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Haywood Has \$11,600 War Fund Quota

Burley Referendum Set For October 23rd

Committee Feel Large Vote Will Be Polled Then

Three Questions To Be Voted Upon By Growers To Determine 1944 Program.

Haywood burley tobacco growers will vote in the annual tobacco referendum to be held on Saturday, October 23rd.

The committee, composed of Glenn A. Boyd, Sam Ferguson and E. R. Limer, recently met and made all detailed plans for the referendum. The committee was optimistic over the prospects of a large vote.

The growers of burley tobacco will vote on three questions:

- (1) Are you in favor of marketing quotas for three years?
- (2) Are you opposed to marketing quotas for three years, but in favor of the quotas for one year?
- (3) Are you opposed to marketing quotas?

A two-thirds majority of eligible voters is necessary to adopt quotas. An eligible voter is any owner, tenant or share-cropper who shares in the 1943 burley tobacco crop. Any farmer whether individual, partnership, Corporation, Association or other legal entity will not be entitled to more than one vote even though such farmer may have been engaged in the production of burley tobacco in two or more communities, counties, or states in 1943. If the quota is approved by two-thirds or more voters, acreage allotments for 1944 will be 20 per cent larger than they were in 1943. Mr. Boyd, stated that it is recognized that many growers will not be able to grow their full tobacco allotments in 1944. Consequently this adjustment in farm acreage allotment makes more flexibility in the tobacco quota program by allowing those growers who can to increase their planting so that they may attain their desirable production next year.

If the quotas are not approved

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Lt. James Queen Commended For Service In Sicily

Lt. James Queen was among the officers of the amphibious force in the landing craft and bases in the Northwest African waters, of the Commando Task Force 88, who were commended for their service while engaged in offensive operations along the northern coast of Sicily. It was learned from an official notice, received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Queen. The recommendation concerning Lt. Queen, N. S. Naval Reserve.

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On Leave



Lt. (JG) WILLIAM MEDFORD, U. S. Naval Reserve, who is spending a fifteen-day leave with his wife and parents. Lt. Medford volunteered in the service and was inducted in October, 1942. He took his basic training at Princeton University and from there was sent to Boston and then to Little Creek, Va. After his

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Waynesville Cuts Tax Rate To \$1.40

Clapp Urges Farmers To Cut Pulpwood, As Situation Is Critical

Reported Wounded



PVT. FRED B. MOODY, who has been slightly wounded in action, according to the war department. He has been in North Africa since April.

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Private Fred B. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Moody, of Waynesville, route 1, has been wounded in action, according to a message received by his parents from the war department.

The wire received was as follows: "Regret to inform you that your son, Pvt. Fred B. Moody, was slightly wounded in action on the 18th of September, in the North African area. You will be advised as reports of condition are received."

Pvt. Moody entered the service there he was transferred to Fort McClellan, Ala., and from there on September 11, 1942, and was indicated at Fort Bragg, from Camp Edwards, Mass. He was sent overseas from Camp Edwards, and has been in North Africa since April of this year.

Prior to entering the service, Pvt. Moody was employed by the Royal and Pilkington, Inc. He attended the local high school.

Ecusta Head To Address Rotary

Harry Straus, president of Ecusta Corporation, and Gerald Cowan, vice president in charge of the Asheville unit of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, will be on the program at Rotary here Friday at one o'clock.

Joe E. Rose will have charge of the program for the day. Last Friday, M. R. Williamson, club secretary, presented a review of The Rotarian, official magazine of the international organization, His manner of presenting the high spots of the magazine made it one of the best programs of the year.

Dellwood Boy Given Purple Heart For Bravery Under Fire In Battle

Cpl. Homer Franklin, of Dellwood, was recently wounded in battle, and presented the Purple Heart for bravery under fire. Cpl. Franklin sent the award to his mother, Mrs. J. R. Sanford.

