

THE WEATHER
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DISTRICT PIE CONTEST—Jean Stern (far left), New London, was the winner of the district cherry pie contest held Saturday in the Witter building here. She will enter the state pie contest in Milwaukee next Saturday. Chosen as alternate was Margaret Braun (second from right), Antigo. Others entered in the competition were Chloe Brody, Marshfield, (second from left) and Phyllis Graham, Strong's Prairie (far right.) Judges were Mrs. J. A. Torresani, Mrs. Harry Peterson and Miss Elizabeth Metcalf. (Tribune Photo.)

Norway Turns to U.S. for Aid Despite Renewed Red Action

Propose Strike Emergency Power Be Written in Labor Bill; Check Votes

Washington—(AP)—William H. Davis, former chairman of the war labor board, proposed today that congress give the president power to seize plants when a "national emergency" strike is threatened.
Davis told the senate labor committee he had come to this conclusion "reluctantly."
But he said that when the nation's health and safety is really threatened—as by a general railroad strike—the president is going to take action, regardless of whether a specific law exists.
So he believes congress should "make it clear" that the president should "act first" to protect the nation and then report to congress.
Davis testified at the committee's hearings on the administration's new labor bill. That measure's only provision for dealing with national emergency strikes is this: It would have the president call for a 30 day cooling off period before such a strike. It says nothing about how the request would be enforced.
That has been one point that Republicans have been particularly criticizing. They predict that about 14 southern Democratic senators will join at least 38 Republicans in changing that and in voting to preserve most provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law.
If true, that would give the Taft-Hartley defenders a majority of senate votes in the furious congressional fight which is now in its early—but already violent—stages.
Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader of the senate, promptly told a reporter the Republican claim of support is only "political propaganda" and "speculation."
Makes no Claim
Lucas declined to make a claim of his own. When asked whether he has made a senate survey to discover the chances of Taft-Hartley repeal, he said:
"No, I haven't and the Republicans haven't either."
Meantime the frazzled senate labor committee, behind schedule, struggled into the last four days and nights of its highly emotional hearings on the Truman administration's labor bill. The committee's present deadline is Thursday night.
The administration's labor bill would knock out most of Taft-Hartley—the closed shop ban, 80-day court injunctions in serious strikes, non-Communist oaths, and scores of other provisions—and substitute a law closer to the Wagner act of 1935, which unions call "labor's magna charta."
Backed by Unions
The bill has been endorsed by unions. It has been called inadequate by industry witnesses. It is expected to be approved by the senate committee because the Democrats are an 8 to 5 majority.
After that comes the big debate and the voting in the senate.
A briefer debate will be held in the house of representatives.
Eventually, weeks from now—maybe months—congress will agree on what labor law America will have.
In all this, southern Democrats appear to hold a balance of power.
Most northern Democrats will follow President Truman to help him redeem a party pledge of Taft-Hartley "repeal." Most Republicans will seek to retain the bulk of the law. The crucial question is: How many

Big Boost in Rent Seen if Control Ends

Washington—(AP)—Tighe E. Woods, federal housing expediter, today forecast a 50 to 60 per cent rent raise unless congress continues and strengthens rent controls.
Woods urged the house banking committee to approve the administration bill extending rent control through March 31, 1951. The present act will die next March 31 unless congress acts.
The bill also would extend rent ceilings to several types of accommodations not now covered. It also would give the expediter authority to recontrol areas that have been decontrolled.
Woods said the expanded controls are needed to kill what he described as a "growing black market" in rental property. To do this, he said it is necessary for him to be able to regulate evictions, bring criminal actions against landlords, and sue for treble damages for violations.
He said the end of rent controls now "would force millions to increase their rent payments at the expense of diets, medical care, clothing and other necessities of life."
Woods testified that rents have doubled on some classes of rental property that were decontrolled under the revised rent law enacted by congress last year. He estimated overall decontrol now would result in rent increases ranging from 50 to 60 per cent for great numbers of the 14,350,000 dwelling units now with rent ceilings.
Even before the committee got under way, Representative Wolcott (R-Mich.), senior banking Republican, told reporters that dropping prices and employment may have removed any need for rent or other "anti-inflation" controls.



