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"If the contestants get any madder we may see some pretty severe snowballing on the western front this winter."—Joplin (Mo.) Globe.

"There seems to be five leading types of foundation popular in the United States—brick, stone, concrete, Rockefeller and Guggenheim."—Washington Star.

**Your Christmas Shopping**

Maybe you have become bored by the continued urging to "do your Christmas shopping early," but you can't deny that if and when you embraced that advice, you had abundant reason to think right well of it.

No matter how certain we are that we are "not able to do much Christmas buying this year, it usually turns out that we find ourselves changing our minds at the last minute, partly because we want to and partly because of semi-necessity. There are always a few gifts that make us happy to give and which bring happiness to the receivers, and this being a season of happiness, we feel all out of place if we have no part in it, contribute nothing to it.

And so, if we have made our plans and have executed them; if during the last few days prior to Christmas we are thus spared the nervous scratching around trying to find what we want, it is a pleasing feeling and we can enjoy the holidays all the more because of it.

All of which adds up to reminding that this issue of The Tribune is dedicated to the purpose of making your Christmas selecting easier. Our merchants are using this paper as a carrier of important messages they want you to have. Study them carefully for they will not only help you in your decisions, but will aid in stretching your Christmas dollars to a wider scope of happiness.

Elkin merchants are asking no more than that you give them first whack at your business. If they do not have what you want there will be no grumbling if you go somewhere else for it. But price and selection being anywhere near equal they think they have first call on your patronage, and common sense of fairness will compel you to agree with them.

The merchants have employed this paper as their show-window. We have tried to dress it up attractively for them. But the meat of their display is in the individual messages they send to you. Therefore we are asking that you preserve this copy of your favorite household journal until you have studied each page and what it holds for you.

And then resolve that for once you will get your Christmas shopping behind you early, so you can kick up your heels and sympathize with others who are in a dither because they elected to be tardy.

**Thanksgiving**

Those who have been contending that we should pause to count our blessings and give thanks for them oftener than one day in the year, have had that opportunity this year, and should add that to the list of things to be thankful for.

Our notion is that there has been undue straining both to justify the change and to condemn it. Something can be said on both sides and after all the "day" doesn't matter a great deal—what does matter a great deal is the spirit with which it is observed and the certainty that it will be observed at all.

We can count the proposed change worth while if it does no more than accentuate the history and meaning of the custom, for that ought to bring a new appreciation of Thanksgiving, even if the debate on the change has bordered on the unpleasant at times.

Not in our time has this nation had as much to enlarge its thought of Thanksgiving as in this good year nineteen thirty-nine. For in addition to our recognition and understanding that blessings come not from much asking, but from God's eagerness to love and bless, we can be, should be, thankful for our national peace; should rejoice in our own good fortune; should thank God for the wisdom of the years in holding tenaciously to a freedom that much of the world does not know today; we should be thankful that we have contributed little or nothing to today's wars, and thankful that we will be helpful in tomorrow's peace.

And that concerns the world neighborhood. It is needless to enumerate the blessings that have come to our own immediate neighborhood, to our kin and to ourselves. And not the least of these blessings is the opportunity that our everyday living affords to help make this a better world and

bring a fuller life to our fellow travelers; the opportunity to continue the custom of aiding orphaned children—and on a broader scale than ever before.

This is Thanksgiving Day, not Turkey Day, and in heaven's name let's differentiate between the two.

**Glimpsing the Candidates**

John W. Cannon undertook the interesting task of interviewing the various gubernatorial candidates for his paper, the Greensboro Daily News, thus giving each of them the opportunity to spread before an extensive newspaper audience, a blue-print of the platform upon which they will seek the favor of North Carolina voters.

This makes interesting reading, and two of the candidates in particular were unique and unusual in their pronouncements: Mayor Tom Cooper, of Wilmington, who may turn out to be the most colorful of the covey of candidates, has organized a quartet of college boys to carry around with his sound truck, and who will sing old familiar songs and assist in making whoopee after the manner of Governor O'Daniel of Texas, who minstrelled his way into the governor's chair. And one learns from the Cannon interview that "the first thing Cooper is going to tell the people of North Carolina is that he has served a prison sentence, one in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., and one on the North Carolina roads, both for banking violations. He is going to tell the people this because it is the truth and he wishes them to hear it from him rather than from somebody else."

There are circumstances surrounding those prison records that Mr. Cooper may be able to explain satisfactorily. Already he has been elected twice by the people of New Hanover county to serve in the legislature, and his majority for the office of mayor of Wilmington was overwhelming. Humanity dearly loves its martyrs, and Cooper's frankness may catch the public fancy far beyond the expectations of his competitors in the governorship race.