Cpl. Franklin volunteered for service in September, 1940, and was sent to Fort Jackson, and later to Camp Edwards, Mass. From there

Cutting Pulpwood Is Termed Essential; Men Urged To Stay Here For This Work.

"Your war job is right here in Haywood County," stated Howard Clapp, county agent, as he pointed out the urgent need for more pulpwood from this county.

"There are many people on farms that are now thinking of going to some defense job away from here since their crops are about harvested," the county agent said. "The biggest job on our hands at the moment here at home is getting out more pulpwood."

"Pulpwood is urgently needed in war work, and officials in Washington have termed it 'critical'. In fact, so critical that the war manpower commission has termed cutting pulpwood as essential, and of course, that means draft deferment," he continued.

"Farmers of Haywood can help solve this acute shortage by cutting pulpwood to improve their woods by removing the low-grade, cull trees and thinning overcrowded stands," Mr. Clapp continued.

There is a ready cash market here in Haywood for all types of wood, and during the next few months is the ideal time to get it out, the county agent suggested.

Prices now being paid for pulpwood, F. O. B. Canton, are: rough hardwoods, poplar, willow, basswood and sweet gum, at \$10 per cord.

Chestnut at \$10.50 per cord. Pine is bringing \$9 per cord. All cords are 160 cubic feet.

During the next few months, all farm organizations will stress the importance of cutting and marketing more pulpwood, Mr. Clapp said, in an effort to relieve the present critical situation.

Three Volunteers Wanted In WACS In Haywood County

Lt. Elizabeth Coleman, of Athens, Ga., and Cpl. Noni Jara Milla, of Los Angeles, Calif., both now stationed at the Asheville Recruiting office, are spending two days here in the interest of recruiting for the WACS. They are maintaining headquarters at Massie's Department Store, and will be here throughout today.

The age limit on the WACS has been changed from 20 to 49, instead of 21 to 45, it was learned from Lt. Coleman, who stated that she was here in the interest of aiding in raising the county's quota of three girls for the service.

She explained that the governor is appointing a committee for each county in the state who will work for volunteers in the WACS, which is part of a nation wide movement. Anyone desiring further information are asked to call at Massie's Department Store where they may obtain literature.

Mrs. Charles D. Ketter has returned from Fort Dix, N. J., where she spent several days with her husband, Sergeant Ketter.

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Within the past two years the town rate has been reduced thirty cents, which now makes it the lowest in the past 25 years. The 1941 rate was \$1.70, the 1942 rate was \$1.50, and the 1943 rate will be \$1.40.

The budget adopted by the town, and receiving approval of the local government commission, calls for a total of \$134,545 for the year. Of this, \$42,170 will be needed for debt service, and \$35,935 for general fund, \$13,060 for streets. The Water and Lights department will bring in approximately \$43,000, it is estimated.

The three funds which require a tax levy are:

General fund	\$.36
Street fund	.16
Debt Service	.88
Total	\$1.40

The valuation for the town is set at \$2,279,370.

The itemized budget is published elsewhere in this issue. The bonded indebtedness of the town was \$229,000 worth of bonds were re-issued for 4 1/2 and 3 1/2 per cent interest as against 5 1/2 and 6 per cent. This saved several thousand dollars a year in interest alone.

Roy Arrington Elected President Of FFA Chapter

Roy Arrington was elected president of the Smoky Mountains National Park chapter of the Future Farmers of America at their initial meeting of the year. Others selected to serve with him were: vice-president, Ralph Hendrix; secretary, Nobel Wyatt; treasurer, Calvin Francis; reporter, Gilbert Hem-bree; house manager, Wild Wyatt.

The chapter's goals were increased 50 per cent for the coming year. Plans were outlined for the various projects. A discussion regarding putting the entire chapter in the official FFA uniform was held during the meeting.

