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And there is not even a suitable bird sanctuary to which the Blue Eagle can go.

Merchants Pleased

Elkin merchants are very much pleased with their holiday business. The volume of sales in many stores during the pre-Christmas season has established new high records. Christmas buying started early and for once the store customers got their Christmas buying out of the way, and avoided the last-minute rush, of which there was a plenty even this year.

Because the Christmas purchases were distributed through the prior weeks, the stores were able to give better service to their customers, making their business a mutual pleasure.

Our local merchants had bought cautiously, yet in larger volume than usual, but many of them could have sold more merchandise if it had been available. As it was, it must be admitted that our merchants served the people of this community satisfactorily, presenting a varied assortment of merchandise that would have done credit to a town many times the size of Elkin. It is a credit to the loyalty of our local citizens that there was a minimum of out-of-town buying.

The fact that the retail business all over the nation showed a pleasing increase over the past few years, bolsters the conclusion that prosperity is no longer "around the corner" but is right here.

North Carolina as a whole has been one of the bright spots on the economic chart. This is essentially an agricultural state and to good crops have been added good prices, and under this combination Tar Heel farmers have managed to get out of the red. High-priced tobacco in the east, reasonable prices for cotton, and a ready market for practically everything raised on the farm, has put the agricultural industry far up in front in the march toward recovery.

Viewing the sunrise of another year after the refreshing volume of business during the Christmas holidays, one is bound to look ahead with much encouragement for 1935, a year that will be ushered in before another issue of this paper is on the press.

May we not, then, join with the merchants in their expression of appreciation for the patronage of their friends during the year that is passing, and share their faith and hope that 1935 will be good to everyone.

Crop Control

The result of the referendum on the Kerr-Smith tobacco control plan, did not create any great surprise. It was expected that the vote to retain the working plan of the measure would result favorably, but few of even the most ardent supporters of the plan were prepared for the overwhelming vote.

This is the second referendum conducted on crop control. In the referendum on the Bankhead cotton control program, the cotton growers of the South voted nine to one for that method of control, yet more antagonism was stirred up among the cotton growers than was evidenced by the disaffection among the tobacco producers. Both of them came through in great shape, and issued a mandate that is easily understood at Washington.

All of which goes to prove that the farmer, if left to his own devices can think things through for himself. There was no high-pressure political methods used in the pre-election period. Every effort was made to give the agriculturist an opportunity to register his will in this matter without coercion from anybody. And it is a healthy sign when men go to the polls and express themselves in the numbers that cast their ballots for these measures that mean so much to them. Maybe it bespeaks a greater interest in other elections of almost as much importance.

Both the cotton and tobacco farmers realized that there were many little inconveniences and inequities in the program of their respective industries, but they did not forget that under the administration of these plans they had found themselves better off by far than they had been in years.

The farmers, of course, know their own business, but even to the layman it would have seemed foolish for them to do otherwise than they have done in these instances. It would not seem good reasoning to have voted to go back to the backaches of other days that brought them only about half as many dollars and cents as came to them under the government's partnership.

The decidedly favorable sentiment for governmental crop control, as evidenced by the referendum on cotton and tobacco, has caused other branches of agriculture to consider the potential benefits that would come from co-operation with the government, and it would be no surprise if the next congress is asked to take steps to extend the principle embodied in these plans to other factors of agriculture. The administration has let it be known that it will throw its influence in this direction if and when there is a preponderance of sentiment for this objective.

The Street Signs

If there has been doubt in your mind concerning the street on which you live, you will soon be able to step out, take a look at the marker, and stop the mental argument. It has been a long while coming, but the city board has finally got around to it, and Elkin's streets will be marked so that those who seek an address may find it without cussing.

But the purpose will only partially be met until the houses are numbered. This of course is the responsibility of the individual, but it is by no means a heavy one. For two-bits or less each home-owner can perfect the arrangement by attaching their street number so that "he who runs may read." And it will be worth the cost in more ways than one: A single afternoon nap, disturbed by someone seeking an address three-four doors up the street, will cause anguish that could easily be appraised at half a buck.

