



### LOOKING AHEAD

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#### How Much Government?

It's 2,272 miles from New York to Salt Lake City, Utah. Yet, if all civilian employees in the executive branch of our federal government were six feet tall (they're not), and you placed them head to toe on U. S. Highway 30, they'd reach the distance easily with 1.4 miles to spare. This comparison is conservative. It was based on an estimate of 2 million government workers in the executive branch alone.

Perhaps nobody can ever know just how many there are. During the first four months of this year, they increased at a rate of more than 450 a day. Use another comparison. There is one executive worker in the federal government for every 21 income taxpayers. In other words, these 21 taxpayers are paying the salary of the 22nd man. And that's just in the executive arm of the federal government.

#### Paying the Piper

Each and every American citizen must not fail to be interested in this problem of mushrooming government. As long as we fool ourselves into the habit of asking for more government, we'll see more and more added to the payrolls and we'll pay higher and higher taxes. We need to decide how much government we want. Certainly the more of it we set up the more we have to pay for. At the rate we have been going in the last decade, most of us will be working for the government in a few years.

That would be one of the simplest ways to take the country into socialism. Let most of us be drawing paychecks from the government, in salaries and various benefits, and we would have socialism right here without voting for it. What we need constantly to remember is that the government has not a cent to spend except what it collects from you and from our neighbors.

#### It's Up to Congress

Our next Congress will have a real test, and a real opportunity. Last year, the 80th Congress provided this historic opportunity by establishing a commission to study the reorganization of the executive side of our government. Membership of the Commission includes some of our most public spirited citizens. These experts are giving the structure and functions of many a government agency a thorough going over. They are also studying expenditures, with the idea of proposing changes that will bring both economy and efficiency.

#### Must Say: "No!"

The 81st Congress will have the job of acting upon whatever recommendations the Commission may present. It is not an easy task. Any executive finds it hard to lop off an office here, and an office there. When the government starts a service, it is hard to find a stopping place. Moreover, each and every department will fight to the finish for increased personnel and more money.

May the coming Congress find enough gizzard and gristle to stand up and say no. We must end waste and extravagance in government. When nearly thirty cents out of every dollar you earn goes directly or indirectly toward support of federal government, that is too much. It cannot continue to be the strong financially stable nation we are, unless something is done to all the spread of government.

Meat production in the United States from October, 1948, through July, 1949, was about 2 per cent lower than in the same months a year earlier.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending August 27 totaled 290 million pounds.

The 1949 series of 4-H Club Pullet Shows and Sales was opened in Chatham County recently when 19 club members exhibited and sold 228 choice pullets.



**CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT FRENCH HORN**—A French Horn player from the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra explains the mysteries of the horn to a music class. Children who have never seen instruments or an orchestra now have that opportunity with the North Carolina Little Symphony. The Orchestra under the direction of Benjamin Swain will play in Kings Mountain next season. Memberships in the Symphony Society will make free programs for children possible and may be purchased during the membership campaign beginning next week.

### Acres Permanent Pasture Is Goal

By B. P. Jenkins, Jr.

As stated before, the goal for Cleveland County is at least one acre of Permanent Pasture and some alfalfa on every farm in the county.

There are lots of reasons why every farmer should have some of these crops. The first one is that alfalfa and pasture furnish the cheapest source of feed for livestock; (2) we need more of these feeds to furnish feed for our present livestock; (3) by seeding some of our land to these two crops we will have a sod that will prevent soil erosion (and

this is an important thing on every farm in the county; (4) if we ever get into a system of controlled acreage on all crops, a farmer will need a hay and pasture history, or he may find it difficult to add livestock to his farming program. Taking these reasons, along with PMA providing financial assistance for lime, seed and fertilizer, I think every one will agree that every farmer should make an effort to seed at least one acre of pasture and some alfalfa this year.

In the past many people have felt that seeding alfalfa was a risky business. Since that time, the Experiment Stations have done much work on growing alfalfa and have proven that, if we will carry out a few fundamental practices, alfalfa

can be grown on any farm. One of the first things to do is to select a piece of land that is well drained, as alfalfa will not grow on wet land. If at all possible, we should select land that has had a legume crop growing on it the previous year. To this we should add 2 tons of limestone, working this into the top 4-6 inches of soil with a ripper and disk harrow. If the land that you select has not had a legume crop growing on it last year, it should be a good idea to add a liberal application of stable manure. This should be worked into the soil at the same time as the lime.

Before seeding alfalfa, we should apply some 800-1000 lbs. of 2-12-12 fertilizer per acre, and 30-40 lbs. of Borax. If you buy fertilizer that con-

tains Borax, find out the amount of Borax per 100 lbs. of fertilizer and fertilize accordingly. Being sure not to get over 40 lbs. of Borax per acre. 30 to 35 lbs. of either Kansas or Oklahoma grown common alfalfa should be seeded per acre, either by drill, seed sower, or seeding attachment on a cultipacker. It is best to divide the seed and cross sow—sowing at right angles so as to get a uniform stand.

A small, but important, item in having success with alfalfa is to get the seed inoculated properly. To do this, you should purchase from your dealer, some commercial inoculation and the directions for applying this will be on the container.

Alfalfa should be seeded anytime during September and since we have had a good season during the past few days, a good time to sow would be as soon as the land can be

prepared. By carrying out these recommendations, alfalfa can be produced profitably on any farm in Cleveland county.

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