

Burley Is Important Money Crop For Mountain Farmers

By DEAN W. COLVARD (Assistant Director in Charge of Mountain Experiment Station) In early American history the Indians had a pipe which they called "Tabaco." In this pipe they smoked the leaves of a native American plant which was named "tobacco" and which has spread practically all over the world.

"The weed," as it is often called, of the burley type, has become an important revenue producing crop in the mountains of North Carolina. In fact it has become so important and farmers have improved its quality to the point that Harry W. Love, who has charge of the marketing program on the Asheville market, recently stated that it deserves a better name than "the weed." His statement is supported by the facts that more than eight million pounds sold on the Boone and Asheville markets in Western North Carolina from the 1943 crop averaged more than 38 cents per pound and returned more than three and one-half million dollars to the pockets of mountain farmers.

In Every County Burley tobacco is grown in every county in the mountain area, but the total production of Madison county, based on the 1944 acreage allotments, is more than twice as large as that of any other county. Madison has an allotment of 4,345 acres. Buncombe ranks second with

an allotment of 2,366 acres; Haywood third with 1,521 acres; Yancey fourth with 1,360 acres and Ashe fifth with 1,027 acres. The average grower in Madison county produces more than one and one-half acres, while the average grower in Haywood, Buncombe and Yancey counties produces about one acre. The average for all other mountain counties is less than one acre.

The best yields per acre have been reported from the northwestern counties, bordering Virginia and Tennessee. Watauga ranks first with an average of 995 pounds per acre; Ashe second with 987 pounds per acre; Alleghany third with 980 pounds per acre; Avery fourth with 943; Clay fifth with 941; Haywood sixth with 940 pounds; Graham seventh with 933 pounds; and Buncombe eighth with 927 pounds per acre.

Tobacco experts have been willing to pay premium prices for much of the burley tobacco grown in the mountains of North Carolina. It has often been pointed out that there are few plants which respond more to cultural treatment than tobacco, and the production of a high quality plant reflects careful handling by farmers throughout the area, as well as leadership by tobacco experts and county agents.

A weed has been defined as "a plant out of place." Burley tobacco has a definite place in the economy of our mountain area and farmers will probably give more attention to its production during 1944 than in previous years. Many will agree with Mr. Love that it deserves a better name.

Doubly Lost



Willard Bella, 2½ years old, happens to be doubly lost among the big law books in a Santa Monica, Calif., police station waiting for someone to identify and claim him. That a writ of "habeas corpus" is in order is indicated by the chap's pen.

Housewives Planning More Victory Gardens

"We enjoyed the products of our small garden plot so much that we should like to plant twice as much as last year. . . . It is such a healthy occupation, this working in the sun, for folks whose job is inside, and we all, even the children, got a kick out of watching things grow and eating our own home-raised food. My fruit cellar shelves have given me a lift every time I looked at them this winter. Gardening, the same as raising children, is an experience no one should miss if they can possibly help it."

So replied a housewife to a Victory garden survey of the Home Makers Guild of America, outlining activities of the 1943 season and revealing plans for 1944, during which the government hopes 21,000,000 small plots will be set out.

More than 54 per cent of the housewives interviewed said that they went into gardening to be assured of sufficient supplies of vegetables, and with army and governmental agencies again scheduled to take large portions of the commercial produce this year, the same incentive promises to activate even more people in 1944.

On the other hand, 20.7 per cent of the housewives interviewed said they planted Victory gardens as a patriotic effort, 11.7 per cent to save ration points, 6.8 per cent to add variety to menus, 5.2 per cent as a hobby and 1.5 per cent as exercise. Whatever the reason, more than 73 per cent of the women approached by the guild reported cultivating Victory gardens in 1943, and more than 75 per cent indicated their intention to do so this season. To provide for the record number of gardens, the war production board has assured the public that sufficient quantities of fertilizer and seeds will be available.

Protect Woolens From Moth Damage

All woolen wearing apparel should be cleaned and other woolens should be sunned for several hours, brushing them thoroughly during the sunning process, before they are stored for the summer, says J. M. Maxwell, extension entomologist at State College.

With the scarcity of woolens during wartime, it is even more important now that clothing be protected from the attack of the clothes moth.

The usual cleaning process followed by dry cleaners and laundries will kill all clothes moth eggs and larvae which may be in a garment, but other woolens have to be sunned and brushed.

