

Kling Plants

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Workers Vote

Non-Union

Favor Present Labor Setup In NLRB Election

An emphatic vote in favor of continuing non-union working conditions at Mayville, Frewsburg and Falconer furniture plants of Kling Factories, Inc., has been cast in a National Labor Relations Board election.

Right to represent Kling employees was sought by International Association of Machinists AFL-CIO which received 80 votes and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America AFL-CIO which received 13 votes. United Furniture Workers of America had indicated an interest in a place on the ballot but withdrew March 16.

Of the 353 workers eligible to vote, 333 did so and 235 cast their ballots as favoring neither of the two unions offered them. Kling Factories have had an enviable record of labor-management relationship, marred only by an eight week strike during the summer of 1937.

The industry was owned by the Kling family for more than 50 years prior to its sale two years ago to Baumritter Corp., New York City, following death of Denold D. Kling, son of the founder, John A. Kling. Donald Kling, eldest son of Denold Kling, remains as general manager.

The firm's general office is at Mayville where it was founded in 1911 as a manufacturer of bedroom furniture.