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EFFECT OF BLOCKADE—The empty rail yard at Halensee Station in the western sector of Berlin was one of city's busiest yards before the Russians blockaded the zone.

Junior Red Cross Enrolling Members Here In Move To Reactivate Local Group

The Junior Red Cross, inactive in Roanoke Rapids and vicinity since 1945, began its reactivation here today when a drive started to enroll members for the organization from among the approximately 4,000 students in 13 schools covered by the local chapter of the Junior Red Cross.

Mrs. Kirkwood Adams, who with Mrs. John Dunn and Mrs. Frank Neal constitute the local Junior Red Cross Committee, said an intensive two-weeks' enrollment period will start today to institute a number of activities designed to teach local boys and girls the value of service to others.

A working organization has already been set up by the Junior Red Cross Committee in most of the schools and teacher-sponsors have agreed to serve in most in coordinating the Red Cross program among the children in the schools and in interpreting the program to other teachers.

Some of the teacher-sponsors already agreeing to accept the project are Miss Omara Danilek, Central School, Mrs. G. E. Brown at Vance Street School, Miss Margaret Hines at Clara Hearne School, Miss Marjorie Cannon at Rosemary School, Mrs. Ben Israel in the Sixth Grade building, Miss Vernie Eddens and Miss Martha Rob Cherry in Roanoke Rapids High School; Mrs. Garland Myers and Miss Hilda Nell Quinn at William R. Davie School; and Miss M. A. Austin, Mrs. L. W. Lewis and Mrs. M. A. Wilkins at John Armstrong Chaloner School.

Mrs. Adams said Mrs. Bessie Shields Wilder, county supervisor of Negro schools, will conduct the enrollment campaign in Quakey, Piney Grove, London, Everett, Print, Edgewood, Airlie Goldwine and Saint Luke Schools.

Mrs. Adams said the Committee hopes later in the year that teacher-sponsors will be named in their units to provide leadership for the full Junior Red Cross program.

The reactivation this week will

mark the first time since Miss Clara Hearne, who was chairman of the Junior Red Cross for a number of years, was forced to resign in 1945 because of pressure of duties as elementary schools supervisor. After Miss Hearne's resignation the complete program in the schools in Roanoke Rapids and vicinity became inactive.

The Junior Red Cross was established in the United States in 1917 after requests by leading educators and interested parents. In 1947 its membership throughout the world had grown to 19,000,000. The program of the Junior Red Cross is designed "to help guide boys and girls into the ways of democratic citizenship and to learn how to fulfill their responsibilities to society."

Committee members said the activities in the schools in the Roanoke Rapids district will be based on the Junior Red Cross principle of service to others and will include community service projects such as making trays and table favors, scrapbooks and puzzles for patients in hospitals and county home inmates, sponsoring instructions and forest fire prevention programs, first aid, home nursing and certified Red Cross courses for high school students. National projects include making articles for veterans hospitals, contributing to the national children's fund, making magazine covers for blind children and articles for crippled children's institutions. On an international level members fill educational gift boxes for children overseas and exchange school correspondence albums designed to American community life to foreign children who reciprocate with similar albums.

Committee members thanked Miss Mary Hicks, I. E. Ready, J. W. Talley, W. Henry Overman, C. U. Williams and D. P. Lewis for the interest they have shown and for their efforts in helping them to reorganize the Junior Red Cross in Roanoke Rapids and vicinity.

Weldon Junior Chamber Of Commerce Heads Chief Kitchen Discuss Driving

Weldon.—The Junior Chamber of Commerce held a supper of bar-b-cued chicken on Tuesday night at the Boy Scout Hut in Weldon.

An address by Chief of Police, P. R. Kitchen, of Weldon on "Pre-Driving Age Education for Children in High School," highlighted the regular meeting of the Weldon Junior Chamber of Commerce after the supper.

