

Sen. Thomas Lists Repeal Of T-H Third

Washington, Nov. 24—(AP)—Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) today rated repeal on the Taft-Hartley act third on his priority list for the next Congress.

"Personally I think Congress must give first attention to increasing the minimum wage law," Thomas told a reporter. "and the Senate may even push federal aid to education ahead of that."

The Utah senator is in a position to carry out his forecasts. He will become chairman of the Senate Education and Labor committee when Democrats take over in January.

"If there was any mandate from the people in the last election then wage-hour and aid to education should come first," Thomas said.

"There is no doubt that most of the 60,000,000 workers of this country who voted, voted with us (Democrats). But only about 15,000,000 of them now are under the fair labor practices act. They should get first attention."

The fair labor practices act is better known as the Wage-Hour Law. Passed in 1938, it sets a 40-cent an hour minimum for workers whose output crosses state lines, and calls for time and one-half pay after 40 hours of work in any one week.

Thomas, calling the 40-cent minimum obsolete, proposed a boost to 75 cents an hour last session. That bill got nowhere in the GOP-controlled 80th Congress.

The Senate did, however, pass a \$300,000,000 aid to education bill, but it died in the House. Senator Ellenger (D-La.) announced last night that a similar bill will be introduced in January. He predicted it will be enacted into law.

Gen. MacArthur Denies Appeal For Japanese

Tokyo, Nov. 24—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur today denied clemency for Japan's 25 top war criminals and ordered the execution of Hideki Tojo and six others who dreamed of conquest but lost an empire.

As sole reviewing officer, he declined to use his power to lighten any of the sentences determined by the international military tribunal—seven to die on the gallows; 16 to spend the rest of their lives in prison, two to lesser prison terms.

The supreme commander called his task "utterly repugnant" to him. He closed his review of the war guilt case with a plea to people of all creeds in Japan to pray on execution day—yet to be made public—to help the world keep the peace, "lest the human race perish."

Attorneys for five defendants planned to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States which has never yet intervened in international war crimes cases.

Weather

North Carolina—Mostly cloudy and not much change in temperatures with scattered light rain or drizzle today, tonight and Thursday.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Vance Collins and Johnnie Lynch will be among delegates from throughout North Carolina to attend the Annual North Carolina Boy's Hi Y Conference. It will be held at Duke University, December 3, 4 and 5. The climax of the conference will be a banquet held in the dining room at Duke. Johnny is a senior and Vance is a junior at the local high school.

Mrs. A. H. Hall of Franklin street is expecting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hall, of Washington, D. C., and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Carlisle and son, Jerry, of Waverly, Virginia, to come home to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sue Epperson will leave today to spend her holidays from school in Petersburg, Virginia, with her aunt and uncle. Sue attended school there last year and will have many friends to visit. She plans to return Sunday.

Sandra Edwards, a junior at the local high school, plans to make a long trip alone during the holidays. She is going to Savannah, Georgia to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rhoden. Mr. Rhoden was for some time a resident of Roanoke Rapids, but moved to Florida in January of 1947 to become assistant Boy Scout executive from February of 1943 until his departure he was the East Carolina Council field executive. Sandra also plans to stop in Raleigh to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helms. Jesse was a well-known radio announcer of the local radio station, until he accepted a position with WRAL in Raleigh.

Hertford County Sheriff Appeals His Conviction

Winton, Nov. 24—(AP)—Hertford county sheriff C. W. Parker has given notice of appeal to superior court from his conviction in recorder's court here on a charge of simple assault.

Judge Dare Boone yesterday in recorder's court ordered the sheriff to pay court costs on the charge, bought by Albert Lawrence, Negro, who accused the officer of slapping him.

Sheriff Parker was convicted two weeks before, but Judge Boone had deferred sentence. The officer posted a \$25 bond for appearance in superior court, probably in February.

Judge Boone yesterday found Lawrence guilty of using abusive language on a public highway and fined him \$25 and costs, which he paid.

The two trials resulted from incidents of more than a month ago when Sheriff Parker and other officers closed Casa Mayama, a Negro night spot near Ahsokie, for the alleged sale of beer on Sunday.

