

# Daily Herald

## French Hope Berlin Issue Can Be Settled By Conciliation

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By West. Fla., Nov. 16—(AP)—President Truman said today the United States will not resume four-power negotiations on Germany until Soviet Russia lifts its Berlin blockade.

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London, Nov. 16—(AP)—The Soviet government declared today it still insists on taking up the whole question of Germany on any negotiations with the west on the Berlin crisis.

Paris, Nov. 16—(AP)—A French government spokesman said today France stands firmly with the United States and Britain against negotiating with Soviet Russia under duress, but hopes the Berlin issue can be solved by conciliation.

The spokesman, Francois Mitterand, issued the statement following a cabinet meeting. Mitterand is the French Secretary of State for information. The cabinet approved the text of a note Foreign Minister Robert Schuman intends to send to Secretary General Trygve Lie and President H. V. Evatt of the United Nations in reply to their appeal last week for direct four power talks on Berlin. The government also circulated a statement denying recent suggestions in the French press that the foreign ministry, the premier's office and the president's office were not in agreement on the appeal for Berlin talks.

Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France were to meet late today to draft coordinated replies to the letters, according to U. S. British and French official spokesmen. Mitterand emphasized to reporters after the French cabinet meeting that the exchange of letters by Lie and Evatt on one hand and by the foreign ministers on the other represents a demonstration of willingness to reach a solution of the blockade, which Russia imposed last June. There is no question, he said, of a text which would involve agreement to definite proposals.

## Leedy Resigns As Publisher Of The Herald

Guy M. Leedy, for the past six months publisher and general manager of the Roanoke Rapids Herald and the Herald Printing Company, Inc., resigned effective today.

James L. Wick has assumed active management of the company and will direct publication of the daily and Sunday Herald.

Leedy, former general manager of the Elizabeth City Daily Advance and Eadio Station WGAI in Elizabeth City, said that his plans for the future are indefinite.

## Postal Receipts Here Are Higher

Gross postal receipts, normally considered to be a good business barometer, were higher during the month of October, 1948, than they were a year ago, Roanoke Rapids Postmaster E. G. Shell said here today. "I reported that receipts during the past month in the local post office totaled \$4,851.27. For October, 1947, the post office here grossed \$4,607.02. These figures indicated merely post office business and did not include bond purchase, and other post office business.

## Major King Jr. Is Now A Corporal

FUKUOKA, JAPAN, October 16—(AP)—The 234th Air Force Base at Fukuoka, Japan, today announced that Major King Jr., who is serving with the United States Air Force in Japan, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal.

The airman is serving as a control tower operator in the Airways and Air Communications Service Detachment 1955-1 at the Ashiya Air Force base on Kyushu, Japan. The AACs is an agency of the Air Force which provides airways communications, navigational aids and air traffic control services to military aircraft.

## Roanoke Ramblings

By Pat Nantz

When you can go fishing and hook a bear, you're either a good fisherman or the possessor of a pretty big imagination and the title of a good fisherman is what should be attracted to Raiford Green, Leaborn Mills and his father, Will Mills... these three went to the Chowan River, with no thought of doing anything except fishing. However, they did carry their guns with them, knowing there were bears in that area... When they were seated in their boat, probably dreaming up some tall tale about why they hadn't brought any fish home with them, they saw a bear looking inquisitively their way... Which one actually shot him is not known by me, and at that time they possibly didn't know either... but you can bet they were three proud fishermen when they arrived at their homes that evening to display what they had "hooked"... They didn't get a single fish....

A few of the college students who were home for the weekend were Bill Hawkins, Charles Buffalo of Chapel Hill, Frankie Rightmyer of a business college in Norfolk, Va., and Bear Myrick of High Point.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holloway of this city... they have announced the birth of their daughter, Marjorie Jane... who was born Friday, at the local hospital... Mrs. Holloway is the former Miss Marjorie Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Matthews have as their guests this week their daughter, Mrs. C. T. Weiland and two grandsons, John and Terry... Mrs. Weiland, a resident of Morehead City, has recently returned from Quantico, Virginia, where she visited with her husband, Major C. T. Weiland, of the Marine Corps... she also attended the celebrations, observing the Marine Corps anniversary...

