

# The Jackson County Journal

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Roosevelt Registers Gains; Landon Leads Straw Vote

(By John Thomas Wilson)  
New York, Sept. 30—A faster pace is being attained as the presidential campaign swings to the final month. This drive by the parties for their respective electors is manifested far and wide in the grass roots of the country. The straw vote being conducted in some 3,000 newspapers throughout the country.

In the close of the sixth week of the campaign in this country, a total of 792,521 votes had been cast. Governor Alf Landon, Republican, continues to lead: President-elect, Democratic, is second; Congressman William Lemke, Republican, is third. The candidates, Thomas, Socialist; Brewster, Prohibitionist; and Browder, Communist, trail far in the rear in the straw vote.

Results from 39 states have now been tabulated in national straw-vote centers here, an increase of 3 over last week's tabulation. New states are Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and West Virginia.

In the twenty-eight states in which the lead is California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and South Dakota.

Closest to Landon in Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Washington. The closing days of the poll, scheduled for October 1, might easily swing any of the states to one or the other candidate.

The Publishers Autocaster Service, New York, producers of a news-casting service for weekly newspapers, is operating in the capacity of "national straw-vote headquarters". The 3,000 newspapers which are operating in conducting the poll are in charge of the tabulations. Headquarters here report that the largest number of ballots have been cast and the interest of the voters is greater than in any of the former polls conducted by cooperating weekly newspapers. This is the fourth nationwide straw vote and rural America's poll has been conducted during the 1924 campaign.

**BETA**  
(By Mrs. W. B. Dillard)  
Rev. R. C. Shearin filled his regular appointment at our church, Sunday. The subject of his sermon was "Neighborliness".  
The boys and girls 4-H Clubs met Sunday. Mr. Lackey took the boys on a field trip, and Mrs. Evans gave interesting demonstrations on table setting and sewing.  
Those attending Cullowhee school are: Rev. R. C. Shearin, W. Dillard, Lucile Dills, Weaver Allen, and Van Carter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parris and small daughter of Asheville are visiting relatives here for a few days.  
Mrs. Margaret Sutton and children, Miss Fannie J. Moore, went to Cullowhee, Sunday afternoon to attend the Stewardship Contest sponsored by the W. M. U.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stillwell and children of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. W. Dillard, of Webster, visited at W. Dillard's, Monday.  
Miss Gladys Ensey of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting here.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

**YOUTH** approach  
Whenever I encounter a young man—or a young woman who shows some signs of understanding that inexperience is not the best qualification for starting at the top, I try to give him or her a helping hand.

The son of an old friend came in to ask me to help him get a newspaper job. I gave the boy's father his first job, 35 years ago. I asked the son what his ideas about pay were. "I don't care what the pay is," he said. "I know I don't know anything. I want to start at the bottom and learn." I sent him to three newspaper editors who are always looking for young people who know that they don't know anything yet.

Another young man came in. He had been offered \$10 a week on a small paper, but that wasn't good enough. He, too, had no experience, but wanted to get in through a secondary window. I told him to come back after he had revised his ideas of his own value.

**ART** work first  
One of the annual events in New York is the outdoor exhibition in Washington Square of the works of struggling young artists. I strolled around the Square the other day, looking over the pictures and statuary. Most of the efforts were so terrible that they were pitiful.

"What's wrong with these folks?" I asked a sculptor friend who was with me.  
"They think they know it all," he replied. They won't take the time and do the hard, slow work of learning how to draw before they begin to paint and model. They want to start with color and figures. Of course, they won't get anywhere."

It struck me that was sound criticism of the approach toward life of many young people. They've never learned how to work or what real work means.

**EDUCATION** never ends  
Nobody really counts for much in human affairs unless he learns something new every day, as long as he lives. One of the best-educated men I know never went to school after he was ten. He went to sea as a boy, learned everything there was to learn about ships and navigation until he became captain of a great trans-Atlantic liner. He found time, also, to master three languages.

Now, in his retirement, he is still learning. He was at my house a few nights ago, filled with enthusiasm over a radio set he had built himself. A young radio engineer who was present said the old captain knew as much about radio as he did.  
I know scores of men who keep themselves young and abreast of the times by trying all the time to learn more about things of which they admit their ignorance.

**SATISFACTION** master  
Nobody, I believe, is really satisfied with life as he faces it until and unless he has made himself master of his own part in the general scheme of things. The unhappy people I have known are chiefly those who have never taken the pains to master their own jobs.

"Art is long and life is short," is a true old proverb. It takes a lifetime to master any art or craft. The late Daniel Chester French, one of the world's greatest sculptors, began work at 80 on a statue of which he had dreamed for years. "I have never felt until now that I had learned enough about sculpture to express my dream in stone just as I dreamed it," he said to me one day in his studio. "Perhaps this statue will make my reputation."  
The sculptor of the great Lincoln Memorial in Washington had the modesty which all great craftsmen have. He knew there was so much yet to learn, even at 80.

