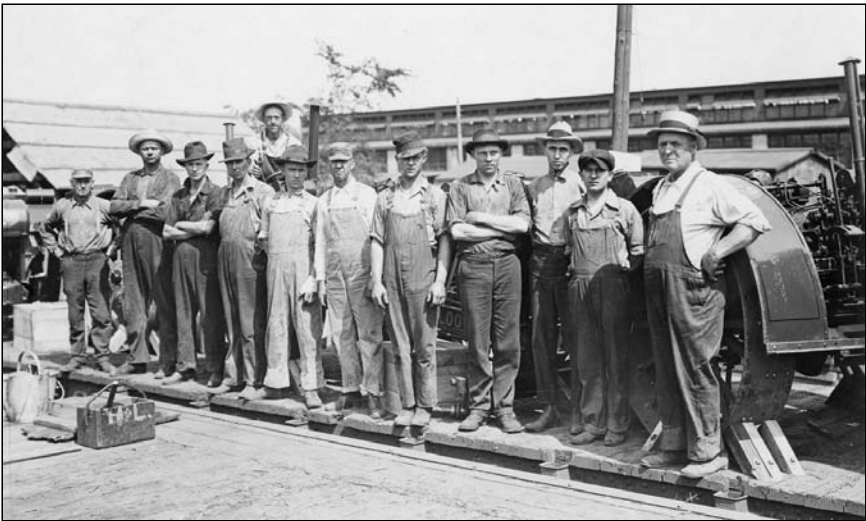


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## In This Issue

LESLIE STEGH, retired records manager at John Deere, recounts the details of a series of strikes in Waterloo and the organized opposition from employers. He emphasizes the dispute over workers' right to collective bargaining, the efforts by both sides to use local newspapers to sway public opinion, the relative absence of violence during the strikes, and the ultimately unsuccessful attempt to organize workers across industries to achieve a general strike.

KATHRYN A. SCHUMAKER, a lecturer in the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage at the University of Oklahoma, describes the struggle for civil rights reform in Waterloo's public schools in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Initiated by students seeking more equitable treatment in their schools, their movement was coopted by a plan to desegregate the city's schools that ignored many of the students' basic concerns.

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Workers at Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company were prominent among the nearly 3,000 workers who participated in a series of strikes in Waterloo in 1919, the subject of Leslie Stegh's article in this issue. This photo of a loading crew in 1920 is courtesy of John Deere.

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