

REPRINT STRIKE LETTERS

Readers of The Herald were much interested in two letters written to the News & Observer by Halifax County people. Both letters have been brought to this office with requests that we reprint them. They have to do with the textile strike. Here they are.

CANT UNDERSTAND IT

To the Editor: I cannot understand how it is that we, as a nation, can allow a law to the effect that a man who does not want a job at the price being paid for it, can, by paying a certain sum of money, join a Union and thereby gain the right to leave his job and say that some other person in need of employment may not do the work. Of course if any man is not satisfied with his pay and leaves the work it is his own affair; but when it comes to having these textile strikers gather in numbers around the mill entrances and force other workers to stay away, thereby bringing untold hardships on them, the situation takes on an angle that seems most unfair.

Then there is always the possibility of bloodshed and that certainly makes one feel that the price is far too great for the gain. It is true, as we all realize that living expenses have advanced during the past few months and no one blames an underpaid employee for demanding higher wages at any time; but the conscientious citizen of the State shudders at the thought of human lives being taken in such a way as they have during the last few days. Of course it must have been very hard for a great many of the textile workers, as well as employees in other branches of labor, to meet their living expenses at times, but certainly the situation could not have reached the point where death would be preferred to living.

Too, one wonders if the strikers were as anxious to see the strike come as were the heads of the labor unions, and if they would have been so determined to order the strike if they had been in a position requiring that they go into the thick of the fights themselves. It is quite reasonable to suppose that these leaders would have been very reluctant to put themselves in a position to lose their lives and leave their families in the same positions that the families of these men who have lost their lives in the strike are in.

There should be a solution to this problem of bloodshed. Is there one?

MRS. R. C. SPEIGHT
Scotland Neck, N. C.

ONE OF THE TROUBLES

To the Editor: Most of the cotton mills in North Carolina are closed today because of the textile strike. I think the main reason so many people joined the union and walked out when the strike was called was because of the way the mills are managed. The mill superintendents allow the overseers to employ three and four out of one family while there are families with no one in them working. In some cases the superintendent's wife and some of his children are allowed to work for the mill companies. There are overseers with four or five of their children working in the mills, more of their children would be working if they were old enough.

This selfish greed on the part

of the mill superintendents and overseers is responsible for the workers' uprising against the mill owners, I think. I believe that if the mill owners would stop the superintendents and overseers from doing this there would be harmony between the workers and the mills. I know it would help some families if this practice were stopped. It would let families that need help have a chance for some member of their family to be employed in the mill.

I believe if the mill owners could stop this selfish greed that it would be one of the greatest things toward the betterment of the textile industry.

John C. SIMMONS.
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

New History Texts Elementary Grades

The State Department of Education has changed the histories in the fifth and sixth grades. The old books which have been in use for more than ten years are: First Book in United States History - Thompson. Our Ancestors in Europe - Hall.

These books will not be used and cannot be exchanged. The new books are: Story of our Nation - Fifth Grade 65cents. Our Beginnings in Europe and America - Sixth Grade 60 cents.

Helps Win Band Title



NEW YORK . . . The Milwaukee American Legion band has but one woman member in its world championship organization. She is Miss Evelyn Pennak (above), solo saxophonist, pictured aboard ship as the band returned from Geneva, Switzerland, where they won the world title.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity in thanking everybody for the presents we have received since the loss of our home by fire, July 18th. We assure you everything has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Camp, Jr.

Mohorn-Lewis

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis announces the marriage of their daughter, Ethel Louis, to Wilbur Grey Mohorn, son of Mr and Mrs. W. J. Mohorn of the Brinkleyville section, Sunday, August 12th, in Emporia, Va. at home, Weldon.

Teele - Lewis

Miss Gazelle Lewis and Leroy Teele were quietly married at the Roanoke Rapids First Baptist Church Wednesday Sept., 5th. The Ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordan Price in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the young couple. Immediately after the ceremony they left for a tour thru the Western part of the State.



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