

**IN WASHINGTON**  
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY  
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**UNITED STATES SENATOR**

The President's program with reference to the Supreme Court of the United States continues to overshadow all other national issues. His appeal to the country in the form of one of his radio "fireside chats" is being widely discussed. Hearings on his proposal are drawing large crowds to the rooms of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Proponents and opponents of the measure are drawing their lines for battle. In other words, another important chapter in American history is being written, whatever that chapter finally record.

In this connection it is interesting to read the oath of members of the Supreme Court. It follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and the rich; and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties incumbent on me as Judge, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States."

Whatever may be the viewpoint of any individual with regard to the present Supreme Court issue, considerable stress must be laid on the last sentence of the above oath reading "agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States." From this it would seem that the laws of the United States—and the laws are the acts passed by the Congress and signed by the President—have equal standing with the Constitution. The President contends that they have not been given such standing by the eminent Supreme Court Justices, and here is the basis of the current and widely-discussed issue.

Let me quote what others have said.

The illustrious Abraham Lincoln, declared in his first inaugural:

"The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made in ordinary litigations between parties in personal actions the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal."

The great Justice Holmes, who ever held aloft the light of justice for all, said:

"It must be remembered that legislators are the ultimate guardians of the liberties and welfare of the people in quite as great a degree as the courts."

Again Justice Holmes said:  
"The first requirement of a sound body of law is that it should correspond with the actual feelings and demands of the community."

"The courts were intended to endure for all ages to come and consequently to be adapted to the various crises in human affairs."

These quotations from great students of our government deserve study and thought as our people

stand at the crossroads of national affairs. These statements were not made in the heat of debate. They were made by men who enjoyed national confidence, and by men whose deeds merit that their words be remembered. I cite them now because they are timely.

Is the President correct in his contention that the Supreme Court has not given due respects to the legislative will of the people? Are the opponents of his program correct in their contention that the Supreme Court has always been right? Answers to these questions will be found when the people on farm and in factory understand clearly the issues involved and thunder out their views. They, and they alone, must answer. Their rights must come first. And the effort to put these rights first precipitated the present momentous issue.

**SPORTS TALK**

By "WHITIE"

After turning in a very successful basketball season for this year, the Perquimans Indians will start baseball as soon as the weather will permit the warriors to take to the diamond.

A few of the boys have been tossing the old apple around in the gym limbering their arms up a little, but it is a little too cold to venture out on the lot. As soon as possible though, the boys will be out working into condition. The prospects for this year's team are very promising and under the coaching of Carl Rogers should turn out a winning team.

Eula Nixon stellar guard for the girls basket-ball team of P. C. H. S. for two years who graduated last year, was given a guard position on the first string All American High School Team. This is quite an honor. I looked over the list of players and I found that the next closest state in which a player was represented was West Virginia. All of us remember well the splendid performances that Eula turned in on the hardwood, and she deserves a place on the All American.

Glancing over the records of other high schools for this year's basketball performances I found that the Hertford Indians are up near the top. Although the Indians probably played as many or more games than the other team in this section they turned in a very good record. Out of 21 games the Hertford quint won 14 and dropped 7, two of these defeats were games that required an overtime period.

Nixon Indian top scorer, turned in 194 points for the season and was named on the second all tournament team in the gold medal tournament in Elizabeth City this season.

**BURGESS NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winslow and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Matthews visited Mrs. S. P. Matthews Sunday. Mrs. Matthews is recovering from an attack of flu.

Miss Velma Overton is spending sometime with her grandmother, Mrs. Abe Lilly, near Burgess. Mrs. Lilly is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caphell, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Matthews called on Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Spurgeon Simpson was in Hertford Saturday shopping.

Mrs. C. B. Parker and Mrs. N. C. Spivey went to Elizabeth City Saturday.

**Fertilizers Are Indispensable**

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I recently read that fertilizer men think they should be able to sell 7,500,000 tons of fertilizer this year. Inasmuch as Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina farmers are well up among the leaders in the use of fertilizers, almost 2,000,000 tons being consumed in producing crops in these states, the following article published in The Fertilizer Review, Washington, D. C., January-February 1967 issue, should be of interest to the readers of my article:

**Fertilizers Are Indispensable In Land Conservation And Improvement**

"In an address before the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers on February 4, Dr. Firman R. Bear, Chairman of the Plant Food Research Committee of The National Fertilizer Association, stated that "by far the most important natural resource of any nation is its land. If we exploit the land, we pave the way to poverty. If we conserve and improve the land, we lay the foundation for permanent prosperity."

