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Man Of The Year

John C. Erwin

By HARRY SHUFORD Charlotte News Staff Writer

John C. Erwin, 56-year-old executive vice president of the Allison-Erwin Co., is Charlotte's Man of the Year.

The announcement came today from a group made up of former Men of the Year, who said that Mr. Erwin was chosen for the honor because of his outstanding work as chairman of the City Aviation Advisory Commission.

Largely through the efforts of that commission headed by Mr. Erwin, Charlotte this year dedicated the new \$1,227,000 Air Terminal building at Douglas Municipal Airport, a facility which has placed the city among the leaders in an air-minded nation.

In praising the 1954 Man of the Year, one of the selecting board members said of Mr. Erwin: "He has contributed to the growth of Charlotte through his imagination and energy. He has been associated with many outstanding projects in an important executive capacity."

Although the selection board stresses that it doesn't make its choice on an accumulation of a man's accomplishments over a period of years, Mr. Erwin has a record of achievement which would fill that bill also.

Other Men of the Year Henry C. Dockery (1953), David Owens (1950) were ill when the selection was made, and J. B. Marshall (1946) is no longer living.

There is a history to the project which led to Mr. Erwin's selection as Man of the Year. It really began at the end of World War II when

City Council Is Opposed To Water Change

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer

Deadly savers from municipal heavy artillery were fired today against maneuvers to change Charlotte's administration of its water facilities.

Councilmen expressed opposition to the proposal to set up an independent water commission to operate the city's water and sewer service.

Particularly vigorous opposition also was expressed by them against the proposal to give the State Utilities Commission authority to fix water rates in North Carolina cities and towns.

Certain local interests are reported to have made overtures to the Mecklenburg legislative delegation for amendment to the city's charter taking away from the council and putting into the hands of an independent agency the responsibility for operation of the water and sewer system.

A movement is reported to be under way for introduction in the coming session of the legislature a bill to give authority to the utilities commission for fixing water rates in cities and towns.

The North Carolina League of Municipalities is staking itself for battle against this measure.

Mayor Van Evry is a member of the league's legislative committee which met with the executive committee in Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. Van Evry attended that meeting, but efforts to communicate with him regarding the league's action yesterday were without success.

However, the urban viewpoint on this matter was expressed today by City Manager Henry A. Yancy.

He said: "I am opposed to anything that will rob the City Council of any of its prerogative and elective representatives of the citizens of Charlotte. Since this is one of those things I would naturally be opposed to it."

Mr. Yancy went on to say that any urban official would be opposed to such a proposition that would put into the hands of state

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OUR WEATHER

Fair weather today and tonight. Bostly cloudy tonight. Warm tonight and tomorrow with chance of rain tomorrow morning.

Low temperature this morning 34 degrees. High temperature expected tonight 32 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow 64 degrees. Sunrise 7:31 a.m.; sunset 5:21 p.m.

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By PAUL CLIFFORD BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP)—A

to the back door to steal my dog's food."

Rudy Buses, East Gary, Ind., reported: "My uncle is a farmer

the biggest and the richest in South Dakota. They never have been able to count his dollars or his acres

"My grandfather had a clock so old that the shadow of the pendulum

swinging back and forth, had worn a hole in the back of the

potato bugs were waiting on fence posts for potatoes to come up. In January 1954 it was so cold that the

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