## Weldon P. T. A. Holds Meeting

Weldon — The Weldon Parent Teachers Association held its regular meeting Monday afternoon in the Weldon High School Library at 3:30 o'clock with approximately 45 members present.

Mrs. R. P. Allen presided in the president's chair. The meeting was called to order, the minutes read and approved and a report from the standing committees made. The roll was called of the grades, with teachers and parents standing for each grade. Miss Peele's 8th Grade won the attendance award for the elementary school and Jesse Parker's room the award for the High School students.

Following the business of the association Mrs. W. A. Pierce, Jr., gave a most interesting and detailed report of the Roanoke Rapids Parent Teachers meeting.

Mr. C. B. Thomas, superintendent of Weldon Schools introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Dr. Robert F. Young, Dr. Young spoke to the parents and teachers on the facts of "Polio." His address was very interesting and informative.

## Navy Pilot Walks Away From Flaming Crash Near Charlotte

Charlotte, Nov. 16—(AP)—A Navy F4U Corsair fighter crashed on a takeoff, skidded 300 yards and bumed on Southern Railway tracks near here today. The pilot, sole occupant, was not injured.

The plane burst into flames as soon as it struck the tracks. Railway officials halted north- and southbound trains along the double trunk lines until the debris could be cleared. The pilot, who was not identified, had spent the night at Morris Field and was resuming flight to Jacksonville, Fla., when the mishap occurred.



GERMAN PEOPLE'S CAR — Here is the Volkswagen (people's car) which Hitler promised Germans but never produced. It is being built at rate of more than 2,000 monthly in Hannover plant. Most are for export. Germans can buy them, with official sanction for essential purposes, for \$1,590. Engine is in rear. Gasoline tank and luggage space are in front.

## Measles Cut Attendance At Schools

Measles have cut into the attendance in the elementary schools of Roanoke Rapids during the past week, according to City School Superintendent I. E. Ready, however the incidence of the disease is "not enough to be alarming", he added.

The city superintendent said figures available on total absences for last week indicated that measles had cut attendance down to approximately 90 per cent as compared to the usual 96 or 97 per cent for this time of year normally.

He said there was certainly nothing of a serious nature to the school system as a whole in the reports on measles, adding that the absences were hardly numerous enough to be considered epidemic.

The Central School last week indicated the highest percentage of absences due to illness and Ready said much of it could be attributed to measles. At Central School absences ran as high as 20 per cent and decreased in the other schools.

He said following the central school, the absences in other buildings tapered off with the Rosemary School, Vance Street Clara Hearne and the Sixth Grade in that order. Ready said this time of the year there is normally a high incidence of measles in the schools, adding that present indications are that there is no cause for alarm.

## Cloudy, Rainy Weather Seen

By The Associated Press

Cloudy weather was predicted for the Carolinas today, finally breaking out into rain in the western portions tonight and occasional light rain scattered over the states tomorrow.

Warm temperatures were the prospect for today and tonight. It got down to 28 degrees in Asheville overnight, and 35 in Columbia, but warmer weather was the prediction for tonight.

## Weather

North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and continued warm today; considerable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with occasional light rain Wednesday beginning in west portion tonight; not much change in temperatures except warmer tonight.

## Autoists Reminded Of Two Deadlines For Inspection

Raleigh, Nov. 16—(AP)—The state motor vehicles department has reminded motorists of two more mechanical inspection deadlines coming up.

All 1940 and 1942 model vehicles must be inspected by Nov. 30 and 1941 and 1949 models by Dec. 31, says Arthur T. Moore, head of the inspection program. Moore said that through October, 646,330 vehicles had been inspected. He added that about the state's 40 inspection lanes.

