The Jackson County Journal

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY — SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1936. — $2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Citizens Get Chance To Vote In Presidential Poll

...ch of the Presidential candi- ... in the national election this ... is going to carry Jackson county ... Sylva?

Which of the candidates will get ... highly important small town and ... vote? Which candidate will get ... votes in the majority of states throughout the nation?

These are questions, the answers to ... will no doubt play an important part in the final national returns ... November. Upon the choice of ... town and rural American voters ... rest the balance of power to ... the election for the successful ... didate.

...ies from throughout the country indicate that voters everywhere ... manifesting exceptionally keen interest ... that the publishers of weekly ... papers throughout the country, ... launched a nation-wide presidential straw vote to learn "which ... the wind is blowing" with the ... town and rural American voters ... Journal has joined in with ... weekly newspapers and will con... the vote in this territory. A ... nation-wide tabulation is published in this ... It may be voted by any legal ... You do not have to sign your ... It is important, however, that ... the name of the town and ... from which you cast your vote ... November election, so that the ... tabulation of your vote will ... accurately recorded.

Nicholas Amoroster Service of ... York, pioneers of a service for ... newspapers, is to serve in the ... of national headquarters for ... straw vote. Your local vote ... as recorded in Sylva, then ... rushed on to New York for ... tabulation.

The Journal wants everybody to ... a chance in this poll in the ... regardless of political belief. ... a true expression of the de... our readers to send to nation... headquarters, to be published in ... of the country.

... local, county and state returns ... straw vote will be of particular interest to voters everywhere, just ... from other states will be ... to voters here. It is only ... combined efforts of hundreds ... weekly newspapers that such a ... of sentiment in the small ... and rural America can be obtained.

It is therefore important that you ... now to cast your straw vote ... this balloting, so that your fellow ... in other states will know which ... expected from North Carolina ... out the ballot, vote it, write ... name of the town and state, ... or bring it to The Journal ... results in the local voting will be ... published in these columns each week ... the voting progresses. National results will also be published as soon ... they are available, first releases ... be forthcoming within the ... ten days or two weeks.

TODAY and TOMORROW

QUAKERTOWN . . . . visit

The other day we got into the car and motored out to Quakertown, Pa., where my friend Charley Meredith runs one of the best country weekly newspapers I know of, the Quakertown Free Press.

I was struck by the apparent prosperity of that section. I talked with several business men and a number of farmers in Bucks County. It's a good farming country and there is no distress that I could learn of among the farmers there. Very few people are on relief. About the only sign of relief activities are the train-loads of city unemployed sent out to work on some projects in the southern part of the country.

HOUSES . . . . two ft. walls

We had luncheon in an old stone farm house built more than 200 years ago and still occupied by descendants of the original builder. We saw hundreds of similar stone houses, with two-foot walls and slate roofs, built to withstand the elements. There is plenty of stone all around that region, both red sandstone and limestone, and the first settlers did what the first settlers in every new country always do—built their homes of the native material close at hand.

We hear a great deal about "prefabricated" homes, built of steel or plastic slabs made in factories, and I have no doubt that we shall see great developments in that line. But I think they will be mostly erected in city suburbs. They are not likely to replace local materials, assembled by local labor in country districts where almost every man can turn a hand to carpentry or masonry.

GADGETS . . . . . wanted

I saw a new gadget the other day which its makers tell me is selling faster than they can turn it out. It is a garbage grinder that you put in the kitchen sink. It grinds the table and kitchen waste to a fine powder which is then washed down the drain, saving all the labor and smells of garbage cans and their emptying.

It struck me that its inventor was a genius. It takes a genius to forsee that people are going to want something which hasn't yet been made.

Forty years ago there was no public demand for automobiles or radios. Nobody had ever seen them, so nobody knew that they wanted them. Half of the things that women buy in the stores are things they didn't know they wanted until they saw them in the show windows.

Too many inventors, on the other hand, make the mistake of trying to produce something which they think the people ought to have, without knowing enough about human nature to realize that the things we ought to have are not always what they want.

SINGERS TO SING AT FARMERS' FROLIC

Every singing class in Jackson County is expected to be at the Farmers' Picnic to be held on the High School Grounds at Sylva on next Tuesday, August 11. First and second prizes of 18 and 12 song books, respectively, will be presented the winning choirs; and the first prize-winning choir will be taken to Swannanoa to the big picnic on August 20, to compete with winning choirs from the other counties of this territory. Quartetts are also invited to come and sing on Tuesday.