HALVARD M. LANGE

Diplomat To Seek Guidance On Alliance

Washington—(AP)—Norway's foreign minister turned to the state department today for the U. S. side of the issue: Should he back the Russian or the American plan for guarding his country against aggression?
Secretary of State Acheson was expected to urge him, in effect, to line up with the United States, Canada and western Europe in a firm north Atlantic alliance.
The Norwegian diplomat, Halvard M. Lange, arrived here yesterday amid mounting concern in his country over a sudden offer by Russia to conclude a non-aggression pact with the Norwegian government.
To Give Facts
U. S. officials doubted in advance that Acheson would offer any specific advice on the course Norway should adopt toward this Russian move. They saw the secretary's job as making it clear, by presenting facts, that Norway could best protect its interests by rejecting Russia's offer.
Acheson and the American government were reported ready to assure Lange that no bases will be required on Norwegian soil if Norway decides to join the north Atlantic defense arrangement.
Russia's apparent unwillingness to accept Norway's assurance that it does not contemplate offering such bases has stirred anxiety in Norwegian government circles.
Denounce Alliance
The Soviet government has denounced the formation of the north Atlantic alliance and repeatedly claimed it in effect represents an aggressive move not in keeping with the United Nations.
American government officials promptly labeled Russia's offer of a non-aggression pact a non-toe subtle effort by Moscow to frighten the Norwegians into staying out of the north Atlantic alliance.
Foreign diplomatic officials meanwhile disclosed that the ambassadors of Sweden and Denmark also are tentatively scheduled to call at the state department, to explain their

Survey Shows Deer Herd in Good Shape Despite Scarcity of Browse

Central Wisconsin deer are in good condition despite the scarcity of natural browse, but the highways near the Necedah wild life refuge aren't so hot.
That, in brief, is the report of the deer committee of the Wisconsin Conservation congress after a two-day tour of the deer yards of Wood, Jackson, Clark, Juneau and Monroe counties.
The inspection trip of the seven-man committee under chairmanship of L. C. Whiffen, Milwaukee, came to a halt about mid-afternoon Sunday when the group attempted to get a look at conditions in the Necedah refuge.
Bad Roads Curtail Tour
The remainder of the afternoon was spent in pushing a string of stalled inspecting cars out of the ruts and snowbanks, and the discussion of deer conditions scheduled for that evening at the Meadow Valley ranger station was sharply curtailed.
The group started from Wisconsin Rapids Saturday morning and examined the Walker and Stout marsh yards in Wood county and seven Jackson county areas. Eight members of the local Conservation league accompanied the deer committee on the first day's tour and four made the entire trip.
Also represented was the conservation department's deer project. The touring party averaged about 37 persons.
A public discussion of the problem was held at Black River Falls at the end of the first day of the

Seven Killed In Accidents In Wisconsin

By the Associated Press
A mother and her 5-year-old daughter were among seven persons killed accidentally on Wisconsin highways over the first week in February.
Mrs. John Sandt and her small daughter, Lee, were injured fatally when struck by a car while walking along Highway 11 near Union Grove yesterday. Mrs. Sandt died almost instantly. Lee died later at St. Mary's hospital, Racine.
Mrs. Oscar Duescher, 70, of Green Lake, was killed yesterday when the car in which she was riding collided with another two miles west of Green Lake on Highway 23.
Arthur L. Miller, 38, Racine, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in his car, which was standing in a ditch near Campbellsport early Saturday morning. Authorities theorized from skid marks, the car had gone into the ditch and Miller had decided to sit out the night after he was unable to get the vehicle back onto the highway.
Mrs. Ray Hale, 55, of rural Beloit, was killed Saturday when the car in which she was riding collided with a Milwaukee Road passenger train on a county road near Janesville.
At Beloit, 9-year-old James Metzendorf died when his sled collided with a Milwaukee-bound Cardinal lines bus while he was coasting near the Beloit-Janesville highway Saturday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Metzendorf, Beloit.
Lars Mathisrud, 60, was injured fatally Saturday at Milwaukee when he was struck on the head by a 15-pound angle iron at the coal company where he was employed.