## Warren County Annual TB Seal Sale Will Be Headed By Harry Cohen

Warrenton.—The county-wide distribution this week of posters bearing the message, "Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis," and of brightly colored book-marks to library books will remind Warren county residents of the 1948 Christmas Seal Sale to be conducted from November 22 until Christmas.

Harry Cohen will serve as Seal Sale Chairman. Work has gotten underway at the Association's headquarters to make this forty-second annual seal sale the best ever. In this county, Mr. Cohen pointed out, the seal-sale funds constitute the sole support of the Warren County Tuberculosis and Health Association and its tuberculosis control projects in 1949, which include Health Education, Case Finding, and Rehabilitation.

## Rigid Crop Production Controls And Cash Subsidies Rejected By Grange

Portland, Me., Nov. 16—(AP)—Proposals to use either rigid production crop controls or cash subsidies to keep farmers prosperous were rejected today by a National Grange convention committee.

In a report to the farm organization meeting, the Grange agriculture committee declared full output by industry would do more than anything else to maintain farm prosperity. Failure of industry to keep pace with farm output was claimed to be the major cause of farm depressions.

"The Grange believes," the report said, "that the so-called 'farm problem' is in the main a result of the failure of industry to keep its output in balance with the abundant output of farms, and of the resulting failure of farm prices to remain in proper balance with prices of other goods and services."

## Drive For Memberships In Symphony Society Begins In Warren County

Warrenton.—The drive to secure memberships in the North Carolina Symphony Society was launched here on Monday, November 15, by the Warren County Symphony Committee.

A membership which costs two-dollars, includes one junior ticket and the opportunity to attend any concert the Symphony plays in any part of the state. The "Little Symphony" has arranged to appear in Warrenton in March 1949, in order to be here when good weather will be favorable, to a large attendance at the concert. It is recalled that when the orchestra appeared here in February of this year the musicians became snowbound and were forced by weather conditions to remain here for several days.

A member of the Warrenton Symphony Society Committee stated, "Under the direction of Benjamin Swalin, the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra has become a distinguished institution and the significant contributions it is making to the educational and cultural life of the state grows apparent with each passing year.

Maybank's Cost Of Relection Is 58 Cents Washington, Nov. 16—(AP)—What price re-election? 58 cents. That's the amount U. S. Senator Burnet R. Maybank (D-SC) named in his report of his election campaign expenditures. The 58 cents was spent in sending his two required reports on campaign expenditures and contributions to the Secretary of the Senate by registered mail. He listed no contributions. Maybank may become head of the Senate banking committee. He is second-ranking Democrat on the committee, but the ranking Democrat—Senator Wagner of New York—is ill.

## Halifax District Scout Leaders Praised By Herbert In Address At Annual District Scout Dinner

"We are all seekers after immortality," the Rev. J. F. Herbert told Halifax District Scout leaders here last night, "and here is a way to obtain immortality by giving character to the boys of today who will be America's men of tomorrow."

The Rev. Mr. Herbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids, spoke here last night at the annual banquet of the Halifax District, Boy Scouts of America, directing his remarks to the Scoutmaster present.

"Being a Scoutmaster is a hard task," the speaker said, "It calls for a certain quality of human character." He said the Scoutmasters today are making the finest contributions to the life of the American community. He pointed out that Scoutmasters work without compensation but are rewarded in the feeling of dignity and an increased faith in God and man.

Shortly before the Rev. Mr. Herbert's talk, State senator Julian Allsbrook awarded an Eagle Scout pin to the Halifax District's newest Eagle Scout, Leslie Darrell (Sonny) Hines, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hines of 501 Franklin street.

