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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Final Count Is Under Way National Newspaper Poll

(By John Thomas Wilson)
Sylva, Oct. 13.—The grand straw vote poll for President, held by some 3,000 country news- men, comes to a close with a state by state tabulation of approximately 1,700,000 votes. The poll will be released, thus affording a picture of the political sentiment in the nation as a whole.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

MUSIC ... down the furrow

One of the early American philosophers—I think it was Thoreau—wrote "Give me the man who sings at his work".

A modern version might be "give me the man who listens to the radio at his work". Not all of us can sing, and some of us work at trades in which music would be an annoyance, but the general idea that music is helpful in getting through the drudgery of the day's work is sound.

I don't know how many cars have radios, but "there's music in the air" along almost every country road and city street. The latest application of this idea is the radio-equipped farm tractor.

Doubtless the furrows seem shorter when they are ploughed to the accompaniment of "If This Isn't Love".

CORKSORES ... shortage

One result of the civil war in Spain has been to threaten a world shortage of corks. Cork is the bark of a particular kind of oak tree which is cultivated principally in Spain.

After the tree is a few years old its thick bark can be stripped off every year without hurting the tree. Some Spanish cork groves have been so harvested for hundreds of years.

Years ago Leland Stanford tried to introduce the cork oak in California. Some of the trees he planted are producing as well as the Spanish trees do, but American farmers did not have the patience to wait for results during the several years it takes a tree to begin to yield cork in commercial quantities.

Germany has just enacted a decree forbidding the use of corks in bottles. Only homegrown wood stoppers may be used. That has nothing to do with the cork shortage, however; it's just one of Hitler's schemes to keep German money in Germany.

CHICKENS ... all right

I don't always believe what I hear, and I confess that I am a bit skeptical about a new scientific discovery reported a few days ago. The report is that a poultry farmer in Illinois has found that by exposing his chickens to ultra-violet rays instead of sunlight he can produce fowls which have only white meat when cooked for the table.

If true, this will be welcome news to the chicken eaters who always want a "slice off the breast, please".

For my part, I seem to lack enthusiasm. My choice, when the family gives me the option as what part of the chicken I want, is the "second joint". That wouldn't taste natural if it were white meat.

GOLD ... worth hunting

The world scarcity of gold, and its consequent high price resulting from the devaluation of so many of the world's currencies, has been a boon to gold miners everywhere. Ores which didn't pay to work at their old prices now yield a handsome profit.

Canada has a real gold mining boom. More than 125 million are now extracting gold from Canadian ore. Last year about nine million tons of ore were mined, yielding about 2,600,000 ounces of gold. The first half of this year, the gold output of the Dominion was even larger.

"Gold is where you find it". It pays, these days, to hunt for gold. At least twice as much as is now available, is needed, to bring the world's finances back to normal.

Go out and find yourself a goldmine, young fellow.

VETERANS ... G. A. R.

The Grand Army of the Republic held its last parade a couple of weeks ago. I remember when the men of the G. A. R. were in their forties, and the 300,000 of them turned out for a great parade in Washington. Now the last handful of the survivors of the armies of the North in the war between the states are men of 90 or so.

The American Legion today is where the G. A. R. was fifty years ago. For thirty years or more the G. A. R. dominated the politics of America and stood for a pension system on which we will be paying for another forty years.

It looks to me as if the Legion was headed in the same direction with the

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ASHEVILLE DIVISION W. M. U. TO MEET WITH CULLOWHEE

The Baptist women of Western North Carolina (fourteen associations known as Asheville Division of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to North Carolina Baptist State Convention) have in store for them a treat when their new State President, Mrs. Clyde J. Turner, of Greensboro, will visit their annual meeting to be held at Cullowhee next Thursday, October 22.

Miss Emma Leachman, of Atlanta, South-wide field worker for the Home Mission Board, will also attend the meeting at Cullowhee.

The various associations will make reports, as will the Divisional Chairmen of Personal Service, Mission Study, and Young People's Work.

The afternoon session will largely pertain to Young People's Work. Miss Curran, of Raleigh, State Young People's Leader of North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union will speak.

Miss Julia Mather, Southwide Young People's Leader, Birmingham, Ala., will also be on this program.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan, of Waynesville, Divisional Superintendent, will preside over the session. Mrs. E. R. Elmore, of Mars Hill, is Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Coker, Mars Hill, Young People's Leader; Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Hendersonville, Personal Service Chairman; and Mrs. J. C. Owen, Spruce Pine, Mission Study Chairman.

Refreshments will be served by the various associations.

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Washington Eyes Presidential Race

Washington, Oct. 14.—While Washington's attention is not in the least diverted from the presidential campaign, consideration is being given to what is going to happen after election, no matter who may be elected. For, on the question of who will be the next President of the United States, the best-informed political prophets here are frankly throwing up their hands. So many factors which have not been present in previous presidential campaigns enter into the picture this year that nobody feels quite sure that the usual signs which have heretofore been relied upon will prove reliable in 1936.

But whether Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Landon is elected, the mill of the Supreme Court will grind on as if there had been no political campaign. It is not expected that any important decisions will be handed down until after election, but from then on there will be a succession of decisions on it, at least of the acts of the 73rd and 74th Congresses whose constitutionality has been challenged.

The principal laws under attack are the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage Moratorium measure, the 1933 "Truth in Securities" act, the Public Utility Holding Company act and the right of PWA to make loans for publicly owned hydro-electric plants.