There will be a speaking program in the forenoon, and immeriately after dinner there will be contests for all to enter, men, women, boys and girls, with appropriate prizes for all to win. The singing contest will begin at two o'clock.

Everybody in Jackson county is invited to come and bring a basket and enjoy the day together.

PREPARE FOR DECORATION

There will be a cemetery working August 19, preceding the annual decoration day, August 23, at Cullowhee.

The committee asks that, if Aug. 19 is a rainy day, interested people bring tools and come to the cemetery on the next fair day.

The Cullowhee Methodists will provide the Memorial-Homecoming Day speaker. The program will be announced next week.

REVIVAL AT CULLOWHEE

A revival meeting began at Cullowhee Baptist church, yesterday, with the pastor, Rev. Fred Forester, doing the preaching. Services are conducted at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Rufus Phillips and Dr. Painter are leading the singing, with the Stillwell sisters at the two pianos.

The newly-installed fans make the building a delightful place.

SCRIPPS-HOWARD MAN VISITS RELATIVES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sharp of Mobile, Ala., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wise and Mrs. W. A. Wise, of whom Mr. Sharp is a nephew. They are on a three weeks' vacation in Cumberland and Hancock, Maryland. Mr. Sharp is manager of the Scripps-Howard newspaper, the Mobile Times. The late James E. Scripps was his uncle.

OPENS NEW GROCERY

Mr. J. A. Geisler has just opened a new grocery seore, "Geisler's Grocery", in his new building on Main Street, above the bridge.

Old Age Pension Has Forged To Forefront

Washington, August 5—The old-age pension question comes to the fore again as a result, partly, of the Townsend plan advocates in Cleveland, and partly of Gov. Landon's acceptance speech in Topeka. There are are really three old-age pension plans under consideration in the United States at the present time. They are:

1. The Townsend Plan for a national pension of $200 a month for every person over 60 years old regardless of need.
2. The system now in effect in many states and available to every state which wants to take advantage of this provision of the Social Security Act, namely, of providing a pension of not less than $30 a months for every needy persons over 65 years old
3. The old age benefit provisions of the Social Security Act, which is an annuity insurance plan, in which workers in certain occupations and their employers are to contribute to a fund administered from Washington to provide for retirement pensions at the age of 65.

Washington has not yet recovered from its surprise at the apparent strength of the Townsend plan movement as indicated by the enthusiasm at the Cleveland convention. That the Townsend plan is utterly impractical is the opinion of most economic authorities but that it is politically potentially powerful is conceded by every political expert. The old age pension idea has taken possession of an apparently increasing proportion of the American people.

Gov. Landon's pronouncement on old age pensions was an endorsement of the present plan of Federal cooperation with the states to care for the needy aged, to which he added the promise to make the Social Security Act workable in its other aspects.

The old age insurance benefit and the unemployment insurance features of the Social Security Act have been under critical examination for a year now and considerable concern is expressed over the possibility of administering these phases of the law from Washington.

Naturally, political comment on Gov. Landon's acceptance speech ranges from enthusiastic endorsement to equally enthusiastic denunciation, according to the political temperament of the commentator.

The point upon which the opposition fire is focused is what he said about the rights of labor to organize. His declaration that, if elected he would use his official power as far as possible to guarantee to workers the right to belong to any union or no union at all, as they individually may choose, either a company union, a craft union, or an industrial union, "without interference or coercion from any source" is the sore spot with organized labor.

Labor organizations do not like an intimation that the power of government will not be placed behind them in their efforts to organize workers. Mr. Landon's acceptance of the company union system of organization is also not relished by labor leaders.

How far this may have the effect of further alienating the labor vote is a good deal of an open question. One of the shrewdest political analysts here points out that 80 per cent of organized labor is already safely in the Roosevelt camp and that Mr. Landon's remarks may have alienated another five per cent.

Just what this strength amounts to and how effective it may be in determining the results of the election in close and doubtful states is something upon which nobody cares to make a detailed prediction.

The action of President Roosevelt in placing all postmasters under the civil service system is variously interpreted. Republican commentators point to it as an effort to insure permanancy in office of the large number of politically appointed Democratic postmasters now on the job. Democratic spokesmen cite this action as proof of the sincerity of Roosevelt's desire to take the administrative functions of government out of party politics.

