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## PRINCE DEWBERRY HAS THE SPOTLIGHT

There is something mindful of old vaudeville days in the Sandhills panorama. We are as season a section as we know of, with our resort activities, our peaches, our cotton, our tobacco; our dewberries, each in the spotlight at its proper time.

At the moment Prince Dewberry is the starring act, has the stage pretty much to himself until that pink cheeked sister of his, Princess Peach, steals the show a few weeks hence. The dewberry market opened this week, and we've seen some pretty fine looking fruit on the vines. The opening prices were good, and the growers are optimistic. They deserve a good season, for a year ago the bottom sort of dropped out of the basket. They could use a little more rain, but that's one of those things they can't do anything about, so they're just picknig and packing and shipping, and bringing fresh money into the Sandhills.

The Pilot congratulates the Cameron, Vass and other sections of the county that have built us up into the leading market for dewberries in the world.

## ROOSEVELT AND THE SUPREME COURT ISSUE

In upholding the constitutionality of the Social Security Act, the Supreme Court has added one more to the string of New Deal victories acquired since the President made his proposal for its reorganization. Yet Senator Robinson, leader of the Administration forces, continues to say that the President will go on with his plan.

There are two qualities in President Roosevelt's character that stand out perhaps above all others: his political sagacity and his stubbornness. This issue over the Supreme Court seems to put these two characteristics in direct conflict. There is no doubt that his stubbornness is thoroughly aroused. He hates to give in, even to such an extent that when he already is "in," to all intents and purposes, he won't admit it. Every gain his program makes seems to be fuel to his determination to hold out. At the moment certainly it looks as if stubbornness was winning over political sagacity.

It looks that way, but his supporters will not believe it until the issue is actually decided. For if the President continues to fight for a dead issue simply out of bull-headedness and swell-headedness he will prove himself a true Roosevelt, in the worst sense of the name, certainly, but more than that he will lose his place as the world recognized leader of a great liberal movement.

And supposing he accepts things as they are, quietly letting the matter drop now that the fight is won. What then? Is it not likely that history may record his action as the greatest piece of political strategy of our generation? It is all very well for the defenders of the Supreme Court to say that the shift from reactionary to liberal decisions was not made under fire; that Justice Van Devanter resigned when he did just because it suited him to do so. The record of this bit of history is going to look strangely fortuitous ten or twenty years hence. If Roosevelt gives in now it would not be surprising to find him credited with having planned the whole thing from the beginning, with having gauged his bluff accurately, with having guessed to a hair how far he needed to go to get what he wanted. It would not be the first

# CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES JR



**FARMS**

THE NUMBER OF FARM TENANTS IN N. C. INCREASED 4,500 IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?



**SLAVERY**

N. C. PROPOSED THAT THE FEDERAL GOV. BE GIVEN POWER TO PROHIBIT SLAVE TRADE AS EARLY AS 1803



**PLAYBOYS**

IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE POLICE TO KEEP ORDER AT THE 1897 GEN. ASSEMBLY

**DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1934 THE STATE EXPENDED \$3,109,000 ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN FORSYTH CO., AND ONLY \$71,000 IN DAVIE, STOKES AND YADKIN COMBINED?**

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THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY.

time a Roosevelt had shaken a big stick.

Perhaps this will not happen. Perhaps the streak of personal stubbornness and vanity in the President's character will override his political acumen. We saw, in a different way, that fate overtake President Wilson, giving the death blow to that great dream of a cooperative society in the world. If another great dream is lost through the weakness of a single man the tragedy will be almost as great. But in comparing the two events we must not lose sight of the fact that while Wilson and Roosevelt were men equally determined to have their own way, Roosevelt has managed to get his own way again and again through a political sagacity never conceived of by Wilson. Certainly part of Wilson's failure to handle the League of Nations issue was his inability to handle the Senate, coupled also, we not forget, with a conviction that the cause for which he fought was so great it could not help but win. Stubborn he was and in vain, but it was the cause, not himself, which he fought for. His tragedy is that the very despairing intentness of conviction with which he held to his League of Nations caused him to fight confusedly, stupidly, and in the end to go down in defeat. Prometheus blinded by his own vision, slain by his own fire!