And then there is Lee Gravely who admits that he is running for governor on his own steam. "I may have some friends who are interested," says Lee, "but so far I have sensed no universal demand that I be a candidate." And that admission is in itself unusual. But Gravely makes this further observation: "I don't see why the State's business, which is of concern to everybody, cannot be handled as economically and efficiently as my business or any other business."

Whether they want to or not, Gravely thinks, every candidate must have something to say of what he intends to recommend about reducing the sales tax, looking to its final repeal. Having been an uncompromising foe of the sales levy, one may expect him to cover that issue thoroughly at the proper time.

When all the gubernatorial candidates get their ducks in a row and let the voters in on their theories of good government for North Carolina it appears that we will have a wide scope of selection, from lawyers, business men, mule dealer and maybe a farmer may be induced to run. And contrary to expectations, it doth not appear that any of them are going to take chances on letting the "office seek the man," for all of them are running like nobody's business.

**As Harnett Did It**

Some twenty-odd defendants accused of operating illegal slot machines in Harnett county were sentenced by Judge Bone to 90 days on the roads and fined twenty-five dollars. The road sentence being suspended on condition that no slot machine be allowed in their places for a period of two years. What is more Judge Bone ordered the destruction of \$20,000 worth of machines gathered in a recent raid.

That is lifted from the ordinary level of news importance by the unusual manner in which these violators were brought to book. There has been a lot of talk about grand juries being useless appendages to the courts, but the law has the Harnett jury to thank for this encouraging bit of law enforcement.

It is related that members of the grand jury made a round of the places where slot machines were in operation. They played them up one side and down the other, and seemed little surprised when they drew an occasional "jackpot," even from machines that were supposed to be "for pleasure only" as the state license on them would indicate. In several instances they gambled with the fellows who supervised their opposition.

The grand jurors thus were able to consider the matter without any conflicting testimony. They knew what was going on, and because they had a judge and a solicitor and a sheriff, who either was in sympathy with them, or didn't dare for political reasons to oppose, these offenders were brought into court—and there's the record. More than twenty coughing up twenty-five bucks, which of course isn't any punishment when the easy profits are considered. But that ninety-day road sentence hanging over their heads is a serious matter.

There is conflicting thought about the seriousness and the iniquity of the slot machine. Some claim with plenty of reason that they are not half as bad as other things. But there can be no arguing that the persistent and insidious ignoring the law; the bold defiance of the statutes by the operators, is downright contemptible largely because it serves to undermine respect for law in other matters.

If you're asking us the legislature made a mess of its handling of the slot machine nuisance, and all because of the itchy palm outstretched for license fees.

**State Road Woman Dies Friday A. M.**

Mrs. Arry Letetia Moody Wellborn, 76, died at her home at State Road Friday morning from a stroke of paralysis, suffered the previous night.

The deceased was a widow of the late William R. Wellborn, who died in 1931 and a daughter of the late Jackson and Mrs. Eliza Cokerham Moody. For the past 40 years she had been a member of the State Road Primitive Baptist church.

She is survived by six children, Mrs. Ahana Stewart, Winston-Salem; W. S., H. V. and I. B. Wellborn of Winston-Salem; William R. Wellborn, II, and C. C. Wellborn of State Road, and nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning from Old State Road Baptist church, with Elder Ford Walker in charge of the services. Interment was in the cemetery there.

**FUNERAL HELD FOR JAMES H. WILLIAMS**

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, near State Road, for James Henry Williams, a former resident of the community, who passed away on November 27. The deceased was a native of Surry county. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary Shaffner, two daughters, Mrs. Edgar Whitaker of Kernersville and Mrs. Arvil Gentry of Jonesville, and three sons, Robert F. Williams of Rockingham, Evan and Corbett Williams of the home, and one brother, Martin L. Williams of Gibsonville.

**SURRY SCHOOL MASTERS TO HOLD MEETING HERE**

The monthly meeting of the Surry County School Masters will be held in the Elkin high school building on Wednesday night, December 6.

The dinner for the occasion will be served by the home economics students under the direction of Miss Mary Holland. Plans are at the present for a Thanksgiving celebration.

The county school superintendents and John W. Comer, county superintendent of schools, are expected to attend.

**JUNIOR ORDER TO HOLD CLASS INITIATION HERE**

A district-wide class initiation of the Junior Order will be held Friday evening, December 1, in the Junior hall here, with the district councillor, Bradley Daney, of North Wilkesboro, in charge of the meeting. The fourth district embraces the counties of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany.

All local members are urged to attend and Juniors of surrounding councils are cordially invited.

