

'Couldn't We Make Better Time Driving Forward?'

Marquis Childs Freedom Of Press

To Strengthen Civil Service

When Charlotte put its police and fire departments under civil service some weeks ago the idea was that their personnel would be removed from politics. That certainly was and is a commendable theory. However, it has not worked out in practice.

In the first place the City Civil Service Commission is named by Council, which provides a direct political link between elected and appointed employees. In the second place the heads of the two departments are exempted from all civil service rules and regulations.

The Case Of Kirsten Flagstad

KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD, the Norwegian soprano, is now on the blacklist of that great patriot, Commander Walter Winchell, and she is receiving the full treatment in his syndicated column.

It seems that Commander Winchell's courageous crusade has borne fruit in that the Veterans of Foreign Wars have asked the Park Commission to cancel the contract allowing Miss Flagstad to use the Army for her scheduled concert here.

This is rather a curious incident, but so far at least everybody concerned seems to be fully within his rights. The Park Commission and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are acting as a political censor.

In Health, As In Sickness . . .

No flags will fly, no bugles will sound, no music will lift his voice but tomorrow is the birthday of Dr. Crawford Long, the Doctor's Day, 24 hours set aside to honor the physicians and surgeons of the country.

The Doctor's Day is sponsored, appropriately enough, by the Auxiliary of the County Medical Society—the wives whose uncertain household routines perhaps provide the best evidence of the tireless service the doctor renders the community.

Another Voice

In the Nick Of Time

The downfall of the government of the State of North Carolina has been traced, just in the nick of time, by the Hutton-Kerr bill which was introduced in the General Assembly night before last and which makes it unlawful for anybody to advocate any such thing.

members of the Civil Service Commission rather than City Council.

This, as Judge Bobbitt, upon whom this new power would be conferred, has pointed out, represents no real improvement at all. The Delegation desires to establish for the City a civil service system comparable to the County's with which the Legislators certainly should be familiar.

Certainly such a public blast from so thoughtful and restrained a public servant as Judge Bobbitt should give the Delegation pause. As it apparently has. The odds now are that the bill, in view of the formal objection, will be killed.

People's Platform

On Local Government

THE following concurrent resolution was adopted on Jan. 21, 1947, by the 85th General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

"Indiana needs no guardian and intends to have none. We Hoosiers—like the people of our sister States—were fooled for quite a spell with the magician's trick that a dollar taken out of our pockets and sent to Washington will be bigger when it comes back to us.

School Tax

I WANT to express to you my own appreciation and that of the members of the City School Board for the editorial you published Tuesday with reference to the proposed school tax supplement.

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