

Council Sidesteps The Slums

CITY COUNCIL did not make a very good case for its action Wednesday in voting, 5 to 2, to set aside enforcement of Charlotte's slum clearance ordinance—"indefinitely."

enough materials for both new and substantial houses, which Council signally has failed to do.

Blind Alleys In Social Change

ON SECOND reading, the Civil Rights Committee's report to President Truman discloses several blind spots in the political thinking of the nation's leading advocates of social change.

selected under requirements of State law. The Greenville trial and the Rich Square case indicate that law enforcement officers do not have the qualifications of their electors, those States which still insist upon this method of denying suffrage to the majority of the electorate would merely resort to some other subterfuge.

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For Wretched Cooks, A Panacea

EVER SINCE Blisquack and a gingerbread mix squeezed onto grocers' depression-stricken shelves in the early '30's there has been an endless assortment of pre-mixed mixes.

manufacturer who has seen fit to speak on this subject, the sale of mixes is already several times as heavy as during the biggest peak year.

People's Platform

THE People's Platform is a new publication that has been started in Charlotte. It is a platform for the people to express their views on local and national issues.

NOTE: Most certainly did the News question the Board, which body approved the bond issue. We did not question the City Manager, since he is an administrative, not a policy-making position.



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From The Christian Science Monitor

For A National Laugh

THE Gag-Writers Protective Association of New York City wants Congress to appropriate \$1,000 for a National Laugh Week. Funds and chorles, ripples and utters—all the ebullient arsenal of mirth to be mobilized on a national scale.

the blandingness appeals of totalitarian designers? Humor is still a potent weapon. As George Meredith said of the comic spirit, it casts in every form of unreason an oblique light, "followed by volleys of sly laughter."

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