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TODAY'S SMILE

Many a man's ambition is to be able to afford to spend what he's already spending.

County Has Million Dollar Burley Crop

Quality Of Crop In Haywood Is Rated As 'High'

Conservative estimates indicate Haywood County's farmers may realize an income of approximately \$1,000,000 from their 1950 Burley tobacco crop.

The Asheville market will open November 29.

The warehouses have been receiving tobacco since Monday.

This is seen largely as the result of higher prices indicated by the higher government support price of 47.70 cents a pound which is in effect on the burley markets than that which prevailed last season.

Last year, the support price was 40.30 cents per pound, and the market average 44.17 cents, at Asheville.

Thus the high level of income is indicated in spite of the fact that some officials see a somewhat lower production from the county's fields.

The reduced output was effected by the 15 per cent government cut in allotment imposed on the 1949 cropland.

Haywood farmers compensated for this somewhat by boosting their yields to approximately 1500 to 1350 pounds per acre this year, compared with the 1,478 pounds per acre yield of 1949.

This year's crop comes from 1,126.1 acres, compared with last year's 1,225.7.

The estimated average yield would bring the harvest to an approximated total of 1,745,455 pounds maximum.

While in many instances the quality of the 1950 crop was below last year's level in many others, it was well above 1949 in this respect.

The conditions of 1950—particularly the drought of the summer—hit the Pigeon Valley crops heaviest. Both volume and quality have suffered as a consequence.

In other places, the other extreme of weather conditions—heavy rains—affected individual crops adversely. The plants which were set out early suffered from these conditions.

Generally, too, a shortage of tobacco plants in several sections of the county inclined to cut into crop prospects.

Where a certain percentage of the Haywood producers could look forward to realizing not much better than the government support prices for their harvest, many others could anticipate the highest market prices.

Roy Bennett, N. C. State College Extension tobacco specialist who was here this week for the grading demonstrations, gave a favorable estimate of the tobacco he had seen.

"The crops were close to the average weight," he said, "and above average in quality."

"The color of the plants I saw was very good, the cures were better than usual, with less evidence of house burn present."

The per-acre yield, he estimated, should be "close to average" but said the plant shortage of last spring certainly would tend to reduce the 1950 production.

In general, he said, the crops he saw were above average in cigarette-smoking quality.

"There was a large quantity of the thin, bright cigarette type, and a high percentage of the cigarette grades: flyers, lugs, and cutters," Mr. Bennett observed.

His general picture of both this season and next was bright, as far as market conditions were concerned.

"The price outlook for 1950 and 1951 is good."

"This estimate is based on the supply of the crop and its appearance."

"This year's government support price is well above that fixed last year, and may be even higher next year."

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Haywood Men Experts At Picking Good Tobacco



"Now this is good burley," Lawrence Walker, left, tells John Rogers on the right, as the two veteran tobacco growers look over some of the 1950 crop. Mr. Walker, 83, has been growing tobacco since he was 15 years old. Mr. Rogers said he started at the age of 10. Both of the men grew flue cured until about 40 years ago. These two attended the grading schools conducted in the county this week. (Staff Photo)

Lone Bid On REA Bldg. Is Rejected

The Haywood Electric Membership Corporation late today rejected the lone bid submitted for work on the proposed new headquarters and warehouse building.

Manager R. C. Sheffield explained the action was taken because the bid was the only one received on the project.

He said the matter was deferred until "a more favorable time."

Bids, however, were opened on a project to provide two-way radios in REA headquarters and the seven service trucks.

The REA board was scheduled to consider these bids early this afternoon.

Ready For Sales



MRS. R. C. LANE, chairman of TB seals again this year, said this morning that the campaign is "all set to go" this week-end.

Criminal Term Of Court To Open Mon.

A mountain of work will confront officers Monday morning when the two-week November criminal term of Haywood Superior Court opens.

The trial docket shows more than 100 cases.

As usual, the bulk of them comprise drunken driving and non-support indictments.

Forty-three cases involve charges of driving while under the influence, and 34 warrants cite defendants for abandonment, non-support, or both.

For the 15th year, the docket is blank of capital felonies.

Among the few serious matters which will face the jury and Judge J. W. Pless of Marion are the scheduled trials of two men on manslaughter charges arising from fatal highway accidents.

One arose from the death of a schoolboy on the Dellwood road a year ago.

The other grew out of the deaths of a woman and her 12-year-old daughter who were struck by a car on Highway 276 at Cruso the night of August 3.

