

More Than 50,000,000 Expected to Cast Ballots Tomorrow

Commissioners Vote Funds For John Armstrong Chaloner School

Senate, Congress Races Will Be Major Battles

New Property Valuation To Be Used 1950

Halifax—Nov. 1, The Halifax County Commissioners in session here this morning voted to lend the county board of education \$5,000 to be used for the John Chaloner School sanitary facilities and decided to use the proposed revaluation of property for tax purposes in 1950 rather than 1949.

In a long discussion the commissioners took the stand that property valuation in the county at present is not equitable and that a qualification is needed.

Commissioner John Davis of Enfield moved that the revaluation be used for tax purposes in 1950 instead of 1949. Davis pointed out that to get the property reassessed and the books setup to take care of the new valuation would take sometime and he suggested that rather than rush into the matter sufficient time be allowed to have it done correctly.

The motion was passed. The actual time for the beginning of the reassessing of property throughout the entire county will be worked out by the commissioners and the company which will do the revaluing.

The action on the loan to the county board of education came after the commissioners rediscussed a request made by the Roanoke Rapids School board at the October meeting for \$12,000 with which to build sanitary facilities at the Chaloner School.

The commissioners voted to lend the county board of education \$5,000 to be used for the construction of the facilities and to be taken from the capital outlay fund. The additional \$5,000 would be placed in next year's capital outlay fund budget.

The situation at Chaloner School was described as acute and health officials had pointed out that something must be done in a hurry. The action this morning provides that septic tanks and a water line be built at the school.

The commissioners were to draw a jury for the November term of Superior Court during the afternoon session.

Chest Fund Is Now At \$11,548.24

The Rev. John Walker, chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest reported today that as of Saturday the campaign for \$14,375 had reached a total of \$11,548.24 and he predicted that the campaign would go "over the top" as soon as all reports are in.

Walker said that several of the workers reported that their totals were not complete and that indications were that the goal would be reached by the end of the week, if not before.

He urged all persons who have not contributed to do so within the next few days.

Walker expressed appreciation to the people of Roanoke Rapids for the fine cooperation that the workers have received in their campaign for funds.

Weather

North Carolina—Mostly cloudy and not so warm today with occasional light showers east portion; considerable cloudiness and mild tonight and Tuesday with scattered light showers extreme west portion Tuesday.

Russian Soldiers Are Blamed For Slaying American ECA Official

Vienna, Nov. 1—(AP)—Four Russian soldiers were blamed today for bludgeoning an American official to death and savagely beating his Austrian girl companion.

Irving Ross, 38, an official here of the Economic Cooperation Administration, was found dead early yesterday in his abandoned automobile in the Soviet sector of Vienna.

Anna Sutkenina Ross' companion, told Austrian police she and Ross were riding in the Soviet sector when four Russian soldiers stopped them near the South railway station. Two of the Russians tried to enter the car, she said, and when Ross protested, they beat him over the head with their rifle butts.

Austrian police officials said today they had orders from district Russian headquarters that no one be allowed to visit Miss Sutkenina in Kaiser Franz Josef Hospital. This applied to personal visits and "all police investigators."

The American Provost Marshal said a request for permission for U.S. investigators to visit her already had been sent to the Russians. This is a normal procedure, he said, in cases in which one occupying

Roanoke Ramblings

By PAT NANTZ

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris of Roanoke Rapids attended the one-hundredth anniversary of Roberts Chapel Baptist Church, at Pendleton, N. C., Sunday. There were approximately 1000 attendants from N. C. and Virginia, at the morning service. Eight of the former pastors of the church were there, along with the entire fifth generation of the Stevenson family. The worship service lasted from 9:30 until 4:30 o'clock.

Robert Burton, who has been stationed in Norfolk, Va., is home on a few days leave—Robert has been assigned to a ship and will return there—he is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Burton, of Monroe St.

