

Forty - First President Of The United States Is Being Named Today

Building Permits Here Reach All Time High Of \$2,970,725

Odds Favor Dewey; Truman Is Confident

Sharp Drop Is Noted In October

Building permits for Roanoke Rapids climbed to an all-time high during October and at the end of the month permits issued for building during 1948 were only \$29,275 short of the three million dollar mark.

During October there was a decided drop in building from previous months, with five permits issued for a total of \$22,600, however the month's total pushed the year's grand total up to permits issued in the amount of \$2,970,725.

Last month residential permits outstripped others, with \$14,100 in permits issued for residential building, while permits for two garages and a store totalled \$8,500.

Receiving residential building permits during October were F. E. Gray for a \$1,600 house at 101 Washington street and C. D. Liske for a \$12,500 residence on Jackson street between Fourth and Fifth streets. A permit was issued to M. F. Tompkins for a \$1,500 garage on Roanoke Avenue and a permit for the addition of a garage for \$6,000 to Howard Bounds at the corner of First street and Roanoke Avenue.

October's permit figures caused the yearly total for residential building to climb to a total of \$310,315, while industrial and other permits issued during the first ten months of 1948 to total \$2,660,410.

It is expected that building will decline during the last two months of the year, with cold weather almost certain to delay building plans and hold back construction. The drop in permits issued has been noticeable since the end of summer, however it is estimated that with only two months to go the three-million dollar building year will be reached to make 1948 the biggest year for building in the history of the city.

Cool Weather Is Predicted

By The Associated Press
The weather outlook for the Carolinas today was not ideal for planting, but it might have been worse.

Rain was forecast for the extreme west portion of North Carolina and for the northwest portion of South Carolina today, and for other sections tonight.

Little change in temperatures was in prospect, except for cooler in North Carolina tomorrow.

Weather

North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and not so warm today followed by occasional rain and not much change in temperatures tonight, with rains beginning in extreme west portion today; Wednesday, occasional rain and cooler.

Freak Sprain Stops Notre Dame Back

South Bend, Ind.—(AP)—Tiny Coy McGee, 146-pound Irish half-back, has been on the injured list only once during his tenure on the Notre Dame varsity. Last season, after withstanding the hots of mammoth linemen during practice and games, he stepped into a hole in the field while walking back to the huddle. The result was a sprained ankle.

Woman's Club Hears Mrs. Ready Speak On Charleston, South Carolina

Mrs. I. E. Ready of the Fine Arts Department, presented a most interesting program on Charleston, S. C. at the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club on Monday afternoon. This being Mrs. Ready's home town, she was able to give many intimate details in connection with her subject.

Navy Plane Gets Rocket Lift



The Navy's giant 180-passenger Constitution receives terrific thrust from six rockets in takeoff at Los Angeles airfield, Burbank, Calif., in one of a series of final tests. The six JATO (jet assisted takeoff) rockets shorten the takeoff run by nearly 24 percent. Tests were made up to 184,000 pounds gross weight on the Lockheed-built transport with the controls unaffected by the added power. Rockets give plane power roughly equivalent to one of its 3,500 horsepower engines. (AP Wirephoto).

Four Parties In Field For State's 14 Electoral Votes But Observers Believe Race Between GOP-Dmocrats

Raleigh, Nov. 2—(AP)—Political pay day arrived in North Carolina today at the end of the most energetic campaign the state has witnessed in years.

In 1,959 precincts throughout the state, voters turned out at the polls to deliver their decision on the appeals of four parties—largest number on the North Carolina ballot since 1932.

The list of winners will begin to unfold tonight at 6:30 p. m. when the polls close and the counting of votes begins. The polls opened at 6:30 a. m.

One of the top races is that for the State's 14 electoral votes, with four parties in the field for the prize.

Most observers believed, however, that for all practical purposes the presidential competition has boiled down to the usual contest—between Democrats and Republicans.

In the race with President Truman, the Democratic nominee, and Republican Gov. Thomas E. Dewey are Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, States' Rights Democrat, and Henry A. Wallace, Progressive.

The presidential race is the only one in which the States' Rights Democrats offered a candidate. The Progressives, however, have candidates for congress and some state offices.

On the eve of the election, new dissension arose among leaders of the States' Rights Democrats involving the U. S. Senate race between former Gov. J. Melville Broughton, Democrat, and John A. Wilkinson, Republican.