Chief Kitchen's address was very interesting and timely, inasmuch as the month of November is being devoted to SAFETY by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

President Wick Draper presided at the meeting and announced that a Safety Poster pertaining to bicycle safety would be distributed in all the rooms in Weldon. Also efforts are being made to obtain fluorescent tape to be distributed free of charge to all bicycle owners to help make bicycles more visible at night.

The club endorsed the efforts of the Aurelian Spring Community to obtain better roads in the community and the secretary was instructed to write a letter to the chairman of the Road Committee offering any help that the Weldon Junior Chamber of Commerce could render.

Additional plans were made for the dance to be held at

the Weldon High School Gymnasium on Friday night, November 26th, with Royce Stoener and his well-known orchestra furnishing the music.

Alex Lassus was welcomed as a new member of the club and the following guests were recognized and welcomed by the president: Fred West, Vincent Wyche, Ed Williford, John Henry Harris and Rudolph Creel.

Wanta Free Ticket To The Show? Read This Item

Do you want a free ticket to the movies here in Roanoke Rapids?

There's a good chance that you may get one.

On the classified page in the Daily Herald two names of people residing in the city will appear starting tomorrow. The names are being taken from the city directory.

If your name is printed in the classified columns, all you have to do to get a free ticket to the current picture showing at a Roanoke Rapids theatre is to stop by the Herald office and pick up your ticket.

Read the classified columns today, besides the free tickets, you'll find many bargains offered in the ads.

Roanoke Ramblings

By Pat Nantz

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Sterling J. Harris, in regard to his death on Tuesday. Mr. Harris passed away after a lingering illness of several months.

Visiting here Monday and Tuesday was Walter "Bear" Myrick of High Point College—"Bear," a '48 graduate of the Roanoke Rapids High School, is a freshman at High Point... he was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Myrick, of Monroe St.

Wishes for a happy birthday, today, go to Barbara Cooper, and little Judith Lyles... also, congratulations go to Delores Davis, who celebrated her birthday yesterday—here's hoping all three of you have many, many more just as nice as this one.

James Barnes has returned to the naval base in San Diego, California, at which he has been stationed. Jimmy has been spending a fifteen day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barnes and his brother, Joseph Barnes, of Wilson.

Most sincere sympathy is expressed to the family of Mr. Thomas Cooke, who passed away Tuesday, after a brief illness.

The many friends of Mrs. Dorothy Coppedge will be glad to know that she is no longer a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital and her condition is reported as greatly improved.

William Taylor has returned to his home, after having attended a business school in Chicago, Illinois, for six months. Bill plans to accept a position in Norfolk, Va., effective on December 15... until that time he will remain at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor.

The wife of a farmer sold her surplus butter to a grocer in a nearby town. On one occasion the grocer said, "Your butter was underweight last week." "Now fancy that," said Mrs. Farmer. "Baby mislaid my weight that day so I used the pound of sugar you sold me." ...

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jernigan and their small son, Val, have returned to their home, after having visited Mr. Jernigan's father, David Jernigan, of Oakfield, Ohio.

Sees Statehood For Alaska As Election Result

Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 4—(AP)—Gov. Ernest Gruening of Alaska says the election "assured" the territory of statehood at the next session of Congress.

"The most gratifying aspect of the election from the Alaska point of view," he said in a telephone interview yesterday, "is that Alaska is assured statehood at the next session of Congress."

"The Democratic Party pledged immediate statehood in its platform. President Truman has already urged it. Congress and the party are now bound to carry out the pledge."

Shanghai Paper's Election Comment

Shanghai, Nov. 4—(AP)—The American owned Evening Post-Mercury led off its editorial comment on the American election today with this line:

"They laughed when Harry S. Truman sat down at the piano figuring the Missouri Waltz with one finger was his limit."

The editorial concluded a reference to Chinese hopes for more American aid with "God helps him who helps himself. Look at Harry."

88 To 88 In Eighty-Eight

Eighty Eight, Ky., Nov. 4—(AP)—Eighty-eighters split their vote in Tuesday's presidential election.