This term of court will be the last in official capacity for Superior Court Clerk Hugh Leatherwood.

Mr. Leatherwood is stepping out (See Court—Page 8)

O. D. Massie, Of Cruso, Died Early Thursday Morning

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 at the home for O. D. Massie, well known merchant of Cruso. Mr. Massie died at two o'clock Thursday morning in the Western North Carolina Sanatorium, Black Mountain, after a lingering illness.

Rev. Oder F. Burnett and Rev. H. P. Hicks will conduct the funeral services, with nephews acting as pallbearers and nieces as flower girls. Burial will be in the Bethel cemetery.

The body will be returned to the home late Thursday afternoon.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laura Massie, four daughters, Mrs. W. Haynes, of route 2, Canton, Miss Geneva Massie of Greensboro College, Mrs. O. C. Smathers, Jr. (See Massie—Page 8)

TB Seals To Go On Sale This Weekend

The annual Tuberculosis relief campaign in the Waynesville area will open Monday.

Mrs. Alma McCracken, Waynesville area general campaign chairman, said today the final arrangements were almost complete.

One of the final arrangements will take place tomorrow night.

This will be a "folding party" in the commissioner's room of the Haywood County Court House, starting at eight o'clock.

Mrs. McCracken explained that the letters of solicitation for funds for TB relief would be folded and put in envelopes for mailing at that time.

She said anyone can come to this party, and everyone will be welcome.

All this week, the students of the Crabtree-Iron Duff High School typing class have been typing the letters which will go out to prospective donors.

Mrs. R. C. Lane of Lake Junaluska heads the seal sales committee.

The receipts from the campaign will help finance the operation of an X-ray machine at the Haywood County Health Department.

10,000 Tax Notices Mailed By County

Approximately 10,000 county 1950 tax notices have been mailed from the Haywood County tax office.

The office staff has been working for several weeks on the big job of typing and addressing the notices.

This year's notice carries delinquent amounts and penalty for the past two years in addition to the current taxes.

Sebe Bryson is tax collector.

Glenn Brown Named YDC President

Glenn Brown, young Clyde attorney, last Tuesday night was elected president of the Haywood County Young Democratic Club.

The members of the organization named him during their dinner meeting at the Towne House to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Wingate Hannah of Waynesville.

Mr. Hannah had resigned when he moved to Washington to start work in a government position.

The reorganization was effected only in the club's top position.

Mr. Raymond Caldwell remains as first vice-president; Mrs. Doyle Alley, second vice-president; Jerry Rogers, treasurer; and Bill Plott, secretary.

The featured speaker was State YDC President Robert Williams of Asheville, who discussed the political situation with reference to the General Election.

At the same session, the Haywood Young Democrats mapped a membership campaign and a program to strengthen the Party in this section.

Fourth Annual Tobacco Harvest Festival Will Get Underway On Tuesday

Big Tobacco Issue Coming On Mon. In This Newspaper

The Monday edition of The Mountaineer will contain many tobacco pictures, and news about the Tobacco Harvest Festival.

The complete program, pictures of speakers, and the leaders, together with a review in pictures of past year's colorful parade.

—all this, and more too, in the Monday edition of The Mountaineer.

All but a few details of the program for the Fourth Annual Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival remained to be arranged this weekend.

Committeemen are putting the final touches to the arrangements for the 1950 event, which will open Tuesday for a five-day run.

County Agent Wayne Corpening, generally supervising the work, declared today that prospects are this year's Festival will top all others in quantity and quality.

Haywood County's business, industrial, and civic organizations are cooperating with the 26 organized rural communities in staging the colorful fall spectacle.

In the rural communities, farmers, farm wives and farm children are working to prepare their displays and floats. Up to yesterday, 13 communities had elected their representatives for the contest for queen of the Festival, and more had meetings scheduled for last night and this weekend to do the same.

Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey yesterday declared that some of Western North Carolina's finest string bands and square dance teams had filed their entries already for the contests which will be among the many features of the Festival.

Among the string bands which have entered so far are Alonzo Brookshire's from Hendersonville, which won first place at the 1950 N. C. State Fair, and in the annual Hendersonville Apple Festival, the Bent Creek Ranch and Valley Springs bands from Buncombe County, Carpenter String.

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Stores To Stay Open All Day Next Wednesday

Retail stores will remain open all day Wednesday, November 22. This will be following a custom of long standing to remain open all day before Thanksgiving, it was explained by C. J. Reece, president of the Merchants Association.

