

# Billy Doctors Doctors On Some Funny Medicine

By Billy Arthur

Well, the doctors are away from home and are holding their annual convention in the beach-hills, so you can get sick economically for a few days.

Probably they need a respite from their work and such jobs by their fellow Tar Heels. But mine is not the first. Nor was that of the Meravian Falls Fool Killer in November, 1912, when it reported that "the doctor was called to Jim Fink Wednesday. He found Jim had the bugabo and '33."

And in 1913, North Carolina's Poet Laureate James Larkin Pearson poemed:

"Doctor Think, he thought the patient had a dislocated hip;  
Doctor Smeat was very certain he was suffering with grip;  
Doctor Guses had diagnosed it as swimming in the head;

Doctor Doubt said nothing ailed him, only had been underfed.

Doctor Gash said: "Well, by granites, seeing that we can't agree, Let's cut him open and see."

Doctor Plug pronounced it measles, pointing to the patient's tongue;

Doctor Quack, he said consumption had destroyed the fellow's lung;

Doctor Pugg had ever reason to believe it was the gout;

Doctor How declared his stomach simply needed pumping out.

Doctor Gash rolled up his shirt sleeves, then commencingly spate he:

"Let's cut him open and see."

"Doctor Pill believed the patient had a 'humor' in his blood;

Doctor Squill said it was hook-

WASHINGTON — I was invited to address the Harvard Law School Association of New York City on last Thursday night. This afforded me an opportunity to speak on a subject that has given many members of Congress great concern. It is what is happening to the law of the land and the supposed sovereignty of the states.

The Supreme Court of 1787 comprehended the everlasting political truth that no man or set of men can be safely trusted with governmental power of an unlimited nature. They were determined above all things to establish a government of laws and not of men, and they provided for the doctrine of separation of powers. They failed to place any well defined limits on the judiciary powers. It was strongly felt that the Chief Executive would always select men to sit upon the U. S. Supreme Court who would be able and willing to subject themselves to the restraint inherent in the judicial process. Although one may possess a brilliant intellect and be actuated by lofty motives, he is not qualified for the station of a judge in a government of laws unless he is able and willing to subject himself to the restraint inherent in the judicial process.

How is this mental discipline acquired? It is ordinarily the product of long and laborious legal work as a practicing lawyer, or long judicial work as a judge of an appellate court or a trial court of general jurisdiction. It is sometimes the product of long and laborious work as a teacher of law. It cannot be acquired by the occupancy of an executive or legislative office.

Law is destitute of social value unless it has sufficient stability to afford reliable rule to govern the conduct of people, and unless it can be found with reasonable certainty in established legal precedents.

For generations, Presidents selected men who possessed the background and mental discipline to be distinguished Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court. These men had long participated in the administration of justice either as practicing lawyers or as judges of the State Courts or as judges of the Federal Courts inferior to the Supreme Court. They knew that it is the duty of the judge to interpret the law, not to make it.

I was taught by my father in my youth to repose an absolute confidence in the Supreme Court. He used to say that this tribunal would administer justice accord-

worm caught while wading in the mud;

Doctor Doubt said fits or fever, and he weren't quite certain which;

Doctor Claw said it was nothing but the plain old fashioned itch.

Doctor Gash said, "You uns hold 'im! Hand that carving knife to me!"

"Let's cut him open and see." Admittedly today's doctors are not that bad, although many of them have been accused of diagnosing ailments by feeling one's pulse.

Some of them tell you to cut out smoking, drinking, and use much food, probably figuring you'll save some money for them.



years of the United States... the numerous accounts of the law who have performed years of devoted judicial work... inferior to the Supreme Court when they are called upon to make appointments to the Supreme Court of the United States.

It may be that in making these observations, I am merely stating the role of a fool who rushes in where discreet angels fear to tread. If so, I can plead in extenuation of my folly that I love the American Constitution and know that an indestructible Union composed of indestructible States cannot endure if our government of laws does not survive.

### Restraint

The majority of the members of the Supreme Court during recent years have been either unable or unwilling to subject themselves to the restraint inherent in the judicial process. All of the members are genial gentlemen of high attainments and significant accomplishments. But the majority have not had the background which is necessary to the judicial process. A qualified occupant must lay aside his personal notions of what the law ought to be and base his decisions on what the law has been declared to be in legal precedents.

I deplore the practice of Pres-

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