The unofficial tabulation in this south-central Kentucky town gave Truman 88, Dewey 88.

Truman's Way Stronger On His Program

Washington, Nov. 4—(AP)—President Truman found the way open today in the Democratic overthrow of GOP congressional rule to launch a new phase of the New Deal—the "Truman Deal" of far-reaching social and economic legislation.

Vying with this controversial program in the new, 81st Congress convening January 3 will be great international problems dealing with the cold war against Russian communism.

But the big questions from the domestic standpoint are these:

Will Mr. Truman ask Congress a third time to grant him standby power to control prices and wages and ration scarce necessities?

Will he ask Congress to increase taxes, to avoid the budget deficit that threatens as a result of last spring's tax cut and stepped-up defense spending?

Minnesota voters defeated Rep. Harold Knutson, author of the GOP tax-cutting bill enacted over the President's veto after a bitter battle. Knutson has been in Congress 32 years.

Mr. Truman's 21-point postwar domestic program already has been rejected almost bodily by both the Democratic 79th Congress and the Republican 80th. That program was first submitted on Sept. 6, 1945.

But the voters on Tuesday gave Mr. Truman even more numerical power on Capitol Hill than he was bequeathed by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Latest returns indicated this congressional lineup:

Senate—54 Democrats; 42 Republicans (the 80th Congress makeup is 51 Republicans; 45 Democrats. When FDR died in 1945 the Senate was made up of 56 Democrats, 38 Republicans and 1 minor party with one vacancy.)

House—260 Democrats, 174 Republicans, 1 American-Labor. (The GOP in the present Congress has 245 House seats, the Democrats 185 and the American Labor Party 2. In 1945 the division was Democrats 242, Republicans 190, two minor parties and one vacancy.)

Motor Vehicle Budget Request For Next Two Years Is \$6,153,955

Raleigh, Nov. 4—(AP)—The State's Motor Vehicles department today put in a request for substantially increased funds for its operations in the coming biennium.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon C. Rosser appeared before the advisory budget commission to ask for an appropriation of \$6,340,977 for 1949-50 and \$6,153,955 for 1950-51.

Sitting with the commission which will make recommendations to the 1949 general assembly were Governor Cherry and Governor-Elect W. Kerr Scott.

In addition to these funds, Rosser asked for increased appropriations for two self-supporting divisions of his department. The inspections division request was \$1,320,476 for the first year of the biennium and \$1,215,476 for the second compared with \$520,802 and \$930,069 being spent this biennium. An appropriation of \$781,820 for each year of the biennium was requested for the drivers' license and highway safety division compared with \$491,752 spent last year and \$628,390 this year.

Rosser said the funds would be used to provide for a 25 per cent boost in salaries, to employ 139 new workers and to increase mileage and travel allowance. The new workers would include 91 in the inspection division to man 11 new inspection lanes and 10 additional radio operators for the highway patrol.

The State Bureau of Investigation asked for \$230,439 next year and \$217,540 the following year compared with \$109,849 spent last year and \$113,615 being spent this year.

Part of the funds would be used to employ eight new agents, including two principal agents to be stationed one in the east and one in the west, two senior investigators to be stationed at North Wilkesboro and Fayetteville, and four junior investigators to be stationed at Sylva, Shelby, Burlington and Rocky Mount.

The State Library Commission asked that the appropriation for state aid to libraries be boosted to \$500,000 each year of the biennium. The commission spent \$274,409 last year and is spending \$275,000 this year.

Other agencies heard this morning included Secretary of State, Attorney General and State Library.

Electoral Vote Count Gives Truman 304

Washington, Nov. 4—(AP)—With about 94 per cent of the vote counted, President Truman had won or appeared assured of victory in 28 states with a total of 304 electoral votes.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey seemed certain to carry 16 states with 189 electoral votes, 77 short of the 266 needed to capture the presidency.

