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An Editorial

## Supreme Court vs. The People

The framers of the American Constitution knew what they were doing when they reserved the right in that immortal document for the Congress and the President of the United States to INCREASE the number of Supreme Court justices if and when they—THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE—deemed it wise.

Why?

Because the time might come when selfish and perverse men should hold the majority in the court, and thus DEAFEAT THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

Has that time arrived?

The President thinks so, many congressmen and Senators think so, many thousands of patriotic citizens think so.

The President holds a mandate from 27,000,000 voters to go ahead with the program with which he has been entrusted in the interest of THE PEOPLE, and under his constitutional right. Can he do this in the teeth of a palpably hostile Supreme Court?

### The Constitutional Right of Congress.

When the President asks Congress to create additional justices, he only asks it to EXERCISE ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT.

Other congresses have exercised this right, other Presidents have exercised this right. Then why does the senior senator from North Carolina fly into a tantrum and charge the President with trying to "pack the court," and insinuating that Franklin D. Roosevelt is seeking to make himself dictator?

Was George Washington trying to be Dictator when he appointed 10 members of the court?

Was Andrew Jackson trying to be Dictator when he appointed 5 members of the court?

Was President Lincoln assuming a Dictatorship when he appointed 5 or President Grant when he appointed 4, or Taft when he appointed 6, or Woodrow Wilson when he appointed 3, Harding 4, Coolidge 1, and Hoover 3?

What's the matter with Senator Bailey, who rode into his office last November on Roosevelt's steam?

We confess we do not understand, unless he, too, has been caught in the fell clutch of that sinister influence that floats out from the citadels of unholy privilege and greed, whose poison gas is pumped from "liberty leagues," and whose pollution it is feared permeates even fountains of justice.

### The President's Reply.

What was the President's reply to Senator Bailey and others in his radio speech of Tuesday night?

If by that phrase "packing the court" it is charged that I wish to place on the bench spineless puppets who would disregard the law and would decide specific cases as I wished them to be decided, I make this answer—that no President fit for his office would appoint, and no senate of honorable men fit for their

office would confirm, that kind of appointees to the Supreme Court.

(A less soft answer than the above throughout the realms of North Carolina may be heard.)

### The Emergency Is Here.

Why do President Roosevelt and his advisers wish more justices appointed at this time?

Because the emergency is here when the Supreme Court is believed to be usurping the rights of congress, and arrogating to itself powers not guaranteed to it under the constitution.

THE CONSTITUTION DOES NOT GRANT THE SUPREME COURT THE POWER TO DECLARE A LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and the court has only assumed this right with its gradual encroachments of the passing years.

The court is believed to be now assuming legislative functions, and by its dictums is able to make powerless both the congress and the President by declaring unconstitutional laws passed in the great national crisis and in the interest OF THE PEOPLE.

### Who Are the Nine Old Men?—Largely Ex-Politicians.

What is the background of the members of the federal judiciary?

In many cases it is clearly inimical to the best interests of the country. A number of them were formerly corporation lawyers, several of them are ex-politicians, one of them is ex-chairman of the Republican national committee, another one is ex-national committeeman of the Republican party, one of them is a defeated candidate for President on the Republican ticket. Six of them are Republicans. Quite a number of them received their appointments possibly as an act of political reward rather than special fitness for such a high and honorable position.

Can the New Deal under Franklin D. Roosevelt get a square deal from these partisans?

Is President Roosevelt trying to pack the court? What is his proposal?

Congress the other day passed an act allowing Supreme Court justices to retire on full pay for life when they reach 70. Roosevelt proposes when each fails to retire at 70, then he shall have the power to appoint an additional justice, not over six.

Now hear the President's solemn assurance:

During the past half century the balance of power between the three great branches of the federal government, has been tipped out of balance by the courts in direct contradiction of the high purposes of the framers of the constitution. It is my purpose to restore that balance. You who know me will accept my solemn assurance that in a world in which democracy is under attack, I seek to make American Democracy succeed.

### Burns Are Fatal To Little Stokes County Farm Girl

Terribly burned when her clothing caught fire at an open fireplace, little Marjorie Ann Dillon, 5-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Dillon, of Lawsonville Route 1, died in a Stuart, Va., hospital Tuesday afternoon, a few hours after she was taken there for treatment.

The child was rushed from her home but was beyond medical aid when admitted to the hospital.

Her father and mother, who are survived by three brothers,

funeral services were conducted

Thursday afternoon at one o'clock at Oak Ridge Baptist Church by Elder Watt Priddy. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

### TOURING IN 'TIN CANS'

Interesting article, which discusses the spread of automobile trailers, the curious uses they are put to and unforeseen problems that these little homes on wheels have raised. One of many illustrated articles in the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. On sale at all newstands.

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### Monroe Brothers Coming to King High School Fri. March 26

The Monroe Brothers, of Radio fame, will appear in person at the King high school auditorium, Friday evening, March 26th, at 8 o'clock. This performance is being sponsored by the Young Men's Bible Class of the Quaker Gap Baptist church.

The public is cordially invited to come out and enjoy an evening of fine entertainment with these boys who have already given performances in other sections of the county, and have been so favorably received.

### Death of "Bud Baker, Former Flatshoal Farmer

C. O. Baker, 61, died Saturday morning at 2 o'clock at his home near Dalton, after an illness of two weeks.

Surviving are the widow; and fourteen children, Wilber, Thurman, Mattie, Charlie, Stella, Mrs. Attie Smith, Norman, Evelyn and Hazel, all of near King; George Baker, Mrs. Sadie Collins, of Rockingham; Mrs. Fannie Holland, of Ridgeway, Va.; Mrs. Ella Lucker, of Leaksville and Mrs. Lizzie Watts, of Walnut Cove, and 44 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Boyles' Chapel, Stokes county.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Elder Reid conducted the services, and burial followed in the church graveyard.

Pallbearers were Alvin White, Bryan White, Norman White, Fred White, Ed White and Thurman Calloway.

This was "Bud" Baker, who formerly lived at Flatshoal and was a son of the late Franklin Baker.

### Death of Mrs. Rosetta Ferguson

Germantown, Mar. 7.—Mrs. Rosetta Johnson Ferguson, 93, widow of J. H. Ferguson, who died in 1920, died at her home near Germantown Thursday, March 4. She was the last member of the family of the late William and Tempy

Kiser Johnson. She united with the Friendship Baptist Church in early life and remained a member until 1909 when the Quaker Gap Baptist Church was organized, and she became a member of that church.

Surviving are three sons, W. W. and J. B. Ferguson, of King; and J. P. Ferguson, of Germantown; two daughters, Mrs. M. O. Allen and Mrs. J. P. Tuttle, of Germantown; 33 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Haw Pond Christian Church, Stokes county, Sunday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. E. T. Sims, Rev. Mr. Hovis and Rev. Robert Helabeck. Burial followed in the church cemetery.