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Every Tuesday
and Friday

Parade Will Get Tobacco Festival Underway Million Pound Burley Crop Starts To Market

Getting Iron Duff Tobacco Ready For Sale

**Crop Owned
By 1,388
Haywood
Growers**

Quality Is Good,
According To Au-
thorities Here

Many pounds of the Haywood two million pound burley crop is moving to the market this week. The market opens Monday morning. Haywood farmers have always practiced having a lot of tobacco on the warehouse floors for the opening sales, and this year is no exception.

There are 1,388 burley growers in Haywood this year, and they planted 1,126 acres of tobacco, which is 374 less than authorized by AAA. Authorities after a recent check of the crop here estimated that the poundage would be about the same as last year when the total went to almost two million pounds. The 1946 crop brought \$813,728.63.

The current crop will be supported by 90 per cent of parity which now is 44.8 cents per pound. The loan level for this year is 40.3 as compared with 33.6 last year.

Throughout the fall a number of grading schools were conducted here in Haywood and a large number of growers attended these schools and are taking advantage of the strict classification of their crop.

Tobacco specialists who have been here during the harvest season have all been pleased with the Haywood crop, and predictions are that some of the best burley grown this year will be from the Haywood crop.

FIRE REPORTED

The Waynesville Fire Department was called out about 5:15 Wednesday afternoon to extinguish a fire that had caught in Mrs. Sam Leatherwood's home on Meadow Street. Very little damage was reported.

**W. A. Bradley To Lead
Group In Making Plans
For Recreation Program**

To Lead Group



W. A. BRADLEY was chosen to lead the committee to work out a long range recreation program for Waynesville and Hazelwood.

To Name Assistants
For Waynesville-
Hazelwood Committee
In Ten Days

W. A. Bradley was elected Tuesday evening to head a committee of his own choice, to be announced within the next 10 days, to prepare plans for the development of recreational facilities serving Hazelwood, Waynesville and surrounding area.

Mr. Bradley was the unanimous choice of representatives of church and civic groups, officials of the two communities, and other interested persons who gathered at the Towne House to consolidate their efforts for a community recreation program.

After his acceptance of leadership, Mr. Bradley, a successful merchant and one of the community's hardest working civic leaders, stated that his work would be directed towards making the best use of school grounds and other facilities we now have, but that:

"Eventually we will have to have recreation grounds owned by the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood if we are to have a long range program."

Mrs. Stanley Brading was chosen as secretary for the committee. No limit on the committee size was placed. Mr. Bradley being given full choice in its selection and promised the wholehearted support of all present.

A general feeling of enthusiasm and confidence that "this time something will be accomplished" was prevalent as the meeting was continued on Page Two.

Died Wednesday



PROF. E. J. ROBESON, 87, died at his home on Love Lane here early Wednesday morning, following a long illness.

**Funeral For E. J.
Robeson Will Be
Held On Friday**

Well Known Educator
Retired After
Teaching For 52
Years In State

Edward J. Robeson, 87, well known educator and beloved citizen, who taught for fifty-two years in the schools of North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, died at his home here Wednesday morning, following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Methodist church on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. R. L. Young, pastor of the church, will officiate. He will be assisted by the Rev. L. R. Akers, pastor of the Bryson City Methodist church, and a nephew of Mr. Robeson.

The body will remain at the Garrett funeral home until ten o'clock Friday morning, after which it will be taken to the First Methodist church where it will remain until the hour of the service. Burial will be in Green Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Lachlan Hyatt, Bill Swift, Joe Jack Atkins, David Hyatt, William Stringfield, Carleton Weatherly, Ben Sloan and Richard N. Barber, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Tom Stringfield, Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Boyd, R. H. Blackwell, Col. J. H. Howell, M. H. Bowles, Hugh Massie, Guy Massie, R. L. Lee, J. H. Woody, Wilford Ray, Charles E. Ray, Frank Rogers, L. M. Killian, Sr., Hugh J. Sloan, G. Dewey Stovall, J. C. Patrick, Dr. N. M. Medford, W. F. Swift, (Continued on Page Six)

**County-Wide
Celebration
Will Offer
Many Events**

Taylor Will Give
Highlight Speech
To Tobacco Growers
Here Saturday

All roads will lead to Waynesville on Friday and Saturday as hundreds of persons from all of Haywood county gather for the Tobacco Harvest Festival, sponsored by the local Merchants Association.

A varied program of interest to burley tobacco growers, their families and friends, has been prepared from both the educational and entertaining viewpoint. An imposing number of state and federal agricultural leaders will be on hand to take part in the festival.

Some 100 growers will enter hands to their 1947 crop in the tobacco contest. The committee in charge of this, Joe Cline, R. C. Evans, W. T. Hawkins, John Nesbitt and Claxton Henderson, will accept entries at the Armory until 4 p.m. Friday. Judging of the leaf will be held Saturday.

W. Kerr Scott, state agricultural commissioner, will lead the parade Friday afternoon that gets the festival started. Three bands, floats and cars bearing the 19 beauty queen contestants, and six additional queen floats, will be in the parade which will go from the First Baptist church to the courthouse.

The highlight speech of the festival will be given at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by Hugh W. Taylor of Washington, on the outlook of the burley market. According to general chairman Wayne Corpening, the address will be at the courthouse unless court is still in session; otherwise it will be at the Armory.

A free trip to the Biltmore Estate has been promised to the 4-H club having the largest percentage of members present to hear Mr. Taylor.

The beauty contest, singing convention, square dance and string band contests are scheduled during the two days and nights of the festival.

