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Our Christmas Edition

You are thumbing through another annual Christmas Edition of The Tribune. We think it is a very creditable issue, don't you? Creditable because of its smart typography, but particularly creditable in the alertness of our merchants who are making it possible for all of us to do our Christmas shopping early by sending special messages freighted with bargain opportunities. Let's co-operate with them for once by not leaving until the last minute the Christmas choosing that can so much better be made early in the holiday season.

Friday is the date of the formal opening of the Christmas season and our merchants are all set for this occasion. They invite you to visit their stores, whether you are in a buying mood or not. You will find them attractively arranged and experience a friendly welcome. The street decorations add to the Christmas spirit, and in themselves are worth the time our rural friends will spend coming to have a look.

In this issue of The Tribune Elkin merchants in special messages have set forth what, to us, seem ample reasons why the people of this community should give them their business. They have made this paper their show window for a day; have listed some of the values they offer, and have jointly indicated that you can get here about anything you want, and at prices that will compare favorably with those of merchants anywhere in the State. It follows then that they should be given preference. They ask nothing more than the opportunity to serve. If they cannot meet your needs then they will have no cause to complain. But they do deserve your first consideration, by all the arguments that can be advanced for buying at home.

By all means read these advertisements carefully, study them and go about your buying intelligently, using this paper as your guide. You will find your Christmas shopping romantic instead of drudgery.

But first resolve that for once you will, "do your Christmas shopping early" and stick to that resolve.

Thanksgiving

The double Thanksgiving dates have tended to confuse and in the confusion some of the public interest, some of the sacredness of the occasion, may have resulted. There may be better reason than we think why North Carolina should be observing one day and the nation as a whole another, but on its face it looks more like official stubbornness and slavery to custom than anything else.

It is a fact, we think, that those states which have caught step with the President and which observed Thanksgiving last Thursday are satisfied with the change. For a week now, their merchants have been able to turn their attention to Christmas, and so have their customers and the advantage to both has been obvious, while the objections and disadvantages have been nil. We hope Governor Broughton will fall in line with the nation.

But none of this should interfere with the purpose of the people of this State to pause in their hurry to recount their blessings and give thanks for them to the source from whence they came.

Our Thanksgiving is symbolic of Peace—and peace is what this world needs this day and what its people crave, more than anything else. Those who must fight want no war. They ask only to pursue the way of peace, and most of them want only the simple privilege of living in whatever measure of comfort they can which their own minds and muscle provide for themselves. But because ambitious hellions have so warped their minds and engendered hate, they have not this privilege, but misery and suffering instead.

But that is not the case with America, for here we can celebrate Thanksgiving in fact and in spirit. And that in itself is something to be thankful for, along with the innumerable material and physical blessings that are ours.

Let's not fail to pause to give praise to God that we are still a free people, and pray that He will help us remain so. But in our prayers could we not well pour out our hearts in one great concert of supplication to Him to take a hand in this world gone mad, and where men have proven themselves so weak?

And in the fullness of our peace and thankfulness, let's not forget the orphanages which are so wonderfully administered into "the least of these"—in the democratic way.

Wouldn't Adjourn

Enough Democrats joined with all the Republicans in Congress to vote down the proposal to adjourn the Seventy-Sixth Congress, and to the surprise of certain legislative leaders who thought it would turn out the other way.

That was a matter for the solons to decide for themselves. Mr. Roosevelt said it didn't matter, one way or the other to him, because he had no pressing business to hand them to mull over. And it won't matter much to the public, either. Likewise, it's not expected to matter much to the legislators, for the first thing they did after voting down adjournment was to recess until after Thanksgiving, and if there is a quorum at other times it will be because there is a good football game or other outside attraction in Washington. And of course the lads will knock off for Christmas.

There is the little matter of the roof over the House and Senate chambers which architects claim won't stand the strain of a heavy snow. They wanted a chance to brace and mend it. But not even this danger would halt the members in their duty.