Col. Philip S. Finn of Hendersonville, State chairman of the party, in a radio speech yesterday criticized Broughton and praised Wilkinson on the civil rights question.

Broughton, he said, "has refused to tell the people how he stands" on the issue and has

presided, it was reported that a gift of drapery and slip cover material had been made to the club by Messrs. Frank Williams, Gordon Berkstresser and John Dunn Mrs. Z. G. Gwaltney very graciously offered to make the covers and drapery, having them ready for the December meeting.

Mrs. C. A. Wyche presented a piano to the club at this time and Mrs. Gilbert announced that Mr. Don Tiller of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company had offered to clean and wax the floors of the club house.

A subscription bridge party is being planned for the 10th of December with Mrs. I. E. Ready in charge of the ticket sales. A Christmas program will be presented by the Gaden Club at the December meeting. This will be a joint meeting of the departments of the Woman's Club.

At the conclusion of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed during which sandwiches, cookies and hot tea were served from a tea table centered with a beautiful basket of yellow daisy-like chrysanthemums.

The club house was decorated throughout with greenery and fall berries.

The hostesses for the afternoon were members of the Fine Arts Department with Mrs. Virginia E. McDowell as chairman.

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ICC Rejects Railroad Request For Eight Percent Immediate Freight Rate Increase

Hearing Set For November 30 On Demands

Washington, Nov. 2—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today rejected the railroad's petition for an immediate "emergency" per cent freight rate increase.

The commission announced that it will open hearings Nov. 30 on the general 13 percent advance in rates asked by the railroads.

At that time, the ICC said, it will also take evidence on the rail industry's motion for an 8 percent increase to be collected while the commission considers the request for a 13 percent advance on a long-term basis.

The railroads asked the ICC on Oct. 12 for permission to boost rates quickly as an emergency measure in view of new wage increases for rail workers.

The carriers said the situation warranted action without hearing. But they said that if hearing was necessary, it should be held before the end of October.

The commission's decision to let matters stand for review on Nov. 30 followed requests from shippers and other interests for a full hearing before any rate increase is granted.

Among those urging a full hearing were the Department of Agriculture and the State Association of Public Utility Commissioners.

Other pleas for freight rate hikes came meanwhile from the Coastwise Steamship Lines operating between Atlantic and Gulf ports, the Inland Water ways Corp., operating the Federal barge lines, and 23 freight forwarder organizations.

They asked the ICC to let them boost rates in line with any increases that may be granted to the railroads.

The water carriers said they would be permitted to revise their charges in such a way as ships between rail and water freight charges.

The freight forwarders—who assemble small quantity freight for shipment in car load lots requested advances in charges equal to whatever advances may be given the rail carriers.

Thomas Resigns, Lancaster New Herald Foreman

Frank R. Thomas, mechanical superintendent of the Daily Herald resigned effective Monday and has been replaced by M. S. Lancaster, Guy M. Leedy, publisher of the Herald announced today.

Thomas, who had been a member of the Herald staff for the past five years, resigned, to devote his energies to his other business interests.

Thomas had held the position of advertising manager, prior to being made mechanical superintendent when the Herald became a daily on September 13.

Lancaster, who came to the Herald about a month ago, formerly was connected with the Commercial Printing Company in Raleigh and worked in the composing room of the Raleigh Times for ten years. He married the former Miss Virginia Vincent and they are residing near Aurelian Springs.

Weldon Road Resurfacing Near Completion

Work today was nearly completed on the widening and repaving of the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway today with traffic being limited to one-way passage for about one mile west of Weldon while the paving was being laid on the only portion of the highway not yet finished.

Most of the road has been improved by cutting into shoulders and putting down a base for additional surfacing material on each side of the highway to give a 20-foot paving.

A surface coating of plant-mix blacktop surface material is being put down over the original surface and over the widened portion of the shoulders.

Unless prevented from completing the job by bad weather or other unforeseen difficulty, the contractor, the F. D. Cline Construction Company of Raleigh, is expected to complete the surfacing and reopen the road to through traffic within a couple of days.

New culverts and drains have been installed along the busy highway between the two cities and a formerly narrow bridge near the Weldon brick plant has been replaced by a wider piece of roadway eliminating the narrow structure.

The same surfacing treatment has also been added to several of the streets in Weldon and across the Roanoke river bridge on U. S. highway 301 a short distance north of Weldon.

