

By C. A. Paul

... OF MY SPIES reports the appearance here of the first of feminine hats which contain . . . [it was seen on an elevator for passenger s the county court house yesterday . . . incidentally, I've had more comments on these lines about such hats and the letter from Mrs. R. who thinks my picture is that c

the same fellow who pines for the pages in the Sears-Roebuck catalogue, than anything appearing in a column in ever so long. . . . His first time I met H. H. Holms on the other day and learned that the bone of contention is the household. . . . he vows and declares that he and Mrs. Holmshouse are together and the one who fobles I poke a type-stickful into that day get a ribbing from either. . . . I don't know which it is, that fellow Paul or Root. . . . Recently his five-year-old told him his aunts that he would buy for coat, some diamonds, and a doudadads because he liked her she exclaimed how nice that he be and asked, "And will you be to London and Paris?" . . . toward thoughtfully, then said, "In other helpful fashion, I can't

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Another reason I like Cairns is that it's near good old St. Louis. You ever go boat riding at the old Carondelet park? St. Louis was the first place I ever rode a trolley car and did I get a kick out of it. Remember the "Velleo" parade? And, oh yea, did you ever go roller skating at the old "dium" on Delmar near

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...Mamies used to stroll be-
...usually and pick up a be-
...for the evening . . . M
...it won't do any good. Jus
...same I think Kate Smith
...drop that "folks" and smoo-

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Mr. Byram, the Charlotte handwriting analyst, will not be in Charlotte after Wednesday persons wishing to submit for analysis of their handwriting for a clear analysis must act quickly.

Among the distant points listed are:

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CHARACTER ANALYSIS COUPON

ROBERT BYRAM, HANDWRITING ANALYST.
Charlotte News,
Charlotte, N. C.

I enclose herewith TEN CENTS IN COIN (carefully wrapped) AND A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE—in my own handwriting, preferably in ink. Please send me a character analysis of my own handwriting as made from the same below, and envelope.

NAME
STREET

CITY

Or send samples of writing of your family, children, sweetheart, friends, employees, employers, office force, bridge club, parties on

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE TEN CENTS IN COIN AND A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR EACH ANALYSIS DESIRED.

Pictures From Slums Of The Queen City



Drain, dank tenements line the squalid waters of this creek which cuts through the heart of Charlotte within a hundred yards of city hall. Rotten paths, almost impassable in bad weather, lead to the approaches. In the upper picture, it is notable that the tools have been repaired, but like other negro tenement communities, there are no new houses. In the lower picture, the interior of a hut just off East Fourth street, again within sight of City Hall. A survey by The Charlotte News reveals there are between six and seven thousand houses much like these, breeding disease, death and crime. The most elemental sanitation is often lacking.

**Residences Of Miserable Families, Negroes And Whites, Form Horrible Sore On Body Of City—
Old hovels Of Dark Era In Modern Days.**

Editor's Note:—This is the first of a series of articles and pictures presented by The Charlotte News after a searching investigation of tenement housing conditions in the city of Charlotte. The investigation was inspired by the Business and Professional Women's club, which last week petitioned the city council in behalf of the tenement dwellers. In today's article, a general survey of the Tenements of the Unfortunates is presented.

Another article devoted to sanitation and still another to crime in these communities will follow.

By Cameron Shipp
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Strike a match in this hut and see a black child dying of tuberculosis. Although it is broad daylight, you need the match to see inside the shotgun house in the 1100 block of East Seventh street. This is where the negroes call the place to die. They laugh. Old people mope there in the dark and die, at 75, come a week.

Scuff the fish heads from your path along the creek banks. Black Bottom and Skeeter Hollow. Mark the tenements of these touchables—three-room houses sprawling along Sugar's soupy street of excrement and septic chemicals, and unstable apartment houses squatting in the mire.

Regard Blue Heaven, on the streets of Convent, Vance ridge, Pease, and the Mill street, East of South A. Dowell, Spider-legged hoose tees, at the creek, jam-packed with about four or five men persons in three rooms, using—sometimes—outdoor toilets on the other side of the creek. Blue Heaven, the turn of the creek, vicious criminals of the city, the police will tell him, its within sight of the law business.

See West Stonewall and Hill streets, old Mimi, in the terming of the city, four men persons in a hospital. Weather-broken hoives, telling against other, mud-caked, and against the city, emerge from stenchy houses whose roofs sag and drip, whose dispirited, and whose, who, who, breeze, whose windows are smashed.