Promoted



MAJOR JAMES M. DAVIS, who has recently been promoted to his present rank of captain, U. S. Army, is now stationed at Fort Benning, where he has been taking advanced training. Major Davis, son of James F. Davis, left here as second lieutenant in Company "H" National Guard in September, 1940. He was first stationed at Fort Jackson, then Fort Benning, next Camp Howze, Tex., and manuevers in Louisiana, prior to his recent training period at Fort Benning. Before entering the service he was employed by the England-Cotton Company.

Palmer Had \$30,000 Fire Loss On Sunday

Large Dairy Feed Barn, Lots of Feed, 2 Horses, 2 Cars Consumed In Blaze.

One of Haywood's most destructive rural fires destroyed the dairy feed barn, tool shed and all contents on the farm of Glenn C. Palmer early Sunday morning. The loss is estimated from \$25,000 to \$30,000. There was no insurance.

The cause of the fire is undetermined. The blaze was discovered about midnight by Mrs. Palmer, and about the same time two of the men working for Mr. Palmer arrived from Waynesville and discovered the barn ablaze. The men, Lee Smith and John Hill, saw the reflection of the fire as they neared the farm, which is about 11 miles from Waynesville in Crabtree Township.

The flames were licking up the front left of the barn when discovered, and a 7-mile drive to the nearest phone, at Lake Junaluska, for help from the Waynesville fire department was made. The small fire truck, with hose and seven firemen were soon on the scene and pumped water on nearby buildings for seven hours.

A dam was built in a small stream near the fire and water was played on two large silos within a few feet of the barn, and several other buildings. The silos had 90 tons of feed in each, and other than burning the wooden chute, no apparent damage was done. When the barn fell, it fell away from all other buildings. There was not the slightest breeze to fan the flames, although the 125 tons of hay sent sparks high into the air.

Consumed in the flames, included 125 tons of hay, part of it was a cartload of alfalfa which had been stored several weeks before; 1,500 pounds of burley tobacco; 800 bushels of corn; 100 bushels of wheat, and a team of fine horses. Lost in the tool shed included a large quantity of farm implements, in fact almost all used on the 1,500-acre farm with the exception of an ensilage cutter and tractor, which were rolled to safety.

Stored in the tool shed were two cars of men in service. The cars had been jacked up and stored for the duration. One car was a 1941 Plymouth, owned by a son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Pfc. Joe Palmer, now serving with the Marines, and a 1942 Ford Sedan, owned by Gudgeon Palmer, now in the army and a brother of Glenn Palmer.

Several calves in the barn at the time of the blaze escaped injury, when the gate was thrown open. There was no way of getting to the team of horses.

The paint on the milking barn and the milk house was scorched, but no other damage done. The steady streams of water saved the nearby houses.

The ruins were still smoldering

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Optimistic



CLAUDE N. ALLEN, chairman of the United War Fund of Haywood county, was optimistic yesterday that the quota of \$11,600 would be reached here in the one-day campaign which will be held on Monday.

Bears Plentiful In Haywood, As Season Opens 15

Haywood bear hunters will find plenty of brain this season according to G. C. Platt, county game warden said, as he discussed the opening of the season on Friday. The 15th also marks the opening of the season for deer, opossum and coon in this county.

"There are lots more bear than last year," Mr. Platt stated, as he cited instances of bear killing three calves in the Hurricane area Sunday.

Reports from the Pigeon area reports lots of bear have been seen in that section this fall, also on the head of Jonathan Creek and in Big Bend areas.

Sale of hunting license continued good, and with a good rain before the season opens Friday, Mr. Platt predicted a number of bear would be bagged.

Welfare Workers To Attend Annual State Conference In Raleigh

Mrs. Sam L. Queen, county superintendent of public welfare, and Mrs. Floyd Rippetoe and Miss Rena Cathey, case workers, will leave Monday for Raleigh, where they will attend the annual welfare conference which will last the greater part of the week.