In all seriousness, this numbering of the residences and business places should be attended to promptly, now that the streets are being marked, and we believe the citizens of the town will extend this co-operation, willingly and gladly.

The Tribune commends the city board for this action. The cost is small and is justified by the need—it is more than a convenience, it is almost a necessity, and we will soon be wondering how we ever got along without the street signs. The board has never in a little way done such a big thing, and we should register our approval by numbering our places in concert with the city's purpose.

A Courageous Candidate

Representative Lumpkin is out in front with those who are jockeying for position in the race for speaker of the house in the next North Carolina legislature. Other ambitious ones will seek to outstep him, of course, and any stumble he makes will be viewed with unusual interest on their part.

Mr. Lumpkin is a dry but of the tolerant caliber, and he has been bold enough to indicate that in his humble judgment North Carolina ought to do something about her liquor—ought to have a strong and adequate liquor control law that would take a rake-off from the present consumption in this state and divert it to the use of the state government.

And immediately there has come the clamor that he shall be crucified; that he shall not be given this place of prestige and power. The dry forces of North Carolina, as a group, seem pretty well satisfied with their Turlington act, and if it is to be revised they propose to make the revision upward and not downward.

Therefore Mr. Lumpkin took his heel in his hand, so far as the race for speaker is concerned, when he let it be known that he favored tinkering with the present law a bit, to see if it couldn't be made to more nearly meet present conditions. It took courage for him to thus express himself, and whether you agree with him or not, you must admire his bravery.

Just how far he would go in providing what he considers adequate liquor control laws has not been stated. Legalized liquor is available across all of our boundaries, and those who know about such things say that "bottled in bond" can now be secured by the case right here in good old Tarheelia. It is claimed, too, that the bootlegging business is picking up. High liquor taxes have enabled the vendors to produce a better product for less money—out in the moonshine—and both heavy and occasional drinkers have come to the conclusion that they were being gypped with fancy bottles and are turning back to the fruit jars and the native brew.

We are at a loss to know how Mr. Lumpkin would harness this industry and cause it to contribute to the upkeep of government and shall watch with interest his course in the legislature. But of one thing we are certain: If his proposal to tinker with the Turlington law loses to him the support of his dry brethren, it will also divorce him from the support of many wets—who are getting along very well, thank you, under the present arrangement.

No Monarch Here

Irene DuPont, munitions manufacturer, who ought to be an authority on war, inasmuch as he has made a fortune out of it, tells the senate investigating committee that "the only way to wage a war is to have an absolute monarch at the head of government," and adds that "we shall have a h— of a time in case of war."

What Mr. DuPont probably means is that with a single dictator at the head of this government, the munitions makers, one of which he is chief, would need to approach only a single throne for war orders and long profits. The monarch might make the war road easier and more profitable to those who build equipment of destruction, but he would hardly bring more efficiency to the purpose in hand.

America has always trusted in the combined wisdom of many rather than the autocracy of the few, and while she has often bought a pig in a poke in a political way, when it came to the patriotic business of conducting a war, we have always managed somehow to get together and do a fairly good job of it.

It is well to remember that Germany, Austria and Russia went into the world war with rulers absolute and all-powerful. All three came out of the world conflict, with their rulers unhorsed. The United States, Great Britain and France went in rulerless and came out the same way.

Mr. DuPont will hardly get his monarch for war, not yet awhile. But he and his group will probably get something else instead; if it is not government control of munitions plants, it will be the enactment of laws that will make the immense profits out of war, in which case Mr. DuPont wouldn't pester much about whether he had dictatorial leadership or not.

Louisiana corporations will please note that Huey soon will be leaving for Washington, and that ought to help.

Northern Sportsmen Quail Hunt In Surry



The group pictured above, putting pleasure before business is shown just before taking to sedge fields and wood in search of quail. Left to right: W. W. May, of Montgomery Ward & Co., New York; Alex Chatham, of Elkin; T. J. Sheeche, of Chatham Manufacturing Co., New York; Royal C. Murray, of Montgomery Ward, New York; Mark E. Isaacs, president Franklin Textile Co., New York; Avery Neaves, of Elkin, and front, Dewey York, Elkin. The hunt took place December 15.

