

### Tree planting money available

Forest landowners in Cleveland County can receive up to 40 percent of the cost to reforest their land after harvest, said County Forest Ranger John Hunt.

The Forest Development Program offers cost-sharing incentives to landowners who want to plant trees. In 1992, 20 landowners in Cleveland County received cost-sharing assistance on 320 acres of land, Hunt said. Statewide last year, approximately 1,500 landowners received Forest Development Program assistance on 38,000 acres of land.

Hunt said that worked needed to establish a new forest is eligible for cost-sharing payment through the program, including tree planting, seedling costs, and preparation of

the planting site. Landowners may also receive cost-share funds for tree planting only, on acres not requiring site preparation.

Beginning this year, areas suitable for growing hardwood timber will be eligible for up to 60 percent cost-share assistance.

To receive Forest Development Program money the land must be capable of growing commercial timber, and the landowner must have a Forest Management Plan approved by a Division of Forest Resources Forester. A landowner may receive assistance on a maximum of 100 acres of land per year.

For more information on the Forest Development Program call Hunt at 487-4954.

### Burning permits available locally

The fall fire season officially lasts until December 15.

The dry, hot summer has kept many local fire departments busy with wildfires, and County Ranger John Hunt recommends that every person be careful with any use of fire.

The major cause of wildfires in Cleveland County is debris burning, Hunt said. This includes household trash, rubbish, brush and leaves. Anyone planning to do outside burning between the hours of 12 midnight and 4 p.m. is required by law to obtain a burning permit. The permit does not relieve the

person doing the burning of legal action in case of a wildfire, or from property damage from the fire.

There are 18 burning permit agents in Cleveland County who operate out of their place of business. The agents are performing a free community service and burning permits are issued free. The permit should be read and any questions answered before the fire is started.

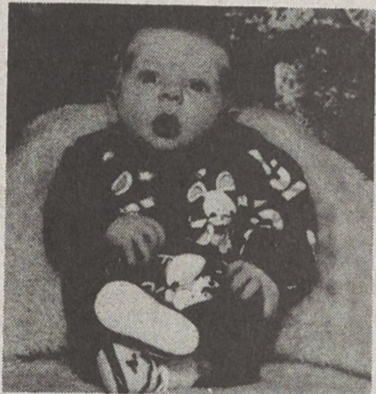
Burning permits can be obtained locally at Lutz Oil Company in Grover, Bridges Hardware in Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Farm Center, and Tom's Family Mart in Oak Grove.

### Christopher Ledford born October 22, 1993

Christopher Ledford was born October 22, 1993 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.

Parents are Michael and Sonya Ledford of Kings Mountain.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Elaine Ross. Paternal grandparents are Don and Barbara Ledford. Great-grandparents are Alice McNeill, Geneva Carter and Ruby Ledford.



CHRISTOPHER LEDFORD

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