As much as anything else this refusal to adjourn was a friendly gesture to Mr. Willkie, who from his vacationing in Florida declared that Congress should remain in session and keep an eye on war conditions. The Republicans followed his leadership and it is probable that some of his friends in the Democratic camp wanted to reward him for his good sportsmanship as a loser.

But there is just one other matter that may have been back of this reluctance to adjourn: The Walter-Logan bill, described as a measure "to facilitate court review" of the actions of various government agencies. Sounds innocent enough, as the lawyers who wrote it for the American Bar Association intended it should. It was passed on to Congress under that label and found favor there among some who probably never read beyond those innocent looking words.

But the Walter-Logan bill goes beyond facilitating court review, for it gives to the courts powers they have never had before—the power to kill off all of the reform agencies so laboriously created during the past eight years. And so if the desire to drag out this piece of legislation is back of the refusal to adjourn Congress, you can put it down that all this talk about co-operation and national unity, was only lip-service, and that the wrecking crew is headed west again.

Governor Broughton Rings True

Addressing a group of several hundred sportsmen at Charlotte last week, Governor-elect J. M. Broughton said: "My policy for the next four years will be that of absolute co-operation with the men and women of North Carolina who are interested in hunting and fishing." And that statement will be applauded by those interested all over the state, even as it was applauded by his Charlotte audience composed of sportsmen from every section of the State.

Governor Broughton said further: "The game and fish belong to no governor, to no department of conservation and development, to no chosen few, but to all the people. . . I am interested not only in 'deluxe' and high-powered hunting and fishing, but in reasonably good hunting and fishing for every man, right in his home county."

We are glad Mr. Broughton used that word "deluxe" and differentiated thusly among the sportsmen. For all too long reference to "sportsmen" has been accepted as meaning the deluxe variety. But these are in the decided minority. A sportsman is one who is interested in the propagation and conservation of wildlife, whether he ever shoulders a gun or rod and takes to field or stream or not; he is a sportsman if he subscribes to and adheres to the rules of good sportsmanship when he takes to field and stream, and when he insists that these rules be followed by others when he doesn't hunt or fish himself. And so you are one of the sportsmen Governor Broughton is talking about even if your interest is limited to seeing that your children and your neighbor's children are assured of this wholesome recreation in the future, and you should be proud to hear him talking in terms of co-operation.

It has been obvious that the important matter of game propagation and conservation has not had the sympathetic interest of past and present Governors who have looked upon it as a hobby of the few so-called sportsmen who represented no important bloc of votes, and therefore to be ignored. Not since Cam Morrison has there been a man in the Governor's mansion at Raleigh who understood and sympathized with that great group of our citizenry, who have been deeply interested, but who have not been adequately organized to be heard.

Governor Broughton's interest inspires the hope that during the next four years no one will undertake to pilfer the dollars accumulated by hunters and fishermen, through State license, and try to use them for other purposes. Maybe, too, there is basis for the hope that the game department will be made a separate State agency, to the end that those who hunt and fish—regardless of how they vote—may see their dollars go to the sole purpose for which they are intended—the improvement of wildlife conditions to the point hunting and fishing will be a definite asset to North Carolina and a wholesome pleasure to our people.

The difference between an election in this country and in Mexico is that in the latter they never know who is going to be named president until all the guns are counted.



Washington, Nov. 25 — Scrutinizing the election returns and applying the conclusions drawn from them to the probabilities of the future, the best qualified observers in Washington are forecasting that the two most vital topics which will engage the attention of the 77th Congress will be Labor and Agriculture.

The election of November 5 was carried by the Labor vote. The electoral votes obtained by the Republican candidate came chiefly from Agriculture. The situation thus created puts it up to the Administration to try to find new ways of bringing the farmers of the Middle West back into Democratic fold and holding them there, and it gives the Republicans and the anti-New Deal Democrats a definite target to shoot at, in trying to convince organized Labor that all Republicans are not enemies of the working man.