The association announced the stores would be closed from 2 to 3 for the parade on the 24th, and starting December first, would remain open every Wednesday afternoon until Christmas.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary of Haywood Post 1, Waynesville, will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the Legion Hall on Main Street.

Mrs. Will Medford is in charge of the program.

All members are urged to attend.

Festival Window Displays To Open Monday

The following communities are working with local store owners and representatives of the Woman's Club in putting up window displays during Tobacco Harvest Festival week. These displays will be started on Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock, so that they can be completed and judging can be done on Wednesday afternoon, November 22nd.

Center Pigeon, Slack's; South Clyde, REA; Upper Crabtree, Massie Furniture; Jonathan Creek, Boyd Furniture; Allens Creek, First State Bank; Cove Creek, Belk's; Francis Cove, Burgin's.

East Pigeon, Patrick's Cafe; Panther Creek, Waynesville Mountaineer; Thickety, Garrett Furniture; West Pigeon, Massie Dept. Store; White Oak, Firestone; Saunook, C. N. Allen.

Katcliffe Cove, Building and Loan; Cruso, L. and B. Hardware; Lower Crabtree, First National Bank; Stamey Cove, The Toggery; Beaverdam, Chamber of Commerce; Dellwood, Waynesville Restaurant; Morning Star, Sheppe's.

Iron Duff, Ketter's; Hominy, Underwood Supply; Lake Junaluska, L. N. Davis; Fines Creek, Taylor Motor; Cecil, Richland Supply; North Clyde, Bea's Beauty Shop.

Pvt. Gaddis At Sheppard Field

Pvt. Robert N. Gaddis, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burress of Waynesville route 2, is serving with the Air Force at Sheppard Base, Texas.

He entered service after graduating from Monroe High School.

County Polio Workers Pick Officials For 1951 Drive

Beckman Huger of Canton was re-elected yesterday as county chairman for the 1951 March of Dimes Drive.

Campaign workers named Felix Stovall of Waynesville as the other co-chairman.

But Mr. Stovall, when informed of his election this morning, said he would be forced to resign.

He explained that the pressure of business would prevent him from accepting the position.

The elections highlighted an organizational luncheon meeting at the Towne House.

The session was held to lay the groundwork for the campaign, which will open January 16 throughout the nation.

Mr. Stovall would have succeeded David Hyatt, who has headed the drive in the Waynesville area through the last three years.

Mr. Huger was re-elected to the

co-chairmanship and will serve as head of the Canton area's campaign for the third consecutive year.

The Rev. Robert McCloskey, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Canton, was elected county vice-chairman. Frank Campbell of Canton, county secretary; and Miss Tille Rotha, of Waynesville, county treasurer.

Mr. Campbell also will serve as Canton area secretary-treasurer.

Johnny Johnson of Waynesville will serve as Waynesville area campaign director, and Edwin Haynes of Canton will work in the same capacity in the Canton area.

During the session, Tom Rudisill of Asheville, field representative for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, declared that Haywood County last year far exceeded the average state rate in raising money for the 1950 polio

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Wall Street Being Paved

Town workmen are laying the foundation for the paving of Wall Street, behind Main.

Town Manager Grayden Ferguson said this week they were scheduled to complete this phase of the work in a few days.

After that, he said, the Allison Construction Company would start the final black-topping work.

The street is scheduled to be paved completely in about a week.

The actual work of preparing the street started last summer when workers began preparing a fill to widen it.

Baptists Here Adopt Budget

The congregation of the First Baptist church approved a budget of \$31,378 for 1951.

Included in the budget is \$10,000 for the building fund, and the remainder for local expenses and missions. A substantial increase was made in the mission fund.

This is the largest budget ever made by the church.

Another Good Barn Of Haywood Tobacco



This is part of the estimated two million pounds of burley in Haywood this year. This is one of the barns of Albert Ferguson, Crabtree grower, who is shown holding some of his 21st crop. On the left is Wayne Corpening, county agent, and Dr. Roy Bennett, tobacco specialist of State College. (Staff Photo)

SPCA TO MEET

Waynesville chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will meet at 8 p. m. Monday at the Chamber Commerce office.

The session was called by the M. R. Williamson, Chapter president, this week.

The Weather

CLOUDY

Thursday, November 16—Mild mostly cloudy Thursday with occasional light showers. Partly cloudy and continued mild Friday.

Official Waynesville temperatures recorded by the staff of the Test Farm:

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Nov. 13	60	19	
Nov. 14	59	20	
Nov. 15	64	23	

Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 29 Killed . . . 6

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)