

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Top Dressing Pastures
Now is the time to wish all our perennial pasture plants a prosperous and prolific New Year. This can best be done by giving them an ample application of fertilizer as top dressing. No plant, just as no animal, can perform at top and most efficient production unless it is properly fed and managed.

Cool season pasture plants do not give the best response unless they are topdressed before the period of lush growth in the Spring. Since this is usually one of the busiest times of the year, it is generally conceded that top dressing should be put on just before growth starts in late winter. Soil test recommendations are preferred in suggesting amounts per acre, but some top dressing usually should be applied if the soil test is not available.

To ladino grass pastures apply 400-700 pounds of 0-10-20, 0-9-27, or 0-14-14 per acre. To tall fescue use 300-600 pounds 0-10-20 plus 100 pounds nitrogen top dressing.

Warm season perennial plants such as Coastal Bermuda grass, sericea lespedeza and kudzu should be top dressed just before growth starts in the spring.

To Coastal Bermuda grass apply 250-500 pounds 0-14-14 or 0-10-20 per acre plus 50-100 pounds nitrogen.

Small grains should receive 30 pounds of nitrogen per acre in late February or early March.

Plan now to make use of some of the summer annual plants that do well in your area. There are essentially none of the basic permanent type pasture mixtures that will consistently provide good grazing during the summer months in this State. These plants just don't grow during those months, as a rule. Some of the plants that will usually grow in summer are:

Pearl or Starr Millet—seed April 15-July 1 with 6-10 pounds per acre in rows or 20-25 pounds broadcast. Fertilize with 300-500 pounds per acre of 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 at planting, and top dress with 25-50 pounds nitrogen per acre when six inches high and again after first grazing period.

Sudangrass—same as Millet except use 10-15 pounds per acre of seed in row or 30-40 pounds broadcast. Use Sweet or Tift varieties.

Annual lespedeza—seed in February or March at 20-40 pounds per acre. Fertilize with 300-400 pounds 0-14-14 or 0-10-20 when not grown in small grain. Use Rowna lespedeza on nematode infested soils.

Soybeans—seed in late April to July 1 at one-half to one bushel in rows or two bushels broadcast. Fertilize with 300-400 pounds 0-10-20 per acre. Use varieties that are used for seed or hay in your area.

Do you know what is in the fertilizer you buy? If not, you should. The price paid for fertilizer should be related to its plant-nutrient content. All fertilizers do not contain the same amount of plant nutrients. Be sure to look at the analysis on the fertilizer bag in comparing fertilizers.

The grade or analysis of the fertilizer shows the percentage of nitrogen (N), phosphate (P₂O₅), and potash (K₂O). For example, a 5-10-10 contains 5% nitrogen, 10% phosphate, and 10% potash. Compare this with an 8-8-8, which contains 8% of each of the three major plant nutrients. This analysis is guaranteed by the fertilizer manufacturer.

Which fertilizer are you going to use? This should depend on the crop you are planting and the crop-nutrient level in the soil. Crops vary in their requirements for nitrogen, phosphate and potash. The amounts of these nutrients already available in the soil vary, also. In order to make the most efficient use of nutrients supplied in fertilizers, you should know the level of these nutrients already available in the soil. This can be determined from reliable soil tests.

I suggest that questions regarding fertilizers and fertilization practices be brought to the attention of my office.

An Institute For Vacation Schools In Elizabeth City

An Institute for Vacation Church School workers will be conducted at First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, Monday, March 3, beginning at 9:30 A. M. The Institute will provide an opportunity for children's workers to become acquainted with new materials for vacation schools, and to begin formulating plans for this summer's activities with children in their local churches.

Mrs. James A. Auman of Hertford, district director of children's work, will be in charge of the day's activities, and will also lead the kindergarten workshop. Other workshop leaders are: Mrs. Senah Pulliam, Seven Mile Ford, Va., Primary; Mrs. Harry L. Mitcham, Atlanta, Ga., Junior; Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, Murfreesboro, Intermediate. A workshop group for those responsible for planning and directing vacation schools will be led by Mrs. Chas. Saunders, Elizabeth City. The conference director of children's work, Mrs. V. E. Queen, Durham, will probably be present and will serve as resource person for this group.

The 1958 theme for vacation church schools in the Methodist Church is "Jesus". Persons attending are asked to bring sandwiches for lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided.

