



'But It's Such An Old Routine'

When Ella-And-Door Swims
Her Suitors Wade And Wait

By ROBERT C. RUARK

The Scarecrow In Uptown Charlotte

WHERE civic pride is concerned, the sight of Charlotte's ancient Southern Railway passenger terminal long ago...

Suddenly, this ramshackle structure is even more of an eyesore and a disgrace than ever before.

Railroad officials said a truck had run into the building. When covered passages leading to the east end of the station appeared to be near collapse, it was hastily shored up and roped off.

Meanwhile, according to railroad spokesmen, no plans at all have been made for renovating or rebuilding this monstrosity.

The passenger station, squatting fragily on W. Trade St. not far from the heart of midtown, is a particularly distressing blot on the urban landscape.

It is old.

It is rickety.

It is poorly furnished.

It is ill-equipped.

It is, plainly, an architectural scarecrow.

Visitors who arrive in Charlotte for the

first time by rail must get quite a start when they step off the train. It is a sorry introduction to a city which has genuine charm and a great deal of beauty.

In contrast to the glittering \$1,329,000 terminal building at Douglas Municipal Airport, it seems even more dismal.

A new railroad terminal is one of Charlotte's most pressing needs today. The present structure is totally inadequate. It should be pulled down and replaced.

The best opportunity for action along these lines resides in long-range plans for raising the Southern's main line tracks after the completion of the new crossings. If the tracks are raised over anything, something will have to be done with the terminal building which borders them very near a crossing. But there remains the problem of financial responsibility for providing new facilities.

Whatever the formula, it is a matter for Charlotte's city fathers and the railroad to nail down without further delay. What is needed now is a measure of the same vigorous determination which Charlotte exhibited earlier in meeting its air terminal needs.



People's Platform

Ill Wind For Textile Workers

Editors, The News: Charlotte FORT 20 years of my 25 years of age my sole livelihood came directly from the textile industry. I think the average person would agree that the South owes their high standard of living to that industry in one way or other...

NO NIGHTMARE: If the tariffs are lowered, the plants of this country will be forced to curtail and cut wages in order to meet the competition of the inferior goods that will surely flood the textile market.

That means many families will lose their homes, cars, furniture, and other things they have worked so diligently for.

SUFFERING I am not employed in the textile industry, but most of my family has been employed by this industry for the whole of their working lives. I have three brothers...

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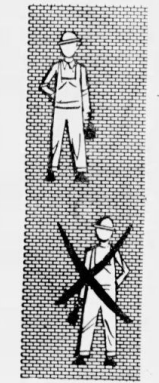
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THE WORKER'S STATE - Well Being Or Disaster?

drives a car knows when you pass a big truck or a bus even on clear days, there is a stinking odor to invade your car.

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But why close the theaters on Sunday and allow baseball, football and everything else to operate on Sunday? Why be hypocritical? -PARKS A. YANDLE

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Keep Up The Good Work, Gov. Hodges Lincolnton Editors, The News: Charlotte REGARDLESS of what some people may say, I feel as our governor feels about race relations in North Carolina.

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New Phrases For Political Orators

REPORTED congressional sentiment for a medical commission to examine presidential candidates before the nominating conventions promises an end to the dull political diatribes of today.

Only trouble with the idea is its narrowness. If psychiatrists were included on the commission and all top government officials subjected to the analyst's couch and the stethoscope, the tiresome talk of highways, housing and national defense could be supplanted by neuroses resulting from old political insults as well as a candidate's concealment of an ingrown toenail.

How 'Close' Are You To Mom?

NAVY brass, red-faced and uncomfortable, is still having a difficult time explaining why it denied a commission to Eugene W. Landy, honor graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. It was explained unofficially that Landy, whose own loyalty is not questioned, is unacceptable because his mother held a Community Party card in 1944 (although she quit later because her "conservative" son disapproved).

The absurdity of this is obvious. Yet it has been laid particularly bare by the acid pen of Archibald MacLeish, the Pulitzer Prize winning poet who is a

The Lasting Legacy Of Thomas Mann

A man lives not only his personal life, as an individual, but also, consciously or unconsciously, the life of his epoch and his contemporaries.

THOMAS Mann, perhaps more than any other 20th century writer, believed passionately in the unity of humanity and the wholeness of the human problem.

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enemy of Hitler's Nazi dictatorship in his native Germany. After he came to live in California, he even became dissatisfied with many aspects of the U. S. political scene.

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Clutter In The Kitchen In MAN'S eternal struggle with inanimate objects, the final victory always goes to the inanimate object. Take the matter of kitchen utensils and appliances; only a few decades ago all of these had to be heated on the stove...

Ranges were huge then, but none of them was large enough to accommodate a huge washboiler, half a dozen flat irons, a couple of frying pans, some odd saucepans, a soup pot, a large steaming tea kettle, a coffee pot and perhaps a Dutch oven at one and the same time.

A Miami judge who fined a strip dancer for taking off too much claimed he couldn't understand why she did it. Well, it's been mighty hot lately.

Sen. Alben W. Barkley is said to be contemplating a trip to Russia to study the political situation there. Evidently he would rather study the political situation there than here.

Unfortunatly the inventors and manufacturers did not stop with these high-

THERE has been a dame around here lately who has come close to wrecking my household. She is a swimming-type female named Eleanor Holm, and she is leaving, soon, and I am sighing with relief.

Miss Holm, a rather attractive doll who once got kicked off the Olympic team for shooting craps, or something equally sportive, swims once a day to Corsica and back, and has infected the household.

The cook lets the meat burn while she practices the backstroke, and Mama goes around making funny faces, like a goldfish, because she is practicing freestyle. I have permanently wrecked what's left of the legs with my adaptation of a flutter kick, and if Holm decides to stretch her visit much longer we'll all wind up drowned, or being bounced off the Olympics for the dot parts.

I mention the name Ella-and-Door because that is what she is called by her suitor in Spain. Her lover's name is Jay Sere, and he is half-Spanish, half-Maryland. There is considerable talk of matrimony, inasmuch as Senior Sere has openly declared himself as a suitor.

Since Senior Sere is accompanied by three other brothers, all of whom are more or less seriously interested in Ella-and-Door, you can imagine the strife in the Sere family at the moment.

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ELEANOR HOLM Four Beaus



denia bushes stay in excellent trim.

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