

Alfalfa Production

By John P. Burch

Alfalfa produces more tons of hay per acre than any other legume. Here in Alleghany we can have three cuttings averaging one ton per cutting, and making a very high quality of hay which is high in the proteins, minerals and vitamins A and D.

At one time we thought of alfalfa as being adapted only to a specific type of soil; however, now we know only two major

limitations to its production. First, it will not make satisfactory growth on poorly drained soil and second, a soil with a sheet rock sub-soil limits the plant in its growth because of its deep rooted factor. This is an advantage in making it drought resistant.

The ability of the crop to make several cuttings from June through August reduces the weather hazard in hay making.

From July 15 through August 15 is an ideal time for Alleghany farmers to seed this number one hay crop. Before seeding this legume it is best that lespedeza

Teachers Will Get Around 30 Percent Pay Increase

Raleigh—The State Board of Education's Finance Committee hit close to the 30 per cent life in drawing up the 1947-48 school budget, adopted without change, on Thursday by the entire board.

The budget, as adopted, will give all but a few of the State's public school teachers an approximate 30 per cent increase over last year.

The salary increases do not work out to a straight 30 per cent for each individual teacher, but the better-qualified teachers (those holding college degrees or better) will get anywhere from 29.21 to 30.52 per cent more than last year.

In attempting to get close to the 30 per cent figure promised teachers by this year's General Assembly, the board's Finance Committee dropped as low as 13.21 to 20.50 per cent increases for the slightly more than 1,000 teachers whose education does not come up to the desired standards.

The new salary scale is worked out to give most benefit to the more highly educated and capable teachers, with salaries ranging from a low of \$100 a month for nine months for the few teachers not qualifying for any type of teaching certificate, to a top of \$268 a month for nine months for the most highly educated teachers with long experience. This compares with last year's schedule (including the emergency bonus) of \$88.33 to \$200.33.

Teachers profiting most under the new salary schedule to go into effect this Fall are the approximately 625 veteran teachers holding graduate certificates, meaning that they have masters or doctors degrees. In addition to getting the top percentage increase of 30.52, they will get \$5 more a month by the addition this year of an added increment for length of teaching. The 30.52 per cent increase plus the \$5 increment will bring these 625 veteran teachers' salaries to \$268 a month, which is an increase of \$65.67 over last year's pay of \$202.33 (which included the \$13.33 monthly emergency bonus that has been discontinued.)

Also faring well are the some 10,370 most experienced teachers among the 19,476 holding "A" certificates—denoting that they have completed college and met all teacher education requirements.

To these approximately 10,370 who have taught 11 or more years goes a 30.04 per cent increase, giving them a monthly salary of \$241. Teachers with such certificates and length of service last year drew \$180.33.

The low certificate holders will draw an even \$100 a month, which is a 13.31 per cent increase, and compares with a salary of \$88.33 paid them last year.

Under the new budget, increases ranging from 20 to 25.5 per cent were provided principals, while superintendents were granted increases ranging from

17.98 to 23.1 per cent. With the new increases, the salary range for principals will run from \$216 a month for the beginning principal in a seven-teacher school to \$456 a month for a principal of eight or more years experience who runs a school of 50 or more teachers. This will mean that the annual salary for principals will range from \$2,160 to a top of \$4,560.

Superintendent Salaries
Superintendent salaries this year will range from \$3,582 a year for beginning superintendent in a unit of less than 1,000 students to \$5,760 for one of four or more years experience in a unit of 11,999 pupils.

Wages for school bus drivers were increased from \$13.50 a month to \$20; approximately 20 per cent salary increases were provided clerks, bus mechanics, and janitors; \$600,393 more than last year's \$1,000,000 allocation was set up for school bus repairs and replacements; and approximately \$200,000 more was budgeted for plant operations.

The \$59,000,000 fiscal year budget, by far the largest ever provided the State's public schools, gives the teachers the largest increase in history. This year's Assembly, after long debates, expressed itself in favor of granting teachers salary increases approximately 30 per cent. The apportionment of the \$59,000,000 budget, however, was left in the hands of the State Board of Education.

To provide the sizable salary increases for the State's more than 23,000 teachers, the board of education allotted \$50,667,774 from its \$59,000,000 budget. The remainder of the money was set up for operation of plants, salaries of superintendents and principals, transportation of pupils, supplies and other school expenses.

Working up close to the maximum amount that can be spent, the Finance Committee set up allocations that leave only \$236,260 estimated surplus for the year.