**Woodrow Cooper Named
C.O. Of Signal Company**

Woodrow (Bill) Cooper, who served with the Army Air Corps during World War II, has recently been promoted to captain and named commanding officer of the Canton 30th Signal Company, N. C. National Guard. He succeeds Fred Ferguson, who has headed the unit since it was reorganized.

The company now has a strength of 91 men and six officers, being authorized a full strength of 236 enlisted men and 11 officers.

**Pleads Guilty Of
Slaughter; Is Given
Sentence Of 3 Years**

Light Is Found
By Jury;
To Set Verdict
Entered

Before court adjourned a three year sentence was announced for John Williams, who was found guilty of the murder of his wife, Mrs. Mary Williams, in the town of Waynesville.

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**Beef Takes Big
And Sudden Drop
In Cecil Section**

Not many people know it, but beef took a sudden and big drop in Haywood last week.

The drop was not general, however. In fact, it was confined to Cecil Township.

But rather than keep you in suspense any longer, here is the story. Harvey Hargrove had a fine steer on pasture, that included some rather rough and steep cliffs. Mr. Hargrove missed his steer and after checking thoroughly, found the steer had stepped off a high cliff and sustained a broken neck in the fall.

**Vote Places
Given For
Committees
Of Farmers**

Chairman R. C. Francis Urges All Eligible To Help Select Committees

Voting places for the election of farmer committees in the agricultural conservation program were announced this week by R. C. Francis, county chairman, who advises all persons eligible to cast their ballots.

"These annual elections give farmers an opportunity to make their voice heard in the development and administration of farm programs," Mr. Francis said. "And since every farmer has an interest in seeing that the national program fits local needs, he should use this opportunity to select the men to administer the program who will best carry out this responsibility."

Feature Speaker



HUGH W. TAYLOR, executive secretary of the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Export Association, will make the keynote address of the Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, speaking on the outlook of burley tobacco. Raised on a tobacco farm in Hancock county, Ky., and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Mr. Taylor has been connected with the tobacco industry since 1909, with experience in foreign countries as well as the United States. He retired in October after 17 years with the U. S. Department of Agriculture to take his present position.

**Ballots Are
Ready For
Commerce
Annual Vote**

Votes To Be Returned
Before December 10th
In Election Of Officers

Ballots are being prepared for mailing to the members of the Chamber of Commerce in the annual election of the board of directors. The nominating committee named some weeks ago by C. J. Reece, president, made their report at the November meeting Tuesday night.

The ballots are to be marked and mailed to the Chamber of Commerce by December 10th, as the tabulation will be done the 11th of December.

Friday and Saturday
Haywood County TOBACCO HARVEST FESTIVAL
November 28 and 29
PROGRAM
Thanksgiving Night—Tobacco Harvest Festival Ball at the Waynesville Armory — Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 28-29
NO ADMISSION CHARGE — EVERYTHING FREE

- Friday, 1:00 p. m.—Parade (3 bands—19 beauty contestants).
Saturday, 10:30 a. m.—Band Concert (Courthouse).
Friday, 1:30 p. m.—Official opening of Tobacco Harvest Festival and Band Concert.
Saturday, 11:00 a. m.—Address by Hugh Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Export Association, Inc.
Friday, 2:00 p. m.—Address by Jonathan Woody, President of First National Bank of Waynesville (Courthouse).
Saturday, 1:00 p. m.—Luncheon for Tobacco Warehousemen of Asheville.
Friday, 3:00 p. m.—Lighting Demonstration (Armory).
Saturday, 2:00 p. m.—District Farm Bureau meeting (Armory).
Friday, 3:00 p. m.—Movie, "Meet North Carolina" (Courthouse).
Saturday, 2:00 p. m.—Talks by Carl T. Hicks, Chairman of the N. C. Farm Bureau Tobacco Committee, and J. V. Whitfield, Chairman of the N. C. Farm Bureau Fruit and Vegetable Committee.
Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Selection of Tobacco Queen Court; band music.
Saturday, 3:30—Tobacco Demonstrations.
Friday, 8:15 to 10:30 p. m.—Singing Convention—18 quartettes have already been lined up (Armory).
Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Selection of Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival Queen; band music (Armory).
Saturday, 8:15 to 11:00 p. m.—Square Dance Team competition and String Band competition (8 square dance teams and 16 string bands are competing. Armory).

All tobacco entered in the Tobacco Show must be entered on Friday before 4:00 p. m. at the Armory. Judging will be held Saturday morning and the announcement of winners will be made at the meeting at 11:00 on Saturday morning.

**Impressive Service Held
For Returned War Dead**

An impressive memorial service honoring the World War II dead upon their return for final burial in Haywood county was held Tuesday upon the arrival of the flag draped casket bearing the body of Technician Fifth Grade Low Parton who was killed in Germany at the age of 21.

Veterans organization, the National Guard, and Waynesville high school band joined in a formal military funeral procession, escorting the dead soldier and his family from the railway depot to the courthouse lawn.

With the flag at half mast the principal memorial address was spoken by Rev. R. L. Young, chaplain in the late war, who acknowledged the debt of the living to the sacrifices of those who fell in battle.

William Medford, American Legion post commander, expressed the purpose of the service in memorializing the return of all of Haywood county's war dead. Three organizations, the National Guard, high school band joined in a formal service to offer their services to conduct military funerals to others as they return upon the request of the families, he stated.

**Highway
Record For
1947
(To Date)
In Haywood
Injured --- 50
Killed ---- 8**

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)