

**MRS. GLADYCE SIMMONS
WRITES FROM WASHINGTON**

Every visitor to Washington wants to see the Senate, House and Supreme Court in action. The first two are interesting, not only for the business being transacted or speeches being made, but for the personalities seen, and the activity of famous men and women. The business of the Supreme Court is technical, too legal for many of us to understand, so that people do not usually spend so much time there. I decided to go again and watch the judges at work.

I went before twelve, the opening hour, so that I could see the quaint opening ceremony. The beautiful little old chamber was already full. It was the Senate Chamber of the original Capitol, and so used until the House and Senate wings were completed in the 1850's. Up to that time the Supreme Court had sat just any place that happened to be not in use, certainly a treatment unworthy of its importance. In a year or two now it will sit in a beautiful new white marble building of its own, where will be ample space, private offices and comforts for the justices which they have never before been afforded.

The present Supreme Chamber is beautiful enough for its important use, though small. It is semicircular, with a domed ceiling, the seats of the justices on a raised platform across the front. Behind them are black and white marble pillars, joined by rich red curtains. About the walls are marble busts of the first nine Chief Justices, including all except Chief Justice Taft and Chief

Justice Hughes, who will undoubtedly be similarly honored in the new building. Only ten Chief Justices in about a century and a half.

But my observation of the room was interrupted by the sound of the gavel wielded by the marshal, who announced: "The Honorable, the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States." Everyone arose, and the nine justices in their black robes entered from the side doors. Chief Justice Hughes entered the central opening, the others at the sides. Then the marshal again wielded his gavel and called: "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!" All persons having business before the Honorable, the Supreme Court of the United States, are admonished to draw near and give their attention for the Court is now sitting. God save the United States and this Honorable Court." It made one think of the old days of heralds, indeed, I suppose the custom is hundreds of years old.

The first procedure was the admission of various lawyers to practice before the Supreme Court. A lawyer who had previously received that right escorted a lawyer friend who also wished it, stated to the Chief Justice his friend's compliance with the requirements. The Chief Justice replied that the lawyer would be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, then others repeated the procedure. After all wishing to do so had been accepted, they were administered the oath by one of the officials of the Court.

And then the case began—the continuance of one of the preceding day. I knew so little about it that I spent my time watching the justices. They

sit to the right and left of the Chief Justice, in the order in which they were appointed to the Court. Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes sits at Mr. Hughes' right, now nearly ninety years of age, he is the oldest man ever to sit on a Supreme Court bench. He has sat for twenty-eight years. He had a distinguished Civil War record, was wounded several times, and arose from lieutenant to colonel. He was appointed by President Roosevelt.

The next Justice in length of service is Associate Justice Van Devanter, of Cheyenne, comparatively a youngster of seventy-one, appointed by President Taft. Then Associate Justice McReynolds, appointed by President Wilson; Brandeis, by Wilson; Sutherland, (who had been a member of both House and Senate) by Harding; Butler, by Harding; Stone (a college mate of President Coolidge) by Coolidge; Roberts, by Hoover. The last two are between fifty-five and sixty. Of the nine justices, six are past sixty-five.

One would not guess from their appearances or actions that they are of an age usually considered old. Alert, attentive, they asked questions of the lawyer who was arguing before them. Associate Justice Holmes seemed to be writing. Suddenly, he raised his head and asked questions which showed that he was listening very intently indeed. The "baby" of the Court is Owen J. Roberts, from Pennsylvania, who gained his greatest reputation as attorney prosecuting cases during the oil scandal. He looks younger than his years (as do all of them,) is a fine looking man.

The Chief Justice is, I think, the handsomest man of them all. His

quiet, reassuring, friendly smile must be a great comfort to all who appear before him. There is a story told that one day a small boy hailed him on the street, asking for his autograph. He chuckled, and used his walking stick for a seat while he wrote his name for the delighted youngster. I have read that he is always "grave," "reserved," but he seems to me both democratic and friendly.

So these men are interesting personalities, too, though because of the lack of the spectacular to their work, less is heard of them individually than in other branches of the Government. Brilliant and conscientious, may our Supreme Court always remain so!

GLADYCE W. SIMMONS.

**CURRENT COMMENT
FROM WASHINGTON**

The papers report that an otter tunneled under a dam on a game reserve, waited until the water ran out and then picked up the fish from the mud. The sagacity of wild creatures often is unknown or overlooked by city and town folk.

