

Editorial And Opinion

Escalators And Umbrellas

We noted in New York's Radio City the other day that an old-fashioned umbrella had caused a minor crisis by allowing itself to get half-swallowed by a new-fangled escalator. An alert elevator starter stopped the machinery by pressing the emergency button. Then a maintenance crew began the job of extricating the remains of the umbrella: rag by rag and rib by rib.

All of which was a forebode reminder of what an anomaly the umbrella is in modern times. Its sole excuse for existence, keeping the carrier dry, has always been open to debate; and in view of today's claims for "wet-proofing" should be without substance. Thus, it is theoretically outmoded at least. In blocking the carrier's vision it produces traffic hazards. In being used to shelter two people it insures that both will be soaked. In being left behind in all sorts of places it causes a tremendous amount of needless telephoning and scurrying around. And most fearsome of all is its potential for getting stuck.

But for the fact that escalators are merely machines, we might think they had decided to take action against the umbrella menace. In which case, we would applaud them.

They Could Be Heros

Came the first Monday of 1955, a new Congress will assemble in the National Capital. Unfortunately it will bring with it these historic chambers something less than the fervent enthusiasm of the American people. Yet few Congresses in our history have faced graver problems, foreign and domestic. How it performs, the degree of understanding and cooperation that is achieved between it and the White House will indicate to Americans everywhere the capacity for unselfish devotion to the nation at each end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

However confused, we still have a two-party system. But it is still split cross-ways. To state clearly and simply what each party stands for is no longer possible, since each is divided into those who favor socialistic and globalistic adventures, and those who fear above all else the softening of nationalism, the scuttling of the rights of the individual and bureaucratic encroachment on the free enterprise system that has given the nation its uneasy place of world leadership. The adherents of states rights are no more all Democrats than the protectionists are all Republicans.

As many have observed before, and continue to remark, a realignment must be worked out if a two-party system—which seems historically to be the secret of political health and strength—is to survive. Such realignment have occurred in this Land of the Free before. It is high time for it to happen again. Perhaps the stage will be set by the 84th Congress.

If and when there is clarification, the voters who have been accused of "apathy" may be able to find themselves and to re-establish their convictions and their confidence.

Only The Carpet Was Red

Konrad Adenauer, 78 year old Chancellor of West Germany, in a three-day visit to Washington was hailed by President Eisenhower at his press conference as one of the great statesmen of our time. animated by good sense, dedication to his people and to the peace of the world.

Later in the day the German leader was met at the Washington National Airport by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles who voiced similar sentiments, and whisked the Nation's guest away to a formal state dinner at which Mr. Dulles was host. The following day, after a conference with the President, Chancellor Adenauer was guest of honor at a White House luncheon attended by Mr. Dulles and ranking defense officials.

The decision of the Western European Union to rearm West Germany and to elevate his country to full sovereignty among nations solved the problem, said Dr. Adenauer, of "life or death for my people." In thanking the President and Mr. Dulles for their support, he declared: "The whole German people are united in the desire to live in continual, cordial friendship with the American people."

It is believed that Dr. Adenauer also secured during his whirlwind Washington visit at least tentative assurances on US aid in supplying the tanks, artillery and jet aircraft required by the twelve divisions and the 1,346 plane air force approved by the London agreements.

These chores attended to, Dr. Adenauer was free by the week's end to fly to New York for further fetes, to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Columbia University and later to lecture at his American alma mater.

Fine words . . . noble thoughts . . . guileless diplomacy. Who can say for sure? The world goes round and round and where it stops . . .

Novel Idea

President Eisenhower believes that it would be a good idea to appoint a man who has had experience on the bench to fill that vacancy on the Supreme Court. In fact he told his press conference he thought this would be a good practise in the average case where Associate Justices were concerned. But he drew a distinction between these posts and that of Chief Justice, to which he appointed California's former Governor Earl Warren who had never before been a judge.

This post, he said, presented a very special problem, although he didn't explain it. We can only assume he doesn't think a gang boss needs to understand a pick and shovel in order to get a hole dug.

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worked the ball down to our ten yard line. We had scouted them pretty thoroughly, and at this point they tried a lateral that we had anticipated. Our end, Early Smith, intercepted it and was off to what looked like a certain touchdown. He was fast, and had a ten-yard start on everyone, but when he passed our bench he began having trouble. The ball hit his shoulder, worked up, fell over his shoulder to the ground. Before he could it, one of their men pounced on it.

THE VISITOR . . . From then on we couldn't do anything right. My composure was gone. The rest of the battle was a nightmare for me. I was crouched down on the sideline watching each movement on the field trying to figure some way to stave off defeat.

At this point, someone grabbed me by the shoulders from the rear and started shouting, "Boy, you better do something. Boy, you better do something."

"Put this guy out," I yelled to the guards standing nearby. I didn't even look back. My attention was focused on the massacre taking place before me. Our team stood around with their hands in their pockets the rest of the game, and we lost by two touchdowns. It should have been 10.

