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The Settlement of Utility Strikes

THE threatened strike of Virginia Electric Power Company production employees failed to materialize Sunday, and some 1,700,000 persons in the Virginia and North Carolina were spared the dangers and discomforts of a complete black-out. Governor Tuck, of Virginia, who moved promptly and vigorously to prevent the strike, is receiving a good many plaudits, but he is also receiving some deserved criticism.

is as essential as it is logical. There is adequate legal precedent for placing the management of a public utility under direct government supervision, limiting profits to a setting minimum standards of service. There is no reason why this precedent should not also cover public utilities workers.

George Stephens Was Also A Pioneer
Legal Or Illegal, It's Bad

THE term "pioneer" we suppose, should properly be reserved for the colonists who cleared the forests of Mecklenburg in the name of Queen Charlotte. But we also like to apply it to the men of vision who foresaw a city growing out of the sleepy village of their youth, the men like George Stephens, who died yesterday in Asheville.

Newspapers published in 1938, he wrote: "My interest in real estate has always been from the standpoint of development, believing that it is the greatest single material incentive, when properly handled, in the development of a city and the happiness of its people."

Photographers, Sir, Are Also Gentlemen

SOME years ago Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur wrote a sprightly libel of the newspaper business called "The Front Page" dredging out of the capacious imaginations the characters of Hildy Johnson and Walter Burns. These two fictional journalists established a precedent that still holds on stage, screen and the slick pages of the popular magazines—reporters are alcoholic, unscrupulous, untidy, lecherous, cynical and wear their hats turned down all the way around.

Incident of the past week. Ray Howe, sports editor of The News, decided his department had published far too many photographs of golfers gadding down the fairways, posturing before the cameras, or examining their putters. The Charlotte Open, he decided, would be an utter failure unless The News carried a picture of a completely relaxed tournament player. He thereupon escorted one of our photographers (young Don Martin, who doesn't wear a hat of any kind) to the clubhouse and assigned him to his assignment.

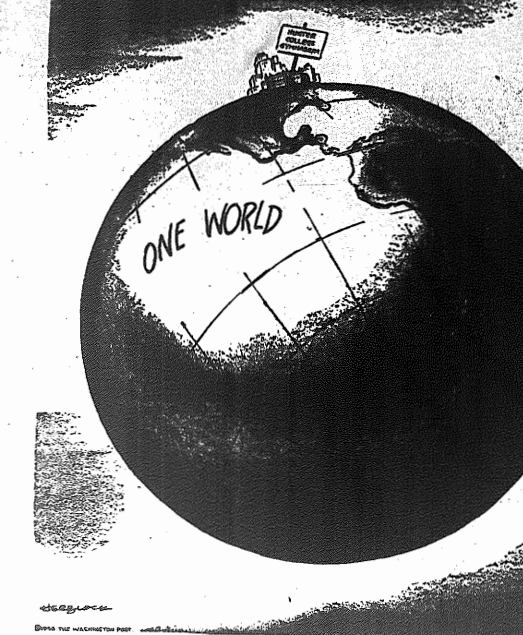
Another Voice

WE think it only fair to call attention to The Charlotte News that the young Solicitor for this district is doing a mighty fine job. Already, and in the Mecklenburg courthouse, we have heard many fine and favorable comments on the manner in which Whittaker is handling the affairs of the court.

Out Of A 20-Year Rut?

Cherry should have appointed. The one thing that strikes us as a decisive factor in Mr. Harbert's future success is that he is not a hard-boiled, go to the devil type of solicitor. On the contrary the new solicitor has a great heart and above all the ability to judge character. He will, we are sure, give every one the proper chance to show that the time will make every effort to do the "crime does not pay" in this district. We predict a bright future for him and suggest that all those who have fought the solicitor of this district rouse themselves out of a 20-year rut of one thought and go after somebody else for a while.—Belmont Banner.

