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Happy Champs Salute Washington Crowd



President Truman (left) and Vice President-elect Alben Barkley raise their clasped hands in a victory salute to Washington crowd that greeted them at Union Station Friday after their surprising victory in last week's national election. Chairman J. Howard McGrath of Democratic national committee is in center background. (AP Wirephoto).

Scramble for Leadership of GOP Party Seen as Result of Election Defeat; Stassen to Be in Fight

Washington, Nov. 8—(AP)—A scramble for Republican party leadership—with Harold E. Stassen among those taking part—apparently is in the making as an aftermath of last Tuesday's election.

Despite an assertion by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey that he has no plans to step down as titular GOP head, his second straight defeat for the presidency may leave him little to say about future Republican policies.

These policies largely will be shaped by the Republican minority in Congress.

There such familiar figures as Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts and floor leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana will be in the saddle.

But none of these is a stand-out now for the Republican presidential nomination in distant 1952.

Instead, some of the Republican politicians who have caught their wind after the surprise drubbing given them by the Democrats are beginning to look outside the formal congressional leadership.

Those catching their eye include men like Stassen, Senators Irving M. Ives of New York, William Knowland of California, Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut, Leverett Saltonstall and Henry Sabot Lodge, Jr., of Massachusetts and Homer Ferguson of Michigan. Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio is mentioned among House members.

Governors who might be regarded now as available for one of the top spots on the ticket four years hence include Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey, Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont, Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota and Frank Carlson of Kansas.

While most of the new crop of Republican hopefuls hold public office, Stassen has perhaps as good a forum as any of them in his presidency of the University of Pennsylvania. His understanding with the University is that he is to have a free hand to engage in politics.

Stassen's appeal to many Republicans lies largely in their belief that he has widespread influence among younger voters.

It was this asset, more than any other, which was said to have led Dewey to forget some of Stassen's pre-convention cracks and invite his former opponent to take an active part in the campaign.

Fair, Warmer Weather Seen

By The Associated Press
Fair and slightly warmer to-day and warmer with rain to-morrow are the weather predictions for the Carolinas.

Temperatures this morning generally were the lowest in two weeks. A low of 30 degrees was noted at Asheville, N. C., but others were above the freezing point.

The Weather

North Carolina — Fair and slightly warmer today and tonight; Tuesday, increasing cloudiness and warmer followed by showers beginning in mountain section Tuesday afternoon.

Truman's Visit To First Baptist Church In New Bern Is Marked By Large Crowds And A Special Prayer

New Bern, Nov. 8—(AP)—President Truman kept holy the sabbath yesterday with an hour of worship at the First Baptist Church here.

The victorious candidate of last week's election paused while enroute in his plane to Key West, Fla., where he will vacation.

The President also kept a promise he made to the Rev. Thomas W. Fryer, that he "would be down to see us one day."

The services were simple although more than 550 persons crowded the century-old brick building with its six stained glass windows.

The President sat in the fifth pew from the front as Mr. Fryer led the usual Sunday morning worship program. A special prayer was the only official recognition of Mr. Truman's presence.

"We are all thine and equal in thy privilege and love. Yet some must carry tremendous burdens of responsibility. These burdens are carried for us. Sustain those who carry not only our burdens but the burdens of the world, burdens that are too heavy for man alone. x x x Bless the President of the United States, and those assisting him his staff and his officials."

The President joined in the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "America the Beautiful," and "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Also at the services were Gov. R. Gregg Cherry and Governor-elect W. Kerr Scott.

Rep. Graham Barden of the third district was at the Cherry Point, Marine Air Base when the president's four-engine plane, the Independence, roared in from the North out of turquoise skies and a brilliant sun.

The party motored to the church from the air base and thousands of New Bernians turned out along the way.

After the services, the President again boarded the plane and in a few hours word came that he had landed at Boca Chita Fla.

Idle Belongings, Bring Home Bacon

If getting a few extra dollars ahead is your worry, here's how to check it off your worrying list: Just let a Daily Herald For Sale Ad help idle belongings to bring home the bacon by telling buyers what you have for sale. That no longer needed stove, refrigerator, vacuum cleaner, radio, iron, or similar article is virtually money already in your pocket, when you order a Herald For Sale Ad.

