

BUD AND HAZEL SIMONS COLLECTION

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This collection given to the Archives in July 1965 by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Simons. The Simons collection is particularly important in its documentation of the Flint Sit-down Strike of 1937. The personal notes and orders kept by Simons, as strike-chairman, during the strike give an insight to the events and conditions in the plant.

The collection covers the period 1937 to 1962.

Important Correspondents include: Bert Harris, Robert A. Carter,
John L. Lewis (Telegram).

Bud Simons was born on April 16, 1905 in a small town in Southern Indiana. He quit school and started to work because of the financial situation of his family. He has travelled all over the country and worked at all kinds of jobs. He even spent a short period in the coffee fields of Mexico. He married Hazel who was a daughter of a coal miner, a strong union man. The Simonses settled in South Bend where Bud got a job at the Studebaker plant where he worked fairly steadily from 1925 to 1928. The family finally ended up in Grand Rapids where Bud obtained employment at Hayes Body. In 1934 he brought his family to Flint where he became active in the AFL and then in the CIO, where he was active in laying the groundwork for the union in his department, at Flint #1.

Box 1

- Notes on 1937 Sit-down strike (3 small notebooks)
- 1 Notebook of duplicate orders issued during strike, 1937
- 2 Notebooks of job complaints, ca. 1937.
- Correspondence, 1937-1956
- Documents 1937-1940
- Misc. picket cards, songs, photos.
- Misc. newspaper clippings, 1937-1962
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- 1 Scrapbook of news clippings.
- Union buttons, hats, convention badges. Ca. 1937-1956.
- 1 Blackjack

- 1 Scrapbook of news clippings, songs and photos (on shelf)

- 3 Large Convention photos (in photograph collection).