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"Minick"
Edna Ferber, whom no one may accuse of a lack of hu " the theme of which is more timely today entitled "Min lay was appearing on Broadway. "Minick" was an elderly
ridower whose resources had dwindled until he was only his ust as kind and considerate as young people with, the terests and their own lives to live, could possibly be.
But occasionally some "set" habit of the old gentle aused embarrassment in the household, and try as ook to spending his days on park benches; and there he en
ountered other elderly men-quite a number of them, resipuntered other edeople's home nearby. Friendships develope
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here interests and viewpoints were congeni
$\qquad$ solution of the problem of our elderly citizens. Minick was ndependent; he chose his mode of life voluntarily. Attempt 0 adapt the same principle to the oidsters who are
ld age assistance or pensions, and in their minds
es sending them "over the hill to the poorhouse." Trouble is that society has for too long neglected this Biil county grand jury took the editors of all the county pa-
Pers along when they visited the poor farm recently. Here ers alo
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Yeen it has being on for years, and not only in Yam
iill county. The building on Marion county's poor farm is $n$
n great shakes, and a grand jury reported on it unfavorabl mproved. It. has been going on for so long that any attemp
0 modify it into something acceptable or desirable woul still be "the poorhouse
And that's rather a pity because it's quite probable that
Minick had the right slant. For elderly' widowers and widows no longer able to "do for themselvess the modest necessitie
and comforts together with the congenial companionship persons of similar age, and experiences, may best be ph
idied in the "old people's home"' type of communal dwelling
Idderly persons who have provided for their otd age do fin appiness in such institutions. But for the needy aged-th
iistory of the "poorhouse" being what it is-we just haven
Is Taxation of PUD Legal?
$\qquad$ One to which it devoted considerable discussion thi
week was the question whether the section of the 1939 PU
aw making the property of these districts taxable, is consti utional in view of the fact that utilities owned by cities ar was passed, that it would conflict with this provision of th
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 on wasexpressed by Ralph Moody, legal advisor to the house
ho said the question had been considered thoroughly whe Who said the, question had been considered thoroughly when
he bill was drafted. It was his view that PUDs and cities
re sufficiently different in nature that the legislature was ustified in placing them in different classifications. It is important that the question be settled before an
nore PUD elections are held, for it will make a difference in
he viewpoints of various groups. There are many citizen he viewpoints of various groups. There are many citizens
who have voted against PUD in the fear that loss of the priate utiinties taxes would add greaty to their own taxes, and
here arethers who would vote for a PUD if it were tax free
put not if it were taxed. Now that several PUDs have been reated, it should not be long before the issue may be take
ands a decision obtained.

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$$ mparative prosperity due to the business revival, war luring their recent distress of being ground between the upincreasing costs including labor,

But that plight does not deter them seeking to hrust other carriers into the control of the interstate com
nerce commission, but rather forces them to do so At pres ortation bill proposes to give the ICC such control over thi lass of carriers and according to its opponents, the admittec
urpose is to lift rates to a level comparable to the rail rate rimilar hauls.
If the railroads must be regulated, in justice other carers should be regulated -but hardly, by the same agency
hose first allegiance must be to the rails, its biggest prob m .
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## Radio Program