Death of Man By Gunshot is Held Suicide

The body of Harold Reiman, 41, Route 2, was found Saturday morning about 10 feet from his auto on a town road in northern Adams county a mile south of the Wood county line. Death was due to a gun-shot wound, which Adams County Sheriff S. R. Stone said was self-inflicted.
Reiman had been missing since Friday night. His wife, Mrs. Lavina Reiman, notified Sheriff Arthur E. Berg at 11:30 that night that her husband had left home after a quarrel and had taken a shotgun with him.
Mailman Finds Body
A mail carrier, Earl Tuttle, New Rome, found the body on a town road three miles east of Highway 13 in the town of Rome. He notified Sheriff Stone at 11:50 that morning, and the sheriff and Coroner Robert W. Roseberry conducted an investigation.
Sheriff Stone told Sheriff Berg that Reiman had stopped his car, apparently walked ten feet ahead and shot himself with the shotgun back of the left ear. Death apparently occurred early Saturday morning.
Traffic Officer Donald Caylor and Deputy Sheriff Lester Gukenberger had been over that road looking for the missing man at 7:15 Saturday morning but had seen no signs of the man or his car at that time.
Funeral Wednesday
Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Krohn and Berard chapel with the Rev. Herbert T. Kant officiating. Burial is to follow at Forest Hill cemetery.
Mr. Reiman was born in the town of Saratoga on May 12, 1907 and had resided in central Wisconsin all his life.
Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reiman, Saratoga, his wife, the former Lavina Krohn, whom he married at Wadena in 1918; three children: a previous marriage, Violet, Harold and Arlene; Post Edwards, two by Mrs. Leo Wason in Rapids; and Harry, Jr., Kewanee, Ill., and one son, Mrs. Arthur Sandt in Wisconsin Rapids.

Two Slightly Injured When Cars Collide

Two persons suffered minor injuries and property damage estimated in excess of \$1,200 was caused in five weekend traffic accidents in the Wisconsin Rapids area.
Mrs. Cora Behrend, 37, 420 Eleventh street south, suffered a wrenched neck, and her son, Gerald, age 8, received a bump on the chin, at 1:20 Saturday afternoon when their auto was involved in a collision at the intersection of Prach and Eleventh streets with one driven by Henry W. Kroll, 55, 311 Fourteenth street north. The woman and child were not hospitalized. Police estimated damage to the vehicles at \$400.
Driver Is Fined
A collision at the intersection of Third avenue and Johnson street Saturday afternoon involving cars driven by Alvin O. Stocker, 45, 629 West Grand avenue, and Romeo J. Villeneuve, Jr., 18, 1250 First street north, caused \$40 damage, police reported. Stocker was fined \$1 and costs of \$7.29 in Donald E. Reiland's justice court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to yield the right of way.
Damage estimated at \$500 by Traffic Officer Donald Caylor was caused at 2:10 Sunday morning when an auto operated by Mrs. Laura Hankov, 21, Route 4, skidded into another car being backed from a driveway onto Highway 17, one and one-quarter miles south of the city, by Franklin J. Henry, Jr., 29, Route 1.
Skidding Cars Collide
A collision Saturday noon at the intersection of Fourth street and East Grand avenue caused when autos operated by Frank R. Adreus, 12, 130 Fourth street south, and Carl E. Polansky, Jr., 21, Route 1, skidded into one another, caused \$155 estimated damage, police reported.
Damage estimated at \$100 by police was caused in a collision Saturday evening at the intersection of Franklin and Thirtieth streets involving autos operated by Melvin D. Kirschling, 30, Bronn drive, and Bernard Kromsaker, 40, 921 Thirtieth street south.

Return Bodies Of 2 County Soldiers Who Fell In Italy

Bodies of two Wood county soldiers who were killed in action on the Italian front during World War II have been returned to the United States, and will shortly arrive in their home communities for final interment.
The latest of the county's war dead to be repatriated from temporary military cemeteries overseas are Sgt. Earl Breeze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Breeze, 871 Wisconsin River avenue, Port Edwards, and Sgt. Sidney A. Dye, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dye, Route 1, Arpin, Wis. Sgt. Breeze lost his life on April 14, 1945 while serving with the Fifth Mountain division in Italy. He had entered military service in February, 1942, received training at Camp Tocco, Tenn., Camp Polk, La., and Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas in November, 1943.
Sgt. Dye, whose death in action on the Italian front was announced in March, 1944, had been in service since February, 1942. He was sent overseas in March, 1942, and was killed in the North Sea in a submarine before he could reach his destination.

