, Ohio, Local 205, transcripts, 1952
Index to Subjects and Correspondence.

(correspondence is indicated by an asterisk)