On the basis of incomplete returns at 9:30 a. m., EST, today, only two states—California and against the president. And in both states, Mr. Truman's lead appeared sufficient to give him their combined 29 electoral votes.

With 3,027 of California's 16,802 precincts unreported Mr. Truman had 1,533,153 votes to Dewey's 1,475,223. California has 25 electoral votes.

In Idaho, with 59 of the state's 834 precincts unreported Mr. Truman led 105,395 to 97,502.

The only state now in the Dewey column which conceivably could shift to Mr. Truman is Indiana with 13 electoral votes. With 967 of the state's 4,056 precincts still unreported Dewey held a lead of 773,260 to 765,963.

In popular vote, returns from 122,349 of the country's 135,864 voting units gave Mr. Truman 22,288,519, Dewey 20,420,065, Henry A. Wallace, the Progressive Party candidate, had 1,030,781 votes and J. Strom Thurmond, the State's Rights candidate 864,303.

On the basis of incomplete returns Thurmond, the Governor of South Carolina, carried four states—Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, with a total of 38 electoral votes.

Soviet Rejects Western Atomic Energy Plan

Paris, Nov. 4—(AP)—Russia rejected today the western plan for control of atomic energy, calling it fanatical and unreal.

Andreï V. Vishinsky, leading the Soviet bloc's bitter closing fight, told the United Nations General Assembly the atomic bomb can be answered with atomic bombs and weapons of other kinds.

He asserted the United States does not want international atomic control and demanded that the delegates adopt the Soviet plan.

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Prices Soar In Shanghai

Shanghai, Nov. 4—(AP)—It was just like old times in Shanghai today.

Prices, thawed out from the levels at which the government froze them in August, soared. Bank interest rates were 75 per cent a month; department store prices leaped 300 per cent, hotel rates 200 per cent, dairy products 450 per cent, bakeries 400 per cent, butchers 700 per cent, and rice 480 per cent.

Truman To Carry Out Party Plans

Washington, Nov. 4—(AP)—Republicans closed their shattered ranks today for a two-year fight in Congress against a certain effort by President Truman to modernize the new deal.

Mr. Truman returns to Washington and a welcome-home celebration tomorrow the hottest article in American politics, as the result of his upset victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

He will be off Sunday for a two-week breathing spell at Key West, Fla.

When he comes back, it will be time to shape up the legislative program which he promised last night will be based on the Democratic Party platform.

Mr. Truman told a home-town victory celebration in Independence, Mo., he wants every citizen to help him carry out his "tremendous responsibility for the peace and welfare of the world."

"I am going to do the very best I can to carry out that Democratic platform as I promised to do in my speeches around the country," he said.

Besides efforts toward winning a lasting peace, the platform pledged such things as home as (1) curbs on "Republican inflation," (2) "comprehensive" housing legislation and (3) tax reduction "whenever it is possible to do without unbalancing the nation's economy."

The platform also called for (1) repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, (2) a 75-cent an hour minimum wage to replace the present 40-cent figure, (3) extension of social security coverage, (4) a national health program, (5) federal aid to education, (6) a farm price support program, (7) repeal of the oligarchy, and (8) strengthening of civil rights.

Election—chastened Republicans won't oppose all of those. In fact, Dewey was for some of them.

The Republican leadership there will remain the same, with Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (Mass.) bossing the House minority and Senator Robert A. Taft (Ohio) continuing to run things pretty much on the Republican side of the Senate.

Taft shrugged off the election results with the observation that they proved it is almost impossible "to put an administration out of office at the very peak of a prosperity boom."

Taft and Martin are likely to figure that the battered GOP's best chance for a comeback in 1950 rests with making Mr. Truman look bad on his campaign promises.

Now his party has control by an apparent 260 to 174 margin over the Republicans in the house (there is one minor party member) and a certain 54 to 42 edge in the Senate.

Whether Mr. Truman can get much more in the way of legislation out of such a Democratic-controlled Congress remains to be seen.

Southern Democrats who have never been too enthusiastic about some of his policies will be back in the saddle as chairmen of many of the important committees.