Pure and nonpartisan civil service reformers are naturally pleased at winning at least a partial victory. They point out, however, that this has not been brought about by an act of Congress, but by an executive order which any future President can revoke at will.

What the Civil Service Reform League is seeking a law of Congress extending the classified civil service to include all postmasters. Such a law seemed very close to enactment at the last session of Congress but failed to pass.

Washington is still trying to figure probable effects of the Robinson-Patman Act. It is in essence, an anti-trust law reaching further down the line and with more teeth in it than any previous legislation having to do with the regulation of business.

Officers Seek Holland For Middleton Shooting

Alvin Middleton, 22, of Tuckaseigee is in Harris Community Hospital, and Jackson county officers are searching for Fred Holland, 45, also of Tuckaseigee, who is alleged to have shot Middleton during an altercation, at Tuckaseigee, Wednesday night.

Young Middleton, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hatt Middleton, is unmarried, and makes his home with his parents. After he was shot, he was first taken to Holland's home, and then transferred to the hospital, where, though his condition is considered critical, it is said he has a good chance of recovery.

Holland is married and has seven children.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday, August 9, the annual conference of the Sylva Baptist church will be held. Businesss in preparation for the ensuing year will be taken up; and the letter to the Association, concerning last year's work, will be read for approval..

Among other matters will be the calling of the church roll; and it is hoped that every member living in reach of the church will be present to answer the roll.

WIKE-HOOPER REUNION

The ninth Hooper-Wike reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. Lambert Hooper at Tuckaseigee on the third Sunday in August, the 16th.

All persons related to either of these families by kindred or marriage are invited to be present with a basket lunch

BALSAM

By Mrs. D. T. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan McHan of Alhambra, Cal., spent last week with their cousin, Mrs. Sara Bryson. They will also visit other relatives in Western North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. It has been twenty-three years since they were here.

Mrs. Charles Perry and little son, Joe, of Oklahoma, are visiting Mrs. Maybelle Perry.

Miss Edith Christy, of Greenville, Tenn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. S. Christy.

Mr. Winkey McHan of Almond was a guest of his niece, Mrs. Sara Bryson, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Lee and son, Bobby, of Waynesville are spending the summer in their cottage here.

Mrs. Sara Bryson spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. J. M. May, in Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knight and little Miss Georga, and Mrs. W. S. Christy went to Asheville, Monday.

Rev. Ben Cook, the pastor, is conducting a revival in the Baptist church here. Much interest is being manifested.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dock and Peggy and Pete, their attractive children, arrived Saturday from Orlando, Fla., to spend their vacation in their cabin here.

Our School opened Monday the third with 99 pupils in attendance. Mrs. Sara Bryson is principal this year. Miss Bertie Alma Dills and Miss Catherine McLain are the assistants.

The dances at Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel pavilion are much enjoyed by a large number of people. In fact, Balsam is enjoying a great tourist season.

MRS. GUFFEY DIES

Mrs. Charles Guffey died at her home here, Friday afternoon, after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted at East Sylva Baptist church, Saturday afternoon, by Rev. R. F. Mayberry and Rev. Ernest Jamison. Interment was in the Dillard family cemetery.

Mrs. Guffey was a native of Sylva, and spent her life here. She is survived by her husband and six children, C. E., Morgan, Louis, Frances, Helen, and Mary Alice Guffey; by her mother, Mrs. Dora Dillard, seven brothers, Furman, David, Moultrie, Ralph, Morgan, Lee, and Love Dillard all of Sylva, three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Stevens, Asheville, Mrs. Morris Swanger, Waynesville, and Mrs. Artie Beasley, Sylva, and by a large number of other relatives and friends.

STRAW VOTE BALLOT

Nation-Wide Vote for PRESIDENT

THIS Straw-Vote is being conducted by co-operating weekly newspapers located in states throughout the nation to show pre-election sentiment of small town and rural America in their choice for President for the next four years.

TO VOTE: Mark a cross X in the square before the name of the candidate you prefer.

Group or club voting is NOT allowed. . . . Only single individual votes will be counted.

A voter need not sign his or her name, but to assist in national tabulation please fill in name of town and state, below.

Vote for one only of these candidates

- ☐ ROOSEVELT (Democratic)
- ☐ LANDON (Republican)
- ☐ LEMKE (Union)
- ☐ THOMAS (Socialist)
- ☐ COLVIN (Prohibition)
- ☐ BROWDER (Communist)

Town..... State.....

Times Do Change — by A. B. Chapin