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It is far better to think without saying than it is to say without thinking.

Sometimes it requires an emergency to bring out the truly fine qualities in a person.

We are a bit doubtful about these men who are convinced that they are right and the world is wrong.

We criticize others most severely for mistakes of which we ourselves are guilty.

It takes two to make a bargain, but one person can break it.

Older boys probably are beginning to wish that their girls still believed in Easter eggs and bunny rabbits.

We doubt if there was anything that happened to a horse and buggy to compare with the feeling one has when the motor of his automobile goes dead ten miles from the nearest garage.

Road Repairs

Attention of members of the State Highway and Public Works Commission is called to the bad condition of the Southport-Supply road. Deep holes that are a serious menace to safe driving have appeared in the hard surface in several places.

The oil surface road from the Southport-Supply road over to the inland waterway also is badly in need of repairs. It is important, too, that these improvements be made before the summer traffic is turned on the road.

These repairs, if made within the near future, will be of little expense. The savings they will effect will be great.

Good Idea

Some time ago the county mechanic, at the direction of the county superintendent of schools, took a number of old school bus bodies and placed them at various places on routes in the county where a large group of children gather each morning to meet the bus.

These bodies offer ideal shelter from the weather, and often make it possible for some of the children to start their trip to school warm and dry.

With very little trouble and expense, parents in the communities where these bus bodies were parked could use them to construct ideal waiting stations. Since there were not enough of the old bodies to have one placed everywhere it was needed, other parents should go to the trouble to build little shelters for the waiting school children.

Supreme Court

No issue since the World War has brought such a deluge of debate, argument and bitterly opposed controversy as the President's judicial reorganization proposal which, to all intents and purposes, would give the Executive Branch control over the Judicial Branch to an unprecedented extent. Publicists have written article after article upon various phases of the question. Public men—save for that group which hesitates to say "yea" or "nay" to anything until it has decided which side has the tide of public sentiment in its favor—have come out with their opinions. The open forum sections of the big newspapers are crammed day after day with conflicting views of the "average citizen."

The President's action has brought into the limelight a many-sided and very old question concerning fundamental governmental theory. There are two kinds of democracies in the world. One, such as the United States, has a written constitution by which the Legislative Branch must abide—or be reversed by the courts. The other kind of democracy is best exemplified by England which has no written constitution. It has instead what might be termed a "fluid constitution"—it can be changed at will by Parliament. In Eng-

land the courts simply interpret legislative acts—they cannot over-ride them.

Those who support the President's proposal, or some other plan which would substantially change the role of the Judiciary in our life, are of the opinion that the courts, and especially the Supreme Court, act as a barrier to progressive legislation.

All this controversy has naturally led to the widespread belief that the Supreme Court has negated acts of Congress on many occasions. But rather surprising are the facts concerning this as presented in a recent article in the United States News. Since 1789, Congress has enacted 24,902 laws. Of that number, precisely 73 have been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. And of those 73, only 16 concerned bills of national economic or social significance.

First major decision of the court holding a Congressional act illegal was the famed Dred Scott decision in 1857. This decision said that a slave was property and that he could be brought back from a "free" state to the slave state from which he had escaped. The slavery amendment following the Civil War represented ordered constitutional procedure to change a condition that was repugnant to the people.

The next decision occurred in 1870, when the Court decided that greenbacks printed during the Civil War were not legal tender for debts contracted prior to their issuance. This decision was afterwards reversed by the Court itself when it was enlarged from seven to nine justices.

The Congress passed the first income tax law and the Court held it unconstitutional. Again the people adopted ordered constitutional methods to remedy matters and the 16th Amendment, specifically authorizing the income tax, resulted.

Thereafter, up until the present Administration, the Court held unconstitutional a few other important laws—one fixing minimum wages for women employed in industry, two dealing with child labor, etc. In the first 144 years of the Republic eight such decisions were handed down.

