

WSM, February 15, 1948
Rep. Albert Gore

Good Morning, Friends:

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

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

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

At a the great Abraham Lincoln. ~~and~~ ^{xxix} 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

Now began. 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 ~~attack~~ ^{barrage}.

Members of the House and Senate, therefore, are scattered about the

country speech-making. So you see, the Democrats and Republicans agreed not only

~~declared a sort of truce in Washington in order~~

to disagree but to take time off to go out into the country and publicly express

their disagreements and ~~officially~~ light the fire^s of the 1948 campaign.

Congressmen

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 ^{businessmen} teachers and ministers and farmers and architects, brick-layers, singers, newspaper men -- yes, they come from many walks of life, a cross section of the country they

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I recently read an interesting article not long ago about the hobbies + past times of ~~members of the Congress~~ hobbies of Members of ~~the~~ the House and the Senate. Some play golf, some ride horses, some ~~breed cattle~~, some play the piano, some sing, and some collect stamps. Others fancy breeding of various livestock, ~~boating~~ sail boats and playing various musical instruments. Some have one hobby, some have two or three, but so far as I can find out, I am the only Member whose hobby is being a country fiddler. There are several, though, who play the French Harp, guitar, banjo, ^{the piano,} ~~and~~ the accordian, ^{but I seem to be the only} ^{country fiddler in the Congress.} About ^{one night} ~~once~~ every month or so, a few of us get together ^{in the evening} for a little relaxation and fun ^{in some sort of} ^{old time music.} ~~music was~~ ^{a few of us were} and ~~few of us were together~~ One night during the past week ^{music was} ~~playing a little music.~~ It 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, I invited some of my friends to come ⁱⁿ and we ^{are} ~~would~~ just play a few tunes for you this morning, ^{repeating} ~~broadcast being for Sunday morning, we will refrain from having down on some~~ ^{of our favorite Sat. night breakdown tunes.} So here goes, and the first number is the good old Irish tune, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton."

Well, that was sweet after, alright, but ~~I don't if it~~ ^{didn't} ~~was~~ flowered too gently.

flowing too gently.
Our ~~first~~ next time reminds
me of ~~my~~ ~~the~~ moonlight
nights ~~of~~ years ago at
our farm home in the beautiful
hills of Tennessee. ~~My father~~
~~usually~~ After a hard day's work
temporarily went because

After a hard day's work
my father customarily went
to bed early. Whether because
I hadn't worked as hard or
just wasn't as sleepy headed, but
I don't exactly remember, but
anyway I ~~never~~ frequently
wanted to play the fiddle long
after my father ^{had} ~~had~~ gone to bed. But he
didn't want to be perfectly
kept awake and, to be perfectly
frank, his ~~not~~ ~~not~~ opinion
of fiddlers & fiddling wasn't
exactly encouraging.
In moonlight nights
I'd fiddle out to
the wood lot

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~~ and
~~folks~~.

I would that the world,
particularly the people of Russia,
could know the joys and
happiness that come ^{to all our people} from
the simple virtues of American
pioneers, and the freedom
that we enjoy. Perhaps, then,
~~as~~ their enemies and not regard us
as such ^{as} a menace to ^{their} peace and security.
And maybe we, too, should
try harder to ~~not~~ 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 ~~is~~ thru the ages
might come to fruition.
And then we would
know the full meaning
of - "Blessed are the ~~poor~~^{poor} in ~~spirit~~^{spirit} for ~~this~~^{they} is the
kingdom of God".
The children
be called
of God".