Seeing the sights of the south . . . and those are the sights of North Carolina, too. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carver and Mr. Carver's father, Colin F. Carver, all of Toledo, Ohio, are spending some time in N. C., seeing the things for which the south is famous. They visited in Roanoke Rapids over the weekend with Mrs. Carver's sister, Mrs. Nancy Hawkins. The Carvers are quoted as saying they were told to spend their time in the Tar Heel State, if they really wanted to find the southern atmosphere. . .

It was rather a rough game played Sunday afternoon by the Roanoke Rapids Volunteers and the Richmond Rockets—they should be called the Richmond Ruffies . . . according to the Roanoke Rapids' coach, "Flip" Edmondson, several of the local boys were slightly injured and two of them were carried to the hospital for treatment. . . they were Ernest Smith, who is now displaying a taped chest and Dan Davis, who is up on one on Ernest, by having his arm in a sling. Also, "Doodlebug" Hedgepeth had his shoulder dislocated twice during the game, by some ambitious player—but they did manage, casualties and all, to hold the game at a tie score of 6-6. . .

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harvey Woodruff, of this city, in regard to the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dawson.

Election Day May Be Wet

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A forecast of rain for parts of the Carolinas today and tomorrow may affect the size of the vote in the general election. In past elections rain has diminished the anticipated vote total, particularly in rural areas.

Pay Of State Textile Workers Is Reported Up

Raleigh, Nov. 1—(AP)—A 6.1 percent gain in the average hourly earnings of Tar Hill textile workers between Mid-July and Mid-September has been reported by the State Department of Labor.

Average weekly earnings increased 5.2 percent in the same period—from \$38.78 to \$40.80—the report said. The percentage difference in weekly and hourly earnings increases was due, it added, to a shorter average work week.

State GOP Sees Victory In House Race

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 1—(AP)—No matter how Tar Hill voters in tomorrow's general election, North Carolina will have at least two new congressmen.

Republican leaders are predicting that in addition there will be "one or more" new Representatives bearing the GOP stamp.

The state is certain to have two new congressmen because two of the present delegation are not seeking reelection. Rep. John H. Folger of Mt. Airy in the Fifth District and Rep. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville in the seventh.

Republican leaders say their chances of breaking into North Carolina's solidly Democratic representation in congress are better in the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth districts—particularly in the Tenth.

Democratic observers concede that the voting will be close in these three districts, but they are predicting that Democratic incumbents will be reelected in all three districts.

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Candidates All Confident Of Victory

By The Associated Press

Election eve — as usual — finds the major presidential candidates confident of victory.

President Truman, speaking in St. Louis Saturday night, said the people, through the Democratic Party, "are going to win this election."

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican nominee, told a New York City audience it was the "eve of victory" for the GOP.

Truman has predicted a vote of 50,000,000. He says a heavy vote "is always good news for the Democratic Party."

Herbert Brownell, Jr., GOP campaign manager, looks for a 52,000,000 turnout with a margin of at least 3,000,000 for Dewey.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, States' Rights Candidate, predicted his ticket will receive "millions of votes" and prevent either Truman or Dewey from enacting an anti-job discrimination law.

Henry Wallace, describing the 1948 campaign as only one battle in a long war, says that regardless of the outcome his Progressive Party will fight on.

Israeli Troops In Control Of North Palestine

Tel Aviv, Israel, Nov. 1—(AP)—Israeli troops were in full control of Northern Palestine today, United Nations observers said they had crossed the border into Lebanon.

The Jews said a smashing two-day offensive had cleared all Arab forces from the Galilee area, driving the remnants of the Arab "liberation army" of Fawzi Pasha Al Kauki across the Lebanese border.

For the first time in recent weeks, an Israeli spokesman reported last night "all is quiet on all fronts."

Clara Hearne Study Group Time Changed

The Clara Hearne School Parent Teacher Association Study Course will be held at the school this week from 3:15 to 3:45 as follows:

Monday, Mrs. J. F. Herbert will speak on "Child training for the Busy Mother."

Tuesday, The Rev. Edmund Berkeley will talk on Hero Worship, wise or unwise, and those radio comic-book clues."

Wednesday, Mrs. W. R. Stevens will address the group on "Quarreling among children."