Then came the New Deal—and the part played by the Court became suddenly more important. In the last four years, the Court has outlawed eight major acts of the Roosevelt stewardship—half of the major acts declared unconstitutional in the whole of its life. Among these acts are the railway pension bill, the Frazier-Lemke law, the AAA, the municipal bankruptcy act, the Guffey Coal Act—and the NRA!

It will be sad if debate over the proposed reorganization of the judiciary descends to a level of rabble-rousing. The issue is already being confused and misrepresented.

Granting that a change in the Supreme Court now would better serve the public interest, there is the vital question of precedent. If we establish that precedent in the interest of what is termed "Progressivism," what is to prevent the same policy being employed at some future time to serve "Reactionism?" It is significant that public men whose whole lives have been devoted to the "progressive" cause, such as Senators Borah, Wheeler and Norris, have joined the "conservatives" in speaking strongly against the proposal.

If a so-called "conservative" court is enlarged by adding so-called "liberal" judges to overrule conservative judges, could not some dictator of the future enlarge the court in any way he saw fit with judges who would supposedly overrule incumbents on the bench who might be opposed to his policies affecting civil liberties and property rights?

The question has been honestly asked, "Why the haste about changing the Supreme Court? If it is necessary to change it, why not proceed along lines already provided in the Constitution for enabling states to ratify a constitutional amendment that might be desired after being fully presented to the people?"

Our constitutional form of government provides a system of checks and balances to prevent hasty action in the heat of political excitement, just as we are witnessing in the Supreme Court issues today. This is not a partisan issue, as it affects sound government and the future rights and liberties of citizens of all political parties.

If judges past seventy are to be retired on the theory that their faculties are impaired, congressmen, senators and public officials having to do with law-making, administration of government, etc., should be retired for the same reason. This is a matter to be considered calmly after a long and full presentation of all the facts and should not be decided on snap judgment, merely in the interest of any fleeting and temporary "emergency."

The people now have a chance to study democracy, self-government and the protection of personal liberties first hand. There is the voice that should make the final decision.

Waccamaw School News

(Edna Mintz)

Seen at the tournament:— Mr. Wallace, the referee, eating an ice cream cone. B. M. Crawford, of Waccamaw, smiling and congratulating the Waccamaw boys for their excellent playing in winning the cup.

Henry Stone, of Shallotte, chewing gum and calling on his team to make one more goal.

H. D. Pepting of Bolivia smiling and talking in his usual hearty manner.

Mr. Pate, of Leland, calling for the game to hurry and start.

The Bolivia girls winning the cup in their usual brilliant way.

C. A. Ledford, of Southport, encouraging the Southport boys.

The good sportsmanship of every boy and girl taking part in the games being commended by Mr. Wallace.

Everyone at the games, both spectators and players, having a good time.

Visit Raleigh The Waccamaw boys basketball squad, accompanied by their coach, W. S. Morgan, spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh, attending the Eastern North Carolina Rural Basketball Tournament, sponsored by the Raleigh Y. M. C. A.

The champions of Orange county, in a hard fought game. The boys and their coach visited many places of interest: Dix Hill, State Penitentiary, Legislature, Wake Forest College, and many other places. The trip was educational.

The following made the trip: Cleyon Evans, Addison Jenrette, Lora Smith, Ivan Bennett, Thurston Hughes, Jack Dodson, Garth Winstead, Rupert Walton, Evan Hughes, Ervin Milligan, L. C. Stewart and Odell Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morgan spent the week-end at Red Springs with Mrs. Morgan's mother.

Mrs. Wagstaff is spending the week-end with her husband at Fuquay Springs.

Miss Rawls spent the week-end at her home in Laurinburg.

Mrs. Formy Duval has been away from school this week on account of the illness and death of her father, Mrs. E. M. Crawford has been substituting in her place.

Basketball In the final game between the girls teams played here in the tournament, the Bolivia girls won the County Championship by a small margin of two points.

The Waccamaw and Leland boys were the contestants in the deciding game to determine the championship for the boys. The former won by a margin of three points. The games were refereed by Mr. Wallace, of the Aurora high school.