**PLAY** essential  
There is such a thing as too much devotion to learning. An extremely ambitious young man of serious mind told me not long ago that he spent all of his spare time in studying. Life was too short, he said, to waste any of it in play.

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## CLUBS OF DISTRICT TO MEET SATURDAY

The club women of the First North Carolina District of Federated Women's Clubs will gather in Sylva on Saturday for their annual district meeting. Mrs. H. T. Hunter, District President will preside at the meeting.

Speakers will be Mrs. John D. Robinson, of Wallace, Mrs. Hurley Reno, of Canton, and Mrs. C. W. Savage of Maunty.

The business meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Sylva Methodist church at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Lunch will be served by the Twentieth Century Club and the Junior Club of Sylva, in the new community house.

Invited guests are, Mrs. R. H. Latham of Asheville, general federation director and past president of the State Federation, Mrs. E. L. McKee, past president of the State Federation, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, and Mrs. J. M. Day.

## QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrall)

There was an old time spelling bee at Qualla school building on Saturday evening. About 20 persons spelled. Several visitors, who did splendid spelling, were present. Prizes went to Mrs. Bent Conley and Rev. F. E. Hartsfield. The words were given out by Prof. R. L. Madison, of Western Carolina Teachers College, from Webster's Blue Back Speller. Several boxes were sold. Hawaiian guitar music by Prof. R. L. Madison and Supt. M. B. Madison and singing by Lenore Enloe and his sister, Norma, was enjoyed by the audience.

Sunday, Rev. J. L. Rogers was accompanied to his appointment by Rev. Mr. Peak, of Bechel, who preached at the morning service. They stopped at dinner guests with Mr. Carl Hoyle, enroute to attend a conference at Lovendale.

Mr. Dewey Ensey of Beta, Mr. Rufus Johnson and family of Ela and Messrs. H.G. and Hugh Ferguson called at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Mr. Thomas Owen of Canton is visiting his sister, Miss Hester Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Rans Matthews visited relatives at Bushnell, Sunday. Miss Mary Battle visited Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Mr. D. K. Battle spent Sunday at Mr. Penn Keener's.

Prof. W. E. Bird stopped at his Qualla farm while, Saturday.

Mr. T. W. McLaughlin made a trip to Bushnell.

Mr. M. W. Klotz, of New York, is spending a few days at his Qualla farm.

Mrs. J. E. Hoyle and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fuller left, Monday, for their home at Thomasville, after a visit among relatives.

## LOOT STOLEN FROM WEAVER IS FOUND

The finding of the slot machines, taken from Weavers' Filling Station at Hillsboro, Sunday night, by Jackson county officers, on the head of Tatham's Creek, leads to the belief that at least one local person was implicated in the boy's hold-up, for it is reported that no one familiar with the Savannah section had his way into the country on the head of Tatham's Creek.

At about eleven o'clock, Sunday night, three men, two armed with sawed-off shot guns, entered the station and presented their arms to the owner and operator, Capt. A. H. Weaver, and escaped with something like \$100 in cash, three slot machines and other articles.

As the bandits fled, Capt. Weaver opened fire with a high-powered rifle. One of the three bandits had a handkerchief tied over his face.

## BALSAM

We wish to thank Mr. John H. Wilson, Mr. L. L. Cooper, and all of the road crew for the splendid work they have done on our roads. The main road through Balsam extends from highway No. 10 at Cross Roads filling station through Balleugh Hill's (a Florida development containing about forty cottages) to the Tree Gap (C. B. Platt, Dark Ridge and several miles beyond the home of T. R. C. Duggan, of the lands of W. F. Lee, Sr., of Waynesville. The Appalachian Hardwood Lumber Company, of Biltmore, purchased the timber on part of this road. Logging crews are cutting and hauling logs to two saw mills that are running daily. Several trucks bring the lumber and store it on the site of the old Boice and Buchanan lumber yard and siding, near the Jackson and Haywood county line, about ten miles.

Also, all of the mica from the Grassy Ridge mica mine is hauled over this road. In fact, this road is in constant use. Tourists also enjoy driving over it, to view the beautiful scenery.

Other roads here that were almost impassable are now being put in good condition. Again, we thank each and every man on the job for the good work.

Several families who returned to their homes in Florida, several weeks ago, have returned to Balsam, to enjoy the cool weather and to watch the trees don their beautiful fall colors. Some families will probably remain until November.

Mr. T. M. Rickard and daughter, Miss Kate, of Canton, have leased one of the J. K. Kenney cottages and will be here several weeks. Every evening for the past week

## MRS. J. D. COWARD HAS PASSED AWAY

Funeral services for Mrs. J. D. Coward, relict of the late J. D. Coward, of Cullowhee, were conducted at the Cullowhee Methodist church, Wednesday by the pastor, Rev. C. G. Hefner, assisted by Rev. Fred Forester, pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church. Interment was beside her husband in the Brown cemetery.