Thursday, Mrs. I. E. Ready will talk on "Lesson trouble and how to interpret report cards."

Navy's Life Insurance' Fleet



Here's part of the 408 ships in the U. S. Navy's Pacific Reserve Fleet as they look now, several years after they were put in mothballs by "pickling" and cocooning," in San Diego, Calif. Two thousand men of the San Diego Naval Station are busy repairing, maintaining and in some cases, preparing to "de-cocoon" various vessels as a test of the preservation methods. (AP Wirephoto).

Year 1928 Strong In Minds Of State's Political Leaders On Eve Of Election

By The Associated Press

The year 1928 was strong in the minds of North Carolina Democrats and Republicans today, with the day of decision in the 1948 political campaign at hand.

Tomorrow the people of the state will give the final verdict in the most intensive—and confusing—campaign the State has seen in the 20 years since 1928.

They'll write the answer on the general election ballots which they'll cast between 6:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. in the state's 1959 precincts.

The year 1928 looms large because it was then that reelection Democrats turned from their presidential nominee, Alfred E. Smith, and helped give the state's electoral vote to Republican Herbert Hoover. That year also the State sent two Republicans to Congress.

In 1948, heartened by dissenation in Democratic ranks over President Truman's civil rights proposals, GOP leaders have put forth unusual campaign efforts in hopes that they can swing

the state's electoral vote from Mr. Truman to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Another factor in the new political look in the state is the presence on the ballot, for the first time since 1932, of tickets other than the traditional democratic and republican slates.

The drain of votes which these two new parties—States Rights Democrats and Progressives—will take from the old-line parties is expected to be felt more by the Democrats than by the Republicans.

The States' Rights Democrats are offering only one state—the presidential ticket of Gov. J. Strom Thurmond and Gov. Fielding Wright. The Progressives, in addition to offering Henry A. Wallace for President and Senator Glen H. Taylor for Vice President, are running candidates for Congress and some State offices.

Observers generally agree, however, that the real race for the State's 14 electoral votes will be between the Democrats

For today's windup of the campaign, the Republicans have called in Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor and one of the top candidates for the GOP presidential nomination in pre-convention figuring, for three appearances in the state.

He was scheduled to arrive at Charlotte by plane at 1:27 p. m. and to go by motorcade to Lexington and Salisbury for brief speeches in the afternoon. He will deliver his principal address at 8:30 p. m. at the Mecklenburg county courthouse in Charlotte. The speech will be broadcast.

Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for governor, will sound the Democrats' closing note with a statewide radio broadcast from Raleigh at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Scott's Republican opponent, George M. Pritchard, closed his drive with a speech at a rally at Marshall Saturday.

Final bids will be made tonight by the Democratic and Republican candidates for the U. S. Senate.

North Carolina Voters Will Decide Fate of Four Proposed Amendments

North Carolina voters on Tuesday will be given an opportunity not only to cast their ballots for the candidates of their choice but will have a chance to vote on four proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution, changes which may be of great importance to the state as a whole.

The four issues on which voting will be done are the following: (1) an amendment for fixing the salaries of members of the General Assembly at \$1,200 instead of the present \$600 and increasing the compensation for special sessions; (2) an amendment designed to remove the debt limitation on the state counting and municipalities for necessary expenses; (3) an amendment for increasing the amount of total State and county property which may be levied on property by changing the limitation from fifteen cents to the \$100 valuation to twenty-five cents; (4) an amendment for determining the results of special elections by a majority of the vote cast.

The first amendment is aimed at increasing the amount of salary allowed to legislators during the General Assembly and is the first change in compensation since 1928. At present the legislators receive \$600 per session, while presiding officers are allowed \$700. It has been said that with the present high cost of living legislators cannot afford to attend General Assembly sessions without taking mon-

ey out of their pockets to live. A number of legislators, and recently Governor-nominee W. Kerr Scott, have made the statement that the small salary offered the men who serve in the General Assembly has cost the State the services of a number of competent men who just cannot afford to enter public life for the compensation offered.