Allsbrook said the achievement of the Eagle rank is to be regarded as the epitome of accomplishment for the Boy Scout. He gave the pin to Mrs. Hines, who pinned it on her son's uniform to the sustained applause of the group of nearly 100 Scouters, By Scouts, District leaders and their wives who attended the annual banquet at the high school cafeteria.

Scout Dwight Elting and Red Garris took charge of the installation ceremony in which leaders for the District for the new year were installed in office. On the recommendation of a nominating committee headed by Edwin Akers, John Hines as

District chairman, the Rev. Edmund Berkeley as District vice-chairman and D. E. Bennett as District commissioner were all unanimously approved for re-election.

Other chairman for the District were also re-elected for the coming year.

E. H. Fuller served as toastmaster for the evening and paid a tribute to the Scoutmasters, present — "the most important individuals in Scouting" — and introduced the Scoutmasters present to the group.

D. E. Bennett District commissioner, reported on District accomplishments during the past year, and Sea Scout Bob Murray reported on the progress made by the Senior Scouts in the district. Miss Margaret Hines sang two numbers, Zeb Denny gave the invocation and Rudolph Walters led the group in a patriotic song.

## Assault On Father Case Is Heard

Percy Midgett was found guilty of simple assault and disorderly conduct and his brother Reginald, was acquitted in Mayor's court here yesterday afternoon by Mayor W. B. Allsbrook.

Both youths had been held over the weekend on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and the infliction of serious personal injuries on warrants signed by their father, H. H. Midgett, victim of the alleged assault.

Mayor Allsbrook imposed a prayer for judgment continued on the payment of costs and on condition that he remain of good behavior for 12 months on defendant that his keeping out of trouble would be his own responsibility. Allsbrook said he believed the entire family quarrel started because Percy had too much to drink.

Mrs. Midgett, mother of the youths, testified that her husband's head was injured when he fell in the back yard of the Midgett home while he was "tussling" with Reginald after the younger son had taken a shotgun away from his father. Allsbrook had Mrs. Midgett subpoenaed to testify after the sons and father had given conflicting evidence on the witness stand. The mayor said he was trying to dispose of the case in as fair manner as possible and did not want to work hardship on any of the members of the family involved.

Percy admitted striking his father with his fist and said they had both hit each other. He said he left the home before his father and his other brother became involved. Allsbrook said he could find no evidence that a deadly weapon had been employed at any time by either of the youths and pronounced judgment on Percy Midgett on the lesser charge of simple assault.

## Sgt. Myrick Reburial Rites To Be Sunday

The body of Sgt. Lawrence Myrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Myrick of Roanoke Rapids, will arrive here Friday for reburial on Sunday.

Sgt. Myrick was killed in action in Italy on November 14, 1944, at the age of 22.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Myrick home at 225 Clinton Street and burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery. Full military rites will be rendered by the honor guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sgt. Myrick is survived by his parents, two brothers, Mason and Joseph E. Myrick; and three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Lynch, Miss Julia Myrick and Miss Nodine Myrick.

## American Troops In Japan To Eat Turkey Thanksgiving

Tokyo, Nov. 16—(AP)—American occupation troops in Japan will eat Christmas turkey on Thanksgiving. Their Thanksgiving birds were held up by the maritime strike on the U. S. Pacific coast.

## A. and P. Officials Visit Weldon Store

Weldon.—The southern division president of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company was in Weldon yesterday afternoon along with other officials of the huge chain store organization. W. M. Beeler of Charlotte, accompanied by district superintendent R. C. H. Gies of Raleigh and Assistant Superintendent E. D. McCall of Goldsboro, inspected the local store.

Beeler said that the local store was very neat in appearance but could use some repair and renovations.

## Chinese Claim Major Victor Near Suchow; But Outcome In Doubt

Nanking, Nov. 16—(AP)—The Chinese government claimed a front tonight to climax a confused day which still left the final outcome of the battle for the approach to Nanking in doubt.

