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The Retirement Of Mr. Charlotte

YOSODOY would ever have suspected that the man who has been in the news for so long had been walking the streets of Charlotte for seventy years. But Clarence Kuester knew it, and yesterday he decided to relinquish his title of "Mr. Charlotte." It is the last day of his career as a director for a younger man to take over as executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Five men have loved their native town more fervently than Clarence Kuester, and few have served it as faithfully and as well. He always believed the town, which contained only 2,000 other citizens when he was here that it would become a great city. In 1887, when the first of the Chamber's predecessor organizations set up shop in a single room, Clarence Kuester volunteered his services as office boy and floor sweeper. He has never been very far away from the Chamber of Commerce since, although he did not become its paid manager until 1918.

Clarence Kuester was telling skeptical Charlotteans that the town would hit 100,000 population when most of them looked upon 25,000 as an impossible goal. His happy days came in 1940 when the Census Bureau informed him his old prediction had come true. It was a personal triumph in many ways. Charlotte had grown more during his years in the Chamber of Commerce than she had in all the years of her history; certainly Clarence Kuester's drum-beating had a great deal to do with it. He had stamped the country singing the praises of his home town, he had promised the business men who were beginning a great migration to the South that Charlotte would meet all their needs, and he had made good on his promises.

It is good to know that Clarence Kuester's retirement will not take him out of circulation. He will continue, at the urgent instance of the directors, to advise the Chamber of Commerce. And he will continue of his own volition to boost the town, at home and abroad, as he has done for more than half a century.

There are still a few things which question Clarence Kuester's predictions of things to come—a population of not less than 200,000 in another generation. Happily he will still be around to greet them with a grin. He has no fear and point to the certain signs of growth as familiar to him as his own derby hat. The man who saw most of them arrive, by birth or migration, knows that the first hundred thousand will be the easiest, whatever the problem. The future may bring they can never anticipate with those Clarence Kuester faced and licked while he labored to convert a village into a city.

The Army Has Too Many Tenants

THE outgoing City Council has decided to pass along a tidy little controversy to its successor for settlement, which is, of course, a proper enough procedure. The issue is the National Guard's claim to use of the Army Auditorium, and the conflicting claim of the Park and Tree Commission which has been operating a night amphitheater in the auditorium since the Army base since the Guard went away first. The retiring Councilmen at first recognized the Guard's priority, but promised to provide a solution. In response to Park for the Teen-Age Club. In response to Park for the Teen-Age Club. In response to Park for the Teen-Age Club. In response to Park for the Teen-Age Club.

Maybe The Twain Could Meet

SOME Greensboro politicians, we note, are concerned over the fact that their names are being mentioned by the candidates for the coming gubernatorial election. They are inclined to blame this sad condition on the traditional east-west division in state politics, and have launched a campaign to see that justice is done to the Piedmont.

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People's Pattern

THE QMONE months ago you carried some articles on the wreck of "Old Nasty" Seven that happened on the Southern Railway at Danville, Va., quite a number of years ago.

The Way It Was

WADERBORO. Aside from loans to other countries, we would like to make two loans to Russia also consisting of a \$100 million loan and a \$50 million loan. Other countries are said to be also planning to put essential factories and plants in Russia. We are sure that you would like to see it.

For Education

CHARLOTTE. MEMBERS of the Charlotte Classroom Teachers Association express thanks to every member of the staff of The Charlotte News for the generous financial support that you gave to the recent school election. A civic program sponsored by the Charlotte News for the purpose of providing educational material for the young people of Charlotte that the time had come for citizens to direct the education of their young people.

For Shame

MONROE. Editor: This is a gentle reminder to the good people of Charlotte that the citizens of your southern-most county are being asked to support a program for recreation purposes—and against registration. You are being asked to support the same program last year. You really going to let your county counts be you—or are the progressive elements in your community prepared to step outside the petty pinching, shallow-minded minority in the next re-election.

Good Health

CLEVELAND, Mass. Editor: CONGRATULATIONS on your Good Health Edition and your service for good health in North Carolina. It may interest you to know that I did field work in health education in Henry last year. I have done all I can to do for my fellow citizens. I am glad to hear that you are doing so well.

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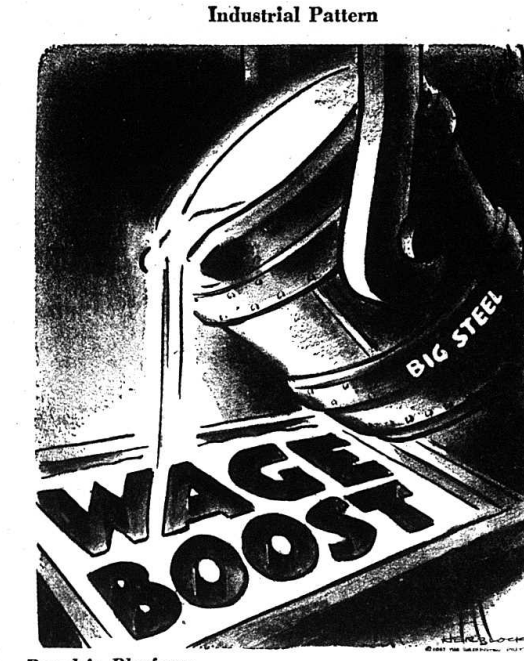
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