They may have a new respect for Mr. Truman as a political windmill who can chop down the opposition at the ballot boxes. But a lot of them think the president carried Southern states simply because he was the Democratic candidate and not because—for instance—he advocated repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

The States' Rights party, headed by Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, served notice it will continue its fight against the president's civil rights program.

Thurmond won four states—South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. But Mr. Truman demonstrated that the Democrats still can win even a close election without the Solid South.

Pollsters Seek Answers For Election Upset

New York, Nov. 4—(AP)—The poll takers were still combing through statistics today—trying to find out why their figures misled them into forecasting the election defeat of President Truman.

Latest comment from one of the country's major public opinion researchers came last night from Elmo Roper, director of the fortune magazine poll.

"I don't know why I was wrong," he said.

"I could not have been more wrong," said Roper. "The thing that bothers me most is that at this moment I don't know why I was wrong. But I certainly propose to find out."

He suggested several "possibilities" that might have caused the mistake.

"Perhaps," he said, "The abnormally high 15 per cent don't know vote we received last August did not distribute equally to both major candidates as it has in the past, but that this time it all went to Truman."

Or it could have been, he added, "That the labor vote, brought out to the polls more quietly but more efficiently this time, turned the tables."

"Or it might be that, as we found out in a poll done late in the campaign, the people are strongly pro-new deal and perhaps they see the objectives of the Roosevelt program imperilled."

"Perhaps, but I don't know."

Earlier, Dr. George Gallup, whose American institute of public opinion predicted Dewey would get 46.6 per cent of the vote and Mr. Truman 4.5 per cent, said he believed an analysis of voting statistics would reveal the reason for the error.

Court Upholds Conviction Of Rev. L. J. Davis

Raleigh, Nov. 4—(AP)—A former Dunn Orphanage superintendent must serve a two-year term on a morals charge, the State Supreme Court has ruled.

In a 4-3 decision, the court yesterday upheld the conviction of the Rev. Lonnie J. Davis on a charge of fornication and adultery with Lola Mae Reeves, a ward of the institution. The girl was 14 at the time of the offense.

Davis was convicted last June in Harnett Superior Court. Previously he had won acquittal on a charge of carnal knowledge of a girl under 16, but Judge Henry Stevens ordered him re-arrested on a bench warrant after expressing sharp criticism on the jurv.

The Reeves girl testified that Davis had intimate relations with her several times in 1947 while he was superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Dunn. She did not contest a charge of fornication and adultery against herself.

In his appeal to the Supreme Court, Davis' attorneys argued her testimony was incompetent under the statute of fornication and adultery which says that "the admissions or confessions of one shall not be received against the other."

Associate Judge William A. Devin wrote the majority opinion of the court, which said the girl was not making a confession or admission, since she was not on trial.

State Democrats See Dreams Come True As A Result Of The Election

Raleigh, Nov. 4—(AP)—North Carolina Democrats saw their dreams begin to come true today.

Superior Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, whose nomination as federal judge was not confirmed by a Republican senate during the summer, appeared sure of the job.

Rep. R. L. Doughton, veteran legislator from the Ninth District, undoubtedly will resume the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee; and Rep. Harold Cooley of the Fourth District moves up to the chairmanship of the Agriculture Committee.

The Democratic sweep of Tuesday also put two other Tar Heels in position to move up.

Rep. Graham A. Barden of the Third District will become second-ranking majority member of the Education and Labor Committee and Rep. John H. Kerr of the second district will be third ranking majority mem-

Cooler Weather Seen Tomorrow

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weather bureau said a virtual cloudburst hit Elizabeth City, early today. More than three and a half inches of rain were reported in the six hours ended at 7:30 a.m.

Raleigh had 3.01 inches in the 24 hours ended the same time. The Carolinas forecast was partly cloudy and warm today and tonight, with showers in eastern portions today and over the states tonight.

Showers and cooler was the prediction for tomorrow.