**WITH THE SICK**

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Mrs. Ruth Halsey, Piney Creek; Garnet Adams, Elkin; Edna Riggs, Traphill; Mrs. Julia Upchurch, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Roxie Sprinkle, Elkin; Mrs. Laura Hemric, Elkin; Mrs. Lela Mae Moseley, Mount Airy; Mrs. Etta Smith, Mt. Airy; I. C. Yates, Elkin; Mrs. Alice Baldwin, Elkin; Robert W. Throckmorton, Pine Hill; Jake T. Harper, Elkin; Mrs. Gracie Snow, Yadkinville; Mrs. Vermelle Lewis, Jonesville; Mrs. Mae Smithy, Elkin; William Shugart, Elkin; Mrs. Hazel Madison, Jonesville; Thurmond Hayes, Mt. Airy; John Hayes, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Joe Folger, Dobson; W. H. Combs, Elkin; Wayne Byrd, Jonesville; Russell Transou, Elkin; Mrs. Marie Darnell, Ronda; Nathaniel Coe, Yadkinville.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Joe Coe, Rockford; Mrs. Elizabeth Belton, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Walter Transou, Elkin; Lillie Wilmoth, Booneville; L. H. Tucker, Gastonia; Howard Couch, State Road; Mrs. Nannie Wood, Mountain Park; Mrs. Evelyn Ward, Independence, Va.; Billy Harris, Elkin; Joe Finney, Independence, Va.; Esquire Pholia Haynes, State Road; Graham Haynes, State Road; Mrs. Thelma Atkins, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Virginia Cooper, Elkin; Arlis Stanley; Mrs. Violet Hudspeth, State Road; Mrs. Ticy Cheeks, State Road; Wayne York, White Plains; A. H. Steelman, Booneville; John Taylor, Jonesville; Mrs. Jettie Tucker, Elkin; Garnet Adams, Elkin; Mrs. Alice Baldwin, Elkin; Edna Riggs, Traphill; Jake T. Harper, Elkin; Thurmond Hayes, Mt. Airy; John Hayes, Mount Airy; Mattie Mae Powell, Elkin.

**Poem Explains The Double Cross**

Once, long ago, on a bare, bleak hill  
At a place called Calvary  
A rude cross stood. It spoke of death  
And pain and agony  
But the sacrifice and matchless love  
Offered there that day  
Have made the way of the shameful cross  
A glorious, shining way.  
Because He loved; because He gave;  
That cross of anguished pain  
Became a cross of wondrous light;  
Of high, triumphant gain.

Today, a cross with a double bar  
Beckons to you and me  
To join our hands in bringing gifts  
To help make mankind free  
From the scourge we call the Great White Plague  
By holding a Torch of Light  
And helping those who battle death  
To fight a winning fight.  
All honor to the radiant cross!  
Let's keep its symbol true—  
How far it throws its beams of light  
Depends on me—on you.

Contributed by Edna J. Paden  
Kansas State Sanatorium

**FIRE DAMAGES PENNEY STORE**

Practically Entire Stock Is Victim to Evils of Smoke and Water

**STARTED IN BASEMENT**

Fire of unknown origin Monday morning damaged the J. C. Penney Company store here.

The fire was discovered about 6:40 o'clock in the rear of the store basement, and despite work of the fire department, spread upward to the rear street floor and the balcony. Burning between ceiling and floor and in the wall, it was found almost impossible to get at the blaze, due to the intense smoke.

After fighting the fire about two hours, the firemen finally quenched the flames, but not until extensive damage had been done to practically the entire stock of merchandise contained in the store, this damage for the greater part being confined to that caused by smoke and water.

Actual amount of the damage in dollars and cents has not been learned.

**Land Would Be Eligible for Lease**

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of profits from timber operations before the land would be turned back to its owner. However, provisions would be made for returning the land to any owner who repaid the cost of development; and on small tracts up to 500 acres for any one owner, the government would seek only fifty per cent. repayment of its expenditures before returning the land to its owner.

Land owned by cities, counties, and other municipalities would be eligible for leasing, even if purchased for that purpose; and sponsors of the plan hope it will thus lead to development of community forests in many areas.

Eligible for leasing in Surry county, under long-term operation of the Forest Restoration Act, would be the following: 11,000 acres of woodland pasture, 6,000 acres of other unplowable pasture, 141,000 acres of woodland not pastured, and 11,000 acres of rough, swampy, or waste lands. Eventual return to forest of all this land would leave the county with about 70,000 acres for crops, 20,000 acres for plowing or pasture, and 22,000 idle or fallow acres. This, while an ideal condition from the standpoint of the bill's framers, could not be attained for many years, however. Operations under the act in the county would be guided by a committee of four residents of the county and the county agent of the agriculture department.

