

Metal Workers Will Return To Their Job

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FALCONER — About 60 members of Local 439, International Union of Sheetmetal Workers, will return to their jobs at Dowcraft Corp., 65 S. Dow St., Thursday under terms of a new three-year contract ratified 29-13 Tuesday.

G. Elving Lundine, Dowcraft president, said the settlement involved primarily improvements in wages and job classifications with a slight adjustment in days off.

The new pact replaces a previous three-year agreement that expired at midnight Sunday. Dowcraft is a manufacturer of metal partitions and specialties.

Meanwhile, no new talks have been reported as scheduled in strikes at two other Falconer plants. About 220 Glass and Ceramics Union employees at Falconer Glass Industries voted Saturday to reject a new company offer and walked off the job later in the day.

The area's longest strike involves about 225 members of Local 3411, United Steelworkers of America, at Malleable Division of Blackstone Corp. with its plant on Tiffany Avenue.

They have been off work since May 1 and George O'Keefe of the Buffalo office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service said today no new talks have been scheduled in efforts to resolve the deadlock.