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Unpack First

It is a bit strange that the opponents of the administration always charge "packing" the courts and never mention the important fact that the highest tribunal in the world will have to be "unpacked" first. In all these years we have overlooked the fact that Democrat as well as Republican Presidents have placed on the highest bench men of their own choosing, except in some few cases where political pressure by the "big boys" was too great. The size of the court has varied in years gone by, but variations in days gone mean little, causing one to wonder if there isn't too much importance attached to the court reform now under debate in the Congress.

When President Roosevelt proposed to "pack" the court, giving the masses a "break," the big boys started yelling something about "packing."

And now reports out of Washington indicate that the court has been "packed" for years, or at least since 1894, for the big boys, the masses shouldering an accumulated loss of nearly sixteen billion dollars in that time.

It is a different story from what many claim is found when a review is made of the "unsound and unreasonable decisions" handed down by the United States Supreme Court in years gone by.

Representative Lewis, of Maryland, just a few days ago cited a list of decisions that have cost the government \$15,766,000,000 in revenue. He mentioned the one against income taxes in 1894, the resulting loss amounting, according to his figures, a billion and a half dollars in 18 years. The exemption of employees of counties, cities and states cost a cool billion. Tax exemptions of community property cost around \$200,000,000. The exemption of companies' income from state-leased oil lands cost three billion. The exemption of income from stock dividends costs some over a billion.

With these facts before them, the people believe it is about time to "unpack" the judicial valise or at least make room for some clothes of another color.

Josiah Ought To Do Something About It

Out of a possible 151 days it could have worked, the United States Senate of the 75th Congress has actually met on 89 of them. And we think there follows such a waste of money, as well as time, that Josiah William Bailey ought to do something about it. And when he accomplishes success there he ought to go over to the House where the boys have met on only 118. The "heavy" schedule followed by the House is probably because the representatives are nearer the people—about four years nearer in Mr. Bailey's particular case.

Probably Mr. Bailey, if he finds it impossible to get the boys to earn their pay, could court the treasury and have their pay cut. A pay decrease in Congressmen's salaries would not wipe out the deficit that Mr. Bailey, and some others, too, have been talking about; but if Mr. Bailey and some few others would accept a cut of, say, about 50 per cent in their salaries the people would certainly believe they are more interested in economy than the recent capers in Washington would indicate. And there is a possibility that some of those in Washington would still be getting too much money if their present salaries are decreased 50 per cent or even eliminated in their entirety.

Extremes

"Lash is authorized in prison discipline," reads a recent headline in a state paper. Unofficial reports indicate that in some instances, certain authorities are compromising with criminals in running down other criminals. Rumors have it that officers in some cases have bargained with criminals, giving them "expense" money and conditional freedom with the expectation

of capturing other criminals. Possibly it is without foundation, but a recent story maintains that officers in one state entered another with a prisoner who was to direct them to the hiding place of a second criminal. Unable to find the man, the first criminal bargained for his release, and he has not been heard from since.

Here we have two extremes in the handling of prisoners. One extreme is to beat them into submission, and the other is to foolishly turn them loose. Probably no prison system, regardless of how perfect it may be, can cope with the crime situation, but it does seem that a more happy medium could be reached in the handling of prisoners.

The use of the lash carries grave dangers, but at the same time the "coddling" of prisoners is just about as dangerous to the penal system.

Apparently we argue too much over prisons and pay too little attention to crime prevention methods.

Better Civil Servants

Bertie Ledger-Advance

There should be universal approval of President Roosevelt's request to Congress that the legislative branch of the Federal government put an end to the practice of passing laws exempting large groups of Government employees from the rules and requirements of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Roosevelt told Congress plainly that no one ought to be appointed to a Federal job without first passing an examination to determine his or her fitness for the job. The only exceptions should be among the higher posts in which the occupants are concerned with the shaping of governmental policies.

Congress, being always politically minded and eager to give all the jobs possible to political supporters, has never been over friendly to civil service reform. In exempting administrative workers from the usual civil service requirements, it is handicapping the executive branch of the government by forcing upon it employees whose chief qualification is their party usefulness.

It is that sort of thing which has brought government employment into contempt, and has given rise to the term "tax-eaters," meaning anybody who holds a government job. Doubtless many persons appointed for purely political reasons at the behest of Members of Congress, do their work well enough. But the service of the people of the United States ought to be performed only by the most able and highly-trained men and women of the nation. The President seems to be making an effort to bring that about.

A Question of Bigness

News and Observer

"No man," says Senator James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania, "is big enough to become dictator in America."

That did the Senator misread history's plain recital of the process by which dictators are made. Mussolini, Hitler and the rest back through the ages became dictators not by their own might and majesty but by the disappointment and weariness of their people.

Admittedly, both of these are men of tremendous personal strength and appeal. They became dictators because their people had lost respect for the current regime and faith in its power to bring them out of chaos. They were hopeless people turning in distress to the comfort of a power they themselves might create and maintain.

Perhaps under different machinery of government, machinery in which people were denied the opportunity inherent in our direct representation and frequent elections to reshape the policies and recast the personnel of government, several crises in our history might have prompted a recourse to dictatorship. The year 1932 and the bitter months before it were full of invitation. But in the machinery of our government wholesome provision is made for its own security. Therein is vested the right, the authority, and the means whereby there may be a continuity of popular government rather than the alternative of a seizure of government against adverse control as a last resort of desperation.

