

# North Carolina Textile Strike May Be Felt for Years To Come

Editor's note: For seven months the Textile Workers Union of America has been on strike at the Henderson, N.C. There has been frequent violence, and the North Carolina national guard is on the scene. This is not the biggest or most violent textile strike in history, but its effect on southern industry may be great.

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Henderson, N.C. — (UP) — The size of labor's say in operating the south's textile mills is being shaped by a strike which has torn this small eastern North Carolina community since last fall.

"Our future in the south depends on the outcome of this strike," says the union involved — the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA).

Textile industry leaders say the outcome will determine who will run textile mills — management or labor.

Strikers walked out at the two Harriett-Henderson cotton mills last Nov. 17. Violence broke out three months later when the mills reopened with non-strikers. The highway patrol was sent in Feb. 15 to guard the re-opening and reinforced a week later. Gov. Luther H. Hodges entered negotiations March 21, then announced April 2 that his efforts were unsuccessful.

Hodges Announced Settlement  
On April 17 Hodges went to Henderson, met with union and management, announced a settlement. The union approved the contract April 19, then the next day accused the mills of misrepresenting job rights and refused to sign. Hodges pulled out the highway patrol May 8. Violence brought a request for aid from local authorities. The national guard was ordered to Henderson May 12 and is still there.

Some 1,200 strikers are involved, a relatively small

group in the textile industry. Yet it is a battle which affects the entire industry.

It's being fought in a town of only 11,000 population. National guardsmen patrol the streets. Neighbors no longer speak to each other. Children have a new word — "scab." Henderson's community recreation, civil defense, and sewer construction programs have been suspended. Some small businesses are announcing

## Cherries Should Be Sprayed Soon

Cherry growers should spray as soon as possible to control worms in sweet and sour cherries, according to Dan Berry, county agent.

The first adult flies emerged from the ground this week which means that cherry growers and home orchardists should have their sprays completed by June 7 since the fly will be starting to deposit eggs inside the cherries at that time, Berry said. Once the eggs are laid it is too late to prevent the cherries from becoming wormy.

Three pound of Methoxychlor per 100 gallons of water, or two heaping tablespoons in three gallons of water applied thoroughly to the cherry trees will control the fly if repeated at 10-day intervals until harvest, Berry advised.

Where black cherry orchards are present the addition of two pounds of Malathion per 100 gallons of water, or two tablespoons in three gallons of water, will control the pest. Commercial orchardists may substitute two pounds of Dieldrin per 100 gallons for combination of methoxychlor plus Malathion. Do not apply Dieldrin closer than 10 days prior to picking. For Malathion and Methoxychlor see page 3 of three days before picking.

Mechanical equipment has been developed which is strong enough to pick up and carry a two bushel sack of cherries from the tree to the bin according to the Davy Day Report Co.

A small sack, 1 1/2 bushels, is a very desirable model type, is very available and designed to fit the cherry bin. It is made of heavy material and is strong enough to hold 1 1/2 bushels of cherries.

liquidation sales. The strike is not over wages or working conditions. The argument is arbitration — whether someone who is neither management nor labor can decide what should be done when management and labor can't agree.

Arbitration Key Issue  
The union has had an arbitration clause in its contract at the Harriett-Henderson cotton mills here for 14 years. Last year the mills refused to renew such a clause. This led to the strike.

It is not the biggest or the most violent textile strike. When compared to the 1929 Gastonia, N.C., strike in which a police chief was killed.

But unlike its predecessors, the Henderson strike is not a fight brought about by the union demanding more concessions. This time it is management fighting for more say.

John D. Cooper, a slight, scoped man in his late 60's, owns the mill.

"I think the people who are operating the plants realize that they can't stay in business and let the union take over management," he says.

Most of the strikers' bitterness is directed at the non-strikers and national guardsmen. The strikers think Cooper is being "used" by the textile industry in a "conspiracy" to break the union.

Julius Brye, area TWUA representative, says a number of southern mills have proposed contracts similar to the one proposed to Cooper.

"Some of the proposals even have identical language. I know it's more than coincidence," Cooper says.

Cooper says he is considered radical by many of his management associates because "I didn't oppose the union when it came here 16 years ago."

Since that time, the Henderson locals have grown into two of the strongest in the national union. There have been no strikes. Cooper blames the strikes on "the union's effort to overthrow management's ruling of the mills."



GRADUATES — Midshipman Charles E. Cosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto DeJarnett, 618 West Jackson st., will graduate today from the United States Naval academy, Annapolis, Md., with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He was commissioned an ensign and will report to the Pensacola Naval Air station, Fla. He was graduated from Medford High school in 1955 and was appointed to the academy by Congressman Harrie Ellsworth.

## Sisters Attend Nursing Convention

Sister Ida, supervisor of surgery, and Sister Patricia, supervisor of surgical-medical division from Sacred Heart hospital, attended the seventh annual convention of the Oregon League for Nursing recently held at the Nurnomah hotel in Portland. The theme of the convention was "Nursing for a Growing State." Care of the mentally ill was fully discussed. As in the previous years, the Florence Nightingale Memorial service was held prior to the convention at the University of Oregon Medical school.

The Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society in Tucson, a state institution in operation since 1884, maintains a large research library devoted exclusively to Arizona and the Southwest.

