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Is This Good Business?

The terms of the offer made by National Carbon Company for the purchase of the big war plant here, and finally rejected by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, have not been made public...

All this adds up to a very real tragedy for Charlotte. Although there are now some 1,300 women listed locally as unemployed, many of whom might have returned to the Carbon payroll...

The RFC, of course, would not be much impressed by these local reasons why we read tragedy into the departure of the Carbon plant. The agency is charged with salvaging as much as it can from the plant...

But there are a good many considerations involved in good banking practice, considerations that are the Government's proper concern. The war...

A Long Step Forward

Charlotte's brand-new minimum housing ordinance is temporarily in suspense, placed there by Council's "resolution of policy" which will give orders of sub-standard slum property an unspecified period of grace before its severe penalties...

In fact, it seems to us that Council displayed courage and statesmanship in resisting the appeal of the Real Estate Board for a fixed grace period of five years...

The ordinance is now on the books, in the form the Planning Board presented it, and it was placed there, by us are certain...

Opportunity Knocks Again

The economic colony that is the South has spent heavily of its limited income for education, laying out a portion of its legislative appropriations that compares favorably with the national average...

And yet, for so many years the same statesmen who so cheerfully dig deeper into the regional pocket for school funds have been rejecting the Federal Government's offer of financial assistance...

A bill designed to overcome their deep-rooted fear came before Congress this week. Sponsored by a bi-partisan committee of 30 members of the House, it provides an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the first year of Federal aid to education, and \$100,000,000 annually thereafter...

This old-line opposition strikes us as a hard one to beat. Right here in Mecklenburg we are now seeking authority to float another \$6,000,000 bond issue for an expansion of our school system, knowing, as we set out to do it...

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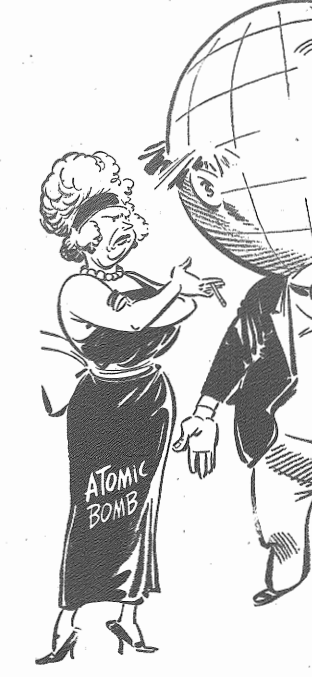
He was George Carlin, guiding genius of the United Feature Syndicate, who cracked the whip over the greatest conglomeration of star syndicated columnists the world has ever seen...

When I indicate George Carlin was in Washington, I mean in the most impressive way. George could and sometimes did crack the whip. But on the whole he was the mildest-mannered man I ever knew...

Outsiders marveled at how one man could keep this circus of trained seals performing in one fine and visible evidence of cannibalism. Yet he did. He even kept Mrs. Roosevelt happy, while Pegler, in an adjoining column, was holding her feet up to the almost every other day...

Gradually, through no fault of his own, George Carlin's performance disintegrated. He took on the daily grind of running his far-flung syndicate. For he handled comic strips and all sorts of other features...

He looks like The Time Has Come



And the other day he quietly passed on to another world, where I like to think of him with Ray Clapper, Ernie Pyle and Heywood Brown, working out the pieces for a new public truly appreciative of their great genius, a world free of wars and bloodshed and the petty pettiness of mankind...

Eric Johnston came within an inch of resigning as president of the United States Chamber of Commerce over the issue of continued price control...

Gen. Marshall's letters to Governor Dewey regarding the Japanese code were made public only after a stiff protest by Gen. Marshall, who wanted his reference to cooperation with the British withheld...

Gen. Marshall Sits

The Post Harbor Committee met in executive session in Senator Barkley's office to listen to Marshall's plea, but before Marshall could open his mouth, Republican Senator Ferguson of Michigan and Democratic Senator Lucas of Illinois got up and walked out...

After they finished, Senator Brewster of Maine proposed that the committee make the sole decision regarding publication of the letters and that Marshall not be permitted to remain...

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The Daily Grind

A lot of people wondered not only how George kept the peep among his performers, but also how he stood the daily grind of running his far-flung syndicate. For he handled comic strips and all sorts of other features...

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"Maybe you can get the G. I. Bill of Rights to pay for our wedding and honeymoon - after all, marriage is an education!"

A Four-Legged Chair

By Samuel Grafton

LARGE fragments of support are falling away from the Democratic party, and it does not seem too early to begin to wonder whether the structure put together by the late President Roosevelt is not crumbling...

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The People's Platform

"A Gross Injustice..."

When we returned from overseas we were met by a man who was joining our old outfit, and subsequently our old outfit were discharged and here we are...

There is an election next year, and you can bet your bottom dollar that the congressman who was afraid to stand up against the Army will not get reelected.

Quote, Unquote

THE great lesson for the future is that success in the art of war depends upon a complete integration of the (armed) services. In unity will lie the military strength of our nation...

Money put into Victory Bonds, and thus kept out of competition charged-scarce goods and services, becomes a mighty weapon against a disastrous rise of prices.

A Pink Cloud For The Big Corporations

By Marquis Childs Subject to Abuse

THE workings of the so-called carry-back under the wartime excess profits tax are something to behold. For corporations struggling with the version, strikes, shortages and snafu in general, the carry-back is a dream of Heaven...

As the law stands today, a corporation paying excess profits tax in 1945 could shut down completely, let its plants fall into ruin and yet make almost as much money in 1946 as it did this year...

But there is a question here as to whether the Federal Government should be receiving the great educational boost a generous allotment of Federal funds would provide.

To Pay No Tax

That company in 1945 made \$500,000 more than the credit. In 1945 it made \$1,000,000 in profit which was just equal to the credit and therefore the corporation will pay no excess profits tax for the current year...

Pointing a Moral

A textile mill owner in the South is reported to have told his employees in a pamphlet circulated throughout his mills that his profits were guaranteed under the carry-back provision, but the same thing could not be said for the wages. The moral was that they had better think a long time before they voted to go out on strike...