

pleased with a recent statement made by the United States Employment Service office in which it was shown that the termination at the plant of workers resident in Lawrence was only three percent as compared to something like seven times that amount in Kansas City and elsewhere.

We are trying to put first things first. We have done well in business, and yet we have not made business success as our goal. We have made no increase in the charge for local advertising for seven years which seem astounding even to ourselves. We have been extremely fortunate in the loyalty of our employees, and I can say truthfully that they have voluntarily given better service than anyone could possibly have hoped to secure thru driving them. We have tried to ease up on them as much as possible, and we feel no anxiety when we see men sitting idly at our linotypes because if we were to crowd them during the entire working period, we would set more type than we would have paper available to use, so by letting them take it easy when the copy is short, they double in and work their heads off to get the stories ready in time for publication, and that same spirit has pervaded our plant.

Property values here as elsewhere have stiffened a bit, but are not out of proportion. I was talking a few days ago with Mr. Mons of Evanston, whose son married Jane, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Allen, and he told of having bought a modest home in the addition north of Wilmette, paying \$5,000.00 for it and recently finding a sale for it at \$16,000.00. He also told of having bought frontage in the same development at \$90.00 a front foot and having been offered \$225.00 a foot for the property. I do not like stories of that sort because it sounds like Florida or like these little booms that start here and there in the cities and soon burn out. I think there has been nothing of that sort in Lawrence. The properties that have jumped in value in Lawrence are largely the type that will slump quickly. For instance there were three houses south of the Buick Garage on New Hampshire Street that could have been bought a few years ago for \$5,000.00 or less. On account of the crowded condition of the town and the demand for living space, they sold for a total of perhaps two and one-half times that amount, but I should not care to invest in property of that type.

There have been few changes in Lawrence churches. Dr. Barr of the Christian Church is now in charge of the work of that denomination at the University, and he was succeeded by a fine looking gentleman named Hile. Hughes, who came to the pastorate of the Congregational Church a few years ago, seems to be fitting into the community quite well and will be the speaker this year for the Sons and Daughters of New England, and as chairman of the nominating committee, I have named him as a candidate for president of the Society next year.

Our hospital has done an excellent work. We have been fortunate in the personnel that we have here and thru the unselfish and excellent work of the Nurses' Aides, we have been able to carry on.