"The first step in land conservation is to keep the soil in place. This requires covering large acreages of it with forests or with grass. It also requires that constant attention be given to the prevention of erosion of that part of the land that must be plowed."

"Permanence of location of land is highly important, but it alone does not guarantee permanence of productivity. Losses of essential plant food elements are constantly taking place as a result of crop removal; of the leaching action of drainage water; and of the oxidation by micro-organisms of organic reserves."

"Those elements which, in past

ages, have found their way into the sea are now being recovered by quarrying and mining. Those which have escaped into the air are being recovered by chemical fixation.

"To recover these elements and to recondition them for return to the land is the task to which the fertilizer industry is dedicated. This industry provides the materials for maintaining the productivity of the land; for making poor land good, and good land better."

"Whereas we originally conceived of fertilizers as tonics having only temporary effects, we now conceive of them as agents to be used in the development of more permanent systems of land conservation and improvement. Whereas we once exploited the land without thought of the future, we are now beginning to think of it as a heritage which must be passed on unimpaired from generation to generation. To that end, fertilizers are indispensable."

**ENTERTAIN HONORING DAUGHTER'S BIRTHDAY**

Honoring their daughter, Blanche, on her 16th birthday anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright delightfully entertained Saturday evening at their home near Snow Hill.

The color scheme of pink and white was carried out artistically in the decorations and the refreshments.

After several games, the guests were invited into the picturesque dining room, the central attraction of which was a large birthday cake in pink and white, with 16 candles aglow. Here Mrs. Cartwright, assisted by Mrs. Vernon Winslow, Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mrs. Moody Harrell and Mrs. George Eure, served the guests beautiful plates of ice

cream, cake and mints.

Those enjoying the evening's entertainment were: Miss Blanche Cartwright, honoree, Misses Laura Belle Cartwright, Hazel Mae Smith, Beatrice Benton, Eleanor Jordan, Lucille Cartwright, Eunice Harrell, Sallie B. Wood, Maude Cartwright, Annie Mae Matthews, Catherine Harrell, Daisy Matthews, Frances Bundy, Elizabeth Caddy, Katharine Hendricks, Maxine Griffin, Molly Mack Riddick, Annie Maude Miller, Myrtle Lee Nixon, Eleanor Eure, and Lillian Ray Perry; Messrs. James Harrell, Vernon Harrell, Clifford Lane, Benjamin Smith, John Elmer Wood, William Cartwright, Tracy Winslow, Howard Winslow, John Newby Winslow, Louis Norman Chappell, Jeff Pierce, James Pierce, Clarence Pierce, Edward Copeland, Luther Whedbee, Woody Bundy; Mr. and Mrs. George Eure and Curtis Eure, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Carolyn and Dean Harrell, Mrs. J. H. Harrell, Mrs. Vernon Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Cartwright.

**Y. W. A. HAS MEETING**

The Y. W. A. Society of Bethel Baptist Church met Thursday evening with Mrs. W. P. Long, at her home near Bethel. The president, Miss Ruby Keaton, gave the devotional and a short program was given with several members taking part. Those present were: Misses Ruby Keaton, Pencie Ward, Blanche Goodwin, Esther Ward, Louise Tarkenton, and Margaret Standing; O. C. Long, Jr., William Hobbs and Edgar Long. After a short business session, the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Evelyn Long, served refreshments.

The April meeting will be held with O. C. Long, Jr.

Work as if you were to live one hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow.—Franklin.

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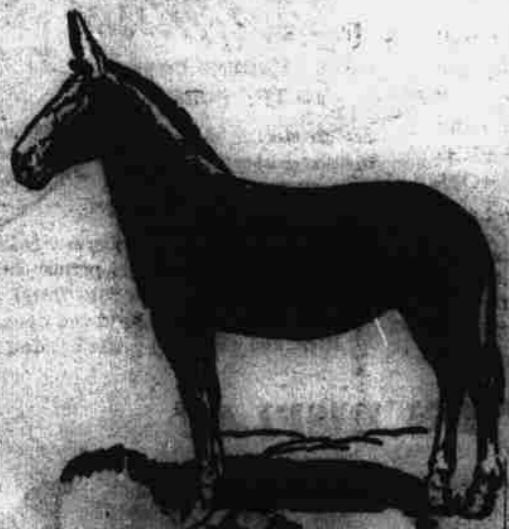
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