The debt limitation amendment is designed to come to the rescue of counties which have been confronted with inadequate revenue in the face of steadily-increasing costs. Under present constitutional statute, the State and counties are limited in creating debt in excess of two-thirds of the debt reduction during the preceding fiscal period without a vote of the people, except in certain specific instances.

For example, this county cannot extend its debt limit beyond two-thirds of the debt reduction last year. The principal change would eliminate the two-thirds provision, allowing no limit on the amount the State, county or municipality could become indebted in a certain year, however they still will be unable to contract debt, pledge their faith, loan their credit or levy taxes for other than necessary expenses without the approval of a vote of the people.

Under the proposed amendment the limit for taxation would be extended to twenty-five cents on the \$100 valuation, however the State's share

will still be limited to five cents of the amount, leaving the counties with at least twenty cents.

North Carolina has not levied a general property tax for its general fund except to share in a small percentage of intangible tax collections administered by the State since 1937. For that reason the 15-cent levy has been used by the counties and in all likelihood the entire 25-cent levy could be used by the counties if the amendment is approved in Tuesday's election.

Under the present Constitutional provisions, no county or municipality may incur any debt, pledge its faith or levy any taxes, except for "necessary expenses" except through special elections wherein a majority of the registered voters approve the issue.

A number of issues in the past have been approved by those voting but have been defeated because those who voted did not constitute a majority of the voters registered. Actually, the voting method made the registered voters who did not go to the polls cast a vote against the measure up for consideration.

If the proposed amendment is approved, only those who actually vote on an issue will be counted, regardless of the registration, and a majority of votes actually cast will decide an issue.

All the amendments up for consideration are concerned

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry S. Truman and Thomas Edmund Dewey came to the fork in the presidential trail today. Tomorrow the people will beckon one of them on. The Democrat who holds the White House lease and the Republican who holds high hope of breaking it planned only the customary get out and vote appeals for tonight's windup to a long and exhausting campaign.

Halifax Polling Places

Halifax County's seventeen polling places will open tomorrow morning at 6:30 and remain open until 6:30 p. m.

The seventeen polling places and the registrars are as follows: Butterwood, C. E. Brewer, registrar, Aurelian Springs School; Conocanara, J. R. Edmondson, Tillery; Enfield, Walter Tignor, Town Hall; Faucett, H. O. Hux, Darlington School; Halifax, W. T. Stephenson, Old Clerk's office; Hollister, Mrs. B. C. Hamlet, Qualls Store; Kehukee, C. H. Leggett, Jr., Hobgood Littleton, O. L. Curran, R. W. Thornton's Office; Palmyra, Mrs. D. B. Harrison, Everett's Store; Ringwood, M. E. Cousins, Ringwood school house; Roanoke Rapids, No. 1, Julian W. Medlin, Boy Scout Hut; Roanoke Rapids, No. 2, C. B. Camp, Fire Station; Roanoke Rapids No. 3, H. E. Dobbins, Rosemary School; Roanoke Rapids, No. 4, Hannibal Shearin, McDaniel's Service Station; Rosemeath, H. C. Bass, Cotton's Store; Scotland Neck, W. A. Walston, Community House and Weldon, Thomas S. Turner, high school gymnasium.

Littleton Man Loses Hand In Hunting Mishap

Eldridge DeLoatch, Negro of Littleton, was admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this morning about 8:45 a. m. suffering from a severe gunshot wound in his right hand.

He told hospital attaches he had gone hunting this morning and set his gun down on the ground and it accidentally discharged and the pellets hit him in the hand.

Doctors at the hospital found it necessary to amputate the hand.

Capitol Square Scribe Sees State Giving Truman A Small Majority And Remaining In Democratic Column

By Lynn Nisbet

RALEIGH, November 1—North Carolina will give a clear, though narrow, majority to the regular Democratic Truman-Barkley presidential ticket; will elect the regular Democratic nominee for all state offices by approximately three-to-two majorities; will return to the national congress a completely Democratic delegation, and will hold Republican membership in the state house of representatives to twenty or less.

