

Every Man An Expert

THE opposition to the original location of Charlotte's cross-town boulevard can be divided roughly into two groups.

The second group—and here in the warring days of the great debate it seems that it is even larger than the first—is made up of citizens who oppose the boulevard routing even though they have no direct personal stake in it.

All of these, whether directly interested or not, share a common characteristic. They see themselves as experts on traffic problems and/or highway engineering.

Notes On A United Front

IT is supposed that the day has arrived when the North Carolina Legislature, duly assembled in Raleigh in the year 1947, takes up the matter of raising teachers' pay.

As soon as the second spokesman leaves the committee room, the assembled legislators turn to each other in great glee. "See! We're all united! We're all divided among ourselves. They don't know what they want. We'll give 'em a 6 per cent pay increase and save the rest for our surplus for a rainy day."

This spokesman is immediately followed by a representative of, say, the South Piedmont District, who says: "Gentlemen! As appearing on behalf of a group of teachers who do not believe that a 20 per cent pay increase is sufficient to solve our educational problem, I will not stop the great exodus of trained teachers."

Around And Around She Goes

IN South Carolina the other day a 1942 Buick sedan, in reasonably good shape, sold at auction for \$2,300.

In Charlotte last week a real estate agent told a local resident he could get at least \$17,000 for his two-bedroom bungalow in one of the better residential sections.

In North Carolina, according to a current calculation, the traditional Thanksgiving dinner this year will cost about 50 per cent more than it did last year, and roughly 100 per cent more than it did in 1939.

Another Voice

Inflation In Soap Bubbles

SOAP started blowing its own inflation bubble, but in hypothetical minds. With OPA curbs off, prices of soap and soap powder zoomed up 50 per cent.

The rich creamy sides of those singing commercials has become almost an advertising fiction. It's getting tougher by the day to preserve the traditional bubble-like soap, virtually the national color.

Council, of course, is bound to give all the possible interested parties. But it seems to us that Council is no less obligated to weigh these alternate proposals carefully against the original plan.

Now it appears that Council is on the verge of tossing out this proposal in favor of a route determined by a public contest in which the cross-town boulevard was, in their expert and disinterested judgment, the most efficient and economical that could be obtained with the money at hand.

It can be argued, we suppose, that the Council's approach is highly democratic, if inefficient. At this reading, however, it looks more as if the City Fathers have boomed once again before a highly vocal minority at the expense of the mass of the citizens.



People's Platform Two Against Wallace

EDITH, THE NEWS: ATTENTION Mrs. M. E. Swift: "I for one agree with George Bernard Shaw in favoring Henry Wallace for our next President."

"When did he have a blessing from God through a man like Franklin D. Roosevelt? They don't seem to want him for Vice-President. How did we had after World War I?"

Mrs. Swift, your agreement with George Bernard Shaw makes two for Henry Wallace for President, hardly enough to elect. I am sure he would take up where FDR left off. This is why we only find two would like to see Henry Wallace President, of course there is one more, Henry Wallace himself. I am sure the people do not want Wallace for President. Mr. Truman found him unfit for his Cabinet.

I don't believe the people want a man to take up where FDR left off, what the people want is a President to take up where FDR first started.

I am sure Mr. Wallace has not forgotten what FDR did for the big man and the little man and the people in between; this is again why the people would not want Mr. Wallace for President. Mr. Truman found him unfit for his Cabinet.

Let us see, what did FDR do for the big man? He made millionaires out of them. What did FDR do for the little man? He raised the price of everything. I am sure people do not appreciate this type of blessing.

Let me see some more hard times like after World War I, which you speak of Mrs. Swift. We were a free people then, the OPA in force, and we were paid an extremely large salary, good house rent for \$20 per month, eggs 15c per dozen, bread 25c per pound, steak 25c per pound, a man could take \$5 and buy a weeks grocery supply for a family. We had plenty of coal, but no oil and no strikes, even permitted to raise all the corn, cotton and little pigs we wished, we had plenty of sugar for our coffee at 10c per pound, and plenty of Sunday school pay on our way to Sunday school. We did not have to pass a beer joint or liquor store.

D. H. ROBINSON.

EDITH, THE NEWS:

VIA, The People's Platform, permit me to advise Mrs. M. E. Swift's letter to the editor regarding her that the people of the United States of America do not need the advice or assistance of George Bernard Shaw. He is a foreigner and his views, past or present, to tell them how to select their Presidents.

—ORA E. SEMPER.

Prevailing Costs CONCORD

EDITH, THE NEWS: THE Classroom Teachers of Concord, N. C., wish to express appreciation and gratitude for the interest

of the State Department in the case of the Encyclopaedia Britannica and now in charge of the State Department. Some of the more backward Congressmen can't understand why it is important to sell America to the rest of the world, especially if its costs are so high.

Washington. Unfortunately, what they especially don't seem to realize is that their present stricture is hastening the end of the coal industry.

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RELIEF HELD UP

Out on the West Coast, a relief ship for Alaska has been held up for several weeks by a man of his type is all but impossible.

Through most of the Summer and the Fall, the West Coast shipping strike has been a major factor in Alaska. That has meant an end to present plans for development of the oil fields in Alaska.

The way in which Lewis feud with the Government is shaping up suggests a pattern for the coming year that is not altogether encouraging.

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Samuel Grafton Our Moral Dilemma

ONE of the difficulties in shaping an American policy in the light of the new international situation is that we are not sure of our own moral position.

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