Vast Government Reshuffle Asked By Hoover Commission on Agencies

Washington—(AP)—The Hoover commission called today for a vast government reshuffling which would squeeze 65 agencies into a tight group one-third that size, all under firm control of the president.
Reporting to congress on its 16-month search for ways to streamline the government, the group headed by former President Herbert Hoover urged giving the president broad new powers over his official family—powers it said are needed in the present "critical state of world affairs."
It said that under the present set-up, "authority is diffused, lines of authority are confused, staff services are insufficient."
To remedy that, the commission proposed a government pyramid based on the 2,000,000 federal employees and building up to a score of top-level agencies directly under the president—instead of the 65 which now report to him "if they report to anyone."
At the head of this chain of command, the president would be fortified with new staff officials, a powerful "managerial arm" in an expanded budget office, much wider powers to reorganize government offices, and authority to name many officials without the senate's approval.
Omitted from the list of offices tabbed for streamlining were nine "regulatory" agencies, including three—the interstate commerce commission, federal reserve board and securities and exchange commission—which many congressmen have proposed putting out of the president's reorganization reach.
First Chapter
The report was the first chapter of a massive blueprint for federal reform—which Hoover has said could save the taxpayers "billions"—to be handed congress in 15 installments before March 31.
Today's chapter is only a "general skeleton," the report said, of the biggest reorganization job in history. It promised that later reports—three a week—will fill in that framework with the details of proposed mergers and abolitions and the patching of "weakened or actually broken" lines of authority.
The 12-member commission is

Snow Makes State Roads Slippery

By the Associated Press
"Much colder weather"—but not quite a cold wave—has taken over in Wisconsin on the heels of yesterday's snowfall.
Federal Weatherman Howard J. Thompson today reported the heaviest snowfall in the Green Bay area with a little more than three inches. Milwaukee's new blanket of snow was two inches thick while one inch fell at LaCrosse, Park Falls, Land O'Lakes, and in the Superior-Duluth region.
Some snow still was falling in the Land O'Lakes area this morning, but elsewhere over the state, skies generally were fair.
Milwaukee reported the highest temperature yesterday with 29 degrees.
The state highway department reported that in spite of blowing and drifting last night, all state trunk highways in Wisconsin were open.
It warned, however, that roads were slippery in many areas.
A new storm ripped across the Rockies today, burying northwest highways in snowdrifts—and still another churned across the Pacific toward the west coast.
Snowsqualls swirled toward the hard-hit western plains and the armies of western blizzard rescuers. The north-west disturbance left roads in Wyoming, Idaho and Utah choked with new drifts and rail traffic was

Cattle Price Decline Noted

Chicago—(AP)—Cattle arrivals at Union stockyards today were the highest in a year at 18,000 head. Prices dropped 15 cents to \$2.00 a hundred pounds. Steers and heifers fell to new low prices since 1947.
Good and choice steers sold at \$22.25 to \$23.00 in the early trade with some choice offerings still held for \$25.00 and above.
Vealers maintained a steady level of value at \$24.00 and below, but there were only 500 head on sale in this category. Bulls dropped \$1.00.
Lamb sales suffered from heavier than usual Monday receipts. Today's 5,000 head were the most since a month ago and compared with 2,500 a week ago. Bids were \$1.00 lower than last Friday's market with no sales completed.
In the hog trade prices held steady to 25 cents lower the latter decline going to some lighter weight butcher types. The top price was \$21.25 a hundred pounds, off a quarter from Friday.

Court Upholds Texas Judge

Washington—(AP)—A 5 to 4 split in the supreme court today upheld the contempt sentence handed a Texas attorney while he was fighting a court case for his Negro client. The opposition lawyer was the son of the judge.
Attorney Joe J. Fisher claimed those may have been the reasons Judge F. P. Adams of Jasper county, Texas, took exception to his courtroom conduct.
Fisher was fined \$100 and sentenced to three days' imprisonment.
In a dissent from the majority opinion delivered by Justice Reed, Justice Douglas said the only inference he can draw from the record in the case is this: "That the judge picked a quarrel with this lawyer and used his high position to wreak vengeance on him."
In other actions today the high court
Agreed to reconsider its 4 to 4 decision of last December upholding the conviction of Carl Aldo Mazza, a former state department employee, on charges of making false statements about Communist party activities.
Ruled 8 to 1 that New Orleans and Louisiana may tax tugboats and barges owned by out-of-state corporations.