Inquest In Fendell Death Is Dec. 2

Halifax County coroner Rufus Britton said here this morning that an inquest in the death of Dr. Henry Fendell of New York City and Miami, Fla., who was killed near Weldon in a highway crash on November 6, will be held in Weldon on December 2.

Two Negro men, Aldie Finch of Clayton, and J. C. Blanding of Halifax, are under bond pending the inquest.

Dr. Fendell was killed instantly about four miles south of Weldon on highway 301 when the car he was driving south collided with a truck belonging to the Central Oil Milling Company of Clayton and driven by Finch.

The doctor's wife, his mother and sister were all slightly injured in the accident and were discharged the following day from the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Blanding was arrested by officers several days after the accident and occurred. According to investigating officers Finch said a log truck, believed to be the one operated by Blanding, had passed Finch's truck and had forced the Fendell car off the road and into the fatal truck.

The inquest was originally set for November 17, but was postponed at that time because of the illness of Mrs. Fendell, who returned to New York following her release from the hospital.

Britton said today he has made arrangements with the Fendells and other witnesses in the case to be in Weldon at 7:30 on the evening of December 2 to give testimony in the hearing.

A new club is in the making as of today. It is an Art Club, which will begin on Thursday of next week. Several citizens of this city have expressed their desire for such a club and now their wishes may be realized. By their help only. E. C. Langford, a well-known painter and sign-painter of this city has said that he will help those who are interested in such a project, to get it started and will then act more or less as an advisor of their paintings. More information about this club will be given during the latter part of this week, and all who are interested are asked to put forth an effort toward its success.

George Baird, high school band director, who was the instructor of the local Mixed Chorus Club, has turned this position over to Joseph P. Parker, another of the high school teachers. Mr. Parker, it is said, anticipates a very enjoyable Christmas program, of the best loved Christmas carols and other songs which they are now rehearsing. Everyone interested in music is still invited to join. Mr. Parker has as his goal, 40 voices for the program to be presented.

The minister advertised for a man-servant and the next morning a nicely dressed young man rang the bell. "Can you start the fire and get breakfast by seven o'clock," asked the minister. "I guess so," answered the young man. "Well, can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes and keep the house neat and tidy?" continued the minister. "Say, parson," said the young fellow, "I came here to see about getting married—but thanks for warning me in time. I'm getting out right now..."

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New Officers Of Future Farmers



These six farm boys will head the Future Farmers of America organization for the coming year. They were elected at the national convention of the FFA in Kansas City, Mo. In foreground, left to right: Doyle Conner, 19, of Stark, Fla., president; Bill Michael, 18, of Billings, Mont., third vice president; Max Cobble, 19, of Midway, Tenn., secretary; Paul Lindholm, 20, of Ortonville, Minn., first vice president. Back row, left to right: Dale Hess, 19, of Bel Air, Md., second vice president, and Alton Brasell, 20, of Lubbock, Tex., fourth vice president. (AP Wirephoto).

Neutrals Study Berlin Currency Problem in Effort to End Crisis

Neutrals Sift Answers To Questionnaire

Paris, Nov. 24—(AP)—Six neutral members of the United Nations Security Council took up again today their task of trying to break through the east-west deadlock on Berlin.

The neutrals will sift through American, British, French and Russian answers to a questionnaire on Berlin's currency problems in an effort to find a clue to a means of halting the cold war.

Juan A. Bramuglia of Argentina, President of the Security Council for November, submitted the questionnaires to the four powers and then turned the replies over to the other six members for study. The neutrals are Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Colombia and Syria.

Because currency is one of the chief causes of friction between the western powers and Russia in Berlin, Bramuglia is seeking to get at the root of the discord by solving the money problem.

The United States, Britain and France introduced their western German currency in the western sectors of Berlin last spring. Soon afterward, in June, Russia began its blockade of the capital city by halting all transportation except air traffic between Berlin and the Western occupation zones.

Russia has refused to lift the blockade until the western powers accept Soviet currency as the only medium of exchange in all four sectors of the city. The western powers, on the other hand, have refused to negotiate the currency or other questions until the blockade is lifted.

Despite the neutrals' vigorous new approach to the Berlin dispute, western sources predicted gloomily that this latest effort would collapse.