Active pall bearers were Roger Coward, Lem, Oscar, Willie, and Jim Ed Norton, and Lewis Smith. Flower girls, who are grand daughters of Mrs. Coward, were, Martha and Gertrude Hampton, Elaine Bird, Geneva Buchanan, Rachel Coward, Betty Collier, and Carolyn Stillwell.

Mrs. Coward, who was nearly 83 years of age, died shortly after noon, on Tuesday. She was born in this county, and was a member of one of its pioneer families. Surviving are even daughters, Mrs. Fannie Buchanan, Mrs. Davie Sutton, and Mrs. E. H. Stillwell, of Cullowhee, Mr. W. J. Hampton, Americus, Ga., Mrs. R. Bird, Guilford College, Mrs. A. A. Brown, Cheene, Okla., and Mrs. G. M. Davis, Buckhead, Ga., by two brothers, W. C. Norton, Cullowhee, and J. E. Norton, East LaPorte, by 25 grand children, and 10 great grand children.

## SYLVA BAPTISTS ELECT OFFICIALS

The election of officers and teachers for Sylva Baptist Sunday School for the coming year was held, Sunday morning, and the following persons are to serve: General Superintendent, J. V. Hill; Associate General Superintendent, H. E. Monteith; General Secretary, A. J. Dills; Associate General Secretary, Miss Sadie Luck; Pianist, Miss Sue Allison; Assistant Pianist, Miss M. C. Coward.

J. H. Cope; Young People, Reed Queen; Intermediate, Miss Sue Allison; Junior, Mrs. H. M. Hout; Primary, Mrs. B. O. Painter; Beginners, Mrs. John R. Jones; Cradle-Roll, Mrs. H. E. Monteith; Home, Mrs. C. L. Smith.

## ROLLINS WILL PREACH HERE

Rev. W. A. Rollins, Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District, will preach at the Sylva Methodist church Sunday morning and will conduct the fourth quarterly conference.

There will be special music by Miss Virginia Gustafson, violin instructor at Western Carolina Teachers College. Miss Gustafson will be accompanied by Mrs. Grover Wilkes.

Rev. Mr. Jessup, the pastor, held special service in the Methodist church.

## WEEKLY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, September 30—As one result of the President's trip through the drought area in the Northwest and his conferences with the Governors of the states affected, more consideration than ever is being given to long-term planning looking toward a permanent solution of the Western farm problem. The President has appointed two committees of government experts, one of which is to study the question of crop insurance for farmers and the other the possible programs for improvement of land use in the dry area. They are to report to the President by January 1.

The recommendations of the Great Plains Drought Committee form the basis for the studies which the President has requested. Included are the recommendations for a system of water conservation going back to the headwaters of the smallest tributaries of every branch of the great rivers, which was outlined by Governor Landon of Kansas, and which President Roosevelt found at Des Moines, talked with the Drought Committee ideas.

The indications, therefore, as Washington sees them, are that whoever is elected President on November 3 will make every possible effort toward the development of water storage systems in the dry country. That this would be a complete solution of the farm problem nobody professes to believe; but it would go a long way toward preventing a repetition of the distress which recent droughts have caused.

Another topic which has aroused a great deal of discussion here is the question of the position of the big insurance companies. It is regarded as somewhat unfortunate that this should have been injected into partisan politics in the heat of the campaign.

Frank Knox, to the effect that if the present tendency toward inflation continued everybody's life insurance policies or savings bank accounts would be reduced in value. The unfortunate part is that it has been taken in un-informed quarters, to mean that Mr. Knox believes that the insurance companies and the savings banks are not in a sound position.

President Roosevelt's summoning of seven life insurance presidents to the White House was not a result of Col. Knox's statement. The invitation for them to discuss the whole insurance situation had gone out before the Vice-Presidential candidate's speech.

What Mr. Roosevelt discussed with the insurance men was mainly the subject of mortgage loans, especially on farm properties, in which a high percentage of insurance company investments were made. It was an exploratory talk for the purpose of seeing whether the way might be open to some sort of an agreement upon keeping loan levels at a reasonable relation to the earning power of farm properties, rather than on the basis of their sale value.

It is generally recognized that a great deal of the farm mortgage difficulties in the West have their roots in mortgage loans made on the highly speculative values that prevailed during the early and middle 1920's. It is known that the subject of inflation was discussed by the President and the insurance heads. It is being discussed, though, by those concerned with the economic future. And it is known that the system under which the Government has been making loans from the banks has resulted in increasing of bank credits beyond the present ability of business to utilize such credits profitably.

When a bank takes \$100,000 of Government bonds and in effect opens a checking account for the Government to the dollar value of the bond purchase, that means that new money in the form of bank credit has been created. This new money is cheap money in the sense that there is more of it than there is a current demand for, and cheap money always means high prices.

There is nothing in the present situation to indicate that this form of credit inflation will continue without limit, and there are grounds for expectation that safe and profitable uses for most of this new credit will be found before long by business and industry, thus warranting the banks in broadening their loan policies.

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## A Modern Joshua — by A. B. CHAPIN



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