On Friday morning part of the chapel program was given over to the recognition of the coaches and teams for their splendid work during the year, especially the boys for winning the boys championship of the county.

County Home Notes

Miss Satterfield and her helpers held a service at the home on Tuesday evening of the past week, in place of the service omitted the week previous due to Miss Satterfield's illness.

S. B. Sellers visited relatives at Southport Tuesday, remaining over till Thursday.

Frank Sasser made a brief call at the home on Wednesday afternoon.

B. C. Williams made a trip to Supply Wednesday morning, taking J. S. Hewett on his way for an indefinite visit at Shallotte.

Mrs. Garvin Mercer, and Miss Nony Hickman visited the home on Wednesday.

Alec Williams, whose son we are glad to learn is improving, was a visitor at the home on Friday. He and his brother, B. C. Williams, went on a trip to Shallotte.

Henry Jones spent the weekend with his brother, Johnny Jones, at Oak Island life saving station.

Misses Dorothy and Sarah Creech visited their young nieces, Marie and Anna Lee Creech, on Sunday. Mrs. James Aldrick accompanied them.

Miss Bonnie Lewis visited relatives and friends at Southport on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Mercer were visitors at the home on Sunday.

Rev. Nelson, of South Carolina, stopped in on Sunday and conducted services at the home. He was accompanied by Willie Benton and Arthur Hewett and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Justice.

They were on their way to Southport, where Rev. Nelson was to hold services at the Holiness church during the present week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Sellers and Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Clemmons called Sunday afternoon to see S. B. Sellers.

Wilbur Hewett called Monday morning to see Hudson Hewett.

Voice of colored woman over the phone—"What is the fare to Durham North Carolina?" New York Agent: \$9.25 one way, ma'am.

Colored Woman: \$9.25 one way—which way's that?"

Shalotte School News

(Erman Williams)

Lose Two The boys basketball team playing Long Creek-Grady Wednesday night, and were defeated by a score of 10-25.

The girls basketball team played Chinquapin Thursday night and were also defeated by a margin of one point. The score being 20-21.

Traveling Last Tuesday the senior class, accompanied by principal Stone and Miss Taylor, home room teacher, took a trip through the state.

The first place of interest that they visited was Moore's Creek Battle grounds. The group was given the distinction of being the earliest visitors.

At Raleigh they had the honor of being presented to Governor Hoey by Brunswick County Representative Sentell, and being recognized by the House of Representatives, which was in session at that time.

The class was also honored by a short interview with Superintendent of Public Instruction, Clyde Ervin.

At Durham the class was shown through the entire Liggett and Myers factory. It proved very interesting and informing to all the class. They then proceeded to Duke University where they spent most of their visit at the Chapel. Another place of interest was the stadium where they saw some of the students practicing football.

At Chapel Hill the class visited the stadium, the library, the Ghyll Ghaul Castle and the dormitories.

Working On Play The 10th grade is still working on the play "Look Who's Here." This entertainment is to raise money for the junior-senior banquet.

Looking Ahead The high school boys and girls are busy working on their commencement music at their glee club practices.

Gardening Some of the primary and grammar grades are planting flower gardens on the school grounds. The students are bringing plants and seeds from home. This is not only to beautify the grounds, but to arouse the children's interest in gardening and beautifying their homes. Miss Chadwick and Mrs. Stone's sections of the fifth grade, Mrs. Russ' section of the sixth and Miss Russ and Mrs. Hewett's sections of the 4th grades, all have gardens on the right of the school building. Miss Otis Holden, Miss Brightie Holden, Miss Swain and Miss Winstead's sections of the third grade have a garden on the left side of the building, near where the buses load.