THE DECISION . . . That night, Seth and I were playing the game over a dinner I had no appetite for. "You got a little excited out there, didn't you, son?" he asked. I replied that I did. Then, for the first time, I remembered about the person being thrown out. I felt ashamed of myself.

"You know," I said, "I better quit this coaching business. I can't keep calm any more. That could just as well have been you that I had them give the bum's rush to during the game. I was so excited I just didn't know what I was doing."

"It probably would have been better," he replied. "It wouldn't have bothered me too much. I kinda understand those things—but this was the first one of your games our brother Hubert ever came to."

Well, I determined then to do two things: apologize to my brother, Hubert, for having him tossed out of the lot; and to quit the coaching profession.

Winter Solstice

So still the world this winter noon,
So sparkling-cold and still,
Of quietness the heart
Could take her fill.

Upon the shallow snow
Clear rang my careful tread.
Summer had died, long ago,
But was not dead.

While from the lattice thorn
To chide my lingering doubt,
Lively with faith and fear
A feathered eye looked out.

And on the powdered verge,
Where road gives way to grass
For others coming and going,
Many a printing was

Of blackbird, of wren:
Who burn away their blood,
Even as we,
To ends not understood.

So rare the fallen fleece of sky,
So far the noise of men,
Myself for a missing moment
Was blackbird, was wren.
—Gerald Bullett in "The Testament of Light" (The Beacon Press).

DIVIDED HOUSE

There's a farmer in Trieste whose home has become a monument, a symbol of the basic ridiculousness of governments. His house has a big yellow stripe that marches up one side, across the roof and down the other. Neither government would give an inch. His kitchen is in Italy, the rest of the house is in Yugoslavia. He's going to need a passport to get to his ravioli.

IF THE BELL COULD SPEAK—



Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

Sweet potatoes should be harvested as soon as they reach desirable size. Since the sweet potato is a tropical plant it will continue to grow as long as weather conditions are favorable, so if the vines are allowed to grow until killed by frost many of the potatoes may be over-size or jumbos. It is better to dig the crop as soon as the majority of the roots are of the most desirable size.

Digging should be done as carefully as possible so that there is a minimum amount of cutting and bruising. It is often said that sweet potatoes should be handled like eggs. That is an exaggeration but it is a fact that wherever the skin of the potato is bruised a hard spot will develop. Also, there is chance that the potato may rot in storage if the bruise or cut is not properly healed.

Grading should be done in the field and the potatoes picked up in the containers in which they are to be stored. Bushel baskets and slatted crates are satisfactory storage containers.

University Art Director Likes 'All Phases' Of His Field

"I like to be mixed up with all phases of art," says Dr. John V. Allcott, head of the UNC art Department and director of the Person Hall Art Gallery.

Born in Wisconsin, Dr. Allcott attended the University of Wisconsin from which he was graduated in both creative art and art history. His next five years were spent at the Art Institute of Chicago. There Dr. Allcott realized that he wanted to teach instead of doing advertising art as he had previously planned. The decision to change his field of work was brought about when he began teaching Saturday art classes for children. After realizing that he wanted to teach, Allcott began instructing art at such places around Chicago as Lake Forest Academy, Chicago School of Sculpture and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Royal Academy
In continuing his studies Dr. Allcott next went to the Royal Academy in Florence where he studies both painting and art history. While in Europe he also traveled to France, England and Germany to visit picture galleries.

An Order To L. H. Fountain

It certainly is not customary for bush league newsmen to give orders to Members of Congress, but this situation which causes us to be so brash is so brutally wrong that it needs investigation and since our only direct line to the investigative powers that be lines through L. H. Fountain we direct this order:

Congressman Fountain, as soon after Congress has reconvened as practical and possible please bring motion asking a thorough investigation of the so-called military justice which has resulted in the following grossly unfair findings by recent court martial boards.

1. A marine colonel was found guilty of cooperating with the enemy and drew a "stiff" reprimand and a soft job at Camp Lejeune to recuperate from his sore wrist, where she was slapped.
2. An Army colonel has been found guilty of trafficking with

How Big Should A Man Be?

We know a lot of people who are not satisfied with their size. We know fat people who would give anything to lose some weight; we know skinny folks who try and try, without success, to gain some. We know some tall folks who wish they didn't "stand out" so in a crowd; short friends of our acquaintance keep envying the taller ones.

We even know one six-footer who wears small heel lifts to make himself appear taller. He knows he's tall, all right, but he just feels that he's not quite tall enough.

"How big should a man be?" He should be big enough to look every other man in the eye, feeling neither fear of him or superiority over him, and to walk down the street with the spring of pride in his step.

He should be strong enough to do his share of the work, whether this consists of doing your part when you're on a team aimed at accomplishing a goal or simply in giving another man an honest day's work for an honest dollar.

He should be strong enough to comfort those weaker than himself, and help them when they need help; he should be able to that little extra push that makes the difference between success and failure when the chips are down.

He should be unselfish enough to share his belongings and himself with those whom his is associated. We know one man who is very generous with his business associates; gifts, generous wages, and many other desirable things, are part of his life—but he himself is so aloof and unfriendly that he neutralizes this favorable aspect by withholding himself from the normal friendly association to which he is invited.

