

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

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The President's program with reference to the Supreme Court of the United States continues to overshadow all other national issues. His appeal to the country in the form of one of his radio "fireside chats" is being widely discussed. Hearings on his proposal are drawing large crowds to the rooms of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Proponents and opponents of the measure are drawing their lines for battle. In other words, another important chapter in American history is being written, whatever that chapter may finally record. In this connection it is interesting to read the oath of members of the Supreme Court. It follows: "I do solemnly swear that I will

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administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and the rich; and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties incumbent on me as Judge, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States."

Whatever may be the viewpoint of any individual with regard to the present Supreme Court issue, considerable stress must be laid on the last sentence of the above oath reading "agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States." From this it would seem that the laws of the United States—and the laws are the acts passed by the Congress and signed by the President—have equal standing with the Constitution. The President contends that they have not been given such standing by the eminent Supreme Court Justices, and here is the basis of the current and widely-discussed issue.

Let me quote what others have said. The illustrious Abraham Lincoln, declared in his first inaugural:

"The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made in ordinary litigations between parties in personal actions the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal."

The great Justice Holmes, who ever held aloft the light of justice for all, said:

"It must be remembered that legislators are the ultimate guardians of the liberties and welfare of the people in quite as great a degree as the courts."

Again Justice Holmes said: "The first requirement of a sound body of law is that it should

correspond with the actual feelings and demands of the community.

"The courts were intended to endure for all ages to come and consequently to be adapted to the various crises in human affairs."

These quotations from great students of our government deserve study and thought as our people stand at the crossroads of national affairs. These statements were not made in the heat of debate. They were made by men who enjoyed national confidence, and by men whose deeds merit that their words be remembered. I cite them now because they are timely.

Is the President correct in his contention that the Supreme Court has not given due respects to the legislative will of the people? Are the opponents of his program correct in their contention that the Supreme Court has always been right? Answers to these questions will be found when the people on farm and in factory understand clearly the issues involved and thunder out their views. They, and they alone, must answer. Their rights must come first. And the effort to put these rights first precipitated the present momentous issue.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Dobson, March 15.—The Woman's Missionary Society of Dobson Baptist church met with Mrs. Emma Hampton Thursday evening.

Opening song, "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go Anywhere."

Scripture, Mrs. Emma Hampton. Prayer, Mrs. Mock. Program leader, Mrs. J. W. Thore, topic, "Spanish and Portuguese." Those who contributed to the discussion of the topic were Mrs. Thore, Mrs. Hancock, Miss Elizabeth Norman and Mrs. W. L. Reece.

During the business meeting Miss Elizabeth Norman was elected president to succeed Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. DeWitt Sparger was elected secretary and treasurer to succeed Mrs. Reece. During the social hour the hostess served refreshments. April meeting to be held with Mrs. C. W. Fowler.

Clerk of Court, Mr. F. T. Lewellyn, who has been suffering with a diseased eye for several months resorted to an operation on Friday, performed by Dr. Spears of Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wright and son Jimmie, spent last week-end with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Harmon at Guilford College.

Mesdames J. W. and C. G. Comer and Miss Julia Comer motored to Winston-Salem Saturday afternoon to do some Spring shopping.

Miss Mary Bettie Norman spent the week-end with home folks here. She is a teacher in the Mountain Park school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gentry spent Saturday in Statesville on business.

Mrs. Edna Norman, Misses Elizabeth and Mary Bettie Norman spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeill at Carthage.

Miss Julia Comer of Raleigh visited in Dobson Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brown of High Point and father and mother of Mrs. Russell, are guests for the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Russell.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Maegie Lewellyn Tuesday evening. Those on the program were Mrs. Maude Freeman, Mrs. Thore and Mrs. Tom Folger. Subject for the month, "Christian Education." Mrs. J. H. Gentry was leader. At the close of program, Mrs. Lewellyn served refreshments.

C. C. Williamson, who is 90 years old, of the Salem Fork community, is seriously ill.

Miss Victoria Holt, bookkeeper in Reid's Department Store, spent Saturday in Winston-Salem.

The Woman's Club of Dobson sponsored a buffet-dinner at the club house Saturday evening, supervised by Mrs. E. A. Freeman and Mrs. Emma Mock. Proceeds to go to civic improvements financed by Woman's club.

Rev. J. H. Hall of the Woodville section was in town Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Gentry of Galax, Va., were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reece Friday evening.

Emory Holt of the Brush Hill section was in town Sunday afternoon.

Atty. Adams of the firm of Adams & Dearman, of Statesville, was in town Friday, looking after some legal interests.

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Mrs. J. W. Martin spent Thursday at East Bend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin.

Dr. T. W. Shore of Boonville, was a professional visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Isaacs and little son, Johnny, of Albemarle, returned to their home Wednesday, after attending the bedside of Mr. L. W. Isaacs, who has been very sick but is now improving.

Mrs. Lester Sloop of the Friendship community spent a few days here last week with her sister, Mrs. Kermit Corder.

Dr. Nicks of Elkin was a business visitor here Thursday.

Miss Jessie V. Burch was confined to her bed several days last week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layne of Elkin, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Layne.

Mrs. Emma Reece Mock and Miss Emma Comer, of Dobson, were here a short while Thursday.

Mr. R. A. Jenkins was called to Winston Tuesday on account of the illness of his son, Virgil H. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Darnell and children of Elkin were among the Sunday visitors here.

Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Chandler spent Sunday in Greensboro with Mr. Chandler's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seagraves of Hamptonville visited friends here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Burch spent Sunday at Mountain Park with Mr. Paul Burch and family.

The North Elkin boys played

the Little Richmond baseball team here last Friday, the score being 20 to 2 in favor of the Little Richmond boys.

Little Sally Jo Corder is recovering from a recent illness.

Miss Lucile Martin was the overnight guest of Miss Joyce Martin at Salem Fork last Thursday.

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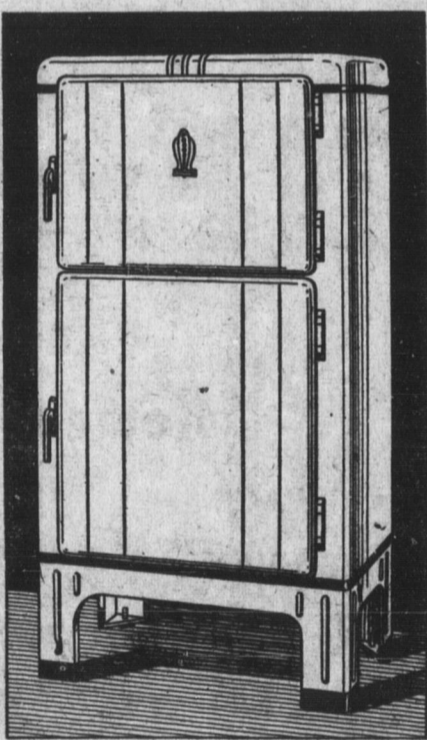
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