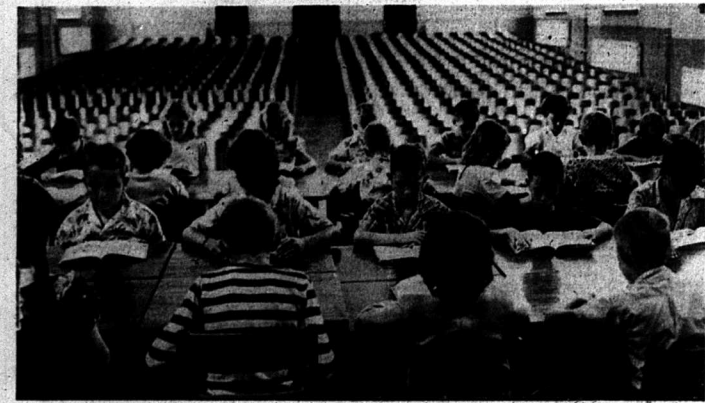


Murray Charges U. S. Steel is Seeking to Strike Sherman Minton

SCHOOLS USE ALL AVAILABLE SPACE FOR CLASSROOMS



This Midwood class must use the auditorium stage as a classroom.

Conditions Are Worst in History Schooling Comes Hard In Crowded Classes

By TOM SHERMAN
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(First of a series.)
Charlotte's children are trying to get their education under the handicap of the worst conditions of overcrowding ever experienced in the local schools.

Packed into classrooms like the overcrowded sardines, some of them don't even have room for the exercises which educators say are necessary for growing children.

Some of the youngsters can't take art lessons — another important part of the curriculum — because there just isn't room to spread out the drawing paper.

Others can't go to the blackboard and "do numbers" because they're in makeshift rooms that aren't equipped with the boards. One school is packed that it's trying to rent a room or two in another building somewhere in the neighborhood.

Dr. Elmer H. Garinger, harassed superintendent of the schools in this overcrowded city, has been spending most of his time since classes re-opened last week trying to find ways of relieving the situation.

WILL GET WORSE
But he shakes his head and stunsly admits, "This is a bad situation — and it's going to get worse."

At Midwood School in the eastern side of town where the population has gone sky-high, every available corner is being used.

The school nurse was moved out of her room so pupils could be moved in. She must be content with a place in an end of a hall.

The school's museum room, has been made into a classroom. So has the music room.

Little musicians must be taken into the auditorium.
And when they troop in, that means that Miss Andrews' class must troop out, because there can be no by-study to the accomplishment of looking horns in the library while they go out to the playground, and wait until the musicians have vacated the auditorium again.

USE READY ROOM
There was only one place available — the teacher's rest room. A sofa, a couple of chairs, a table, were moved into the hall outside. Small desks were moved into the little lounge room.

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At the third graders go to the library. And after they've been in the library awhile, they go out to the playground, and wait until the musicians have vacated the auditorium again.

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Board Plan Acceptance Demanded

Union Head Wires Company President

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers today charged the giant United Steel Corporation is deliberately seeking to force a strike.

The accusation came in a telegram the union leader addressed to U. S. Steel President Benjamin F. Fairless.

Murray again insisted that U. S. Steel accept the recommendations of President Truman's fact finding board aimed at settling steel labor disputes.

He wired Fairless: "The union still hopes that a strike in the basic steel industry can be averted if you, your corporation and the rest of the industry will agree with the union and with public opinion to accept the recommendations of the steel industry fact finding board."

REPLY TO MESSAGE
The telegram replied to an overnight message from Fairless which stated U. S. Steel is unwilling to accept the board recommendations without bargaining.

The board recommended that labor and the industry work out compromise plans but ruled out a wage increase for steel workers.

U. S. Steel took particular exception to the board's view that the pension plan be financed entirely by the industry. It said that was a master of sound principle any sane business administration should be on a contributory basis.

The telegram left the presumption that the big steel union will not initiate any contract negotiations unless the steel industry agrees to accept the pension and insurance proposals as recommended by the Presidential board.

Murray told Fairless: "We are ready and willing to resume collective bargaining and to reach prompt agreement with you and the rest of the industry on the basis of the board's recommendations."

Murray said Fairless' telegram of yesterday in which the corporation blithely accepted the board formula "with bargaining conditions" was "a flat rejection of the board's recommendations."

"It should now be plain to all," he said, "that the United States Steel Corporation and the other steel producers who are responsible for the refusal of refusal set by United States Steel are deliberately seeking to force a strike on the American people."

"If a strike comes Sept. 25 when the current strike ends," he said, "the steel industry will be held responsible for the loss of work and unemployment which will result from the strike."

The telegram to Fairless also said U. S. Steel was "deliberately seeking to force a strike on the American people."

Anti-Trust Suit Filed Against A & P Chain

Washington Filed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General J. Howard McGrath today filed suit to break up the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.'s nationwide food chain.

The suit was brought in Federal District Court at New York City this morning.

It is a follow-up to a criminal conviction of the A. & P. Co. under the anti-trust statutes at Danville, Illinois, three years ago.

The conviction was affirmed in the U. S. Court of Appeals at Chicago early this year and the company paid fines totaling \$175,000.

The action in New York requires a court order requiring A. & P. to separate its manufacturing and processing business from its buying and selling business and to separate its present seven retail store divisions into seven independently owned retail food chains.

The Justice Department proposes to dissolve the Atlantic Commission Co. A. & P. wholesaler purchasing and sales agent in the produce markets.

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Ex-Senator To Succeed Rulledge

Now U.S. Circuit Court Judge

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sherman Minton of Indiana, who battled in vain for the 1937 Roosevelt plan to put younger blood on the Supreme Court, today was chosen by President Truman to serve on that bench.

Minton, in 1937 a Democratic pro-New Deal Senator, now is a judge of the Seventh U. S. Circuit Court in Chicago. He had headquarters at Chicago and Illinois and Wisconsin.

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Big 3 Powers Plan New Anti-Red Moves

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They viewed the strategy talks now being held in London.

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Withdrawal of Suit Announced

Staten Island Filed

STATEN ISLAND — A \$100,000 damage suit against ten Catholic County law officers and two representatives of Hickory Factory Co. will be withdrawn.

William J. Smith, director of the CIO, made this announcement today.

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U. S. Frowns On Gold Price Raise

Washington Filed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of the Treasury Snyder has notified the International Monetary Fund that the United States does not agree to a boost in the price of gold.

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Coal Dispute Nearing Climax

Bluefield Filed

BLUEFIELD, W. Va. — (AP) — John I. Lewis and the Southern Coal & Oil Workers' Union today set a showdown battle over non-payment of the miners' war-pension royalty.

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Over 100 Stitches Were Taken in Nurse

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (AP) — The physician who treated a buxom nurse after she was pistol-whipped by her jealous married suitor today said she had been "beaten so much it felt spongy."

Charles J. Lemonson Jr., offered this description of Ann B. Pierce's condition during the brief interview with a writer in the trial of Russell B. Wixey, 45-year-old doctor.

Dr. Lemonson said he took 97 stitches in wounds in the 38-year-old nurse's face and neck today for Federal aid to paralytic children non-payment of the miners' war-pension royalty.



Book Page Will Appear Tomorrow
After the Bookends, "The News" weekly book review page will appear in all editions of the newspaper. The review will be Mack Byrd's review of Hens Koch's summing-up, "The Twentieth Century," a book by account of the Western World.