Pro-government newspapers slashed their buildings with red posters and exploded firecrackers to call attention to placards announcing that the Communists had routed northeast of Suchow and were withdrawing North-eastward.

That news, circulated by the defense ministry's official military news agency, was in direct contrast to the generally accepted reports from other sources that the government control of the whole Suchow area was "tossing."

The U. S. embassy warned some 7,000 Americans to get out of China now or risk "hazardous conditions."

Government spokesman Hollington denied reports that Suchow had fallen or even was threatened with red capture. He told the Associated Press:

"The City is firmly in our hands and the Reds are withdrawing to the Northeastward." The Kourintang Daily News, quoting a Chinese air force source, said reconnaissance planes had spotted a general Communist withdrawal northward from the Suchow front.

Neutral observers, however, continued to eye the reports with considerable reserve and plans went ahead for evacuation of American civilians and some others.

The government's return to the regular rationing of rice has considerably eased the food problem. U. S. Economic Aid Director Roger Lapham arrived in Nanking today with Former Ambassador William C. Bullitt, who is checking the Chinese situation for Congress. They lunched with U. S. Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart before arranging for a meeting with President Chiang Kai-Shek.

## Harriman May Get New Post Under Truman

Washington, Nov. 16—(AP)—Speculation mounted today that W. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan ambassador-at-large, may be dealt a more potent hand in President Truman's new term.

Lower echelons of the economic cooperation administration buzzed with reports that Harriman, a multi-millionaire and staunch Democratic party supporter, might:

1. Replace Republican Paul G. Hoffman as ECA Administrator. Harriman, as ECA's special representative in Europe, now is No. 2 man in the recovery agency.

2. Or as rumored previously, become Secretary of State if and when George C. Marshall steps down as he has indicated he wishes to do. The State Department, with Mr. Truman's backing, could make its influence felt in the otherwise independent Marshall plan operations.

Harriman, Washington-bound from his Paris ECA headquarters, was due to arrive today. One subordinate official was offering to bet that by the end of January—that is, after Mr. Truman's inauguration—Harriman "will be running ECA, in name or in fact."

Working against that theory, however, is an apparently widespread feeling on Capitol Hill that the European recovery effort has been operating satisfactorily under Hoffman's leadership. Nevertheless, a sharp presidential rebuff to Hoffman came to light yesterday.

Mr. Truman, it was learned, has suggested to Hoffman that he reverse one of his basic policy decisions—a two-and-a-half month old order ending government grain buying on December 1 and returning the wheat and corn export trade to private channels.

## State Nurses' Group Secretary Will Interview Graduates

It was announced today by Mrs. Carlee B. Jenkins, counseling service secretary, that Miss Helen Peele of Raleigh, associate executive secretary and counselor of the North Carolina Nurses Association, will be in Roanoke Rapids on December 1 for interviews with graduate nurses in this area. Mrs. Jenkins said Miss Peele will be at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital from 10:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. to offer advice on new phases of nursing and to offer placement counsel to any nurse in the area who wishes to consult with her. Miss Peele will also speak to members of the training classes at the local hospital.

State Director of Finance John Larkins, Jr., of Trenton listed himself as the biggest contributor—an even \$600.

## State Pecan Crop This Year Is Good

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 16—(AP)—You shouldn't have trouble finding pecans for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

A North Carolina crop of 2,477,000 pounds—exclusive of wild or seedling pecans—is forecast by the federal-state crop reporting service. Last year's crop was 1,734,000 pounds. The 10-year average is 2,288,000 pounds.

## Princess Elizabeth And Prince Are "Fine"

London, Nov. 16—(AP)—All was reported well today with Princess Elizabeth and her new son as relatives gathered to peek at the two-day-old prince who may be Britain's next king.

Buckingham Palace spread this news in a bulletin issued by royal physicians.

"Princess Elizabeth has had a good night and is making excellent progress," said the report issued at 11:15 a. m. (6:15 a. m. est) "the infant prince continues to do well."