



TOT TALK

Anyone who runs a kindergarten learns to expect the unexpected from children.

Those of you who remember Mrs. Ernest Bender, and her kindergarten group, may also remember what happened on a certain memorable occasion when the youngsters in her care gave an operetta at the Masonic theater.

Everything went off nicely. As nicely, that is, as a show featuring small fry ever does go off. Nobody forgot their lines, stumped their toe or got in a fight.

The grade finale, with everybody on stage, had a Japanese garden for the setting. When the curtain opened, each kid had on a cute little kimono, and was seated on the floor.

At that precise moment, one very small boy jumped to his feet. "I've got to go to the bathroom," he announced in a shrill voice that could be heard on the last row of the balcony.

Having proclaimed that fact, he raced down the stage steps, and ran up the aisle as fast as his two legs could carry him. The kimono didn't slow him up, not even a little bit.

In less than a minute, he charged back down the aisle, ascended the steps, and sat down in his appointed place. He displayed no embarrassment whatsoever, and the rest of the kids took it strictly in stride.

Needless to say, the audience got a big bang out of it. From that point on the grand finale was presented without incident, and it was a mighty pretty one.

However, what everybody remembered most wasn't the finale itself, or the acts that were staged earlier. A little boy in distress had stolen the show, but definitely.

High School Seniors Return from Capital

Thirty-two New Bern High school seniors who left Tuesday to attend the National Conference on Citizenship in Washington, D. C., are expected back in the city late today.

As in the past, the local delegation was considerably larger than most, and is said to have created a favorable impression while participating in the various activities.

Adversity is the most thorough teacher in the school of experience.

Economic Highlights

Happening That Affect the Future of Every Individual—National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

The Supreme Court has been the focus of hot controversy on many an occasion since its creation. But today, John Osborne writes in a long and revealing article in Life, "the grave truth is that the Court is involved in a crisis of doubt, possibly the most serious crisis which has confronted it since its power and duty to 'say what the law is' were established in the early 1800's."

This crisis stems from a series of decisions in which, in the view of critics, the Court has exceeded its powers; has permitted its personal predilections to deny Congress and the state courts authority which they should have and which is Constitutionally proper; has been too ready to upset long-established legal precedents; and has shown insufficient respect for the written law.

As Mr. Osborne points out, criticisms are not, by any means, confined to crackpots or disgruntled litigants. They have been voiced by Judge Learned Hand, whom many consider the nation's greatest living jurist, in the tradition of Oliver Wendell Holmes; by former Supreme Court Justice Reed; by a national conference of state chief justices, and by the Senate Judiciary committee. This committee, indeed, approved, 10 to 5, a proposed law which would reduce the jurisdiction and authority of the Court in certain important fields—including that over the conduct of Congressional committees.

Yet this is an extremely complex and difficult matter. For instance, Judge Hand, even while criticizing attitudes of the present Court, opposed laws which would diminish its power. He and others, it seems, fear that because of dissatisfaction with decisions, we might "kill the umpire." There is certainly no general agreement on the language of a law which would be acceptable to all the students of the problem.

Mr. Osborne mentions, "... the surprise and consternation which attend the perennial discovery that our highest judges 1) are human and 2) make a lot of law in the course of interpreting the law."

During the Court controversy of the 30's, as Mr. Osborne shows, the great question was economic—it had to do with the Constitutional power of government over enterprise. Today, on the other hand, the issue is one of human rights. Mr. Osborne phrases the questions this way: "To what extent can the U.S. Constitution be stretched to protect human rights—the rights of the individual citizen—against various manifestations of public and private power? Is there a point at which the protection of individual rights may impose upon law and government a greater burden than either one can safely bear?" Much of the criticism of this Court comes from those who believe the answer to that second question is an emphatic "yes."

Mr. Osborne goes into detail concerning the procedures and personalities of the Court. He describes

opinions which have left able lawyers up in the air as to just what the law is in particular instances.

And an incident out of history serves to illumine the general problem. Once a lawyer, arguing before the Court, said, "This is a court of justice." He was at once corrected by Justice Holmes, who told him "This is a court of law." Justice Holmes was saying, in effect, that the Court was concerned with the meaning and constitutionality of law, aside from what might happen to individuals coming to grips with it. But, to quote Mr. Osborne again, "Justice Holmes . . . could not say

today with the old finality, 'This is a court of law.' For better or for worse, the U. S. Supreme Court has become a tribunal of law and individual justice, with law in the traditional sense running a poor second."

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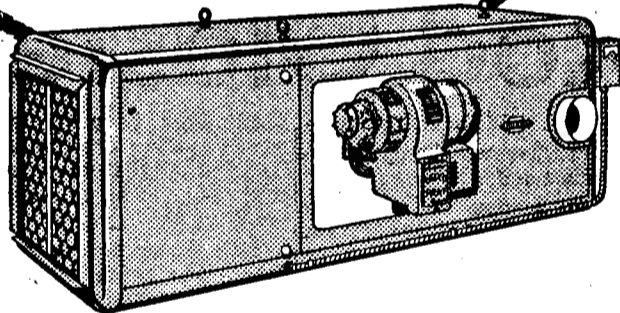
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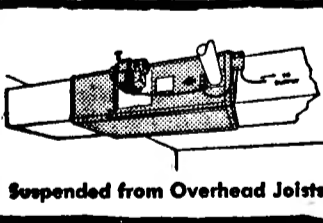
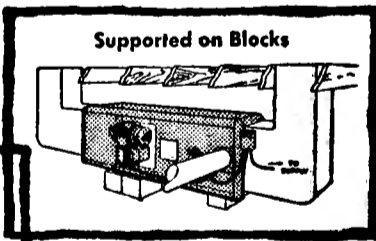
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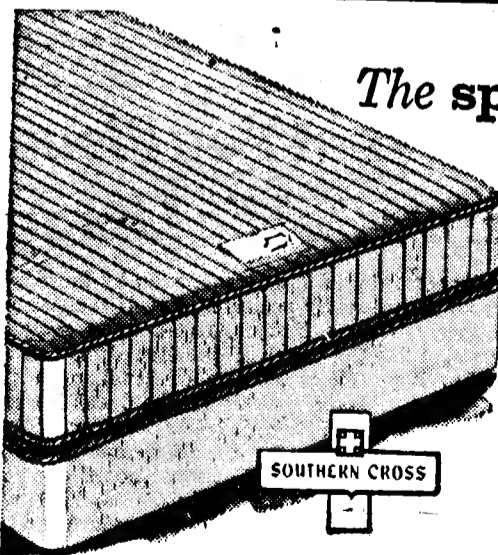
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Completed application blanks and medical forms will be accepted at the City Hall no later than 4:30 P. M. on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1958. Written and oral examinations and a thorough physical will be given later to those eligible.

No other police examinations will be given for a period of two years. Any officers hired during this two-year period will be selected from those who pass this examination. The Board hopes that all interested persons will secure application blanks immediately. However, those who do not meet the minimum requirements listed above need not apply.

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