Tourists spent about three million dollars in Canada last year. Dominion courtesy and good roads had much to do with the influx of visitors from the United States. One is entitled to speculate as to how many were steered by the flowing bowl, rather than the pole star.

Poland is dickering with Russia, in an attempt to capture a larger portion of the Russian trade. Contact

of any kind with Sovietism will mean a corruption of sound ideals of government, for which dollars afford no adequate recompense. Poland seems to be a glut for punishment, and to have learned little from her turbulent and distressing history.

Notwithstanding its long-time prevalence, little is known regarding the causes of an ordinary cold. A scientist has come forward with the theory that it arises out of an improper diet. It will be a great day for humanity when it is definitely settled that this age-old disorder can be cured by remedies to be found in the market basket or dinner pail.

An earthquake visits the city of Managua, in Nicaragua, and takes a toll of a thousand lives. Bad as the disaster is, it is not comparable to the calamity of a like kind which fell upon Japan in 1923, when two hundred and fifty thousand persons perished. Immediate relief, of a temporary sort at least, was possible in the Central American city, since members of the Marine Corps of the U. S. were on hand, and did the good work that might have been expected of them.

A man in authority in the movie business says that the post-war interest of the public in crime films is at an end. His statement is reassuring, in that it indicates a better sense of discrimination on the part of the public, and a determination on the part of the producers to rid the screen of tiresome, underworld pictures. Note that he refers to a post-war interest. Few writers and public speakers have had the courage or the insight that would prompt them to place the responsibility for much that is sordid in our national life, where it really belongs namely, upon the World War.

O'Neill, Neb., Febr. 14, 1931
9 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the chairman. All members present except Skidmore.

Minutes of meeting Febr. 13, 1931 read and on motion were approved as read.

Board went into committee of the whole and continued checking county officers reports.

11 o'clock a. m., committee arose and took up matter regarding Citizens State Bank of Stuart, Nebraska.

RESOLUTION

"Whereas the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska held and holds in escrow certain bonds and holds in security and protection of the public monies of Holt County in deposit in the Citizens State Bank of Stuart, Nebraska, and

Whereas, the County Treasurer has certified as to said First National Bank of Omaha the amount of such monies on deposit in said Citizens State Bank at the time the same closed, and

Whereas, the said First National Bank of Omaha and the Receiver of the Citizens State Bank of Stuart desire to convert said bonds into cash

Now, therefore, I move you that the County Clerk of Holt County, Nebraska be authorized and instructed to execute, for and on behalf of Holt County, Nebraska, an order to the First National Bank, Omaha, to sell the bonds held by it in escrow for the protection of the public monies of this county in said Citizens State Bank of Stuart, Nebraska, on the public market and from the proceeds realized from the sale thereof to remit to the County Treasurer of Holt County, Nebraska, through his Omaha agent, the First National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska, the amount heretofore certified by said Treasurer to said First National Bank.

I further move you that it be distinctly understood that the sale of said securities is authorized only upon condition that the First National Bank, Omaha, immediately deliver to said County Treasurer of Holt County, through the Omaha National Bank, his agent, cash in the amount heretofore certified by him.

J. C. Stein
John Steinhauser
Chairman

The above resolution on being put to vote by chairman it was declared adopted.

12 o'clock, noon; board adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

Holt county board met pursuant to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the chairman. All members present except Skidmore.

Board went into committee of the whole and continued checking county officers reports.

4 o'clock p. m. committee arose and on motion adjourned until Febr. 18th, 1931 at 9 a. m.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman, Clerk

**SURROUNDING AND
PLEASANT VIEW**

(Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walnofer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klingler spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Walnofer near Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones spent their Easter vacation with relatives at North Platte and Arnold, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zink spent Sunday at the Guy Alton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans expect to move to their new home in Atkinson, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banks and family were at the home of Albert Klingler, Sunday night.

The Dorcas Ladies Aid extends thanks to those in O'Neill who donated so generous on their quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler were over night guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Brinkman, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Barnes and daughter Gladys visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Barnes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bougue, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin VanCleve spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Wehrley.

Miss Lesetta Schunk was an over night visitor at the Guy Alton home Sunday, and Mildred Alton at the John Schunk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grothe and family of near Emmet; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banks and family were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hennings, after church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McNair entertained relatives, friends and neighbors at their home, Tuesday. A delicious luncheon was served. Their new friends as well as old, welcome them back in this vicinity.

SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

1 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, McKim, Root, Stein; no quorum. Those present continued checking county officers' reports.

