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CURB REPORTER

Weather Saturday: High 71, low 30; Sunday, high 65, low 35 . . .

Dear Dr. Palmer, I am glad you have brought before the people the question of taking over the Duke Power Co., transmission system within the Town limits. After all the people are the ones who will pay the bills, reap the benefits or suffer the losses as the case may be in making a change. In commenting on your explanatory note which is given the same publicity as the article Saturday I am not questioning the right of the Town Commissioners to buy and operate the electric system, I question the wisdom of it, and say that this paper opposes the idea. We do not believe in government ownership of private enterprise even if the Duke Power Co., should want to sell. We believe that private enterprise gives better service to the public and at lower rates than government owned concerns. It makes money because it is more efficient. Tryon Town government may need money for its bonded indebtedness, but we don't believe in taking over any business just because it is making money to get it. If Duke Power Co., was not making money you could not persuade the Town to take it.

As to calamities to the distribution system, cold weather in many North Carolina cities the past week broke down power lines, and

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DR. PALMER MAKES STATEMENT

To Seth Vining, editor of Tryon Daily Bulletin,

Dear Sir:

Please give this explanatory note the same publicity given part of my talk to the Rotary club on Friday and your comments on the same.

We would like the citizens of Tryon to know facts divested of propaganda. Mr. Ordinary Citizen, like me, would not call taking over the transmission lines of the Duke Power Co. within the town limits, confiscation if they knew, as I do, that there was a contractual agreement between the Town and said company to the effect that this might be done at any time the Town decided to do so and that in taking over this property the Town would pay a fair price for it. This is set forth in section six of the franchise which reads, and I quote, "That if at any time in the future the Town of Tryon should decide to own and operate its own electrical lighting plant it may first acquire either by purchase or condemnation the property of the persons or corporations who shall then be operating and serving the public by virtue of this franchise. If the said Town can not agree with the owners upon the terms of purchase then it may have said property valued by three commissioners to be appointed by the Judge of Superior Court and condemn the same to the public use as provided by Chapter 86 of the Public Laws of 1911."

Now in regard to the danger of

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