Maxwell suggests that, in packing clothing away in trunks and boxes, that about one-half to one pound of PDB crystals be placed among the layers of clothing, as it is packed down. If it is impossible to seal the containers airtight, the crystals should be replenished once or twice during the summer months.

TRUCKS

It is doubtful if agriculture will get more than 25 to 35 thousand new trucks this year, less than 20 per cent of its anticipated needs, if production schedules are met, say government reports.



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VETERANS GET JOB PRIORITY

Washington—Henry Ford promised war veterans priorities on post-war jobs in his vast enterprises Monday, and the house voted overwhelmingly to give them first call on all government payrolls.

Ford, whose plants now hire 180,000 war workers, said veterans will get the preference when the war ends because "people have made a lot of money out of this war and the servicemen have made nothing." The Ford companies have 25,000 workers in the armed services.

Clark's Creek News

Sgt. Lynn Fox spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fox. He is stationed temporarily at Fort Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strickland, of High Point, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Clark.

Mrs. E. A. Johnson and children have gone to Fountain Head, Tenn., for the summer.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Adkins and son, Bobby, visited friends in Banner Elk last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Adkins announces that he will speak next Sunday night at the Valle Crucis Methodist Church on the subject, "Where is Heaven, and Is it a Real Place?"

Brownwood News

Mrs. Nina Greene, of Baltimore, Md., visited home folks last week. She left Friday for Gulfport, Miss., where her husband is stationed. She will reside in Gulfport as long as Mr. Greene is stationed there. She was accompanied to Mississippi by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Greene, of Stony Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Nichols, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, of Deep Gap, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Miller Sunday.

1943 INCOME 147 BILLION

Washington—The Commerce Department estimated Saturday that the national income last year was \$147,900,000,000—22 per cent greater than in 1942, more than double that of 1939 and nearly four times the depression low of \$40,000,000,000 in 1932.

PLANT LICE

Plant lice can be easily controlled by the use of nicotine spray or dust, say State College specialists. They suck the juices from plants, causing them to be stunted and the leaves to wilt.

DOUGHTON JOINS McDONALD

Raleigh—Appointment of Horton Doughton of Sparta and Statesville as western co-chairman of the McDonald-for-Governor advisory committee was announced last Thursday by E. D. Broadhurst, state campaign manager for Dr. Ralph McDonald.

It was estimated in 1942 that the United States wasted enough food to feed its armed services and meet Lend-Lease requirements.

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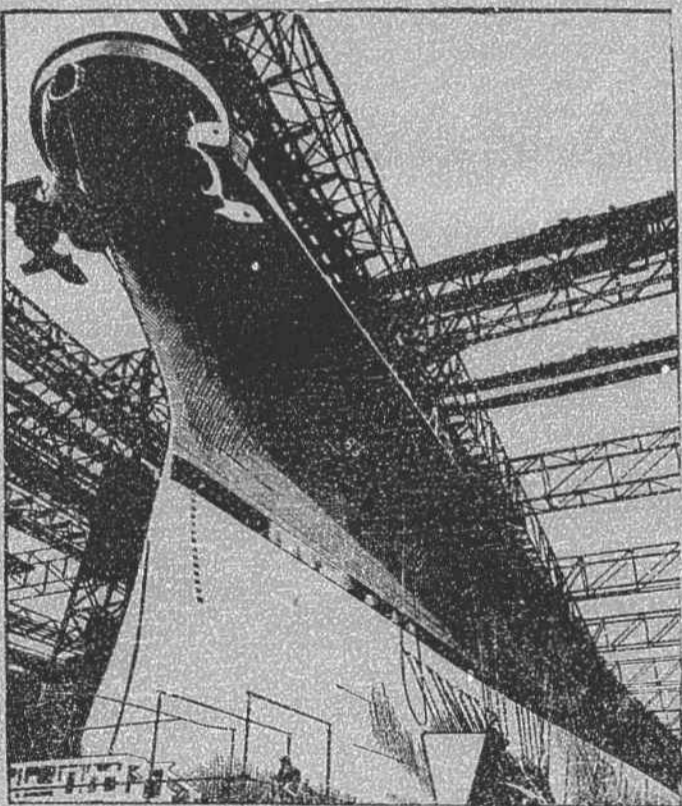
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