Cherry Will Eat Bear Meat

Raleigh, Nov. 24—(AP)—Bear meat will be the piece resistance at a buffet lunch for governor Cherry in New York Monday night.

The State Advertising Division host at the luncheon, announced today it was disregarding the advice of Henry Belk, editor of the Goldsboro News Argus.

Belk, in a recent editorial, declared that bear meat just can't be prepared so it's fit to eat and he cautioned against serving it to Yankee guests at the luncheon.

No Frost On The Pumpkin

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
There will be no frost on the pumpkin tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, the weatherman said. Not much change from yesterday's warm temperatures was predicted for today, tonight and tomorrow in the Carolinas. More light rain or drizzle also was the prospect through tomorrow.

Old Father Roanoke Says:

A couple days ago, I told about the fast talking I had to do to get this columning job. My big ambition, however, is to get my present (fourth) wife elected President. Then I can change the name of this column to "My Day."

My wife, the first woman president; me, the first man to write "My Day." That would be a sumpin, wouldn't it?

As things are now, my wife hounds me to come home at night. How different it would be if she were in the White House. She being such an admirer of Eleanor's, she couldn't kick on my doing what Eleanor has. The couple times a year that I'd be "at home" for a couple days, would be front page news.

In "My Day," I'd write all the chit-chat about what people say to "The First Man of the Land" and the bright cracks I made in reply.

But this isn't really what I want to write about today. Time's a flyin' and Leap Year will soon be gone. "Only 37 Days before the End of Leap Year" should be bannered across the top of the Herald. If quick results cannot be obtained, New Year's Day will be a day of weepin' and wailin' for Roanoke

Rapids. It will be a town full of frustrated females with four dreary, wearisome years to kill. That would not be good for Roanoke Rapids.

One company of smart gals will use the next 37 days for flank maneuvers against the common enemy. The more desperate brigade will go in for an all-out attack. The latter have asked the Herald to publish the picture of all recalcitrant males and give the phone number of each. Okay, I'll go along. Mail me the pictures. Maybe I can get the boss to print a special "Man Hunt Edition."

Let me close with this warning. Unless you girls do a right slick job in the next 37 days, Roanoke Rapids isn't going to grow as fast hereafter as it did during my younger and more active years.

I won't be around tomorrow. Something important is going to happen to me, something that any other 82-year old in the state of North Carolina would be proud to have happen to him. My place as a writin' man will be taken by one of my many great-grandsons, Old Father Roanoke IV. I told "The Fourth" that he can say anything he wants about me just so long as he doesn't tell the truth.

There was the noted turkey, with all the dressing and a delicious baked ham with sweet potatoes. Pies were made in great numbers. Usually they had pumpkin, huckleberry, cherry, cranberry and mince meat pies—pies with crusts and pies without—pies decorated with all kinds of flutings and artistic strips laid across and around. A pie was a holiday special and a pleasure for all the housekeepers to make.

After at least a week of preparation, at last Thanksgiving day arrived. Early in the morning you could hear the bell from the Episcopal church peal forth. Very soon you would see mothers and fathers and all the children walking toward church. At that time there was no overhead railroad track on Third Street only the ground track. All but the families who lived near the Methodist Church had to cross this track. It was not unusual on Thanksgiving Day to see the congregation waiting for the train to pass by in order that they might continue their journey to church.

Slight Dip in Living Costs Seen As Possibility May Not Seek Price Controls

Auxiliary To County Medical Group Is Reorganized At Meeting Here

The wives of the Halifax County doctors met with the Halifax County Medical Society Friday evening at the Roanoke Rapids hospital where they were guests at a turkey dinner and re-organized the auxiliary to the Halifax County Medical Society and heard Dr. Mildred Schrom, field director of cancer research for the state, who talked on the cancer setup in the state its aims and controls.

The wives of all county doctors are eligible for the Auxiliary which would call for an enrollment of approximately twenty-five. Eleven members were present and dues were sent in to the State Auxiliary.

Mrs. E. Cotter Murray was elected president, Mrs. R. B. Blow, vice-president, Mrs. W. D. Hall, secretary and Mrs. W. G. Suiter, re-elected treasurer.

Mrs. T. J. Taylor reported the aim of the Auxiliary is to work with the doctors wherever they can, but as yet they have no special program or plans.

