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SELF - PERPETUATING SLUMS

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The files in The News office are full of stories and pictures of Palmer's Alley. Back in 1845, an exhaustive report by Dr. George Hays, then acting City Health Officer, cited a long list of city ordinances which were being broken regularly.

Dr. Hays found then that eight "dwellings" — converted from old stables — were occupied by 20 families toslaing some were occupied by 20 families toslaing some were occupied by 20 families toslaing some one of the stable of a family of the stable of all the occupants. The ground was littered with garbage and human excrement. Drainage was had, weeds grew waits-high, mosquitoes bred profusely.

Since that time, the City of Charlotte has adopted a "sum clearange" ordinance which, in some lels congested areas, has meant real improvement. Drainage was the stable of the stable of

A MATTER OF SERVICE

There may be, as the plaintiffs claim, some doubt as to the City's legal right to require taxicab companies to pay their drivers on a definite fee or fixed commission or percentage basis.

commission or percentage basis. They admit that the Council has broad authority over-all matters involving safety and service to the public, but contend that the type of contract between owner and driver is not settlem the Council's area of authority or responsibility.

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The pirovision of the taxicab ordinance which is being challenged is Sectiof 33, Article VI. It forbids contracts in which the driver rents his cab for a fixed amount per day and receives all the revenue from its operations, and requires that the operation of a icab be the owner or a duly authorized agent and employee, one a fixed salary or commission. salary or commission.

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The section was adopted in 1946, but has not been entgreed it was to have gone into effect today. The restraining order aimed yesterday by Judge Orisp will thus delay enforcement of the provision pending the hearing on Nov. 1s before Judge to the provision pending the hearing on Nov. 1s before Judge.

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legalistic one; the question for the people is one of service.

When a driver rents a cab for a fixed daily fee, his primary concern is to collect enough in fares to cover the rental fee and his gasoline, and still show a profit. Service to the public thus becomes a sec-

and his gasoline, and still show a profit. Service to the public thus becomes a secondary consideration, except when it happens to coincide with his own objective, and the property of th

PROGRESS IN WAR ON ALCOHOLISM

NORTH CAROLINA is about to take a step in the field of alcoholic rehabilitation unparalleled in the history of this nation's fight against the disease known.

as alcoholism.

A state hospital for alcoholics, with an appropriation of \$300,000 from the State Legislature, is to be established. The State Hospitals Board of Control, slated to meet in Rajeight Friday, will consider the report and recommendations of a committee appointed to study the problem of aicoholism in this state. ism in this state.

ism in this state.

That report, 'already well-known throughout the State for its sense and sincerity, was prepared by a man with personal experience in the problem of alcoholics.

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This man, chairman of the Hospitals Boards alcohold committee, is John B. Ruggifas of Southern Pines. In Augustand Cocholic rehabilitation chines. He was a complete the state of the state of the state wide program planned in North Carolina; hospitals in New York; the Yale Plan clinic in New Haven, Conn.

Workers in the alcoholic field everywhere were heartened to hear that, at last, some state was planning a long-range program to combat the widespread liness. He learned some things, too. Pirst, the

gram to combat the widespread lilines. He learned-some things, too. First, the need to educate the public to the fact that alcoholism is a disease; then to convince the public to the value for society as a whole of helping the alcoholic; and, further, to establish iff the public mind the understanding that alcoholie; and, further, to establish iff the public mind the understanding that alcoholies; and for the public mind the understanding that alcoholic; and for the public mind the understanding that alcoholic; and the public man as public health problems.

Further recommendations in the Ruggies report include the initiation of a surject to find out to what extent the State

needs the rehabilitation program; the launching of an educational program to alert the public to the danger of alcohol-ism and thus prevent some of it; coopera-tion with institutions already established for the intensive care of first-time patients who can be completely cured.

Probably the most important recom-mendation contained in the Ruggles report is that calling for the establishment of local hospital facilities in a half dozen places in the State.

A large central hospital at Camp Butner A large central hospital at Camp Butner is, of course, much-needed — to serve as a hub for the local facilities program. But it is to be hoped that in the Hospital Board's consideration of the report it will pay special attention to the need for local facilities where immediate treatment — land continuing out-patient treatment and advice—can be given:

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The program for rehabilitation of alcoholics is another example of the progressive social thought that is beginning to establish North Carolina as one of the most forward-looking states in the nation. For this program, such men as John B. Umatead, Orange County's representative; Dr. H. O. Linberger, chairman of the Hospitals Board of Control; Dr. David A. Young, superintendent of the State hospitals; and many members of Alcoholics Anonymous are to be commended.

In addition to these men, Mr. Rugeles will, doubtless, deserve much credit when North Carolina's alcoholic program goes into effect.

Scientists test out visibility limits with black spots on white background. How about, ankles on streetcar steps? — Dallas (Tex.) Morning News.

Grandchildren are no more desirable than your own, but at the unbearable stage you send them home. — Pelham (Ga.) Journal.

High Road Or Low Road?



People's Platform

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far reaching proposals as conceivably could be contained in the report prepared by Mr. Goates, its to give the public the benefit of Mr. Goates findings, —T. B. WATKINS.

Note: The report in question has been completed, and will be made available to the newspapers and the general public in the very near future, Mr. Coates says. Editors, The Newsy

Complaint From A Reader CHAPEL HILL

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If Florida's various state agencies would spenshalf as much time tending to business as they spend sending out political propaganda saking for more money, they might be able to get their work done on reduced budget. —Sanford (Fig.) Herald.

When we were a kid the Boss and everybody else around Lamar all cussed the capitalists. Now they all cuss labor. It is plain that we don't know what kind of a man anybody is, until he gets a strangle hold on somebody else.—Lamar (Mo.) Deme-

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