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A public address system was set up and repeated warnings

Give your budget a bank holiday by phoning your ad to Phone R-328, without delay. It's always a good idea to read the classified page. Your name may appear for a free pass to see "Good Sam" at your local theatre. Just stop by the Herald office and pick up your ticket.

The many friends of Mrs. Jimmie Pittman, who is the former Miss Trilla Morgan of this city, will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, who are newlyweds will be at home at 16 Cedar street in Weldon, after this weekend....

Ruth Cooper.

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J. Parnell Thomas Indicted on Charges Of Attempting to Defraud Government

Federal Jury Returns Bill Against Solon

Washington, Nov. 8—(AP)—J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ), Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was indicted today on a charge of conspiring to defraud the government.

Three charges of false claims also were contained in the Federal Grand Jury indictment.

He was accused also of 34 "overt acts."

Indicted with him on the conspiracy charge was Helen Campbell, his former secretary.

At his Allendale, N. J., home, Thomas said "I have nothing to say at all at this moment." He said he knew about the indictment and might have a statement later.

This charge alleged a conspiracy "to defraud the United States of its money and property."

Court officials said that if conviction were obtained, maximum sentence in the several charges against the members of Congress could be 32 years imprisonment or \$40,000 fine, or both.

The grand jury charged a conspiracy to pad the payroll of the Congressman's office with two employees who were not "bona fide."

The two employees were named as Myra Midkiff and Arnette Minor.

The grand jury investigated charges of irregularities in operation of the Congressman's office.

The New Jersey Republican was called before the grand jury last week but declined to testify.

The indictment said the conspiracy ran five years—from January 1, 1940, to January 30, 1945.

Man Walks Mile After Losing Arm

Boring, Ore., Nov. 8—(AP)—A lumber worker had his arm cut off at the shoulder yesterday and walked over a mile to this town to get an ambulance to Portland.

State police said Henry Francis Meeker, age 62, of Sandy, was given a "fair" chance of recovering at a Portland Hospital.

He was cleaning a planer at a mill near here when his right garment sleeve tangled in the machine and pulled his arm into the cutter. He was alone. He first attempted to drive the distance in his automobile.

Not Much Sense In Making Arrest

Jamestown, N.Y., Nov. 8—(AP)—Patrolman James O'Brien saw the theft of a quart of milk from a neighbor's home, but made no arrest.

He watched the culprit carry the bottle to a nearby lot, remove the cap and lap away. O'Brien figured there wasn't much sense in arresting a pot-line dog.

Youthful Ex-Convict Blames Too Much Drink For Gastonia Shooting Rampage

Gastonia, Nov. 8—(AP)—A skinnier, little ex-convict today blamed excessive drink for a man two-and-a-half hours in which four persons were wounded before police brought him from the barricade he had built in his parents' home.

Ray Aldridge 21 twice paroled from road gangs after being convicted for robbery and for larceny, chased his parents and visiting relatives from the home yesterday afternoon and when police arrived, opened fire.

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Stockholders Tell Jay Directors To Seek Working Agreement With Some American League Group

The Roanoke Rapids Jays will seek to establish a working agreement with "an American League baseball club," according to instructions given the Roanoke Valley Athletic Association directors by stockholders at the annual stockholders' meeting here yesterday.

About 100 of the stockholders representing 3,771 shares of the Association's 5,007 shares were on hand yesterday for the annual meeting in the Roanoke Rapids Municipal Building in a meeting which lasted from 2:30 until approximately five o'clock.

The stockholders showed their faith in the present board of directors by passing a resolution commending them for their work, and further indicated that trust by re-electing the entire board for another year.

L. D. Hines will continue as president of the Association and vice-presidents are Allen Pierce and M. F. Benton. John F. (Jack) Vincent is secretary-treasurer of the group. Other directors re-elected here yesterday are W. A. Thorne, F. C. Williams and Norman Mitchell.

