



**UFWA CHARTER PRESENTED** — Employees at Maddox Table Company, who voted in January to affiliate with United Furniture Workers of America (AFL-CIO) received their charter as Local 44 Thursday night in Nordic Temple. J. Howard Proudman, left, international representative of UFWA, presented the charter to Santino Cicchini, right president of Local 44.

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## Maddox Union Joins UFWA

### Charter Presented, Vote Unanimous

Members of Maddox Table Company union received their charter as Local 44, United Furniture Workers of America, (AFL-CIO) Thursday night during their regular meeting in Nordic Temple.

The charter was presented by J. Howard Proudman, international representative, to Santino Cicchini, president of the local.

The Independent Union of Maddox Table Company was the last independent furniture workers' union in the city; the last three independent unions of furniture employes have become affiliated with UFWA during the past four years. Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Company workers affiliated in 1953 as Local 45, and Monitor Furniture Company workers joined UFWA as Local 42 in 1956.

Members of the Independent Union of Maddox Table Company voted to affiliate with UFWA at a special meeting Jan. 19. Mr. Proudman said those attending the meeting voted unanimously for affiliation, and remaining members signed their cards the next day, making 100 per cent participation of workers.

The meeting was conducted by Mr. Cicchini who, along with the 11-man shop committee, recommended UFWA affiliation. Mr. Cicchini has been president of the union for 21 of its 24 years, and has been the principal figure in its negotiations.

Mr. Proudman spoke briefly and Douglas MacMahon, Eastern regional director, was principal speaker and aided in the question period.