A telegram from J. W. Rose councillor for the Fourth Medical District Auxiliary from Pikesville was read, congratulating local members on their organization.

Present were Mesdames E. Cotter Murray, R. B. Blow and W. G. Suiter of Weldon; C. H. Woodburn from Littleton; C. B. Robertson of Jackson; Robert F. Young and F. W. M. White from Halifax; Matthew Brown, J. H. Cutchin, F. G. Kroncke, R. P. Beckwith, M. C. Maddrey, T. J. Taylor, and W. W. Farley.

Reports On Suchow Battle Fail To Agree

Nanking, Nov. 24—(AP)—The Government continued to win the Battle of Suchow on paper today, but neutral sources believed it was steadily losing vital ground to hard-pressing Communist troops.

Not even the pro-government newspaper reports agreed on what was happening. It was certain only that major fighting raged on the plains commanding the capital, less than 200 miles south of Suchow.

The weather, a key factor, turned against the Suchow defenders. Increasing cloudiness hampered air support such as helped Nationalist ground troops blun the Communists' offensive last week.

Chinese officials discussed "total war" plans. British authorities set up three safety zones for their women and children. U. S. Army planes evacuated American school children from Kuling, China's summer capital 460 miles of Shanghai. Other aircraft evacuated 20 Americans from Hankow, 585 miles west.

The main fighting appeared to have erupted on the eastern flank of the Suchow battle. Neutral observers doubted government reports of successes in this area.

Russian Says U. S. - England Wrecked Plans

Paris, Nov. 24—(AP)—A Soviet bloc delegate said today British-American oil and military interests wrecked the United Nations partition plan for Palestine.

Andrew A. Galagan of the Soviet Ukraine told the general assembly's no. 1 political committee that it should order troops from the neighboring Arab states of Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq out of Palestine.

He said an independent Arab state should be set up alongside the new Jewish State of Israel and opposed giving the Arab section of the Holy Land to "the British Puppet of Trans-Jordan."

British and American oil interests, Galagan said, have planned pipe lines in the middle east that would be carrying 2,000,000 barrels of oil daily by 1952.

"It is essential for them to get middle east oil," he said. "This may hold up a Palestine settlement. They have taken steps tantamount to wrecking the Nov. 29, 1947, partition plan."

"Who are the genuine authors of the bernadotte report?" he asked.

The Ukrainian report he said were from American magazines and newspapers. These, he said, claimed that Robert M. McCintock of the U. S. State Department and Sir John Troutbeck of the British middle east office in Cairo visited Count Folke Bernadotte on Rhodes a few days before the late U. N. mediator was assassinated in Jerusalem in September.

Brown Given Jail Term On Assault Charge

Halifax — Chester H. Brown, Roanoke Rapids produce dealer was sentenced to eight months on the roads here in recorder's court after he had been found guilty of assault on a female.

Brown entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of assaulting Francis Alston, Littleton Negro girl, in the store of her uncle on October 19, however Judge Charles R. Daniel found him guilty of the charge.

He was originally arrested on an indictment charging an assault with an intent to commit rape, however in a preliminary hearing before magistrate W. O. Thompson in Roanoke Rapids on October 18 the lesser offense was charged and the case was bound over to the November 9 session of the recorder's court here.

Two weeks ago the case was continued for trial at the request of defense attorneys.

After hearing the sentence of the court here yesterday there was no notice of appeal given in open court by the defendant.

The court was recessed about six o'clock yesterday after having disposed of 35 cases during the day. Court officials here said there were no other road sentences beside the Brown case imposed in the court.

Three cases of drunken driving were handled by Judge Daniel, who fined defendants \$100 and costs. Most of the other cases heard were for traffic violations and guilty pleas were entered in most of them.

The court officials met here briefly to confer on court business, since the court session was recessed yesterday instead of having been adjourned.

Man Out Runs Car And Grabs Thief

Greensboro, Nov. 24—(AP)—R. C. Edwards ran faster than his automobile and nabbed an alleged thief who was driving the machine away yesterday. The car had just started moving when Edwards spotted it a couple of doors from his home, chased it a few blocks, and held the driver.

