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## Haywood 1944 Burley Crop Brought Over Million

## Davey Tree Expert Company Buys Large Tracts

### First Time Crop Of Haywood Has Exceeded Million

#### More Farmers To Plant Burley For 1945 Crop, According To Local AAA Officials.

The burley tobacco crop in 1944 in Haywood county brought in a million dollars, the first time such a sum has been realized from this crop, according to R. C. Francis, chairman of the Haywood county AAA committee.

Mr. Francis stated that 2,143,079 pounds of burley tobacco was produced on 1,380.9 acres and sold for \$1,079,003.60. The average price per pound for the entire crop was \$50.33 per hundred weight. The average yield per acre was 1,552 pounds. The average income per acre for the entire county was \$871.38 per acre.

The 1944 crop was quite an increase over the 1943 crop, according to Mr. Francis. In 1943 there were 1,030.1 acres of tobacco which produced 1,466,689 pounds. This crop brought an average of about \$733,349.50. The average yield 50 cents per pound and sold for per acre for 1943 was 1,424 pounds per acre and the average income per acre was \$711.92.

Present indications point to around a 12 per cent increase in the acreage of tobacco plant in 1945 over that of last year, it was learned from Mr. Francis.

In 1943 there were 1,007 tobacco growers in Haywood county while last year the number had increased to 1,374. The farm plans for the coming year would indicate at least a 12 per cent increase in growers, according to Mr. Francis.

#### Pvt. Glen H. Scruggs Returns After 36 Months In Pacific

Pvt. Glen H. Scruggs, son of Lee Scruggs of Candler, and husband of Mrs. Frances Scruggs of Hazelwood, is currently stationed at the redistribution station at Camp Butler, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the States.

Pvt. Scruggs has recently returned to the United States after having served 36 months in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations, as a machine gunner. He holds the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with one star, Good Conduct medal, and the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon.

#### Crabtree Future Farmers To Have Father-Son Banquet

The Future Farmers of America Chapter of the Crabtree high school will be hosts on Friday evening at the school cafeteria at 8:00 o'clock of the annual Father and Son banquet. A number of guests from Waynesville have been invited to attend.

Mrs. Agnes Kirkpatrick, head of the home economics department of the school, will be in charge of the dinner.

#### Killed In Action



PRIVATE MARION GREEN, U. S. Army Paratrooper, son of Mrs. M. C. Green and the late M. Green, of Waynesville, who was reported killed in action over Germany on March 24th. Pvt. Green was first reported missing in action, but the war department later announced that he was killed.

Pvt. Green entered the service in January, 1943 and after induction at Camp Croft was sent to Fort Jackson and later to Camp Young, Calif. From the latter he was sent to the University of California.

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#### 33rd President Of United States



HARRY S. TRUMAN became the 33rd president of the United States last Thursday night, shortly after the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Warm Springs, Ga. Story of Mr. Truman's life appears on page six.

#### 42 Motor Vehicles Checked In Initial Six Weeks Drive

Forty-two motor vehicles were checked on Sunday afternoon during a two hour period in the Pigcon area on Highway No. 276, according to Cpl. E. V. Jones and Patrolman O. R. Roberts, of the state highway patrol. The check was made under the program which will continue for six weeks sponsored by police, highway and other officials in a nation-wide effort to avoid accidents.

Sixteen brakes were found to need attention, two were pronounced bad and the owners of the cars were ordered to appear in magistrate's court and 24 passed the test, according to the officers.

Plans are to cover every highway in the county during some period of the ensuing six weeks, with plans to check not less than forty vehicles at a time, it has been announced by the officers making the check up.

Due to the rains on Monday and Tuesday no checking was made.

#### Pfc. Ellis M. Pope Missing Now Is Reported Killed

Private First Class Ellis M. Pope, who was previously reported missing in action in Germany, has been officially reported killed in Germany on March 19, according to a message from the War Department.

Pfc. Pope volunteered in the service on April 7, 1942, and took his basic training at Fort Eustis, Va. He served for sometime in Panama and was attached to the Coast Guard artillery for 27 months.