All work on the highways is being done under a State contract let to the Raleigh firm, which has set up a surfacing mixing plant near Garysburg.

Inspection Lane Here For Next To Last Visit During This Year

Motor Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Lane Number 38 moved into Roanoke Rapids today for its next-to-last visit of the year and opened for business on Twelfth street between Roanoke Avenue and Hamilton Street.

Unlike its last visit, the lane will be open only one shift a day from eight o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon. When the lane was here last month vehicle owners were offered inspection facilities 16 hours a day on two shifts, but lane supervisor E. G. Whitehurst said the response made by the public to the two-shift nighttime service was not sufficient to warrant the operation of such a system here again.

Whitehurst pointed out that the deadline for the inspection of all 1940 and 1942 model vehicles is November 30, and urged that all owners of vehicles of this model bring their cars through the lane while it is located in Roanoke Rapids.

The lane will remain in operation here until next Monday during the daylight hours, following which it will be moved to Jackson.

Whitehurst said there is still a last-minute rush of vehicle owners to the lane in numerous places in which the portable lane is set up in spite of the fact that the required inspection program has been in effect since the first of the year. He said motorists who continue to operate vehicles after the first of the year which have not been approved by the lanes will find themselves facing indictments for violation of the Motor Vehicles Act. He warned that motorcycles, motor bikes, trailers and all other licensed vehicles must be inspected and passed as well as automobiles.

Whitehurst said the inspectors in the lane here will inspect small farm trailers and similar farm vehicles without any fee.

He emphasized the change in location of the lane to the new location on Twelfth Street in points where it was previously in operation.

Ten Votes Cast For State's Rights

Martin Station, Ala., Nov. 2—(AP)—The 10 voters in this small community cast their ballots unanimously today for States Rights Democrat J. Strom Thurmond for President.

Thurmond is on the regular Democratic ticket in Alabama. The Martin station box was unanimously for Democratic nominees in 1944.

In southwest Alabama, unofficial returns from Mobile county's absentee ballot box gave 106 votes to Gov. Thurmond, 37 to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, and 3 to Henry Wallace.

Chinese Communists Demand Surrender Of Chiang Kai-Shek's Beaten Armies In Manchuria

Nanking, Nov. 2—(AP)—Chinese communists called today for quick surrender of Chiang Kai-Shek's beaten armies in Manchuria and openly boasted they would conquer all of China.

Reports from good authority said fighting had ceased within the entire Mukden area. There were no major disorders, this source said, as the triumphant Red forces took over their richest prize of the civil war.

No further information came on casualties or damage from the bombing of Mukden yesterday by government planes an hour after the communists completed their occupation. Several bombs exploded within two blocks of the U. S. consulate.

The impact of Mukden's fall and the disaster to Chiang's armies jarred China. The military setback added heavily to economic instability. A shakeup of the cabinet of Premier Wong Wen-Hao appeared certain. Price controls with which the government had sought to bolster the new gold yuan currency were abolished, and Shanghai prices jumped 300 to 400 per cent.

Mukden's conquerors urged residents, including foreigners, to continue normal activities. The proclamation was signed, "the committee of northeast people for negotiations of temporary peace." It was interpreted here as governing only the Manchurian area.

A wider scope of communist ambition was set forth by Mao Tse-Tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party. He told the communist nations of eastern Europe his armies eventually will control all of China.

Straws To Watch In Election

By The Associated Press
Want to get a quick idea of how the presidential election may be going?

Then keep an eye out for early returns from West Virginia and Maryland.

West Virginia has backed president winners in 14 of the last 16 elections; Maryland in 13 of the last 16.

Outside those "border" states there is New York which rode a loser only once (1916) in the last 16 elections.

For the Senate race keep a score sheet on 11 states. Remember, the Republicans now have a 51 to 45 edge. The Democrats need three more seats to tie it up, four seats to win control. The 11 pivotal states and the party seat at stake:

Kentucky (R.), Minnesota (R.), Montana (D), Oklahoma (R), West Virginia (R), Wyoming (R), New Mexico (D), Tennessee (D), Illinois (R), Iowa (R), Colorado (D).

Final Poll Gives Dewey Slight Edge

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The final Gallup poll (American institute of public opinion) gives these figures on the presidential race: Truman, 44.5 per cent; Dewey, 49.5 per cent; Wallace, 4 per cent; Thurmond, 2 per cent.