WHITE PEOPLE TOLD

Turn from these untelvely pictures of Charleston's poverty-stricken Here lives a white family. In fact, seven families in the one house with 14 children, on East 13th street. The house is so crowded that one child has diphtheria. There are two telels, one out of commission and the other is broken. The house is cold and falling crumbl. Three of the adults have syphilis. They are covered four children, and two are blind. Another is losing sight and half from overdoes of arsenic treatment. The mother is on the verge of East 13th street. The door smites you, but do you expect eac to be dolous for rooms that rent for \$1.00 a month. The house is a tur

toilets are outdoors. The kids use the streets, anyway. The water supply is pumped from a spout on the back porch.

From the morning houses on North Main, the streets are a block rife a competitive odor. Rotted cabbage, excrement, unwashed clothes, and the like are not the best of them, like the privies before the negro houses, freeze in the winter time, and stay that way.

Three, now, and 7,000 more like them, are the slums of the city. Queen City. In these houses live more than 30,000 negroes and no whites. Negroes, and no whites.

These examples of squalor and filth drive us and selections from the world picked to prove a statement. They are average, in fact. They are not the worst. In the city, Cherry and parts of Q.ville, the tenements have better plumbing, and the houses have the rudiments of sanitation. The negro apartment houses, while they are not very clean, and some have electric lights, have plumbing, electric and built-in bathrooms. They are about 10 per cent of the tenements but have electric connections.

Most houses that do have a fire escape are wired dangerously. In some cases, the wiring is 50 per cent of the white, black and tenement houses that offer no fire escape at all. In many cases, the wiring is so dangerous. In almost every instance, the inspectors send, phoning the fire department to remove the white and negro. In 93 per cent of the cases, negro houses are wired with a single wire, and the fire traps of the most flammable material. A small fire at night in one of these would probably cause several down houses, probably killing many people. The fire escape should be connected. Pins that have been under Caroline's torrid nose are being used to connect the fire escape. Streets and alleys in all

Recruit 10 In Army Service

Ed Nichols Declares He Wants Friends To Know He Doesn't Sell Water.

Ed Nichols, whose liquor record was well known in Charlotte, reaching a specially high peak of inebriation about last night, explaining that he had desired to keep his good name above reproach, made the following statement:

"Because I am an honest man, I want to clear up any confusion about the time when Elmore shot me in my home on East Trade Street. Elmore was convicted in superior court last week. That is well known. It is well known that I was shot me after trying to sell me some liquor to my customers. It was a very liquor but I was told that I want my friends to know that I do not sell water. They would have confidence in me. Elmore is a very honest man and shows that I am not at fault. They are making an idiot because I am clearing this explanation."

Housing Committee, Spurred By Proclamation Of Mayor Douglas, Plans Exposition At Armory

To Encourage Better Housing.

An intensive effort of the Charlotte better housing committee to promote further acquisition of the housing construction activities here will be started with a national home show, which will be held April 11-15 at a municipal auditorium, according to an announcement yesterday by the committee.

The movement received the endorsement of the municipal administration in a proclamation issued yesterday by Ben Douglas, mayor, who urged all citizens to cooperate in the project.

The local organization will make this an event which really will interest the public. The housing construction business here is active now and this activity will come, but much building must be done to meet the city's needs, Douglas said.

MEANS DISPLAYS

This type of show has been presented in other cities in the United States in the past year. The exposition here will include models of new housing developments, display panels and other attractive displays arranged by the FHA.

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Total Of 241 Men Enlisted
By Carolinas Office In
January.

Ten young men were recruited during the past week for service in the United States Army. Talbot Smith, recruiting officer for the Carolina, maintained headquarters here, announced that during the month of January his district enlisted 240 men. The recruiting headquarters here has received additional quotas of 20 men for Fort Screven and 20 men for Port Moutile, all in Lincoln County.

Last week's recruits here were: William M. Campbell, Stanley W. W. Newman, Clifford S. Campbell, Donald J. Barrett, Jr., West Asheville; Donald J. Nichols, Marshfield; David Powell City; Arden W. Lunsford, Charlotte; Charles W. Ford City; Clyde W. Young, City; Hazler and Ralph H. Young, Candler.

no East. To the West, the shacks are so narrow that in most instances no fire truck could penetrate a settlement, and in addition roads are unpaved. It would be but impossible for a large fire truck to reach the community.

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