Owners of land leased to the government under this plan would have first call on jobs provided by the government as part of its development program, with their neighbors getting next call.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We desire to express to our many friends our sincere appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown us during our tragic bereavement.  
MR. AND MRS. F. A. NORMAN AND FAMILY. 1tc

**New Jewelry Store Is To Stage Opening**

Leonard's a new jewelry store, will hold its grand opening here next Thursday evening at 9:00 o'clock, it has been announced by W. D. Leonard, owner.

Mr. Leonard, who also operates a jewelry store of similar name in Mount Airy, stated that three attractive prizes will be given away Thursday evening at the opening. One of these prizes will be a \$50.00 diamond ring; second prize will be an Elgin wrist watch and third prize will be a 32-piece breakfast set of dishes. Full details concerning these prizes will be given when the store opens its doors for business on or about Saturday or Monday.

The new store is located in the Dr. Nicks building on West Main street, next to the Elkin postoffice. Modern fixtures are being installed and the store will be thoroughly up to date in every respect.

For complete details, turn to the Leonard's full page advertisement in this issue of The Tribune.

**DEATH CLAIMS C. E. MOXLEY**

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Yadkin sheriff. While serving as sheriff he built a home in Yadkinville, but for two years had made his home with his daughter near Booneville. Since retiring from office he had devoted his time to his farming and other business interests in Yadkin county and Winston-Salem where he had extensive real estate holdings. Prior to serving as sheriff he had served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff C. W. Poindexter, Sheriff G. T. White and Sheriff W. T. Fletcher. He was also substitute Rural Mail Carrier from the Booneville office.

He was a native of the North Oak Ridge section, near Booneville, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Moxley. Survivors include his only daughter, Mrs. Rich Brown of that section, five brothers, W. A., N. G., John E. Hobart and H. D. Moxley; four sisters, Mrs. Robah Calloway, Mrs. L. M. Renegar, Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Etta Moxley, all of the Oak Ridge section. He was married to Miss Annis Wagoner, who preceded him in death. A son, Leo Moxley, died in 1935. He was a member of North Oak Ridge Baptist church since young manhood. He was a Republican and took much interest in party politics.

The funeral will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 1:30 at North Oak Ridge Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. Clete Simmons, Rev. R. L. Speer and Rev. L. W. Burrus in charge. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

**BON-TON IS TO HAVE NEW HOME**

The contract has been let and actual construction will begin within a week on a new building to house the Bon-Ton Grill. The building will be located on East Main street, adjoining the new Miller-Jones store.

In design the building will be similar to the other newer buildings in the block. The front will be completely of glass. The floor space will be about 26 by 100 feet and have a seating capacity of approximately eighty people. Private dining rooms will also be included.

Ralph Triplett, owner and manager of the Bon-Ton, states that he hopes to occupy the new building by around January 15th.

**ASSOCIATED CHARITIES DRIVE STARTS DEC. 7th**

Thursday, December 7, a drive will be made for funds for the local branch of the Associated Charities. This is the first time in a number of years that such a campaign has been made and it is hoped that liberal contributions will be made for the cause, which is most worthy, as money is used only to help those who otherwise would be in want.

A list of canvassers will be made next week.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to express our deep appreciation to our friends for the sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our little daughter.

MR. AND MRS. O. D. CAUSEY

**Soap Specials**

- Palmolive ..... 3 for 20c
- Super Suds (red box) 3 for 25c
- Large Super Suds (red box) ..... 2 for 35c
- Large Super Suds (blue box) ..... 2 for 43c
- Octagon Soap (giant) ..... 6 for 25c
- Octagon Powder (lg.) 6 for 25c
- Octagon Toilet ..... 6 for 25c
- Octagon Cleanser ..... 2 for 9c
- Octagon Chips ..... 2 for 18c
- Octagon Granulated 2 for 18c
- Crystal White Soap ..... 3 for 14c
- Hollywood Beauty Soap ..... 3 for 14c

**White & Adams**  
Dobson, N. C.

**NOTICE!**

OWING TO THE FACT THAT NOVEMBER 30 IS A HOLIDAY, I AM EXTENDING THE 2 PER CENT. DISCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF 1939 TAX THROUGH SATURDAY, DEC. 2nd.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS 2 PER CENT. DISCOUNT BY PAYING YOUR 1939 TAX NOW! THIS SAVING IS WORTH WHILE!

**DIXIE GRAHAM**  
Tax Collector  
Town of Elkin