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"We can still smile."

Pickets at the strike-bound Red Wing Potteries maintained their good humor today despite Thursday's vote by stockholders to liquidate the 90-year-old corporation.

The strikers were uncertain about their future. Some said they will continue the picketing until the salesroom closes—or at least until liquidation proceedings are filed in Goodhue County District Court.

None appeared sure of their next step. Some have already begun looking for new jobs, but the picket line is staffed with

the same number today as was there a week ago.

"Now's the time to start looking, I guess," one striker said when asked about future employment.

"We didn't win and we didn't lose," commented another.

"We won as far as working conditions go," said a woman picket. "We stood in dirt up to our ankles long enough."

Tilfer Chastain, president of the striking Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 6-430, was not available for comment this morning.

Union members on the picket line said they expect a general membership meeting will be

scheduled for Monday or Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Norris Mulvania at the State Employment office here said some of the pottery workers were beginning to register for new jobs today.

"This is the first time they started coming in," Mulvania said. "But we don't have half of them yet."

According to a prior Supreme Court ruling, liquidation of a company ends a strike and workers should be eligible for unemployment pay if they can't find new jobs immediately.

Mulvania said, however, the date of liquidation is still a

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Red Wing Potteries died quietly Thursday — 90 years after the firm began, and 85 days after its production workers took to the picket lines.

The death scene was the company offices in the rambling old factory on W. Main st. Eighteen shareholders arrived singly and in twos and threes to vote 27,115 to 490 in favor of liquidating the firm that has made Red Wing known around the world.

The closing and sale of the Potteries appears certain to be the largest single economic disaster here in several decades.

The overwhelming vote to liquidate means that a petition will be filed in district court — probably sometime next week — asking the judge to appoint a receiver.

Once a receiver is appointed, the company will have been taken out of the hands of the officers and directors. The receiver's job will be to sell all assets and get as much money as possible for the shareholders.

There's no way to know how long liquidation will take — possibly a year or longer.

Unless the receiver decides otherwise, the Potteries salesrooms will continue open here and in St. Paul and Rapid City, S. D., so long as merchandise is available.

Picketing of the salesroom here continues today, just as

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it did yesterday during the shareholders' meeting.

As the shareholders arrived, their names were checked off the master list. The list contained 167 names and represented all 31,444 outstanding shares of stock.

The voters who filed upstairs for the meeting represented 27,605 shares. Among these shares were the sizable holdings of the Gillmer family.

Prior to the meeting, some of the directors gathered in

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## DESPERATE FINAL BID FAILS

Red Wing Potteries shareholders voted Thursday to liquidate the firm, ending a 90-year-old business that has made the town famous. The vote was 27,115 to 490 in favor of liquidation.

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Picketing Continues

### Strikers Unsure of Next Move

Strikers at the Red Wing Potteries are unsure of their next move after the shareholders' meeting Thursday. Some are looking for new jobs, while others are planning to continue the picketing.

### Forecast of Doom Came in 1957

A forecast of doom for Red Wing Potteries came in 1957 when the company's sales began to decline. The company had been in a long-term decline since the late 1940s.

## Potteries Is Dead

Red Wing Potteries, a 90-year-old firm that has made the town famous, died Thursday after a 85-day strike. The firm was liquidated after a vote by shareholders.



Man in Field

### State Fair To Open Saturday

The State Fair will open Saturday at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. The fair will feature a variety of exhibits and entertainment.

### Rockwell Killed

A man named Rockwell was killed in an accident. The details of the accident are being investigated.

### Foreign Student Returns for Visit

A foreign student has returned to his home country for a visit. He will be back in the United States in a few weeks.

WEATHER  
FORECAST

Today	Partly Cloudy
Tomorrow	Sunny
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy
Thursday	Sunny