

### Native of North Carolina Proposed As Justice of U. S. Supreme Court

By H. E. C. Bryant

Washington, April 14.—A native of North Carolina is being urged for an appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. President Roosevelt has been asked to send his nomination to the Senate. The man recommended is Robert L. Vann, editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, the leading negro newspaper of the United States.

Vann was born in Bertie county but has lived in Pennsylvania for many years. He is a well-known negro lawyer and an influential Democratic leader. President Roosevelt, recognizing his efforts in his behalf in 1932, appointed him assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, a post he held until he resigned.

It has been many years since North Carolina had a place on the Supreme Court bench. Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte was nominated for one but failed of confirmation. Keen interest is felt in the aspirations of negro leaders to have a member of their race given the high honor sought for Vann.

It has been said that 3,000,000 negroes voted for the re-

election of Mr. Roosevelt in 1936, and that the turning of the rock-ribbed Republican state of Pennsylvania to the Democrats was largely due to the popularity and force of Vann, who, without doubt, has done more than any other person to switch voters of his race from their old alliance with the G. O. P.

In the 1932 campaign the most scathing denunciation of the Hoover administration came from the pen of Vann. It was in that year that the leaders of the two old parties commenced to realize that negro voters held the balance of power in close elections in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, California, Maryland and twelve other close states.

Bob Vann is one of the powerful men in the political machine of Senator Joe Guffey and John L. Lewis, now in a bitter fight with another group of Pennsylvania Democrats.

Lawyers of the Fourth Regional District of the National Bar Association, comprising the states of Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey, met in Trenton a few days ago and unanimously endorsed Vann for appointment to the Supreme Court.

Charles H. Houston, special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, advocating Vann, said:

"The growing support among negro citizens for the nomination of the Hon. Robert L. Vann by the President to fill the next vacancy on the United States Supreme Court marks a significant step in the progress of our race toward full citizenship rights.

"It is the first time that a negro has been seriously advocated as a candidate for the highest court in the land. It means that, as negroes we have reached the point where we believe that we have the right to representation on every level in every branch of the government. I can think of many negro lawyers who would be a credit to the federal judiciary, and if we are intelligent enough and persistent enough, we can win these judicial honors for them. When negro judges sit on the courts, both state and federal, throughout the country, we will no longer have to worry about Scottsboros and the denial of our citizenship rights."

The secretary of the conference at Trenton was directed to forward the resolutions of endorsement of Vann to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Cummings.

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Of the 128 operations last year, 123 were performed with the written consent of the next of kin or guardian.

Of the 518 sterilized in the last 9 years, 294 were inmates of state institutions, 30 were inmates of county institutions, and 194 were non-institutional cases (that is, cases in which

petitions were presented by the various superintendents of public welfare). Of the total number of patients, 432 were women and 86 were men; 446 were white and 72 were negroes.

The classifications as to mental status are as follows: insane, 118; feeble-minded, 302; others, 98.

Since Indiana adopted the first sterilization law in 1907, about 28,000 persons have been sterilized in the United States. Almost half of these were in California. Virginia is second with 2,916.

The famous case of Buck vs. Bell originated in Virginia. The right of the state to compel sterilization, under proper safeguards, was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in the decision in this case. In writing the decision, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

A bulletin issued by the Human Betterment Foundation, Pasadena, Calif., says:

"Sterilization is a surgical operation, which prevents parenthood without in any way or degree unsexing the patient or impairing his or her health. It merely cuts and seals the tubes through which the germ cells pass. It is wholly different, therefore, from the crude and brutal operations of castration and asexualization, per-

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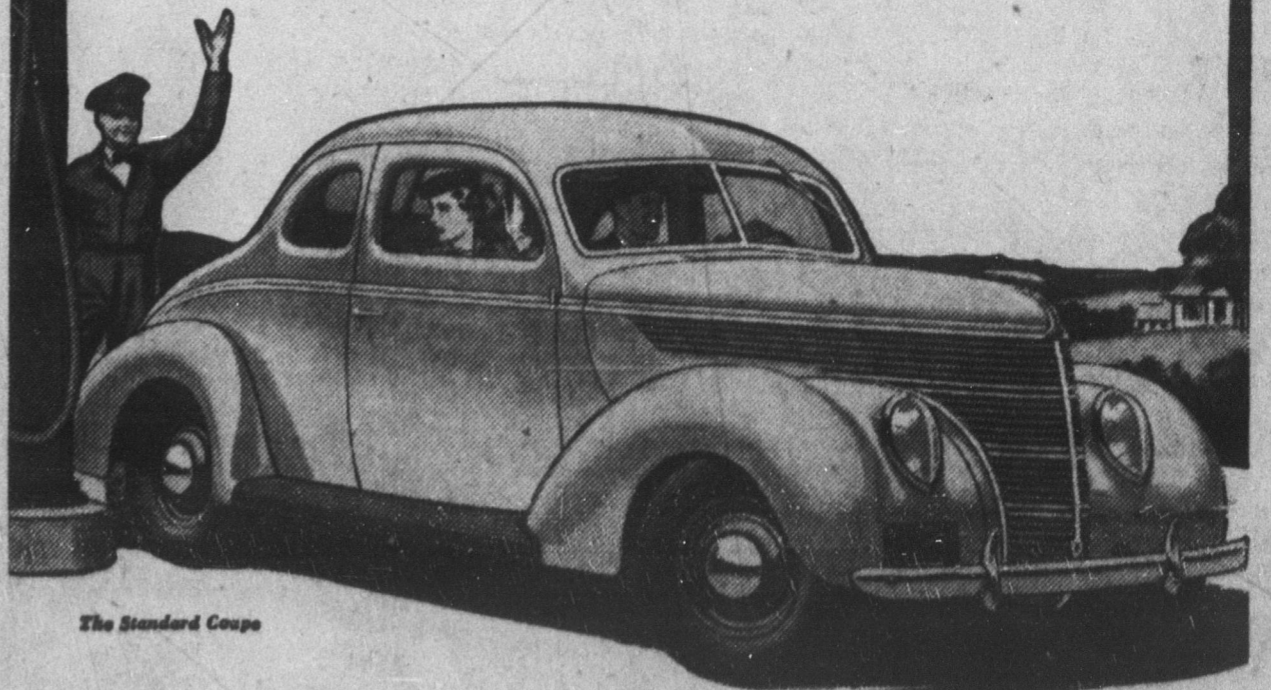
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