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BUS FARE INCREASE

The people of Charlotte will be gratified that the City Council is going to give some attention to the Duke Power Company's application for higher bus fares...

The company's presentation of its financial troubles was an impressive one, and will probably come as somewhat of a surprise to many persons who have assumed a reasonable return on their investment...

There is a well established principle that public utilities should be permitted to make a reasonable return on their investment...

The proposed ten-cent cash fare, or three tenths of a cent more for the same high percentage increase, but it does not appear to be exorbitant...

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THINGS ARE SLOWING UP

UNEMPLOYMENT is up in the United States and in North Carolina, too. But they aren't setting up the soup kitchens yet...

The decline in employment has been going on since last summer when the peak of 8,162,000 unemployed was reached. It has been a slow decline...

There has been a corresponding decrease in hours worked per week. In April of this year, almost 18 million persons were working fewer than 40 hours a week...

Forty-nine persons of every 1,000 persons now are unemployed. In 1947, 38 persons were unemployed. (South Carolina, incidentally, is exactly level with the national average...)

The decline in employment reflects the general requirement in business in this nation which, in turn, is reflected in a decrease in federal expenditures...

In the first five months of 1949, Federal revenue was \$15.4 billion, more than \$3 billion below the \$18.8 billion collected in the same period in 1948...

FROM SPOKESMAN TO EDITOR

D.R. MORRIS FISHER is a man of engaging personality, tremendous energy, and a remarkable memory. He has become a valuable man to the American Medical Association, which hired him years ago as editor of its Journal...

But in recent years Dr. Fisher has been getting out of his field. Without being specifically authorized to do so, he left the realm of scientific questions and began indulging in policy and political questions...

BUTTERING THE BOSS

IT MUST HAVE BEEN STATE ABC Chairman Robert W. Winston a paragon of placidness when he picked up the Raleigh News & Observer the other morning and read the story about himself in the column headed "The Dome"...

Some alert W. O. reporter, showing great ingenuity and energy, had discovered that Mr. Winston, recently named to the State ABC post by Governor Kefauver...

A chemical derived from hops - has proved effective, says a California scientist, against the tuberculosis bacillus. The scientist who wants to treat a tubercular mouse?

Some things the Russians did invent, in a left-handed way, are the Berlin Airlift against the Western German state... (L.A. States)

curred in the company's Charlotte operations. The people of the other five cities presumably would like to see such figures, too.

After all, this is not a state utility, but a municipal utility. It follows that the people of Charlotte don't expect Greensboro riders to make up losses incurred here, and they certainly don't want to pay here for losses incurred in Greensboro...

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Stewart Also A Summing Up

HONG KONG (AP) At ten thousand feet you sense it - too many people, too little food. More than 10 million people are crowded into the tiny island...

This is the central fact, China's people have not suddenly disappeared with the substitution of one political power for another. The Communist rulers: How are the anti-united to be fed?

Now, for the first time, they are having trouble with the peasants. The reports of the Communist Party in the north told this reporter that the peasants are now being forced to share their production with the rich...

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People's Platform ABC Profits And Bonds

Editorial News: SINCE we are called on to vote for bonds frequently for local improvements, we think back two years...

It is interesting to note where the money for all liquor is being "drained" to: and that Charlie and Mackintosh receive little of the proceeds...

During the first eighteen months of liquor stores, the receipts were \$18,000,000.

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