

WSM, February 15, 1948
Rep. Albert Gore

Good Morning, Friends:

First, I want to thank those of you who have written ^{me} so kindly ^{kind letters} regarding my talk on the tax bill two weeks ago today. Your ~~commendation is~~ ^{are} a source^s of ^{real} encouragement. *Again, I thank you.*

^{Well,} The Congress has been in virtual recess for ^{the past} a week and ^{it} will ^{continue} be for ^{so} the ^{ensuing week.} ~~another~~. This is by agreement between the Republicans and the Democrats. During

the past week the Republican Party celebrated the birthday of their patron saint,

the great Abraham Lincoln. ^{At a} ~~and it is~~ reported seven hundred Lincoln Day Dinners

over the country the Republicans fired their big artillery and ~~their~~ musketry at

President Truman and the Democrats. Their campaign to keep control of Congress

and wrest the Presidency from President Truman ^{next November} ~~the~~ the Democrats, ^{officially}

^{From} began. ^{will} During the coming week the Democrats ^{will} celebrate the birthday of one of their

patron saints, Andrew Jackson. At these dinners the heavy artillery and small arms

of the Democrats will be unloosed in a counter ^{barrage.} ~~attack.~~

Members of the House and Senate, therefore, are scattered about the country speech-making. So you see, the Democrats and Republicans agreed not only to disagree but ^{declared a sort of truce in Washington in order} to take time off to go out into the country and publicly express their disagreement^s and ~~officially~~ light the fire^s of the 1948 campaign.

^{Congressman} ~~Those~~ who remained in Washington are continuing with committee work, catching up with mail and chores with the various government agencies, and, since all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, having a little fun, as is the way of humanity, in off hours.

What manner of men make up the Congress? Well, there are lawyers and teachers and ministers and farmers and architects, ^{businessman} brick-layers, singers, newspaper men -- yes, they come from many walks of life, a cross section of the country they

are and ^{an able,} ~~a happy and jolly lot.~~ ^{I recently read an interesting} ~~A writer is now writing an article about the~~
~~about the hobbies + pass times of these~~ ^{members of the Congress.}
~~hobbies of Members of Congress the House and the Senate.~~ Some play golf, some ride

^{hunt fish, sing,}
horses, some ~~breed cattle,~~ some play the piano, some sing, and some collect stamps.

~~Others fancy breeding of various livestock, but in sail~~
~~Some have one hobby, some have two or three, but so far as I can find out, I am the~~
~~boating and playing various musical instruments~~
~~only Member whose hobby is being a country fiddler.~~ There are several, though, who

play the French Harp, guitar, banjo, ^{the piano,} and the accordion, ^{I seem to be the only} About ~~once~~ ^{but country fiddler in the Congress.} every month or

so, a few of us get together ~~in the evening~~ for a little relaxation and fun ^{some good old time music.}

~~few of us were together~~ ^{a few of us were} One night during the past week ^{and} playing a little music. ~~It~~

~~was~~ ^{music was}, of course, not very good. In fact, some of the neighbors said it was awful.

But, since so very little has been done in Congress during the past week, ^{to report to you.} I have ^{I have} invited

some of my friends to come ⁱⁿ and we ^{are} ^{going to} just play a few tunes for you this morning, ^{refraining}
~~broadcasting for Sunday morning, we will refrain from playing down on some~~
^{of our favorite Nat. night breakdown tunes.}
So here goes, and the first number is the good old Irish tune, "Flow Gently Sweet

Afton."

I have long thought
"In the Garden" one of the most
beautiful and soothing Hymns
ever written. It is our next
and last number.

Well, folks, I hope you
have enjoyed this demonstration
of how a small band of
Congressmen find ^{wholesome} relaxation
and pastime in ~~the~~ simple
melodies ~~and songs of folk~~ and
~~folk songs~~.

I would that the world,
particularly the people of Russia,
could know the joys ^{to all our people} and
happiness that come from
the simple virtues of American
home life, and the freedom
that we enjoy. Perhaps, then,
they would not regard us
as ^{their} enemies and ^{to their} menace
as ^{no such thing is in our heart.} a threat to their peace and security.
And maybe we, too, should
try harder to ~~cast~~ dislodge
from our own hearts the

fears, distrust & suspicious
that beset us.

If men every where
would but walk in
the Garden with the
master, the Peace for
which mankind has
striven ~~do~~ through the ages
might come to fruition.
And their me would
know the full meaning
of - "Blessed are the peace
makers for ~~their is the~~
~~kingdom of God~~" ~~shall~~
be called the children
of God."