Lawrence Gentry, 31, of Gaffney, S. C., a Negro, was booked, S. C., a Negro, was booked on a charge of theft of an auto and held without bond for further investigation. Gentry was barefooted when caught, police said.

Junior Chamber To Collect Paper In Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck — Plans for another drive to collect scrap paper in Scotland Neck were made at the meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the M. and W. Coffee Shop on Tuesday evening. Henry Lee Harrison will be in charge of the drive which will take place December 5.

Religious Services To Highlight Observance Of Thanksgiving Here

Roanoke Rapids residents apparently will spend a quiet Thanksgiving Day, with religious services holding the spotlight of the day's activity.

Many of the churches will hold special services of praise for the benefit of those who wish to express their thanks through worship.

Business houses and government offices will all be closed for the day, and a general holiday will be held throughout this section. The rainy weather of the past week, and expected bad weather which will probably continue until the weekend will limit sportsmen to whom Thanksgiving Day has always been a day for hunting. Football fans will have a chance to see two top high school teams in this section in action in Enfield tomorrow afternoon, when Enfield High School and Scotland Neck High School clash in the first annual Goober Bowl game at three o'clock. Other football fans will attend games in Virginia and other parts of the state.

Some of the special Thanksgiving Day church services which have been announced are the following:

A joint Thanksgiving service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the congregations of the First Presbyterian Church and All Saints Episcopal Church will gather to worship. The Rev. Edmund Berkeley rector of the Episcopal Church and the Rev. John M. Walker, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church will be in charge of the joint service, and

BLS Says Drop Mostly On Foodstuffs

Washington, Nov. 24—(AP)—A slight but welcome dip in living costs raised the possibility today that President Truman might tone down his demand for "stand by" price control and rationing powers when Congress meets in January.

Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, said a continued ebb in prices, washing out the need for drastic controls, would be "swell." But, he didn't predict that would happen.

"It would be like seeing a fever chart go down," Nourse told a reporter, "but we aren't drawing any conclusions yet."

His comment came after the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last night that its cost-of-living index for October showed a dip of one half of one per cent. This was the first drop in seven months for the index as a whole.

Another top government fiscal official said privately he believes inflationary forces still have the upper hand. And Chester Bowles, one-time boss of OPA and governor-elect of Connecticut said after a White House visit that Congress "unquestionably" will act against inflation.

Behind all the guesswork lay the big question of what will happen overseas. . . how much more money will have to go for foreign aid and national defense. Some influential White House advisers are known to feel that any substantial rise over Mr. Truman's present \$15,000,000,000 ceiling on next year's military outlay could send the inflation spiral whirling again.

On the other hand, Nourse has stated that, were it not for foreign aid spending and rearmament "deflationary evidences would by this time have become clearly evident."

BLS said food alone was responsible for the October drop in living costs. Groceries and meats declined "substantially" to carry the index down despite price rises in all other major commodity groups, the agency said. It was the third straight monthly drop for foodstuffs.

The consumer price drop reflected a decline since August in wholesale prices. It followed, also, reports of a lag behind in 1947 department store business. The relief for householders was slight, however. The index was only half a percentage point under the record high set in August and September. It stood at 73.6 per cent above the 1935-9 average.

BLS underscored this point with a timely comparison: The Thanksgiving dinner that last year cost \$5.12 for a family of four will cost \$5.47 tomorrow. The increase is seven per cent.

General Motors, which has a sliding-scale wage contract with CIO based on the rise and fall of living costs, said the decline was too slight to cut the earnings of its 38,000 workers. The GM adjustment is made every three months.

At St. John's Catholic Church the Very Rev. Peter M. Denges, pastor, has announced that a special Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at the church at eight o'clock with confessions preceding the Mass. Father Denges said Holy Communion will be received for the Thanksgiving service and said it is customary on this day to recite the prayer for the church and the civil authorities composed in 1789 by the Most Rev. John Carroll of Baltimore, first Bishop.

There will be a special Thanksgiving service at the Pentecostal Holiness Church tomorrow evening at seven o'clock. The service will take the place of the regular Wednesday evening prayer service.

A joint Thanksgiving service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Rev. N. W. Grant will bring the message and Miss Hazel Copeland, young people's leader, has invited the public to attend the service.

In nearly all churches in this section special services of Thanksgiving will be held at some time during the day.