

## Grading Is Key Higher Burley Profits

How good a burley grower grows, he can lose 15 per cent of the profit he should receive if he does not grade his tobacco properly.

It is brought out during the grading demonstration in the county during October by S. N. Hawk, tobacco specialist from the University of North Carolina, and N. L. U. S. government.

Speakers made the following recommendations:

Use fluorescent lights to see tobacco. For best lighting, use "daylight" and one "white" tube in the room.

Use tobacco in as many colors, and quality, as possible, and grow and cure in from 12 to 14 hands on a stick and build the pen, covering the light-weight burlap. This insures against moisture or handling.

## Ferguson Rites Are Held In Dellwood Church

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Dellwood Methodist Church for John Earl Ferguson, 68, who died Thursday in his home on Waynesville, Route 2, following a long illness.

The Rev. Grady Garringer and the Rev. A. B. Dennis officiated and burial was in Crawford Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Taylor, Robert, Charles, and Fred Ferguson, Alfred Raveano, and Wayne Moody.

Ferguson was a son of the late John A. and Sara Ann Owen Ferguson of Haywood. He has served as Haywood County tax collector from 1940 to 1946, was once a Waynesville policeman, and was a member of the county board of education committee for his district at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Dellwood Methodist Church.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Aletha Allison Ferguson; a brother, Boone Ferguson of Waynesville, Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Woody of Waynesville, Route 2, and Mrs. Horace Moody of Arden; and several nieces and nephews.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Masonic Meeting Set

Sonoma Lodge 472, AF&AM, will hold an emergent communication at 7 p.m. Monday to confer the Master Mason's degree.

All Master Masons are invited.

and makes a neater appealing pile of tobacco on warehouse floors.

4. Don't work tobacco when it is in too high order (too wet).

Approximately 70 county burley growers attended the four demonstrations.

Economists say that John Boyd Dunlop produced the first successful pneumatic tire in Ireland in 1888.



THE TOBACCO QUEEN'S COURT last year at the courthouse included Barbara Ratcliffe of Ratcliffe Cove, Sarah Jean Burrell of Thickety, Patsy Davis of White Oak, Bobbie Jean Crawford of Iron Duff, Geraldine Layman of Cruso, queen Lorraine Sanford of Upper Crabtree, Mrs. Vanita Morrow Medford, 1952 queen; Janette Sheffield of West Pigeon, Jean Jackson of South Clyde, Martha Pressley of East Pigeon, and Linda Faye Rhinehart of Allens Creek. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Tobacco Festival Queen Contest Always Colorful

Peggy Noland, student at WTHS and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeves Noland, who lived in Ratcliffe Cove at that time, reigned as queen of the first Haywood County Tobacco Festival in 1947.

Since that time, eight girls have been chosen queen from various communities in the county. The queen contest was not held in 1953, but was resumed last year by public acclaim.

Other queens have been:

1948—Bonnie Trantham of Fines Creek.

1949—Jennie Mae Earley of Thickety.

1950—Mary Lou Ferguson of Francis Cove.

1951—Mauriene Carver of Maggie.

1952—Vanita Morrow of Jonathan Creek.

1954—Lorraine Sanford of Upper Crabtree.

Present rules prohibit communities from entering contestants who are married. Only one queen was

## Waynesville Men Are On Amphibious Exercise

Sgt. Roger G. Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Woodard of Park Drive, Waynesville and Cpl. Beauford S. Gilliland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gilliland of West Street, Waynesville are taking part in a major amphibious exercise on the southeast coast of the United States.

Sgt. Woodard is with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and is stationed at Cherry Point. Cpl. Gilliland with the 2nd Marine Division, stationed at Camp LeJeune.

married at the time of the contest—Mrs. Earley in 1949.

Also changed has been the practice of queen candidates wearing evening gowns. To spare the parents of the girls from bearing the expense of gowns, all candidates now wear cotton dresses.

## Permits Are Now Necessary For Burning Of Brush

Permits are now required by state law for the burning of all brush from midnight until 4 p.m., according to R. E. Caldwell, county fire warden.

No permits are required from 4 p.m. until midnight, but all necessary precautions must be observed before starting fires, the warden said.

After obtaining permits, owners of adjacent land should be notified prior to the starting of brush fires, Mr. Caldwell added.

After the steady rain Friday, county forests are in fairly good condition at present, but will dry out in a few days of clear weather, the fire warden warned, urging county residents to observe all precautions to prevent starting of forest fires.

There have been no fires in Haywood forests since last Spring, he added.

Brush-burning permits can be obtained from Mr. Caldwell and

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the following:

Thomas Alexander of Cataloguee Ranch, M. L. McGaha of Maggie, Brooks Store of Maggie; Chambers Mountain fire tower, Waynesville Fire Department, Canton Fire Department; sheriff's office, farm agent's office, Dellwood post office, Robert Howell of Rock Hill, D. P. Brown of Hemphill, Hobart Franklin of Cove Creek, Albert Phillips of Cove Creek, H. L. Hoglien of Liberty, Hugh Rathbone and John Rathbone of Fines Creek, J. R. Caldwell of Iron Duff, C. W. Arrington of Panther Creek, James Henderson of Bald Creek, M. C. Pressley of Stamey Cove, John Reno of Beaverdam, O. H. Holcombe and Everett Poston of Big East Fork, Gaston Burnette of Dix Creek, Roy Arrington of Saunook, and Caldwell's Store of Morning Star.



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