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Local Unions

# 899, Wilmington, Delaware,

1938

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April 27, 1938

Mr. Thomas O'Brien,

Rox 334

Lansdale, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother :-

An enclosing herewith copy of my letter to the local ( 894 ) of Wilmington, Delaware, which is self explanatory and trust you will write me on the matter. This is the first we heard of this local amalgamating with the local in Philadelphia. This local had no right to take this action until first consulting this office, however, in as much as you organized the local am asking you for full explanation on the matter.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Fraternally yours,

General Secretary-Treasurer



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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
OF  
TEAMSTERS-CHAUFFEURS-STABLEMEN & HELPERS  
OF AMERICA**

AFFILIATED WITH THE  
**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR**

*INDIANAPOLIS, IND.*

704 Carpenters Building  
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Washington, D. C.  
May 19, 1938

Mr. Thomas L. Hughes  
222 East Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 27, in connection with Local 894 at Wilmington, Delaware.

On receipt of your letter, which is the first knowledge I had of this amalgamation of the two Local Unions, I contacted Brother Wiers and he informed me that he has taken these men into membership in Local 463. It appears that the bakery concerns doing business in Wilmington, Delaware, are the same concerns, in the majority, doing business in Philadelphia and the members of 894, having been approached by officers of Local 463, were of the opinion that they could get better results through 463 since they were in contractual relationship with the same companies, than could be accomplished by Local 894 itself. However, many of these men have since changed their minds as nothing has been accomplished. Local 463 has the happy faculty of entering the jurisdiction of other local unions, not only in Wilmington but in other localities, as it is apparent this is a matter of membership rather than regional jurisdictional lines drawn by the International Union.

We have had considerable difficulty in Wilmington in endeavoring to get this town organized, and the public sentiment there has been opposed to local unions from other localities entering that field. They are more sympathetic to the point of view of a local union manned and officered by residents of Delaware, and especially Wilmington, than they are to officers and local unions outside of the city of Wilmington. It is my opinion that the Local Union would make greater progress if permitted to function as it was organized than it will by amalgamating with Local 463 at Philadelphia.

Hoping you are well and with kindest personal regards,  
I am,

Fraternally yours,  
*Thomas J. Garrison*  
General Organizer

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