TODAY and TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

CONSTITUTION . . . its origin

The framers of the Constitution included many of the ablest minds in America. To read James Madison's day-by-days journal of the debates in the convention is to be impressed by the breadth of knowledge of world history and the depth of insight into the causes of the downfall of many experiments in government which were displayed by the delegates.

The government which was set up by the Constitution was a novel experiment. The best features of other governmental systems were adopted or adapted. No other government then existing in the world has remained unchanged in form or basic principle. Ours is the only one which has survived.

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COURT . . . . . its purpose

One feature of the American constitution is unique. That is the Supreme Court. No other nation had ever set up such a tribunal. Elsewhere the king or other executive was the final arbiter of justice. The purpose of the Supreme Court was to take the power of dispensing justice out of the hands of either the Legislative or the Executive branch.

In the debates on how the justices should be appointed, Dr. Benjamin Franklin called attention to the old Scottish system of having judges nominated by the lawyers. They would always name the ablest lawyers he said, because they would thus be retired from competition and the other lawyers could get their clients!

No specific authority to interpret the Constitution was conferred upon the Supreme Court. The point was raised in the convention but passed over as Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts pointed out, the Court's exposition of the laws involved a power of deciding on their constitutionality.

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LAWS . . . . . highest

"This Constitution and the laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof . . . shall be the supreme law of the land." So read Article 6 of the Constitution. That sets up the Constitution itself as the highest and superior law, in the light of which all other or inferior laws must be viewed.

When any court finds that any law enacted by the legislative body, Congress or a state legislature, does not conform to the provisions of the Constitution, it is not only the right but the duty of the court to declare the inferior law invalid. I find many persons who do not understand that elementary principle of law and justice but who think that somehow the Supreme Court has arrogated to itself powers which it has no right to assume.

What makes the Constitution the supreme law is the fact that it is the only law which has been adopted by the people as a whole. The will of the people is supreme. And the Constitution contains a prescription of the means whereby the people can make their will known and effective.

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OPINIONS . . . . . of law

Another point on which I have found many of my friends somewhat at sea is how questions of the constitutionality of a law get before the Supreme Court. "Why can't the Court just give an opinion to Congress before a law is passed, as to whether it is constitutional or not?" they ask.

The answer is that the Supreme Court is a court and not a legislative body. It has no power except to pass on specific cases brought before it in the regular course of legal procedure. If nobody challenges the constitutionality of a law, the Supreme Court has nothing to say about it though it may, in fact, be unconstitutional. Its judgments are only on the particular cases brought before it.

Then, however, the Court must say whether the statute which is challenged is a valid law or not. If it conforms to the supreme law it is good! if it does not so conform it is no law at all and nobody is bound to obey it.

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JUDGES . . . . . Marshall

The Supreme Court has established itself in 150 years as the balance-wheel of our system of government because of the character of the men who have sat as judges on its bench. It has rarely [illegible] er, that a Su- has let poli- consideration in interpret- are above and s the framers intended.

hief Justice, o headed the 1835, was a was appoint- his long ser- s on the Su- filled with Democrats. John Marshall delivered 44 opinions on constitutional questions, and not once did a single member of the court dissent from his reasoning and conclusions.

Rubber-Tired Covered Wagon Headed East

ST. LOUIS . . . They look a bit like '49ers except that they're headed East and their covered wagon is rubber-tired. They're from California, youths headed for Washington to the American Youth Congress, to urge support on a Senate bill providing training and employment of deserving youth. They are, left to right, George Kauffman, Cecil McKidy, Malby Roberts, Selma Marks, Nathan Bregman and Dorothy Powers.

JUNIORS TO GIVE THREE-ACT PLAY

"Crashing Society" to be Presented in School Auditorium Friday P. M.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

"Crashing Society," a three-act comedy, will be presented Friday evening, March 5, in the Elkin school auditorium at 7:45 o'clock by the Junior class of Elkin high school.

The play, directed by Miss Alice Dixon, is to be hilariously funny and well worth seeing.

As an added attraction between acts, Misses Ruth Buelin and Edna Billings will present a group of songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Grace Lawrence. Misses Beulin and Billings recently were winners in a local amateur contest and as a result sang over radio station WBIG, in Greensboro.

