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Wouldn't it be just like these modern times for Santa Claus to come this year streamlined, with his beard gone, and wearing a little tuft of hair on his upper lip like Hitler?

The traffic cop is the only man who has a rabbit's chance of having the last word in an argument with a woman.

Anyhow, we hired hands have one consolation: we don't have to worry over a business graph.

Most women are willing to believe they are good looking even when their mirror says its a lie.

Business of reminding that it's not too late to do your Christmas shopping early.

Maybe you've noticed that certain politicians who raised the loudest howl about sit-down strikes, were the ones who held the floor longest in the filibuster.

Come next spring it is barely possible that those Japanese cherry trees will refuse to bloom just for doggone, hereditary contrariness.

Christmas Buying

Thanksgiving usually marks the beginning of the Christmas buying period, which means that we are now well started toward that happy occasion for the interchange of gifts that deepen friendships, warm hearts and strengthen family ties, because of the spirit that is back of them.

Our local merchants are presenting attractive displays of Christmas merchandise and their spaces in this paper are being used as show windows, brought to your home for your convenience. Each week until Christmas our advertising columns will not only reveal many excellent values, but through suggestion should help you in deciding what your purchase shall be.

Resolve then, to read everyone of these advertisements, and to give our local merchants first whack at your business. They expect no more and deserve no less. They have tried to anticipate the needs of this community, and the merchandise they are displaying reflects their good judgment of values. If from their stocks you cannot find what you want, there will be no grumbling if your dollars do not remain with them.

The "buy at home" slogan has been worn threadbare with argument that should convince, yet, there should be no need for argument with any fair-minded citizen who professes loyalty to his community or who considers himself or herself a part of it. These merchants are our neighbors interested in our business and common justice demands that we give it to them.

And may we repeat this bit of wisdom: Do your Christmas shopping early — for there are a dozen reasons why it is to your own interest to do so.

Our Magistrate System

One of the reforms which President Winslow, of the State Bar Association, wants his organization to sponsor, has to do with the present magistrate system in North Carolina. In reciting some of the malpractices of many of the justices of peace, he says:

"What can you expect in a State in which anyone who wants to become a magistrate can do so? . . . One can be selected for every 1,000 population, and that will take care of 3,500 in the state. The legislature, without any constitutional authority, appoints about 1,000 every two years. There is no limit anywhere . . . This lack of limitation as to number, together with the fee system . . . is the root of all the evil of the J. P. system."

When one ponders the extent to which justice is smothered or thwarted in these courts, the need to do something about it is accentuated. There are some capable magistrates who take their job seriously; who have more than a smattering knowledge of the law, and how it ought to be applied. But these are the exception rather than the rule. All too many of them are interested only in the fees, and allow the lawyers to tell them what to do with cases that come before them.

From whatever authority the justices are commissioned, the method of their selection is the same. If a good one, and capable, turns up in the lot it is an accident, pure and simple. Legislators appoint as a reward for party favors; the Governor ap-

points at the request of someone who has his ear. In either case the man's fitness to sit in judgment over his fellows is never considered at all.

It would not be so tragic if justice under the law were not so closely interwoven with these appointments; if lack of knowledge of the law and honest appreciation of its purpose did not actually defeat justice instead of promoting it. Yet that is exactly what happens when magistrates, seeking fees, undertake to hold the scales of justice without knowing how to make them balance.

It is encouraging to note that the lawyers are taking a stand in this important matter. In the main, they write the laws, and certainly they ought to know the faults of the present system and how to correct them. If they really are in earnest about it we may expect to see a lot of dust swept from magisterial corners.

Where Improvement Would Pay

There may be some basis for the argument that it is inconsistent to promote the making of two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before, to increase the per acre production of better grade farm products, and then insist on cutting down the acreage, although such basis is weak indeed. But there certainly is no reason why such improvement should not be undertaken in the production of poultry and poultry products.

For North Carolina is still importing great quantities of eggs, and every housewife is wondering why she is having to be content with ancient hen fruit, cold-stored at some distant place where there is more evidence of progress, when she is willing to pay a premium for fresh eggs.

There is no excuse under the sun for this; no reason why North Carolina should not produce every egg broken in a North Carolina kitchen and then some. We could almost do that with the number of hens that are now cackling their accomplishments, if more attention were given to their family trees, particularly as it relates to egg production.

Poultry-raising in this State offers a good opportunity for a profitable, year-round income to young people who approach the work energetically and intelligently. We have the climate, the soil and the market is already here. By taking better care of birds and by raising the average standard of quality of the flocks, we certainly would be shipping more eggs than we are importing.

The State Extension Service has been conducting demonstrations with flocks in various parts of the state and some encouraging records are the result, some extra good flocks showing from 200 to 250 eggs produced by each bird. But the trouble is that the average farmer who is the logical poultryman, leaves the chickens to his wife, and gives her no encouragement or help at that.

Here is one field where improvement and painstaking effort would result in a greater income—certainly when eggs are forty cents a dozen.

Hunting Laws and Ethics

Hunting time is here again. Sportsmen will be shouldering their guns and taking to fields and woods in that most pleasing and wholesome of recreations — hunting. Some of them will arm themselves with the hunting license that the law requires and some of them will not. Some of them will be considerate of the property rights of those whose lands they embrace, and some will not. Some will observe the bag limit and other ethics of the true sportsman and some will not. When one starts out for the fields he should first pause to determine which class he prefers to be in, and then govern himself accordingly.