There are many dimensions of a man (and we use man in the sense of human being, not the other half of womankind) and the most important ones are not physical.

If everyone could be "big" this would be a better world to live in.—The Spindale Sun.

the department," said Dr. Allcott about his work here. "A little bit of everything" includes both lecture and studio courses and office work. The lecture courses, which Dr. Allcott teaches during the winter, concern modern (19 and 20 centuries) art and arch features. The studio courses, taught by Dr. Allcott in the summer, are in drawing and designing.

Dr. Allcott's satisfaction with the teaching setup he has here is expressed thus: "I like to be mixed up with all phases of art. Usually one becomes a real specialist in some field, but that isn't my way of operating."

In connection with the art department of UNC Dr. Allcott said, "Our art department started as it is now, diversified and including all of art. The department is not specialized, but all embracing as it should in a state university."

Art Here
"Art at this university is within the humanities. We don't have a professional art school which just happens to be here. Art majors are within the regular program. Within the general program we are hard pushed to give them all basic art work they need, but they are strong and so they carry slightly heavier loads than other students. It's stiff but very good."

"Our main action for the past five or six years has been planning for a new gallery." Although it is still in the planning stage, Dr. Allcott expressed his enthusiasm by saying, "One of these days we will walk down Columbia Street, and there it will be." The site for the new gallery is where Archer House used to be.

"We are really pretty thrilled about it and all it can mean. It is such a truly wonderful thing that all of our plans have been centered around it. The building will be for students of the University, people of the state and area who come to visit it. It is the spirit of students of the Greater University," said Dr. Allcott.

The new gallery is being planned so that it will contain space for a library, studios and public activities.

About the advantages which he thinks the new gallery will present Dr. Allcott said, "Right now we are scattered all around the campus in cramped spaces. For the first time since we had a one man department we will have a home base. More than that it means a really fine home base for Chapel Hill and this area."

THIS IS THE LAW



By Charles W. Odom
(For the N. C. Bar Association)

the court made the owner liable for the act of people!

"Spite" fences have become a source of litigation between neighbors. If a property owner erects a fence which cuts off light and air to his adjoining neighbor, it may be brought for removal as a nuisance.

Not A Trespass
It may be well to distinguish between trespass and nuisance. Laws against trespass protect the possession of land. Laws against nuisance protect the use and enjoyment of property. To constitute trespass, the offender must actually be entering the property. To constitute nuisance, the offender need not enter the property, but the act must be such as to interfere with the use and enjoyment of the property.

Can Be Both
Some nuisances, however, may be both public and private. For example, a gambling den located next door and having such a length of time that the home has depreciated in value because of the surrounding nuisance, in the name of the law to have the den padlocked and the gambler, separate your own right for the nuisance he has caused in valuation of your property.

Nuisance is a right which belongs to all citizens. Such "public" rights are in the use of streets, navigable streams, government buildings and the like. North Carolina has defined (by statute) certain conditions which are, in themselves, public nuisances. The law calls these "nuisances per se" and, in this state, some of them are: Maintaining any building for lewdness, prostitution, gambling, illegal sale of whiskey or narcotics. These offenses are, of course, against public morals, and, thus, are crimes, rather than mere nuisances. So, court actions brought to put a stop to public nuisances, must be in the name of the State.

Slot machines constitute a public nuisance. So does the intentional handling of poisonous snakes. The violation of a court order against a statutory public nuisance is punishable by fine of \$200 to \$1,000, or imprisonment of three to six months.

Private
What about the private nuisance? It is obvious that each of us must put up with some offensive things as the price of living in the human community. This, a private nuisance is an unreasonable interference and produce the kind of offensive situation which is unreasonable, and, which the public ordinarily will not tolerate. So, with such a broad definition, the kinds of interference which may become nuisances are almost unlimited.

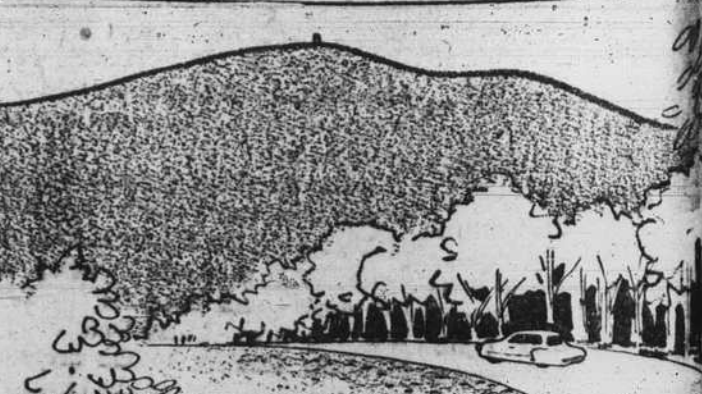
The North Carolina court once forced an airport to close down because the approaches to its runways brought roaring planes too close to a medical clinic. A Florida court awarded a drug store damages and an injunction against a cafeteria because its waiting lines blocked the sidewalk in front of the drug store. Thus,

USDA marketing specialists estimate that poultry prices will remain unchanged for the year.

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