5 o'clock p. m.; board adjourned until Febr. 11th, 1931 at 9 a. m.

Hugh L. James, John C. Gallagher, Temporary Chairman, Clerk

O'Neill, Neb., Febr. 11, 1931
9 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the chairman; all members present.

Minutes of meeting of Febr. 7, 9, 10 1931 were read and on motion were approved as read.

Board went into committee of the whole and continued checking county officers' reports.

12 o'clock, noon, on motion board adjourned until 1 p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the chairman. All members present.

Board went into committee of the whole and continued checking county officers' reports.

5 o'clock p. m.; on motion board adjourned until Febr. 13th, 1931, at 9 o'clock a. m.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman, Clerk

O'Neill, Neb., Febr. 13, 1931
9 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the chairman. All members present except Skidmore.

Minutes of meeting of Febr. 11th, 1931 were read and on motion were approved as read.

Board went into committee of the whole and continued checking county officers' reports.

12 o'clock, noon; on motion adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment; called to order by the chairman. All members present except Skidmore.

Board went into committee of the whole and continued checking county officers' reports.

5 o'clock p. m., on motion board adjourned until Febr. 14, 1931, at 9 o'clock.

Hugh L. James, John C. Gallagher, Acting Chairman, Clerk

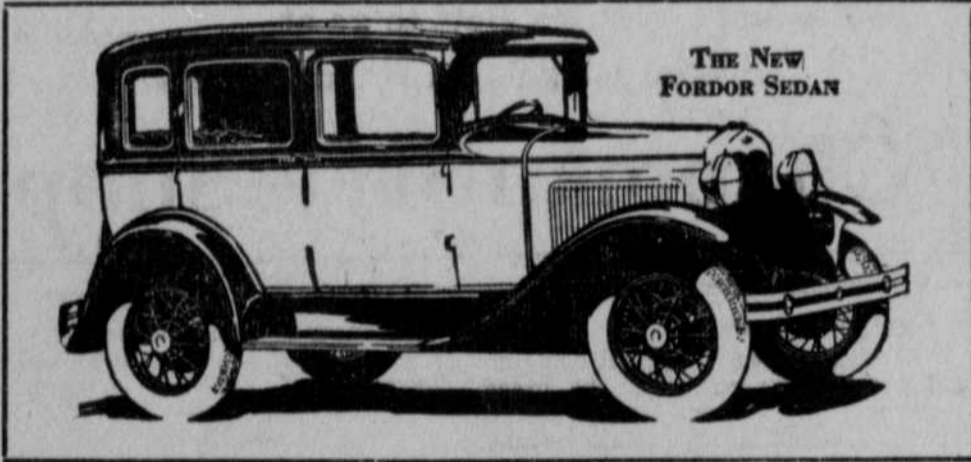
1 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Root and Steinhauser, no quorum. Those present continued checking county officers reports.

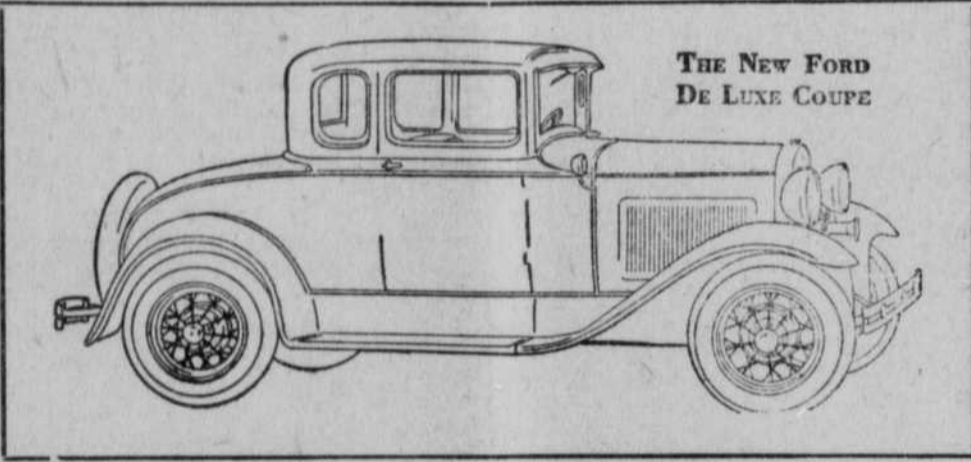
5 o'clock p. m.; on motion board adjourned until Febr. 20, 1931, at 9 a. m.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman, Clerk

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