A new feature of this year's Institute will be the presentation of an introductory film, proposed by the Children's Television series, entitled "Run Away Home." This film will be for information and evaluation and will help to prepare for sharing projects in Vacation Church School this summer.

Vernon L. Moore Dies In Norfolk

Vernon Leigh Moore, 79, died Friday morning in Norfolk, Va. A native of Edenton, Mr. Moore lived here all his life until a few years ago. He was a retired Norfolk-Southern freight agent and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Moore Ballenger of Norfolk and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Ziegler Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. R. N. Carroll. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill McCabe, Walter Bond, Leon Leary, Sidney Smith, John Lee Spruill, Pete Dail, Johnnie Curran, Tom Goodwin and Skinner White.

STATE INCOME TAX FACTS

North Carolina Individual Tax Changes

(This is one in a series of three articles prepared by the Committee on State Taxation, North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, in co-operation with the North Carolina Department of Revenue.)



State Tax Returns Required From More Individuals

The 1957 General Assembly made a number of changes in the North Carolina individual income tax law, with most of the changes made in the reporting of income and allowable deductions. This article deals with the new filing requirements, changes in personal exemptions, and the new system of tax credits for those individuals having income in both North Carolina and in some other state.

The provisions discussed are effective for the calendar year 1957.

Who Is Required To File An Income Tax Return?

Under the old law, North Carolina required an income tax return from every individual whose "net income" exceeded his personal exemption and also from a self-employed or professional individual whose "gross income" exceeded \$5,000. Effective this year, North Carolina requires an income tax return from every individual whose "gross income" exceeds his personal exemption, not counting additional exemptions for dependents. Regardless of the nature of his income or his deductions or dependents, a married man living with his wife is now required to file an income tax return if he has gross income in excess of \$2,000; and a single person or married woman is required to file a return if he or she has gross income in excess of \$1,000. If this test is met, a return is required even though no tax is due.

Personal Exemption Changes Married Women — Head of Household:

Since 1953, a married woman furnishing the major support for herself and her husband has been allowed to claim the head of household exemption of \$2,000, provided her husband had gross income during the year of less

than \$500. The 1957 General Assembly increased to \$1,000 the amount of gross income which the husband may have and his wife still be permitted to claim the head of household exemption.

Dependent Children of Divorced Parents: Under the 1957 Revenue Act, a divorced parent furnishing the major support of a child of a former marriage may claim the \$300 personal exemption for the child, even though he or she did not have custody of the child during the year.

Right To Exemptions:

Under old law, the status on the last day of the year determined the right to exemptions in all cases except where a spouse or dependent died during the year. Under new law, the status during the major part of the year determines the right to dependency and head-of-household exemptions. Now, a parent furnishing the major part of the support of a child during the income year may claim the child as a dependent for that year, even though the exemption status of the dependent has changed before the last day of the year.

In the case of individuals separated during the year, the individual who was the head of household is entitled to that exemption for that year, provided his or her status was unchanged for the major part of such income year.

An individual is still entitled to the exemption for his spouse or dependent who died during the year.

The new law permits a taxpayer to qualify as a "head of household" if he maintains a household for a dependent whether in North Carolina or not. Previously, the household was required to be maintained in this State.

Tax Credits Allowed Residents

And Non-Residents

Residents of North Carolina: Under prior law, residents of North Carolina who were required to pay an income tax in other states were permitted to deduct the income so taxed under certain circumstances.

The new law no longer permits a North Carolina resident to deduct income taxed in another state but allows him to claim a credit against his North Carolina income tax if (1) the income taxed in the other state was derived from sources within that state and was taxable there without regard to the residence or domicile of the taxpayer, and (2) that state would not allow him a credit for income taxes paid to North Carolina. The credit allowed to the North Carolina resident is the lower of (1) the amount of income tax paid to the other state on income reportable to North Carolina, and (2) the total North Carolina income tax multiplied by the fraction of the gross income reportable to North Carolina which is subject to tax in the other state.

For example, if a North Carolina resident earned two-thirds of his income in North Carolina and one-third in Georgia and is taxed by Georgia on the one-third earned there, he may deduct from his North Carolina tax the lower of the tax actually paid Georgia or one-third of the tax due North Carolina on his total income.

Non-Residents:

Non-residents of North Carolina whose states of residence permit tax credits to North Carolinians earning income in those states may now deduct from their North Carolina income tax the amount of income tax paid to their state of residence on income derived from sources in and taxable to North Carolina regardless of the source of the North Carolina income. Under prior law, the tax credit did not apply to the tax in income from an established unincorporated business in North Carolina.