To say that Roosevelt is not so blinded by his vision is to imply perhaps both that the vision is not so great and that he himself is not so great a man, so high an idealist, so much a fanatic, if you will, as Wilson. The pure idealist had to win in the right way; Roosevelt, the politician, wants to win just as much but he may be willing to win any old way so long as he wins. This not particularly admirable quality may in the present case save him from Wilson's tragic mistake.

So there are two hypotheses to back up the hope that Roosevelt will lay off this Supreme Court proposal from now on. One that he will be satisfied simply with winning what he was after. The second, and I think it more plausible that it may at first seem that he planned the whole thing from the beginning, that his threat was a bluff and his strategy deliberate, in clear expectation of just the reaction which occurred.

Undoubtedly such deviousness should be condemned. However much we may concede its political smartness, it is dangerous and unethical. Yet the spirit against which it is directed is in itself as dangerous and we cannot help but be grateful for its overthrow. Indeed President Roosevelt's threat against the Court has done a very important thing. For whether made with that direct end in view or not, it has already liberalized that institution, and, more than that, it has made Americans democracy conscious. The doubting Thomases in the country can now rest assured that when a vital issue comes before the people they will respond. While insisting that the Supreme Court acknowledge and open the way to equality and fraternity in our country, they are equally quick to spring to the defense of the third in that great trilogy of democracy, the peculiarly American slogan of liberty.

## THE A B C OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Confusion that apparently exists in the minds of most people over the several divisions of the Social Security program can be eliminated once and for all by a very simple formula, which, once learned, is not easily forgotten. It may be termed the A B Cs of the Social Security program, and is offered by Chairman Charles G. Powell, of the N. C. Employment Compensation Commission, as follows:

**A** stands for assistance, Old Age Assistance the Federal-State-County cooperative plan of paying to every needy individual 65 years of age and over a sum sufficient for a decent living, up to \$30 a month.

**B** stands for benefits, Old Age Benefits, in which the worker pays a small part of his wages, doubled by his employer, into a fund to the Federal Government to provide him a regular monthly income ranging from \$10 to \$85 a month for the rest of his life, after he reaches 65 years of age and stops work.

**C** stands for compensation, Unemployment Compensation, sponsored by the Federal Government and operated by the States, by which a small percentage of their payrolls is paid by employers on their workers to create a fund to be paid to the workers on the basis of one-half their normal wages, but not over \$15 a week, when they become unemployed through no fault of their own.

**D**, to continue the little formula, might stand for Dependent Children, a Federal-State-County cooperative plan of paying up to \$18 for the first child and \$12 for each additional child, not over 16 years of age, if kept in a home by a close relative, when the natural breadwinner no longer supports the children.

**AB**, also, might stand for Aid to the Blind, another Federal-State-County cooperative plan of paying up to \$30 a month for the needy blind in the state.

In these first five divisions, money is paid to individuals. In the other five, the Federal and State governments cooperate in furnishing funds for services. They include Maternal and Child Welfare, services to Crippled Children and Public Health work, all administered by the State Board of Health; Child Welfare services, administered by the State Welfare Department, and vocational rehabilitation, administered by the State Education Department.

North Carolina is cooperating fully in all of these divisions, or will be when the Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Aid to the Blind laws become effective this month.

## THAD PAGE TO SPEAK AT KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Thad S. Page of Washington, D. C., formerly of Aberdeen, will be the speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon next Wednesday noon. Mr. Page, former secretary to United States Senator J. W. Bailey, is now administrative secretary of the National Archives in Washington.

Flowers of the Sandhills, never prettier, on sale tomorrow, Saturday at the Curb Market.