Warning to New Deal
The loss to the Democrats of the solid block of mid-western agricultural states, from the Canadian border down to Oklahoma, taking in Colorado on the west and Iowa on the east, is considered here as a definite warning to the New Deal that its agricultural policies have not been satisfactory to the great bulk of the farm population.

There is little doubt that strenuous efforts will be made to remedy that situation by amending the AAA, and the thought is rising in Republican minds of the possibility that Senator McNary's farm program, which was highly favored in the pre-Roosevelt days, may again come into its own. Though defeated for the Vice-Presidency, Mr. McNary retains his seat in the Senate, with increased prestige; also, there are four more Republican votes in the Senate than there were in the 76th Congress.

Whatever the Administration and its Congressional supporters undertake to do to appease the farmers, therefore, probably will have to be done with Republican assistance, and if the Republicans play smart enough politics they may come out with the greater share of credit.

In the matter of the Labor issue, the job before the Republicans, as Washington sees it, is to take an advanced position in matters of Labor legislation and also in regard to exemptions from taxation of important industries. The Republican ticket, analysts declare, was defeated by the votes of the workers in the great industrial centers.

Interests Opposed?
Members of organized labor groups had been sold on the idea that their interests and those of the Republicans were diametrically opposed. Therefore, while Willkie carried almost all the rural districts and smaller communities outside of the Solid South, he carried only one city of more than four hundred thousand population. That was Cincinnati, the only industrial center in which the workers are not thoroughly organized. It is also one of the tightest strongholds of Republicanism in America.

Perhaps the best illustration of the way in which the Presidential vote was distributed between urban and rural areas was in New York State. Out of its sixty-two counties Mr. Willkie carried fifty-five; but the other seven included three of the most populous boroughs of New York City and the four great industrial cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Schenectady and Troy. And in those counties the reports of all observers are that it was the labor vote alone which carried them for the President.

The Labor strategy of the "Loyal Opposition" as Mr. Willkie has designated the coalition of Republicans and Independents, has not yet been clarified. For that matter, the attitude of the Republican members of Congress toward any kind of a program in which they would not take the leadership is still somewhat suspicious. They don't know how to figure the political "amateurs" who played such a large part in the Willkie campaign, and who seem to be figuring on taking a strong hand in the new opposition movement.

Amateurs Helped
Congressional pride does not incline members to cooperate with any outside groups, and party regularity balks at making political bedfellows out of citizens who were Democrats, or goodness-knows-whats before this last campaign. To which the obvious answer is that the regular Republican Organization under Congressional leadership didn't get very far politically until the amateurs stepped in.

The suggestion has been made that Republican Chairman Joe

Martin, who was safely reelected to Congress, has the chance of a lifetime to bring amateurs and professionals together to form a United front in preparation for the Congressional elections of 1942 and the next Presidential campaign. That this can be done without any commitment to Mr. Willkie as the 1944 candidate is the belief of the shrewdest political observers in Washington, who are the newspaper correspondents who traveled on the Willkie train.

OFFICIAL TREE, BIRD AND FLOWER NAMED

Cooperating with the Yadkin Valley Garden club, the city fathers at their meeting last week named the official tree, bird and flower for the town, at the suggestion of Mrs. E. G. Click, president of the club. The native dogwood was selected as the official tree, the thrush as the bird and the daffodil as the flower.

Solved
Mother — Tommy, the canary has disappeared.

Tommy—That's funny. It was there just now when I tried to clean it with the vacuum cleaner.

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Lost—\$50.00 contained in billfold somewhere in Elkin last Friday or Saturday. Identification card in billfold gave Winston-Salem address. Liberal reward if returned to Miss Namoi Wooten, care of Tribune. 1tc

Wanted: Good poplar, gum and sycamore veneer blocks, 42, 52 and 62 inches long; 15 inches and up in diameter. Apply Box 1224, Statesville, N. C. 12-12p

Piano Bargain: Small studio piano used six months, like brand new. Will sell to responsible party who will assume small payments of \$2.00 weekly. For details write Garwood Piano Co., Wilkesboro, N. C. 12-5c

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