The idea that dictatorships are created by small minorities enforcing their will upon resisting majorities is pretty far fetched. People may experience a change of mind under a dictatorship just as they may reach the exhaustion of bewilderment in a democracy, but in the beginning it is their desperation and willingness and not his bigness and irresistibility that elevate the dictator and give him power.

Another First—Almost

University News Letter

North Carolina appears to be outranked only by Kentucky and Florida in homicides. During the year 1934, 325 prisoners were received from courts for homicides, and in 1935 299 prisoners were received. Thus our yearly average was 312 commitments for homicide and our rate 9.13 per 100,000 population. Actually there are many more homicides committed than there are prisoners received for the offense of homicide. It is possible that the courts are not uniform throughout the United States in convictions and sentences for homicide. However, since this is the most serious of all offenses it is probable that there is more uniformity with commitments for this offense than for any other.

CHURCH NEWS

EPISCOPAL

Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector.
Seventh Sunday after Trinity:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11.
Evening prayer and sermon, 8.
The evening service will be a union service. If the weather is hot the service will be held out of doors on the lawn.

PRESBYTERIAN

Williamston

10 a. m., Church school.
11 a. m., Morning service.
Bear Grass
10 a. m., Church school.
7:15 p. m., Young People of the Church.
8:15 p. m., Evening worship service.

Roberson's Chapel

4 p. m., regular preaching service.
Poplar Point
2 p. m., regular preaching service.
Harrison's Sunday school, 2 p. m.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m.
No evening service, but congregation is urged to attend the vesper service at 8 o'clock.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
B. T. U., 7 p. m.

Lightning Upsets Plans Of Two State Farmers

Farming plans of A. O. Bowers, of Chatham County, and L. B. Harrison of Martin County, were seriously upset for this season when bolts of lightning killed mules on their farms recently. Due to the scarcity of workstock, the farmers are finding it difficult to get others.

Take Steps To Increase Price of Irish Potatoes

Cooperating with federal agencies the Extension Service of State College has organized the buying of surplus Irish potatoes in eastern North Carolina to improve market prices.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court.
D. C. Matthews, Administrator of General Willis, vs. Mac Williams, et al, heirs-at-law.
The defendants, Sammie Williams, Annie Bowles, Isaiah Williams, Carrie Williams Harrison, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, to sell 25 acres of land belonging to the deceased, General Williams, to make assets to pay debts, and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court Martin County

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in the courthouse in Williamston, N. C., within thirty days after service hereof and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This 22nd day of June, 1937.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Helen Slade Rhodes, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned, or his attorney, within 12 months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 6th day of July, 1937.
JAMES S. RHODES,
Administrator.
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Elbert S. Peel, Attorney.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court.
Marjorie S. Tucker vs. J. H. Clark
The defendant above named will take notice that summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 14th day of June, 1937, by L. B. Wynne, clerk of the superior court of Martin County, for the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) due said plaintiff because and on account of an automobile collision between the automobile of the plaintiff and the automobile of the defendant, which summons is returnable before clerk of the superior court of Martin County at his office in said county within thirty (30) days after the date of this publication.
The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said clerk of the superior court of Martin County on the 14th day of June, 1937, against the property of said defendant, which said warrant is returnable before said clerk of the superior court at the time and place above mentioned for the return of the summons, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted.
This the 23rd day of June, 1937.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
North Carolina, Martin County: In Superior Court, Before the Clerk. Ida Everett, Henry Riddick, Alfred Riddick, Elisha Clemmons, William Clemmons, Paul Clemmons, and Corina Rogers vs. Mrs. J. B. Slade, Mrs. Riddick Slade, Willie Slade, James Slade and Beatrice Slade, or heirs.
The defendants, Mrs. Riddick Slade, Willie Slade, James Slade and Beatrice Slade, or her heirs, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, to sell for division one acre of land located in the Town of Williamston, N. C., formerly belonging to Sabra Slade, and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court, Martin County, in the courthouse in Williamston, N. C., thirty days after service hereof, and answer or demur to the complaint of plaintiffs or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This 30th day of June, 1937.
L. B. WYNN,
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Clerk Superior Court.

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NOTICE OF RESALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue and pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Martin County entered in that certain special proceedings entitled: "In the matter of: Ola Simpson, widow of John Simpson, Louis Simpson and wife, Frances Simpson, Courtney Simpson Hollis and husband, Chester Hollis, Wheeler Simpson and wife, Virginia Simpson, Lyda Simpson, Gertie Simpson Rawls and husband, Jesse Ben Rawls, and David Simpson and Ola Marie Simpson, infants, by their next friend, John L. Hassell, executor," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 31st day of July, 1937, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of Martin County, in Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit:
A certain tract of land in Jamesville Township, Martin County, North Carolina, bounded and described as follows, to wit:
Beginning at a stump in W. A. Griffin's, in Wetfoot Branch; thence running N. 73 degrees W. 44

perches to the Marriner old road, J. W. Roberson's line; thence S. 8 1-2 degrees E. 39.12 perches up said old road and along said J. W. Roberson's line to his corner; thence S. 10 1-4 degrees E. up said road 24 perches to a chopped pine, H. B. Barber's corner; thence N. 79 3-4 degrees E. 52 perches to a maple in Wetfoot Branch; thence down the various courses of the run of said Branch to the beginning, containing fourteen and one-half acres, more or less.

The last and highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit ten per cent (10) of said bid to show good faith and said sale will not be closed until said deposit is made.
This the 8th day of July, 1937.
HUGH G. HORTON,
Commissioner.
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