At Home On The Farm With The City Cousin

Stories of businessmen who have made a "rags-to-riches" climb in the world of industry and finance generally receive wide attention in the nation's press. You have read more than one biography that began with a young man selling hominy door-to-door . . . or firing boilers on an ocean liner . . . and ended with the fellow accumulating millions of dollars and rising to great heights.

These stories are true, of course, in this country where no fiction is ever as strange as the fact. But equally as true, and far less frequently exploited are the accounts of the little people who start with a meager beginning and wrest a degree of success from the very soil they were born to. They never become presidents of gigantic inter-locking corporations, nor do they acquire ownership of sprawling industries that employ thousands of workers—but in their own right they must be recognized as village Carnegies, community Rockefellers, local Pulitzers. Not for the power and wealth they have been able to amass over the years, but in that narrow corridor of fame they have chisled security, happiness, and a decent living.

I hadn't heard of the Ollie Miltons before Claude Morgan, Granville County Farm agent for the State College Extension Service gave me their story of progress, change, and hope for the future.

Back in 1941, the Miltons were living on a thirty-five acre farm near Creedmoor where they raised tobacco as their principal crop. It was not unusual for them to lose from thirty to fifty per cent of their tobacco through wilt, and in those years, tobacco prices were a cause for worry. It seemed that the weather was always unfavorable and hail damaged their crop year after year. Their one cow got little attention in the scheme of things then.

But a great deal happened as the years rolled by, and by 1946 the Miltons owned their own farm of eighty fertile acres, were milk-

ing fourteen head of dairy cattle out of a herd that included twenty-seven cows and a bull. They were selling thirty gallons of milk a day in winter and about fifty gallons in the summer. The cows grazed permanent pastures where a few years before friends had warned the Miltons that no lespedeza or rye would grow.

Their small but efficient dairy buildings are equipped with modern electrical equipment. Rich Grade A Milk is sold daily at wholesale to a milk route truck and has paid for the farm and improvements. Besides, they have a substantial and growing bank account equal to twice the purchase of their farm and recently refused an offer of four times the farm's cost.

By de-emphasizing tobacco and concentrating on his dairy enterprise, Farmer Milton claims that he has profited more in the last four years than in all his previous tobacco farming years. And despite the recent introduction

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED FOR SUNDAY

A memorial service will be conducted at the Osborne Memorial Baptist church on Sunday, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Barton. A special quartet will furnish the music and Rev. W. H. Handy will assist the pastor in the service.

Lunch will be served and the public is invited to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Brooks, of Sharpsville, Pa., announce the arrival of a son, Daniel, at the Buhl hospital in Sharon, Pa., on July 14.

of wilt-resistant tobacco varieties, he intends to stay in the milk producing business.

But whatever phase of farming holds Ollie Milton's interest, he is one Tar Heel farmer who will make a go of it.

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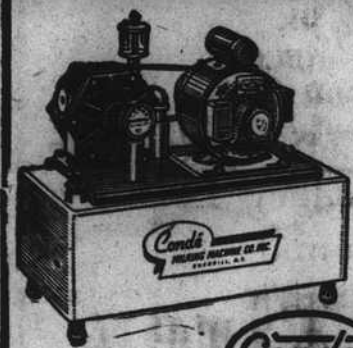


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or some other legume be grown on the land. This should be disked two weeks before actual seeding; however, the important thing is putting it on a good fertile soil. Soils which have not been limed within the past two years will require approximately two tons of lime per acre and at seeding you will need 700 to 1000 pounds of 2-12-12 or 0-12-12 per acre which will contain 25 to 35 pounds of Borax or Boron. If these fertilizers are not available you may mix 100 pounds of Nitrate of Soda, 450 pounds of Super-phosphate, 75 pounds of muriate of potash, and 25 to 30 pounds of Borax per acre. Inoculation is always necessary and any commercial preparation may be used by following carefully the directions given on the carton. Varieties adapted to Alleghany are, Kansas, Oklahoma, Utah Common and Grimm varieties.

In seeding, sow 25 to 30 pounds of the inoculated seed with the cyclone seeder or by hand and cover about 1/2 inch deep. A brush drag or a spike tooth harrow can be used very satisfactorily in the covering of the seed. The heavy yields of this crop requires a large amount of minerals and therefore, it is necessary to top-dress each year with 500 pounds of 0-9-27, 2-12-12, or 0-12-12. There are several farmers in Alleghany county that have been growing Alfalfa for the past 5 years and I am sure each will tell you they are making a great saving in feed, and are getting an increased milk production over cows being fed other types of hay. Where possible every farmer should have some alfalfa hay. Not only will his livestock be in better condition but it will eliminate much nutritional trouble that occurs during the winter months on poor quality hay.

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