The Wagner Labor Relations Act, which established the National Labor Relations Board and guaranteed the right of collective bargaining to all employees, has been challenged by the Associated Press and by the Bradley Leather Company of Arkansas. The lower courts have upheld the constitutionality of the act. Now the Supreme Court is to pass upon their rulings.

Several power companies have questioned the constitutionality of government loans for publicly owned electric light and power systems. Their complaint is that this puts the government into unfair competition with private business. The action of the Supreme Court on this and the Public Utility Holding Company act is expected to bring to a head the conflict between the Federal Government and public utilities.

A step toward bringing about better relations between the Government and privately owned power companies was taken the other day by President Roosevelt, who called in representatives of important companies for a private conference at the White House.

While no public information was given out as to what was discussed it is understood here that the effort was to find a reasonable rule to govern the distribution of power produced at government dams in the Tennessee Valley and elsewhere.

The right of the government to distribute this power has been challenged, though its right to generate electric energy as an incident to the construction of dams for flood and navigation control has been upheld by the Supreme Court.

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Rich Gets Life Sentence--Morgan Thirty Years In Murder Cases

W. C. T. C. ON PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS' MEETING

Cullowhee, Oct. 12.—Members of the faculty and students of Western Carolina Teachers College will take a conspicuous part in the program and activities of the annual meeting of western division of the North Carolina Teachers Association, in Asheville October 16 and 17.

President H. T. Hunter, chairman of the higher education division, will preside at the banquet at Lee Edwards High school, Friday evening.

Miss Lilla Ketchin, education teacher here, will discuss "Some Essentials of Unit Teaching". Mr. Clyde W. Humphrey, head of the business education department, will speak on "Guidance in Business Education" before the association of business education teachers. Mr. John S. Sey, now will use as his topic "Economics and Social Changes That Should Affect Higher Education".

Prof. Robert L. Madison, founder of the college, will take part in two episodes that the college is to give in the pageant. Many students will take part in the two episodes that are to depict the State-wide election for public schools in 1838 and the scene of the request for funds from the General Assembly to establish a normal school here in 1893. These episodes were taken from "The Pageant of Education" given here last May.

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Two of the four homicide cases on the docket of Jackson Superior Court have been disposed of, and a third is on trial today.

Henry Rich was sentenced to serve the rest of his life in the State Prison at Raleigh, without possibility of pardon, after he entered a plea of guilty as accessory before the fact of the murder of Otto Jordan, in the Olivet section of Qualla township, on Labor Day, 1934.

Claude Morgan, of Sylva, was sentenced to 30 years in the State Prison, after he entered a plea of guilty, of murder in the second degree for slaying Lyndon Carden, young Sylva filling station operator, on Sunday, May 30, last, at Carden's station, just outside the city limits.

Fred Holland and Howard Moses, both of Tuskegee, are now on trial, charged with the murder of Alvin Middleton, at Tuskegee on August 5, last. The State is not asking for a first degree verdict in this case.

Rich escaped immediately after he killed Jordan, and remained at large for nearly two years before being taken. Since his arrest, last May, he has been in Buncombe jail. On Tuesday he was brought into court and arraigned. Judge Harding ordered a venire of 100 men summoned, from which to draw a jury to try the case, yesterday morning. The venire was summoned, but the case came to a sudden and dramatic close, when Rich tendered the plea of guilty, and was given the life sentence.

Morgan eluded the officers for several days after he shot young Carden, but was taken by Sheriff Mason, in the woods, high up in the Balsam Mountains. He too, has been in the Buncombe jail. The grand jury returned a bill charging him with murder in the first degree; but he was allowed to plead guilty of second degree murder, and receive the thirty years' sentence.

The case against Jim Griffin and Howard Griffin, charged with the murder of Carl Elliott, at Whittier, last July 3, is yet to be tried.

The grand jury is composed of C. G. Rogers, foreman, H. W. Phillips, Ransom Cowan, E. D. Cogdill, J. E. Bridges, Allen Adams, Geo. Rogers, Victor Brown, R. L. Holden, L. E. Hooper, John Green, Herschel Caba, Lawrence Coward, Sam Henson, J. T. Dillard.

P. J. MORGAN PASSES

Funeral services are being conducted at Lovedale Baptist church this afternoon, for Philip J. Morgan, well-known citizen, farmer, and lumberman of Sylva township.

Mr. Morgan was a native of this county, and made it his home throughout his life.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Dilks of Sylva, three sons, Will, Jim, and Charlie Morgan, by several grandchildren, and other relatives.

13 ENGAGED IN WPA SURVEY FOR BLIND IN WESTERN N. C.

Thirteen field workers are engaged in the WPA survey of the blind in Western North Carolina district, it has been reported by Miss Jean Patton, district supervisor of the survey.

The study will assemble in unit form all records of persons with defective sight, which are on file in the various public and private agencies within any county. From these records future follow-up work may be continued by rehabilitation workers for the Commission of the Blind.

Mrs. Maggie Moore is research worker for Jackson County.

NEW COLLEGE ART INSTRUCTOR

Cullowhee, Oct. 15.—Miss Frances Blackney, of Monroe, has been secured to take the place of Miss Catherine Neal, art instructor at Western Carolina Teachers College, who has recently gone to teach at East State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas.

Miss Blackney received her A. B. degree from Greensboro College and her M. A. degree from Peabody College. Previous to her coming here, she taught art at Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland, Mississippi.

She taught art here during one of the school terms, last summer.

In the Thick of the Fray—by A. B. Chapin