He was returned to the States and reassigned to the Infantry and had been in the European theatre since November, 1944. He served first in France and later in Germany.

Pfc. Pope is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pope, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 1, his wife, Mrs. Mary Pope, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, two sons, Melvin and Roy Pope, one brother, W. C. Pope, who is serving with the Infantry in Germany, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Conrad and Miss Kate Octavia and Miss Maureen Pope, all of Canton.

#### Temporary Staff Named In CAP By Lt. Dan Watkins

Temporary officers of the Civil Air Patrol have been announced by Lt. Dan Watkins, commanding officer of the local CAP flight. In addition to Lt. Watkins the officers are: Herbert Buchanan, second lieutenant, executive and operations officer; Mrs. Clara Rippe, second lieutenant, adjutant.

Stanley Brading, second lieutenant, flight lieutenant and meteorology instructor; John Reeves, flight lieutenant, communications officer and radio instructor; Christian Echoff, warrant officer, supply officer; Herbert Braran, first sergeant.

The posts of two warrant officers and of several non-commissioned officers, including two line sergeants and four corporals are to be filled later. Some of these positions will be filled by cadet officers, and will be rotated so that all cadets who show themselves capable will have an opportunity to serve as an officer, Lt. Watkins stated.

The attendance at the Monday meetings has been averaging (Continued on page 3)

#### Legion To Sponsor Junior Baseball Team In League

The local post of the American Legion will sponsor a Junior baseball team this year, as part of the national set-up of the Legion.

Plans are underway to start practice immediately, and all boys born on and after January 1, 1928, are eligible to try out for a place on the team. Those interested should contact E. W. Tenny at the Armory immediately.

There are several other communities in this area that are organizing Legion teams, and already they are seeking playing dates with the proposed local team. The Legion is giving a dance Friday night at the Armory to raise money for equipment for the team.

#### Represents N. C.



GLENN C. PALMER, has been named to represent North Carolina on an advisory committee of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

#### Hazelwood Starts Initial Work On Clean-Up Drive

The town of Hazelwood is making an initial clean-up this week, prior to the two-week period when the entire community will band together for a genuine clean-up, paint-up drive.

Clyde Fisher, mayor, and the board of aldermen, pointed out the need for getting rubbish and trash removed at once. "The more we get done now, the better job we can do in the final wind-up of the campaign," they pointed out.

The officials also cited the ordinance about hog pens, which points out that "it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any hog, within 100 feet of any residence, place of business, manufacturing plant, or 75 of any street."

#### MISS WILLIAMS IMPROVING

Miss Annette Williams is improving at her home following an operation for the removal of her tonsils at the Haywood County Hospital Saturday.

#### Local Legislator Did Outstanding Work For Agriculture In Recent Assembly

Glenn C. Palmer, Hazelwood representative, chairman and civic leader, has just been named to represent North Carolina on a special committee of the Tennessee Valley Authority and Land Grant Colleges. Mr. Palmer has accepted the appointment which came from Dr. J. O. Schaub, of the state extension department.

In asking Mr. Palmer to serve, Mr. Schaub wrote: "I know of no one in our fifteen states counties better suited to this particular job than you."

The committee will meet at an early date in Lansing to take up its duties, the letter from Dr. Schaub pointed out.

Mr. Palmer's appointment to this committee did not come as a surprise to those who kept abreast of his activities in the recent legislature. He took a leading role in all legislation pertaining to agriculture and education. He and two members were credited with getting additional appropriations through for the extension service.

Mr. Palmer is influential in getting David H. Hamilton, chairman of TVA, to address the Assembly. The Hazelwood legislator presented the speaker.

The work done by Mr. Palmer in the field of agriculture is further testified to by the numerous letters of appreciation he has received since getting home. Every agricultural organization and agency recognized the leader by his showed respect for his work through the introduction of the program.

His leadership has brought more than the appointment on the important TVA committee, however, as he is a member of Greater University of North Carolina, a director of the North Carolina Dairy Foundation, and only recently represented North Carolina in a senatorial tobacco price hearing in Washington.