One-Day Campaign Opens In Haywood Monday Morning

Half-Day's Wages Set As Goal From Every Working Person In This County.

"Give Once For All—Give at least a half day's wages," is the slogan of the Haywood County War Relief Fund workers, as they prepared yesterday for the one-day drive here Monday to raise Haywood's quota of \$11,600.

C. N. Allen, county chairman, was optimistic that with hard work, and the cooperation of the large county-wide committees, that the goal would be reached in one day.

A number of industrial plants were receiving pledges of a half day's wages from employees, and some managers were matching every dollar their employees gave to the fund.

The campaign covers all war relief agencies with the exception of the Red Cross. The principal participants in the fund will be the USO and Prisoner's Relief Fund.

Much interest is being shown in the drive, and committees have held several meetings in preparation for the one-day campaign.

Yesterday the Waynesville Bakery announced they were donating 300 dozen donuts to the fund. The money from these will all be given the campaign, and some customers said they were going to pay more than the usual 30 cents a dozen for the products, since the campaign would benefit.

C. J. Revee is treasurer of the Campaign, and all funds should be turned in to him, Mr. Allen announced. L. N. Davis is secretary.

The executive committee of the campaign is made up of J. H. Woody, W. H. Massie, W. A. Bradley, J. L. Worley, Frank Campbell and A. J. Hutehuff.

The publicity committee is composed of W. Curtis Russ, chairman, J. E. Massie and Harley Wright.

The initial gifts committee is composed of Francis Massie, A. T. Ward, Hugh Leatherwood, N. W. Garrett, John Boyd, Joe S. Davis, W. A. Bradley.

The committee on commerce and industry is made up of R. L. Prevost, Jr., chairman, and M. O. Gallo-way.

The general canvass committee is composed of Jack Messer, chairman, Howard Clapp, D. Reeves Noland and Miss Mary Margaret Smith.

The survey and quota committee is headed by E. C. Wagenfeld.

The township committees are: Francis Cove — Robert Boone, Mrs. Gilbert Inman, Mrs. Robt. McCracken.

Ratcliff Cove — Mrs. Dave Turner, Mrs. C. C. Francis, Mrs. C. T. Francis.

Allen's Creek — Mrs. Henry Francis, Mrs. Edna Rogers, C. L. Allen, Saunook—Vaughn Rhinehart, A. H. Sparks.

Plott Creek — Mrs. W. F. Swift, John Plott, Mrs. Jim Palmer.

Maple Grove — Mrs. Glavich, Mrs. Jule Noland, Mrs. Homer Justice, Dellwood — Mrs. W. D. Ketter.

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Was Jap Prisoner



REV. L. BUNN OLIVE was held as a prisoner of the Japanese for six months, while he was a missionary in occupied China. He comes here Sunday to conduct a week of School of Missions at the First Baptist church. He will teach the adult class, and speak each night in the general assembly. He will preach at both services Sunday.

Ward Erecting Sawmill To Cut Large Boundary

H. S. Ward expects to have his sawmill in full operation in three weeks at the forks of Cold Springs Creek and Pigeon River, cutting timber for war work.

Mr. Ward started yesterday moving a sawmill from Yancey county to the site of his new set-up. He has a contract with Carr Lumber Company, of Pisgah Forest, to cut timber now being logged on the famous "12-mile strip" in this county. The logging operations are under the supervision of Dewey Pless.

The mill is of the large circular saw type, and is equipped to handle timber 40 feet long. It will take several years to cut the boundary,

it was said, with the mill running at full capacity of 20,000 feet a day.

The lumber from the mill will be hauled out and loaded at the railroad siding at Lake Junaluska. Approximately 18 men will be employed when the mill first begins operation.

Mr. Ward will maintain his office at his present business at the intersection of Asheville and Crabtree highways at Lake Junaluska. Part of his time will be spent at the mill, he said yesterday.

Mr. Ward was in the sawmill business in West Virginia for several years.