## Small Worlds Around Us



By Lynn M. Watkins

It Isn't Progress To Remove Shade Trees  
Unfortunate indeed is the tree that grows beside a village or city street, or along a highway. Probably it has held its branches outstretched in summer's sun and winter's cold for half a century.

But now times have changed. Now it has an exceedingly precarious future. Chances are it is in the way, or soon will be. It will have to be destroyed in order to widen the street, or to make room for an unsightly utility pole. And all this will be called "progress."

We overwork this "progress" business. Real, honest-to-goodness progress would be the elimination of all ugly utility poles, with the wires buried out of sight underground. The old shade trees are often cut down to make room for a building, completely forgetting that any building that man has ever made, or ever will build, loses its beauty, its usefulness or its style after a couple of decades.

30 Year's Span  
Even those imposing structures we so stupidly claim will "stand as a monument forever" will have outlived their usefulness in 30 years. They will be old-fashioned, obsolete; may even be condemned. Then a new, modern building will be built in its place, only to be replaced itself within another half century or less.

Yet a tree twice or ten times as old may retain its freshness, symmetry and usefulness. It is a living thing, something a great deal more wonderful than any structure or machine that man will ever make.

Even if the tree on the city street escapes total destruction

for a little time, it will be indeed lucky if it escapes mutilation by having its top chopped off, or entire sections cut from one side or the other or from right out of the center, so that the fresh, green, symmetrical tree doesn't "interfere" with a guy-wire or a telephone or electric wire.

They've Had Their Way  
Those who made a profit by cutting down the tree, or the company which gets the contract for the paving, or the politician who receives credit for modernizing the community have had their way.

Doubly pathetic is the sad plight of the grove, or the lone tree that is destroyed, that an unsightly billboard can be erected in its place. And all billboards, no matter what they advertise, are unsightly.

Time was, and not so long ago either, when many villages and cities proudly claimed, "shady, peaceful streets, lined with shade trees" where children played and leaf-mosaics dappled wide lawns with dancing lights and shadows.

Those streets are broader now and hotter in the summer sun, for most of the old shade trees have been sacrificed to gain another couple of feet of pavement. The "face of America" changes. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1958)

## 4-H Club News

A report was given at the May 23 meeting of the Antelope 4-H Livestock club held at the Anderson home that it was decided at an executive meeting held with Eagle Point and Reese Creek clubs to combine the three clubs for one pre-fair.

The club was invited to a meeting with the Central Point general club May 26 at the Central Point Grange hall. Jimmy Jensen was enrolled in the dairy and beef clubs.

The next meeting will be June 12 at the Geren home. Everyone is asked to be there by 7 p.m. so that showmanship and judging may be practiced before dark.

Karen Jossy Reporter

## Medford Student Gets Forensics Award

Salem-Lynn Hales of Medford was awarded the Rex A. Turner prize for outstanding participation in forensics at the Willamette university awards assembly here recently.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, 1548 South Ivy st.

The world's Christians are divided into three great families—the Roman Catholic Church with 500,000,000 members; the Protestant churches, with about 200,000,000 members; and the Eastern Orthodox churches, with upwards of 150,000,000 members.

Christianity is by far the world's largest religion. Other major faiths are Islam, with 330,000,000 adherents; Hinduism, 300,000,000; Confucianism, 300,000,000; Buddhism, 200,000,000; Taoism, 80,000,000; and Judaism, 15,000,000.

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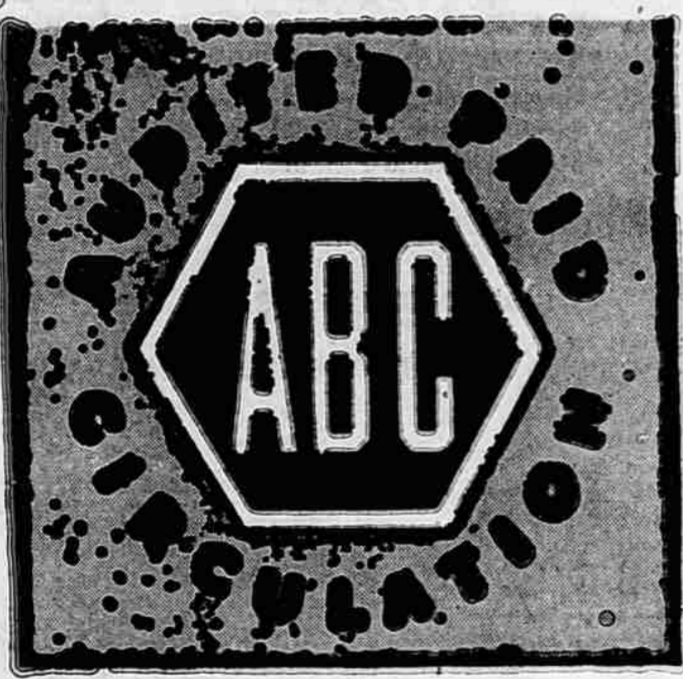
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Bert Thierolf, president of the company, explained that the new device, a Ken Color-mixer, "greatly increases the number of colors we can provide for both interior decorating and exterior color styling."

Big Pines is one of the first stores in the country to have the machine, he said.

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by Alice Brooks

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