A general discussion on plans for the Roanoke Rapids entry in the Class D Coastal Plains League for the coming year followed. The stockholders were advised that the league directors recently went on record as approving an increase in the number of rookie ball players re-

A Hot "Hot Box" On This Train

A Seaboard Air Lines freight train yesterday afternoon rolled into Roanoke Rapids with a "hot box" that was apparently hotter than usual.

The train, moving slowly in the direction of Weldon, pulled across Roanoke Avenue and just as a flat car, No. 42366, loaded with cord wood started flaming under the wheels. A bright fire came out of one of the wheel boxes and fanned underneath the car.

Apparently the engineer of the diesel locomotive was told of the mishap, because he backed his train into a siding, cut out the section of train on the siding and picked up the rest of the train to continue on toward Weldon.

Meanwhile late Sunday afternoon traffic backed up for several blocks on either side of the crossing while the shifting was taking place.

The fire aboard Number 42366 was later extinguished without apparent damage to either flat car or cargo, but this morning it was still sitting on the siding waiting to be picked up to continue its journey.

Improvement Of Education Program Vitaly Important, J. W. Talley Says

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles written by local leaders in observance of National Education Week, November 7-12. Tomorrow's article will be "Securing Qualified Teacher," by Mr. I. E. Ready, Superintendent of the City Schools.

Americans believe that education should be provided at public expense for all children up to and including the secondary school level. Most states make school attendance compulsory up to a certain age, usually sixteen. Thus with the nation's children attending school during their most formative years, it is vitally important that the program of education be improved constantly in the light of the changing needs of the people.

A glance at the history of our schools will show progressive improvement in all phases of education since the birth of America. There is no reason to suppose that this improvement will cease so long as our civilization endures.

Financial support for public schools has broadened from township to state support in many states. Trends indicate that federal support in order to "tax wealth where it is, to educate children where they are" may well be the next step.

Methods of instruction have changed with the time. The old "lecture-memorize-recite" formula has become obsolete with the use of radio, moving pictures, recording devices and work laboratories.

One-room one-teacher schools are disappearing rapidly in favor of larger consolidated schools, with obvious educational advantages. School buildings today are of modern construction and are planned by experts.

The curriculum includes in addition to some of the traditional subjects courses in home making, building trades, industrial arts, social studies and commercial education.

Besides the regular curriculum the present day schools are expanding to include in their scope such special features as lunch-rooms, kindergartens, junior colleges, health services and physical education.

and most of those present seemed pleased with the men who will be on hand. The men named are John Pavlich, Alton Brown, John Van Hoese, Glenn Titus, Shirley Hammack, Pete King and Jim Meyer.

Players on the 1948 team who have been sold include Val Gonzales, Coastal Plains League batting champion, sold to Binghamton, New York Yankee affiliate in the Class A Eastern League; Milt Bolick, sold to Greensboro on 30 days' trial; Joe Ferris, Wiley Burnette, returned to Blackstone, Va.; and Stan Madjeski, returned to Manchester, N. H.

It was pointed out to the stockholders that the Jays had not been a money-making ball club during the 1948 season, however they were said to be in as good financial condition as were a number of teams in the league who had been in organized baseball a longer time than the two years for the Jays.

Attendance figures for the Jays, who ended their season out of the league play-offs, was the highest per capita in the entire league, and aggregate attendance figures showed them to be among the leaders.

It was the fact that most of the teams complained of losing money during the past season which led to league changes including the increase in rookie players, it was pointed out.

Baruch Says U. S. Is Not Getting Soft

New York, Nov. 8—(AP)—"If you're worried or discouraged about the future," says Bernard M. Baruch, "There is much evidence of the fortitude of America which you should consider before you surrender to despair."

The elderly adviser to Presidents cites the Berlin airlift as an answer to any one who fears the United States is "getting soft."

Baruch, speaking on a radio program yesterday declared: "From Valley Forge to operation Vittles, Uncle Sam and his nephews have not changed anything but uniforms and weapons and vehicles. Equality before the law and change through the law—these are still the two sides to the American coin."

"Americans can make no greater contribution to mankind than to demonstrate that these qualities will survive as the last best hope of mankind."