Noah's Ark—Breed Out On This



People's Platform

I LEAVE it to you as to whether I am agreeing with or taking issue with your editorial, "The Great Dry Victory in Rockingham" on your March 25 issue.

about buying the textbooks nor pay the special fees that are required in Charlotte. They can be proud of the beautiful schools they have built for their children and for their visitors to see. I know this is true for I have attended schools in Richmond and Charlotte and the difference in them is a pity. The junior high schools there would put Central High to shame.

I also believe that the private individual has just as much right to make and sell liquor as does State or Federal Government and those who preach "control" are doing so for purely selfish aims, as there is no "control" only in that so-called control deprives and makes it a criminal offense for one man to sell it and legalize another to sell it and absolve him of all wrong doing so.

legalized liquor can't give us everything we need in Charlotte, but it will give us the financial foundation necessary to start us on the road to the proud city we all want. It will make us glad to have our friends come to Charlotte and show them what we have to offer and the entertainment that is available for those desiring on the quality of milk. Memory of wanting to come back instead of thinking what a dead town it is now.

Can the bootlegger be stopped? Sure, when a majority of the citizens get ready to put a stop to it. All that is needed to stop it is elect honest men to our State Legislature who will pass sensible laws to curb its sale in any quantity, put good honest men in office to see that the law is enforced and it will come to an end in a few years.

I was appalled . . . CHARLOTTE The Army has been temporarily successful in persuading the Senate Atomic Energy Commission to provide formation of a military committee to review any action of the scientists—a distinct military toehold.

A Late Convert

SINCE leaving the service and returning to Charlotte I have found your editorials very interesting and enlightening. Before I entered the service I considered it something for the older folks to do during their spare moments in the evening. Perhaps it is in other cities its size. I would not be so anxious to read it now. As it stands it gives a very clear picture of what makes this town tick, but certainly not "click."

Military Toehold

LETTER to a Senator: Dear Senator: I have been temporarily successful in persuading the Senate Atomic Energy Commission to provide formation of a military committee to review any action of the scientists—a distinct military toehold.

Drew Pearson's FIR OK's Argentina's Admission To UNO Merry-Go-Round

NOW that Col. Peron is finally confirmed as President of Argentina, the State Department faces its toughest Pan-American problem—to recognize or not to recognize. Strongly influencing this question may be a secret document with the initials "OK, FIR" in the corner, giving the late President's approval of Argentine recognition.

Harry Hopkins Said No

THIS formula was sent by radio to FDR, then aboard his cruiser en route home from Yalta. Harry Hopkins, who was with him, opposed. He did not believe Argentina should be recognized. Admiral Leahy, also with the President, had the opposite reaction. He favored recognition.

Marquies Childs Sudden Ray Of Hope

FROM THE first three hours August 1st of last year, there has been a "ray of hope" in the world. The report of the State Department Committee on atomic energy, which has been in the light in an atmosphere which seemed utterly dark and oppressive.

Notes On UNO Crisis

MAJORITY VS. VETO For a strange reason, it is now going on within the Council, and Russia's veto. At the West comes more and more to rely on its majority, in an endless series of 2-3 votes. Russia comes more and more to rely on her veto, including the physical vote of taking a walk with weapons.

UNRA Merry-Go-Round

PETER Mayor La Guardia was appointed to take Governor Dewey's place as delegate to the Atlantic City UNRA conference when the 500,000 tons of wheat and you give us a "little flosser" . . . Replied the UNRA delegates that they find quite a bit of UNRA. He felt that food problems would not be solved by any atomic bombshell. . . . The La Guardia appointment was right out of the mouth of the Missionary. . . . sell the Russians on Churchill as Governor Lehman's successor. They told the Russians: "He is only half English; the other half is American." . . . Replied the UNRA delegates: "He is half Jewish; the other half is Russian." . . . Meanwhile 1,000,000 Jews in various countries are still being treated and fed as enemies—rather a tough sequel to the five years they suffered under Hitler.