

# Lounge Co., Employees Reach Pact Agreement

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Ratification of an early contract agreement between Local 50, United Furniture Workers, and Jamestown Lounge Co. was announced today by Charles Burr and Paul H. Combs, local and company presidents, respectively.

They said the former contract was due to expire next Monday and the new agreement — for 38 months with an expiration date of Nov. 30, 1982 — was ratified last Friday.

Burr and Combs said negotiations were conducted in a cordial and constructive atmosphere which was reflected in the resulting contract. The local president commented, "This type of atmosphere and cooperation has set a precedent for future negotiations."

Burr pointed out the new pact has a number of interesting features, including a formula under which employees receive wage increases proportionate to increases in productivity.

Jamestown Lounge Co. was established in 1888 and recently was acquired by Arbor Industries Inc. . It employs 135 persons, 30 more than worked there in 1978. It was noted that at the time of the negotiations, there were 77 employees in the bargaining unit.

The company, a member of Master Furniture Craftsmen, recently announced a modernization-expansion program expected to increase employment to 150 early next year.