• TRY A PILOT WANT AD •

## Grains of Sand

"Judge" Avery of Aberdeen tells us the prospects for the tobacco crop in this section are bright, and the judge ought to know, for he travels about the territory the year 'round. He says the farmers have found very little replanting necessary, that they have a fine stand, though they need some rain right soon. He thinks there'll be about a ten percent increase in acreage over last year.

The peach men are feeling better, too. They are going to have larger crops than they anticipated when frosts came at a bad time in the spring. And prices should be good here, for the Sandhills crop is better than in other sections of the Carolinas or in Georgia.

The editor of The Pilot has lost his wallet. Being an editor's wallet, there was no money in it. But it did contain something that cannot be replaced, some snapshots of his son taken when he was a year old, the films for which have been destroyed.

It also contained the editor's driving license. It wasn't much of a wallet, but we would like the contents, in case you run across it.

Mebbe it's time to start boosting the Sandhills as a summer resort. We hear from some of our winter visitors, now in Maine, that it's been above 100 up there this week—hottest they've known it at this time of year in decades.

It is gratifying news that the widow of the former editor of The Pilot, Bion Butler, is much improved after a serious illness. Godspeed her return to complete health.

We heard the five-year old son talking with the hired man beneath our window. They were working in the flower garden.

"Z is the last letter in pansy, isn't it, George?"

"Yassah, tha's right," said George.

Wilfred J. Funk, dictionary maker, magazine editor, book publisher and poet, picks the following words as the "most overworked" in the English language, and names the classes of people he considers their "most flagrant abusers":

1. Okay—children and shopgirls.
2. Terrific—all persons "exposed" to Hollywood for 24 hours or more.
3. Lousy—ditto.
- Contact (both verb and noun)—advertising workers.
5. Definitely—society.
6. Gal—Broadwayites.
7. Racket—tradesmen.
8. Swell—interior decorators.
9. Impact—Columnists and commentators.
10. Honey—stock brokers.

## CHAMBER ENDORSES PLAN FOR NEW BASEBALL PARK

(Continued from page one) passed expressing sympathy to Director J. Fred Stimson in the recent death of his mother.

It was also voted to ask the County Board of Commissioners to ask the State to take over the extension of Indiana avenue outside the city limits and maintain it. This stretch of road leading to The Ark school has been in bad repair for some time.

Seasonal fruits are on sale each Saturday at the Southern Pines Curb Market.

## From Other Papers

### THE BILLBOARD BATTLE

A recently distributed bulletin of the ever-vigilant National Roadside Council contains some valuable information about the legal status of the battle against the billboards. Thanks to the campaign of this organization and of various garden clubs and other civic bodies public opinion is now largely opposed to billboards in rural regions. The most important legal victory was won in the famous billboard case which, when appealed last year, was dismissed. Under the court's original decision the right of states to invoke the police power for the protection of scenic beauty was definitely established.

In the Roadside Bulletin Albert S. Bard has gathered together extracts from seven cases before the Supreme Court of the United States where billboard or outdoor advertising was mentioned. From these excerpts he concludes that in the opinion of the court the states possess the right to control billboards; that this business is in a class by itself and may be controlled by special regulations; that such regulation is constitutional; that special taxes may be imposed even if they operate as practical prohibition of the use of billboards; and that, finally, billboards may be considered as a quasi-nuisance and may be treated as such if legislatures so desire.

All of this is good news for those who oppose the use of billboards along our scenic highways. It is to be hoped that as this knowledge spreads more states will follow the example of Massachusetts and exercise the police power to restrain the use of billboards where such uses clearly deface the natural beauties of the roadside and the landscape. Much still remains to be done. But the campaign is well under way. Its legal bases seem at last to be indisputably established.

—New York Herald-Tribune.

### HAIL DAMAGES COTTON

The hailstorm which struck the lower section of Moore county in the Aberdeen-Southern Pines sector Wednesday afternoon did considerable damage to the cotton and tobacco crops, it was reported yesterday.

# TOP-NOTCH PLACE

## to spend the summer



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