'Get Tough,' New GOP Cry

Washington—(AP)—Flying squadrons of congressional Republicans will urge their grass roots colleagues in a series of Lincoln day dinners this week to get tough with the Democrats.
No. 1 show among these annual pep rallies will be in Washington, where Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York has been promised a full house will join him Tuesday night in some soul searching about the future of the party.
Nobody here knows exactly what Dewey will recommend in the way of Republican policies.
But it's no secret that the Republicans in congress—turning on the oratory from Maine to California—are in a fighting mood. For them, they say, there will be no more me-tooing of the Democrats.
Senator Brewster of Maine, who lists talks at Cincinnati, Sacramento, San Diego and Muncie, Ind., on his schedule for the week, said he is going to urge the Republicans to "get tough with the Democrats."
Much significance is likely to be attached to what is said in Detroit Thursday night by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan.
As one of those who has been championing a new look for the Republicans, Vandenberg is expected to tell his Michigan constituents not only what he thinks was wrong about the last presidential campaign but what the party ought to do about it.

Ahdawagam Office Employees Vote On Union Affiliation

Office employees of the Ahdawagam division of Consolidated Water Power & Paper company will vote Tuesday morning in an election conducted by the national labor relations board, to determine whether they wish to be represented by the Office Employees International Union (A. F. of L.) for purposes of collective bargaining.
The election, ordered on petition of the international union, will be supervised by Jack Carrier, field examiner for the Minneapolis regional office of the NLRB.
Ballots will be cast from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at the clockhouse of the Ahdawagam plant. Approximately 36 office workers, including those employed in the plastics department, are eligible to participate in the voting.
The Ahdawagam division's office personnel are not presently represented by any union. The Office Employees International union is the recognized bargaining agent for such employees at the Wisconsin Rapids and Eron divisions of Consolidated.

Masonic Rites For Clayton Cotterill To Be Held Tuesday

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Masonic temple for Clayton J. Cotterill, 49, 1111 Lincoln street, who died suddenly at 9:45 Saturday morning following a heart attack. The Rev. A. W. Truerg is to officiate and interment will take place in Neshonoc cemetery at West Salem Wis.
Mr. Cotterill was born at Oshkosh on November 1, 1899, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cotterill and married Phoebe Williams at West Salem on May 31, 1940.
He was a member of the local Masonic lodge.
Friends may pay their respects at the Krohn and Berard funeral home until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning when the body will be taken to the temple to lie until time of services.

Forum Lecture Tonight

The Rev. Tom Simmons, Minister of the First Baptist church, will be the speaker at the sixth of the current series of public forums, to be held in the main room of Lincoln High school at 8 o'clock this evening. His subject will be "What Does the Church and Labor Have in Common?"

X-Ray Unit Visits Grand Rapids Town

After four well-attended open centers in Wisconsin Rapids last week, the state board of health's mobile X-ray unit moved into the town of Grand Rapids for clinics this afternoon and Tuesday morning.
The bus is stationed at the Tri-City Motor company, 1839 Eighth street south, to accommodate Grand Rapids township residents desiring chest X-rays. It will be in operation there from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, before returning to this city for another open center from 1 to 4 p.m. at Heischel's Dairy bar on Sixteenth street north.
Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:30 to 4 p.m., the final centers in Wisconsin Rapids will be held, with the unit located in front of the City Gas company, 444 West Grand avenue.

Fire Destroys Barn On Strooisma Farm

A large dairy barn on the Charles Strooisma farm, Route 1, Rudolph, was destroyed by fire late Saturday night. The Wisconsin Rapids fire department was summoned shortly after midnight, but when the truck arrived at the farm five miles north of the city the structure had already collapsed.
Origin of the fire was not learned, and no estimate of the loss was given. Livestock housed in the barn was saved.
City firemen were called at 11:30 Saturday night to the Floyd Smith residence, 350 Dewey street, when a short circuit developed in an electric motor operating the heating system blower. No damage resulted.

Discuss Problem Of New Water Supply

A meeting of the city council and board of health was held last night to discuss the problem of a new water supply for the city of Wisconsin Rapids. The meeting was held in the city hall and was attended by the mayor, council members, and board members. The discussion centered around the need for a new water supply system to meet the growing needs of the city. The council and board agreed to continue the study of the problem and to report back to the public at a later date.

Plan 60-Day Notice Before New Draft Call, Board Advised

The Wisconsin Rapids board of health has advised the city council that it plans to give a 60-day notice before calling for a new draft of water supply. The board is currently reviewing various proposals and will make a final decision within the next few weeks. The council is expected to act on the board's recommendation.

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