The characters of the play are as follows:

Adam Dunnigan, the husband and loyal subject—Billy Gambill; Elsie Dunnigan, the wife and ruler of the Dunnigan home—Alice McCoin; Marguerite, their oldest daughter—Helen Hayes; George, their son—L. C. Couch, Jr.; Christabel, their youngest daughter—Edwina Lawrence; Scruples-Scruples, their butler—Joe Gwyn Bivins; Miss Gadgett, tutor—Mary Sale; Mr. Van Witherspoon, leader in New York society—Dick Graham; Mrs. Van Witherspoon, his wife—Frances Martin; Cyril Van Witherspoon, their son—James Powers; Agatha Mulrooney, virtuoso—Selma Guyer; Louise Miller, reporter—Mattie Osborne.

Marshalls for the occasion, elected from the Junior class, are Edna Billings, chief; James Gray, Woodrow Windsor, Louise Lawrence and Beatrice Newman.

NATIVE OF SURRY DIES IN MONTANA

C. C. Dearmen, 63, a native of the Thurmond community of Surry county, but for the past 40 years associated with the Anaconda Mining company of Anaconda, Montana, died at his home in Montana February 22. The remains were brought to North Carolina for interment. The body arrived here Friday and the last rites were held Saturday at the family graveyard at the Dearman home near Thurmond.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Albertina Kopeska Dearman; two brothers, Charlie Dearman, Round Mountain, and J. Tom Dearman, of Atwater, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. John Brewer, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Alvin Woodruff, of Thurmond.

ARE BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL FOR NEGROES

A new negro school building for the Elkin district is to be erected on the site of the old Elkin negro school building, just east of the Elkin Valley church in the near future, the construction work having already begun. The building is to be of wood construction; is to have three class rooms and is to be a three teacher school when completed. However, it is not expected that the building will be used before the opening of the school term next fall. This information was gained from John W. Comer, county superintendent of schools, Wednesday.

To Hold Singing at North Elkin School

A singing school convention will be held Sunday, March 7, beginning at 2 p. m., at North Elkin school auditorium. These singings are being held for the benefit of the different classes taught by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nance, of that section, and it is especially urged that every member of the classes be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Nance will have with them their special helpers including Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Brown, and others. A feature of the event will be the Mount Olive singers from King. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Mongolian plains have 500 times as many camels as the Sahara Desert.

For Rent: 4 room house 3 miles east of Jonesville on old Boonville highway. See Wiley Reece, Jonesville, N. C. 1t-p.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator c. t. a. of the estate of H. F. Gray, deceased, late of Elkin, Surry county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 3rd day of March, 1937.

W. M. GRAY,
Administrator c. t. a. of H. F. Gray, deceaesd.
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Storm Over U. S. — by A. B. CHAPIN

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1-MINUTE SAFETY TALKS
By Don Herold

SAFETY SLACKERS

I know a man who violated a traffic ordinance—who got a ticket—and who got it "fixed".

In my opinion, that man is worse than any Grover Bergdoll who ever lived.

Under certain circumstances there may be such a thing as conscientious objection to war. There may be people who have such deep-seated fervor for peace that they will die for their pacifistic ideals. They may be silly sentimentalists, but they are not cowards.

There is, however, no such thing as justifiable conscientious objection to the war on automobile accidents.

There is no excuse for sympathy with our common national enemy, Carelessness, which kills and maims more of our people than War. (From 1922 through 1935, deaths from automobile accidents have, according to The Travelers Insurance Company, aggregated 380,000, which exceeds by 55 per cent the record of those killed in action, or who died of wounds in all the wars in which this country participated.)

A man who regards a traffic ticket as a scrap of paper is a modern Benedict Arnold.

Even if there may be a slight measure of injustice in his ticket (and we always feel that there is, don't we?) he should be glad to lean over backwards TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE.

Traffic discipline may not always be fair, but traffic discipline has been established for your own good, and for the safety of your children.

Submit to this discipline graciously. Take what's coming to you. Don't try to beat the traffic game. (It's your game.) Don't cheat or fudge. Don't try to get your ticket "fixed".

In short, don't be a *Safety Slacker.*

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