Baruch said the United States does not want to "win" the peace—"We only want to keep the peace, and keep it not just for Americans, but for all free men."

Looking to the future of the nation, he said "We always fight not to impart ourselves on other shores, but only in order that we can come home; not to remain warlike, but to return to war-hating."

CIO-Proximity Sign New Pact

Greensboro, Nov. 8—(AP)—The CIO Textile Workers Union has announced ratification of a new contract with the Proximity Manufacturing Co. here, part of the Cone Mills Corp. chain.

The contract extends to Nov. 1, 1949. Negotiations are in progress on contracts with other North Carolina Cone mills, William Billingsley, manager of the union's Greensboro-Burlington joint board said.

Details of the contract here were not announced. It had been reported that wages were not an issue in the two-month negotiations.

Cops Get Fellow Worker's Goat

Olean, N.Y., Nov. 8—(AP)—Policemen have been getting patrolman John Pando's goat. It was clipped into jail when caught after two recent escapes from Pando's home.

Accused Of Taking Auto From Emporian

Three Roanoke Rapids youths or probation from Halifax County Superior Court, were jailed here yesterday morning on charges of highway robbery after they had allegedly struck the driver of an automobile over the head and had taken his car.

Police Chief T. J. Davis said here this morning the three youths are being held in default of \$2,500 bonds and are awaiting a preliminary hearing in the case.

L. E. Draper, Jr., Eldred Strickland and Richard Gilliland were all arrested at their homes about 7:30 yesterday morning after local officers had investigated the case most of the night. Officers C. R. Greene, C. D. Allen and H. C. Kellett conducted the investigation and made the arrests, and Chief Davis said the officers did "a nice piece of work in rounding up the men."

According to the police Cleveland Harris, who gave his address as Emporia, Va., said he was riding around with the three young men in his car after midnight Saturday night when one of them leaned over the back seat and hit him on the head. He said he stopped the car and got out and ran and the three drove away in the car. He said the alleged assault occurred on West Fifth street near the Belmont section of town.

Harris reported the incident to local police about two a.m. and officers immediately began a search for the men. Harris said he did not know the identities of the men, but he gave officers a description of the trio.

Officers said the car had been driven to Emporia and had been abandoned after a tire had been burst. The three said they hitchhiked a ride back to Roanoke Rapids where officers found them at their homes.

Draper was sentenced just two weeks ago by Judge Chester Morris to a five-to-seven year term in prison after he had pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering and larceny, from the Roanoke Pharmacy at the Roanoke Mills Clinic here last summer. Draper a self-confessed drug addict, was freed under five-years' probation by Judge Morris.

On the same day Judge Morris sentenced Strickland to three years on a charge of larceny of an automobile and suspended his sentence under a five-year probationary period.

The three men this morning all requested preliminary hearings on the highway robbery charge and they were tentatively scheduled to be brought before Mayor W. B. Allsbrook this afternoon.

Local Youth Directs Drama At E. C. T. C.

Greenville, — Alton Finch of Roanoke Rapids, senior at East Carolina Teachers College who is now doing student teaching at the Greenville high school, will present a group of his students in a choric drama "Unto Us the Living" by Harold G. Sliker, Wednesday Night. The play will be given in the local high school auditorium and will include special vocal instrumental music as a background to the performance.

Finch is working on the production with Mrs. Howard Mims drama coach at Greenville School and Miss Ona Shindler of the high school faculty, who is director of music for the play. The cast will include thirteen solo voices and two speaking choirs of ten voices each, all of which groups have been trained by Finch and Mrs. Mims. The theme of the drama is a plea for peace.

At the college Finch has taken an active part in organizations interested in the drama, including the Teachers Playhouse, college dramatic club, and the Wesley Players of the Methodist student group of Greenville.

In addition he is member of Pi Omega Pi, national honorary educational fraternity for men; and a former member of the College Chorus, a music group composed of both men and women.

Finch is a graduate of the Roanoke Rapids high school and expects to complete his work at East Carolina at the end of the fall quarter this year. At the college he has specialized in English and business education. He plans to teach after his graduation.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Finch of Roanoke Rapids.

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