

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington—I was invited to speak at the Harvard Law School celebration of New York City on 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**  
The Constitutional Convention 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 wisely 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.

**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 Presidents of the United States in recent years who ignore the numerous servants of the law who have performed years of devoted judicial service on courts 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 enacting 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.

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 was accustomed to refer to the Supreme Court with reverential awe. He used to say that this tribunal would administer justice according to law even though the heavens fall. Candor compels the confession that on many occasions during recent years the Supreme Court has to all intents and purposes usurped the power of the Congress and the States to amend the Constitution and to nullify acts of Congress.

Another highlight of the year, of which the Council was proud, was the selection of the Warner Madre family as Master Farm Family for this district. The Council Achievement Day was well attended and consisted of a musical program enjoyed by all. The Council also supported drives for funds for the Red Cross, March of Dimes and the Ground Observation Tower.

Reporting on other highlights of the past year for the County Council, Mrs. J. E. Proctor stated the Council had been entertained with an interesting program by Mrs. Jewel Fessenden of State College, and a large number of members went on a tour to Williamsburg, Va., and other historical points of interest in that vicinity. A tour to the western part of North Carolina is planned for the week of July 21-24.



**THE ADMIRAL COULDN'T DO BETTER**—Hospital Corpsman Robert Brown, of Clearfield, Pa., presents their young tar to view for a happy Navy couple at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. Brown is one of four land-based corpsmen assigned to infant care for Navy dependents.

and know that an indissoluble Union composed of indestructible States cannot endure if our government of laws does not survive.

### HD County Council Reviews Year Of Achievement

In observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week, officers of the Perquimans County Council entertained the Board of County Commissioners and their wives at a dinner party at the New Hope Community House. Members of the Durants Neck Club served a delicious dinner.

The Council expressed its appreciation to the County Commissioners for a new stove purchased for the Agriculture Building.

During the year Mrs. Joe Webb has joined the County Extension Service staff as assistant home agent and Miss Ruth Tucker assumed the duties as clerk to the staff.

### HD Club Highlight

The most outstanding event accomplished by all the Home Demonstration Club women of Perquimans County during 1954 occurred last August 11th on Farmers' Day. Farmers' Day, which was held in the gymnasium at Perquimans High School, was well attended as some over two thousand people registered during the day.

Not only were farmers, club women and members of civic organizations of the county allowed to participate but only person in the year.

county could exhibit. It was a day of recreation and fun for all, as well as being educational, for quite some good demonstrations were given and there were worthwhile exhibits displayed.

In some instances competition was so great that it made the job difficult for the judges to make their decision.

Farmers' Day well achieved its purpose, which seemed to draw the people of the county closer together by a day of fellowship, thus becoming better acquainted. Farmers' Day achieved its purpose. Therefore, plans are being formulated for such a day to be held this year in August also. Without a doubt, because of the interest and enthusiasm manifested last year, it is expected to be even a greater and bigger event this year.

### LIBRARY NEWS

"Wonderful, indeed, is the virtue of a true book"—J. Montgomery.

The Perquimans County Library this week, has the following new books: "Rivers of the Eastern Shore," by Footner, which is a memorial book; two new novels, "The Good Shepherd," by Forester, and "The Hidden River," by Jamison.

Each of these books are current selections of the Book-of-the-Month Club. Two new westerns and two new light romances complete the list for adults. Several new children's books have also come into the library this week.

Pleasure must succeed to pleasure else past pleasure turns to pain.—Young.

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