Attendance Mr. Stone is putting on a drive for better attendance. The grade that has the highest percentage each month will have a half holiday. The grades that won the half holidays for the sixth month were: Miss Riddle's section of the first grade, Mr. Hendren's section of the seventh, and Miss Taylor's eleventh grade.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

OLD RESIDENT

Huntsboro, Ala., March 8, 1937. Editor State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C. Dear Sir:

Herewith my check for two years subscription. This is the best way I have to keep up with my old home county. I always read everything in The Pilot, even to the advertisements.

It makes me sad when I don't see the names of the people I knew when I was living there. The major portion of them have passed on. I would be glad if our Shallotte correspondent would give as much news as she can, as I am very much interested in that neck of the county.

With best wishes for old Brunswick county, I am Yours very truly, J. B. GORE.

Bald Head News

Everett Willis returned Sunday from a visit to his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sadler and little daughter, Patsy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Odin at Oak Island station over the week-end.

Landing Party Coast guardsmen Sadler and Willis piloted the "Paliwac" over from Southport, leaving about noon. However, that was not early enough to catch sufficient tide on the bar at the mouth of the creek. The boat floundered around for a bit in the shallow water and when the boys decided we could not make it into the creek they got her arfoat and headed for the beach opposite Bald Head light. They put her in on the beach as far as possible, pulled off shoes, and waded

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ashore with the luggage and children, then returned for the women. This was a new experience for some of us, but they most gallantly assured us that this was an easy task compared to some they have. They gave us choice of waiting for the tide, wading out, or being carried out. They tell us one may expect just such unusual happenings on trips to the island, so we shall try not to be surprised, at any rate we feel safe on the water in care of such good boatmen. Visitor Captain Price, District Commissioner, visited Cape Fear station Saturday. He could tell the boys nothing about the impending change regarding the coast guard stations except that it will be done. Everyone is guessing, but no one knows where he will be when the shake-up is over. The families are much upset over the uncertainty of future location. Some say they will be delighted to leave the island, others are perfectly content and enjoy living here, and wish to be left where they are. One family recently transferred to this station, seems much pleased to be located here, the wife remarked: "I am the happiest I have ever been, and now I must leave." We were informed today that John A. Oates, of Fayetteville State School Commissioner for our district, expects to make us a visit soon. He is the man whose efforts secured the public school for the children on the island. We know he can find us for he has previously been on fishing trips to our waters. We are glad he is coming to see us. Milton Varum had to miss school on account of an abscessed ear. He is better after a visit to the specialist in Wilmington, and hopes to return to school Monday.

BUY WHERE MILLIONS ARE BUYING 1934 1,160,231 bought Used Cars from Chevrolet Dealers 1935 1,425,209 bought Used Cars from Chevrolet Dealers 1936 2,019,839 bought Used Cars from Chevrolet Dealers Buy where you'll save money Buy Guaranteed OK Values Buy from your CHEVROLET DEALER USED CARS OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING QUALITY AND VALUE ... ALL MAKES, ALL MODELS, INCLUDING MANY 1935-1936 CHEVROLETS ... UNUSUALLY LOW PRICES! 1935 CHEVROLET MASTER SEDAN—Big, roomy, comfortable, dependable. Like new in every respect. Backed by "an OK that counts." A real bargain. Special sale price of only \$450 1935 FORD PICK-UP—A real bargain for some thrifty farmer \$350 1935 CHEVROLET STANDARD COACH—Beautiful Duco finish, restful Fisher body. With Radio. Reduced \$75 to only \$425 1935 INTERNATIONAL PICK-UP—Good condition. Bargain at \$350 1935 PLYMOUTH COACH—This car has been reduced \$75—the lowest price at which we have ever been able to offer this model. Sold with "an OK that counts" \$375 1935 FORD COACH—In excellent condition—mechanically and in appearance. Reduced to \$400 1934 CHEVROLET STANDARD COACH—Beautiful Duco Finish, restful Fisher body. Reduced to only \$350 1934 CHEVROLET PICK-UP—One of our best used car bargains \$250 COME IN . . . SEE THEM . . . TODAY! Elmore Motor Company BOLIVIA, North Carolina