He served as chairman of a committee that sponsored legislation for the study and control of mastitis, a dreaded animal disease. W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, wrote, "I am grateful for the increased agricultural program, and I want to thank you (Continued on page 3)

#### Haywood Pays Tribute To Franklin D. Roosevelt



The officials of The First National Bank had this floral tribute on display Friday and Saturday in the bank lobby out of respect and memory of the late President Roosevelt. Similar designs were used in several of the churches here Sunday, and at the memorial services held in his memory on Saturday afternoon. Photo by Sherrill's Studio. Other pictures and articles about Mr. Roosevelt on pages six, seven, eight and ten.

## Haywood Joins U. S. In Mourning Death Franklin Roosevelt

#### Quick Wind-Up Of Membership Drive For C. of C. Starts

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce in sessions last night made plans for a "quick wind-up" of the membership drive, in order that ballots can be mailed and the election held on May first.

All prospective members of the organization were recently mailed application blanks. The response was gratifying for the first few days, according to Miss S. A. Jones, secretary, but since then the returns have slowed considerably.

Only those who have 1945 memberships will be eligible to vote for the new board of directors.

#### Pfc. H. H. Medford Wounded Second Time In Germany

Pfc. Hillary H. Medford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Medford of Clyde, has been reported seriously wounded in Germany on March 15, according to a message from the War Department. It is the second time that Pfc. Medford has been wounded, the first time on January 25.

Pfc. Medford has been awarded (Continued on page 3)

#### Business Suspends Memorial Services Are Held Saturday For Late President

Citizens of Haywood county and this community joined the nation and the countries of the world last week-end in mourning the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which occurred at Warm Springs, Ga., at 4:35 p. m. Thursday.

Immediately after the first announcement came over the radio of the tragic news, which shocked and stunned the world, the local telephone office was rushed to the limit for a three hour period as person after person called friends and family to pass on the sad news.

On every hand was heard the statement, "I can't take it in. He was needed so much. We were all depending on President Roosevelt to guide us back to peace."

In all walks of life and among all age groups the passing of the great chief and executive who gave his life to help restore the world to sanity and lasting peace was mourned. Expressions of sorrow were heard from all groups, as they spoke of the greatest loss the peace loving people of the world had suffered since the war was started.

The flags over the post office and court house grounds were lowered to half mast. Flags were placed in front of business houses and residences.

Immediately plans were made (Continued on page 6)

#### Headed By Governor Davey of Ohio

Corporate Plans Being Made To Develop 11,000 Acres In Three Tracts.

Invested in this section to keep our hold on the land, said Martin L. Davey, Governor of Ohio, announced this week that the Davey Tree Expert Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, had purchased the property of his brother, G. Davey, in this county in Jackson.

The company consists of around 20,000 acres including the Soco Gap, located in the Blanchard, Jackson and Haywood and Burke holdings of 6,500 acres in Jackson county.

The company is operating a mill at Black Rock in Jackson county, six miles from the town, turning out between 20,000 and 30,000 board feet a week. Care is being exercised in cutting it was pointed out by Mr. Davey, who was accompanied to Waynesville by one of his associates in the business.

Company plans to cut off a portion in moderation over a period of years and in time considerable reforestation, interested in conservation, he stated that great care will be taken in conservation of the land.

#### Wm. C. Davis Slightly Wounded In Germany

Private William C. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Davis, of R.F.D. No. 1, has been reported slightly wounded in action in Germany since March 17, according to a message received by his parents.

Davis entered the service in 1943, and received his training at Los Angeles, Calif., and later in England after being sent to Belgium, and later in Germany.

#### Pfc. R. C. Bradshaw Slightly Wounded In Germany

Private First Class Robert Cran Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bradshaw, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, has been reported slightly wounded in Germany on March 30, according to a message from the War Department.

Pfc. Bradshaw entered the service in July, 1944 and was inducted at Fort Bragg. He was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla. for his basic training and then to Fort George Meade, Md., and overseas.

Pfc. Bradshaw has served with the armed forces in France, Belgium and Germany. He is attached to the 9th Army.

At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company at their Houston, Tex. plant.

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CECIL R. ROBINSON, son of Ernest R. Robinson and Hazelwood, was killed in action in the (Continued on page 3)