That prediction made on election eve is based on information obtained from personal visits to all sections of the state and interviews with people from every county during the past sixty days, much of it double-checked by telephone or letter within the past week.

The total vote will be the largest ever cast in the state, if scouts of this department have accurately gaged sentiment. Chances are rated slim for a vote in excess of 900,000 despite efforts of party workers to push a million. The western half of the state will almost certainly break all voting records, but the east has shown inclination to by-pass the general election to as great—perhaps greater—extent than usual. Two years ago the first congressional district voted 11,201 votes in the general election for congress, while the twelfth district with comparable voted 72,221. In 1944, latest presidential year, the first district voted 38,268 while the twelfth came through with 81,007.

The twelfth, eleventh, tenth and ninth districts are expected to break all voting records in 1948. Because of some dissatisfaction with the national platform there is probability of lighter than normal vote in the east. It won't affect election of the congressmen but may affect the rest of the ticket.

Three congressmen—Deane, with matters of prime importance and municipalities and the decision as to whether or not any 000 to a Truman plurality of 40,000. That indicates how much guess work and prejudice goes into the business of estimating probable election results.

Depending on how those races are headed—and the weather—upwards of 50,000,000 citizens will visit the polls. They will decide, among other things, which party will control the next Congress—and especially the Senate.

For Dewey it is a second try—and the first time the Republican party had left its banner in the hands of a defeated candidate. The New York Governor lost a 3,596,000 popular vote decision to "The Champ" in 1944. But Franklin Delano Roosevelt's fourth term victory in the electoral college was a whopping 432 to 99.

For Truman it is an uphill race to win his own right the mantle that fell upon him—as he put it—with "the whole weight of the moon and stars and all the planets" when Roosevelt died April 12, 1945. From the heights of popularity in the months that followed, Truman had to put down rebellion in his own party last summer. He was not completely successful.

But the President stoutly disputes the poll takers who show Dewey far in the lead. Even without the votes he will lose in the South to States' Rights Democrat J. Strom Thurmond and elsewhere to Progressive Party Candidate Henry Wallace, Truman insisted in his campaign windup that he is going to win.

Dewey went to his Pawling, N. Y. farm to rest until he returns to New York late today to vote and await the outcome.

Truman went on home to Independence, Mo. He will cast his ballot and follow the returns there, but only until an early bedtime.

While the presidency is the big issue tomorrow, the Senate battle commands nearly as much attention.

The Republicans, who smashed 14 years of Democratic rule of Congress in the 1946 off year elections now hold the hand in the Senate by only a 51 to 45 vote margin.

Thirty-two seats are at stake. And in 11 pivotal states the race are so close that politicians do not rule out the possibility of an unprecedented 48 to 48 tie.

The presidential picture is more muddled. Resentment against President Truman which occasioned real concern immediately following the Philadelphia convention has materially lessened. The Wallace Progressives have never been considered a real threat in this state, and the States Rights or Dixiecrat movement failed to achieve the importance its promoters hoped. Desperate efforts to reverse waning interest in the movement during the past few days have apparently failed. Effect of the Dixiecrats has been to encourage some unenthused Democrats to stay at home, and some independents to vote for Dewey. Few observers will be surprised if the presidential total vote falls twenty-to-twenty-five thousand below the totals for the state ticket. That was the case in 1928, but in every subsequent election the presidential totals have exceeded the vote for governor.

Taking into account all factors and based on a total vote of 900,000, the presidential candidates will probably come through with these approximate standings: Truman, 440,000 to 450,000 (49 to 50 percent); Dewey, 390,000 to 400,000 (about 44 percent); Thurmond, 50,000 to 60 000 (about six percent), and Wallace whatever is left—in no case more than 9,000 or one percent of the total.

A few people with whom these figures have been checked think the Truman percentage too low, both Dewey and Thurmond too high. A much larger number think the Truman estimate far too high and Thurmond way below his probably strength. A group of seven newspaper men in a hotel room Friday night made separate estimates and when compared they ranged from a Dewey plurality of 65,000 to a Truman plurality of 40,000. That indicates how much guess work and prejudice goes into the business of estimating probable election results.