First off, let's take a look at this game business: If things go on as at present we soon will be denied this privilege. For one reason or another game is becoming scarcer and scarcer, and that is deplorable from two standpoints. To the hunter it means curtailed enjoyment and to the farmer it means the loss of many friends that actually assist him in his work by destroying insect pests. Because of this dual interest then, the fullest co-operation should exist between hunter and landowner.

The hunting license fee is supposed to be used in the propagation of game and the policing of areas to that end. Unfortunately there is little to show in return for this toll. But that is a fault that ultimately will be corrected when the sportsmen awake and tell Raleigh what is what.

There is the mistaken idea that game is private property and, conversely that game is public property, to be taken at will and under any circumstances. Both are wrong concepts. The ownership of game is in the people of the State and the legislature may withhold or grant to individuals the right to hunt and kill game or qualify or restrict it as in its opinion will best serve the public welfare. No landowner, either individual or government can take possession of game simply because it happens to be on their lands, except in accordance with the laws made and provided.

But the landowner does have property rights that should and must be respected. Trespassers cannot come and go at will, without becoming liable to the law. In the absence of law, common decency would dictate due courtesy in this respect, and hunters should first be certain that they are welcome. This in itself would breed a better understanding, better co-operation, and is essential if hunting conditions in the future are to be what they ought to be.

LAUNCH MOVE TO DEPOSE THE EAGLE

Twin Falls, Idaho—A move has been launched by the Northwestern Turkey Growers' Association to depose the eagle as the national bird of the United States, and put the turkey in its place.

It isn't a joke, but a serious proposal, as shown by an agreement to send copies of this resolution to senators and representatives of the 14 western states suggesting that they see what can be done about it.

Action was taken at a recent convention of the organization when Herbert Beyers of Salt Lake City, Utah, association manager, said: "We figure the turkey has the better habits of the two birds, is a native of this country, and is more emblematic of the nation. For that reason we'd like to see the change made."

The proposal is to place the turkey as an official insigna on silver pieces and state papers, in place of white-headed or bald eagle. As far as tradition is concerned, turkey growers declared, such timeworn jokes as "the miser pinched the quarter until the eagle squawked" could easily be changed to "until the turkey gobbled."

Furthermore, they cited historical references to the effect that Benjamin Franklin proposed adoption of the turkey as the national emblem and dispersed the eagle on the ground that he is cowardly and has flesh-eating habits.

Approving that idea, the turkey growers adopted a resolution reading: "Inasmuch as the eagle now known as the national bird, is not peculiar to America but is also claimed as emblematic by other countries and the turkey, as proven by history, science and the habits of the American people, is by far the noble and more typically American, be it resolved . . . that the proposal to have the turkey replace the eagle as the national bird of the United States of America be adopted as just and fitting."

The turkey growers didn't explain the paradox of their suggesting this bird as the national emblem, all the while they are using every means to encourage greater consumption of turkey meat in order to create a better market for this important western farm product.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Charles Harris, Glade Valley; Harrison Wishon, Elkin; Mrs. Ruth Day, Elkin; Mrs. Triphena Parks, Elkin; Mrs. W. E. Newsome, Elkin; Paul Gwynn, Elkin; Mrs. Jones Holcomb, Elkin; Mrs. Mozelle Shore, Ronda; Flora Kate Stroud, Ronda; Mrs. Laura Higgins, Ennis; H. F. Laffoon, Elkin; Lillian Bryant, Jonesville; Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Whitehead; Mrs. Clyde Holloway, Sparta; J. W. L. Benson, Elkin; Mrs. Vesta Burchette, Jonesville.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Charles Harris, Glade Valley; Harrison Wishon, Elkin; J. S. Hill, Rusk; Hugh Hanes, Roaring Gap; James Adams, Traphill; Denver Ingool, Jonesville; Millard Kearney, Elkin; Nathaniel Kennedy, Thurmond; Mrs. Franklin Folger, Elkin; Mrs. Fred Neaves, Elkin; J. C. Gentry, Twin Oaks; Howard B. Moron, Traphill; Mrs. Nannie Smith, Elkin; Doris Norman, Thurmond.

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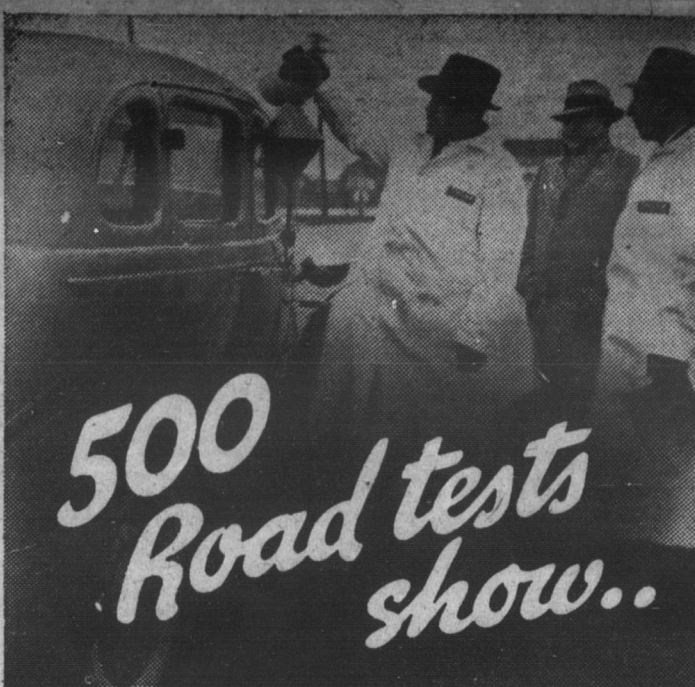
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