General:

In order to receive the tax credit, the taxpayer must furnish a true copy of the return made to the other state and substantiation of the amount of tax paid.

The North Carolina Revenue Department has prepared a "Reciprocity Memorandum" which

sets forth the extent to which reciprocity of tax credits is practiced by North Carolina with other states. This memorandum is available upon request to the North Carolina Revenue Department, Individual Income Tax Division, Raleigh.

Husbands Guests Of Byrd HD Club

Husbands of the members were guests when the Byrd Home Demonstration Club held its annual dinner meeting February 19 at the home of Mrs. George Smith. The meal was preceded by thanks returned by C. W. Overman.

After the dinner a landscaping program was given by Miss Mairdred Morris, assisted by C. W. Overman. With the use of charts and a flannel board they showed how a farmstead may be made more attractive at small cost by placing buildings, driveways and shrubs in appropriate places. The meeting was closed by singing led by Mr. Overman.

Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Overman, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Speight, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Barrington, Mrs. J. D. Swindell, Mrs. Dan Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Phthisic, Mr. and Mrs. Earl White, Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin, Miss Mairdred Morris and Van Jenkins of Greenville.

GUM POND CLUB MEETS

On the night of February 5th members of the Gum Pond Home Demonstration Club along with their families gathered at the Rocky Hook School for their annual supper meeting.

All the ladies came in with large quantities of food. Ellie

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any debts made by my wife.

Signed
W. F. Daughtridge

Bunch returned thanks and everyone just helped themselves to the food. After supper C. W. Overman led the group in singing songs.

Miss Mairdred Morris, along with Mr. Overman, gave a demonstration on landscaping home grounds. "Take a good look at your place, see what you need to do," said Miss Morris. "The first step is to draw your plans,

fixing walks and driveways. The next step would be to decide what plants and trees you will need in the different areas."

With charts of a home Miss Morris showed how homes could be made very attractive at little cost. For most homes a good lawn is a must. The club was glad to have Mrs. C. W. Overman as a guest at this meeting.

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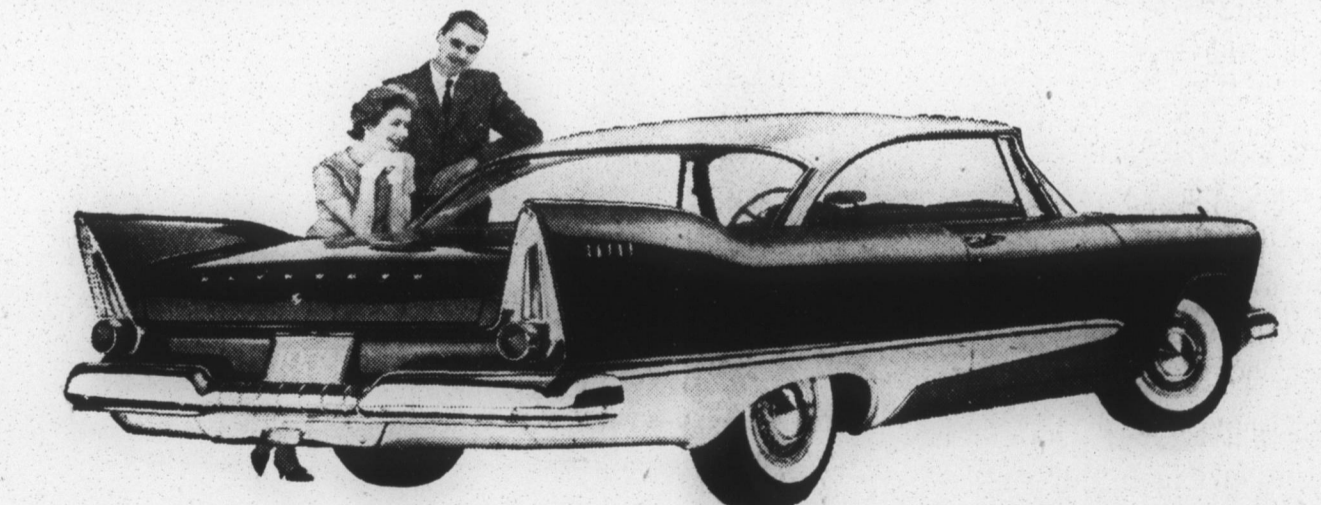
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