Double Votes On Subscriptions Apply On Prizes

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siasm. Till the day is done they are fighting the battle, courageously keeping busily at it in order that the tide will sweep toward them.

Such stirring scenes, with eager campaign members, and their friends as well, thrilling with the sport of conquest seldom have had their equal in the history of newspaper circulation campaigns in this section of the State.

This Week

To further encourage the members to exert themselves this week to the utmost, all subscriptions, new or old, will count Double Votes. See the point. The same subscriptions which win the EXTRA cash prizes will also apply on the double votes which in turn will be the deciding factor in the winning of the cash awards at the end of the campaign.

Extension Subscriptions

"Second payments," or extension subscriptions, that is, a further payment by some one who has already subscribed for a definite length of time during the campaign, will be credited back under the extra

vote offer under which the first payments were made, thus allowing a big advantage in votes and each member is advised to get as many of them as possible.

Note

Candidates are requested to mark extensions when they turn in the subscriptions, otherwise campaign department will not be responsible for the additional votes that the extension subscriptions carry.

It may be truly said that the real campaign is just beginning, judging by the enthusiasm being demonstrated by the campaign members lately. One and all seem to have taken a fresh stock in their prospects and are more fully determined now to finish higher in the list than ever before. Again, the public is lending its support in a commendable way and urging the workers on to greater achievement. This increased activity indicates an exceptionally active week in each of the sections. The "wise" members will "bear down" as never before on subscriptions this week—win the extra Cash Prize this week—win double votes this week—win the \$600 at the end.

Russell Burcham, a student at Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va., is spending the holidays here with his parents.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week:

Janie Royall, Traphill; Mrs. Eloise Mason, Jonesville; Jimmy James, Elkin; J. W. Jones, State Road; Mrs. Velia Murray, Elkin; Effie Cothren, Elkin; Mrs. Thomas Baker, Booneville; Mrs. Hester Lovelace, Elkin; Paul Caudill, Booneville; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Elkin; Graham Hanes, Elkin; Mrs. Gladys Hemric, State Road; Mrs. Mary Hutchins, Elkin; Reece Wagoner, Jonesville and Mrs. Cap-tola Reeves, Independence, Va.

Patients discharged during the week were: Mrs. Daisy Apperson, Winston-Salem; Ned Finney, Jonesville; Mrs. Julia Mae Sain, Advance; Mrs. Reba Hanes, Elkin; Mrs. Iris Brown, Rockford; Mrs. Myrtle Eldridge, Rusk; H. H. Barker, Elkin; Mrs. Eula Mae Holbrook, Elkin; Godfrey Norman, Traphill; Mrs. Pauline Martin, Elkin; Mrs. Lucy Green, Jonesville; Harvey Baker, Jr., Booneville; James Myers, Harmony; D. D. Cockerham, State Road; Dorothy Dietrich, Elkin; Janie Royall, Traphill; Jimmy James, Elkin; Mrs. Effie Cothren, Elkin and Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Elkin.

Three Shaken Up In Automobile Accident

Thomas Phillips, Fred Colhard, Jr., and Robert Booker were shaken up and bruised Sunday night about 10 o'clock on the Booneville highway when the light coach in which they were riding ran down a 15 foot embankment and turned over.

The accident occurred when Booker, who was driving, swerved the machine in an effort to avoid striking a dog. The car turned completely over and landed upon its wheels. It was not badly wrecked.

Lawrence Cleaners Give Special Prices

As a special feature of the firm's 12th anniversary, Lawrence Cleaners are today announcing special prices for the month of January only on dry cleaning. The new low prices become effective Tuesday, January first. An advertisement, located elsewhere in this issue gives complete details.

Mrs. Walter C. Greenwood, of Winston-Salem is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bodenheimer, at their home on Elk Spur street.

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