Here are the final results of newspaper polls:

Chicago Tribune, state-wide Illinois: Truman, 43.6 per cent; Dewey, 54.4 per cent; Wallace, 2 per cent.

Chicago Sun-Times, state-wide Illinois: Truman 45.89 per cent; Dewey 52.86 per cent.

Boston Herald, straw poll of Massachusetts: Truman, 46.6 per cent; Dewey, 48.2 per cent; Dewey plurality of about 65,000.

Philadelphia Inquirer, poll of Pennsylvania: Truman, 39.3 per cent; Dewey, 57.9 per cent; Wallace, 2 per cent; other candidates, 8 per cent.

Southwestern New Jersey: Truman, 44 per cent; Dewey, 54.3 per cent; Wallace 1.7 per cent. In New Castle County Delaware, including Wilmington: Truman, 39.3 per cent; Dewey 59.5 per cent; Wallace, 9 per cent; others 3 per cent.

New York Daily News, state-wide: Truman, 44.1 per cent; Dewey, 49.2 per cent; Wallace, 6.7 per cent.

Des Moines Register, state-wide sampling of Iowa: Truman, 41 per cent; Dewey, 54 per cent; Wallace, 2 per cent; undecided, 3 per cent.

The Gallup poll is non-partisan. All of the newspapers mentioned have supported Gov. Dewey, with the exception of the Chicago Sun-Times, which has supported President Truman.

Heavy Voting In Lenoir County

Lenoir, Nov. 2—(AP)—Long lines formed before voting places in Caldwell County today, and political observers predicted the biggest vote in history.

One Democratic leader forecast a county vote of 15,000. Caldwell's previous high vote was 10,335.

By Jack Bell
Associated Press Political Reporter

For the forty-first time in history, Americans are electing a president today.

The choice lies between Republican Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Democratic President Harry S. Truman of Missouri.

By all the political signs, the odds favor Dewey.

But Truman remained firm in the belief that when upwards of 50,000,000 votes have been counted in more than 135,000 polling places, he will have won his first four-year term in the White House.

Democrats and Republicans disputed up to the end the completion of the Senate.

It now has 51 Republicans and 45 Democrats. Republicans said they will hold control. Democrats replied they will take over.

Barring upsets, the House would stay Republican.

The two major candidates would up their campaign drives in muck the same language they used at the start last September. Both were on National radio hookups last night.

But Truman broke away from the tradition that election eve speeches are confined to appeals to get out and vote. He said at Independence, Mo., that to continue his administration "is our best insurance against going back to the dark days of 1932."

And he added: "I believe, in particular, that the industrial workers, the farmers and the small business men of this country can best protect themselves against reaction and against inflation through the Democratic Party."

Dewey struck the "unity" note he has sounded up and down the land. Said he from New York after a plea to "vote regardless of how":

"The foremost issue rising clear and high above all others is whether in this solemn hour the United States of America is going to be a strong, united nation—a nation that can meet the challenge of a dangerous world."

There are nine other presidential candidates. But only two of them made news.

One is Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina; the other Henry A. Wallace.

The civil rights revolt Thurmond led with his States' Rights Party seems likely to cost Truman Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina—and possibly to help give Dewey one or two states in the once solid Democratic south.

Wallace's Progressive Party is accorded a scattering vote that could influence the presidential result in New York State. But even Wallace's friends aren't counting privately on a single electoral college vote for him.

There were unusual goings on in the south.

Gov. James E. Folsom of Alabama led a last-hour attempt to get Truman's name on that state's ballot, the only one that ignores him. Dewey is listed on all 48.

Politicians called Virginia a possible Dewey state.

Tennessee's situation was such that even if Truman carries it he will get only 10 of the state's 12 electoral votes.

And the Atlanta Constitution, supporting Truman, said editorially "we think the Republican Nominee is going to win."

South Truman 7 Dewey 0

Waynesville, N. C., Nov. 2—(AP)—The Catawchee precinct, on the fringe of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, today reported seven votes for President Truman and none for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Only seven were registered at Catawchee.

In 1944 the precinct gave eight votes for President Roosevelt and two votes for Gov. Dewey.

North Dewey 11 Truman 1

Hart's location, N. H., Nov. 2—(AP)—This small white mountain community—the first in the nation to report returns in today's election—cast 11 ballots for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and 1 for president Truman.

In the 1944 presidential election Gov. Dewey polled 4 votes and Franklin D. Roosevelt 6.