

# Agent Cites The Advantages Of Alfalfa

produces more tons of hay per acre than any other in this section, it was reported this week by E. M. assistant county farm agent.

can be grown on well-tilled soil and makes a quality hay, rich in protein and vitamin A and is deep rooted and therefore resistant and grows steadily on good soil.

will produce crops in six years without reseed, grows upright which is easy to cut. It makes four cuttings per year from May through September, reducing the weather making in this area, which have not been years will require two tons of finely cut alfalfa per acre for growing legumes such as soybeans, cowpeas or clover should be grown on immediately preceding alfalfa.

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of cowpeas or soybeans should be cut up after before disked should be disked again before the alfalfa.

be broadcast before cover crop or better yet in the spring before cover crop and the cover crop is turned

ation of from five to ten tons per acre is recommended.

ommended by the county agent at planting and each year thereafter. The application of 700 pounds of 2-12-6 or 3 pounds of gravel borax per acre at seeding and 400 pounds of 0-12-13 annually in the spring is also recommended. The borax can be mixed with the fertilizer to obtain uniform distribution.

Varieties best adapted to Haywood county include Kansas common, Oklahoma common, Utah common, and Grimm.

Planting should be done either between April 1 and 30th or August 1 and 31, and from 20 to 25 pounds of inoculated seed with an alfalfa and clover drill or grain drill, a cyclone seeder or by hand. The seed should be covered one-half inch deep and should be sown across the field in both directions, if sown by hand to assure better distribution, covered with a spike-tooth harrow or weeder and followed by a roller or cutpacker.

Alfalfa should be cut in early bloom stage, with about one-third of flowers open. This gives the greatest yield cutting, for too early cutting weakens the plants and delays cutting results in excessive shedding of leaves. The last cutting should be made early enough to allow the alfalfa to make six to 10 inches of new growth before the first killing frost.

Curing should be such as to preserve the green color and the hay should be handled as little as possible to prevent the leaves from shattering. Baking the hay in windrows or in small shocks while it is still green is a good method of curing. The fine stems and leaves contain about 70 per cent of all feeding value and legume hay.

On established stands where the soil has a tendency to bake, there is frequently an advantage to running a disk set at a slight angle, over the land preceding spring top dressing. Harrowing with a spring tooth harrow or alfalfa harrow may be desirable after second and third cuttings where weeds are present.

Seed should be inoculated with a commercial preparation and the directions given on the carton should be carefully followed.

## Record Crowd At Crabtree-Iron Duff PTA Meet

A record crowd attended the regular meeting of the Crabtree-Iron Duff P.T.A. Wednesday evening, March 20.

Coach Charlie Poindexter of Canton, was the speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Physical Fitness," stressing the fact that every school should have a well-rounded program in physical education.

Girl Scout Troop 2 entertained the audience with some folk dance numbers.

Members of the ninth grade home economics class had as a special feature three tables arranged properly for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Each table was set as for a meal with the food attractively arranged about the plate to correspond with the menu card on the table.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. R. F. Nesbit, Mr. T. C. Davis and Mr. Leonard Dolson was requested to bring a report at the next regular meeting.

Iron-Duff ladies served sandwiches and coffee.

## Sgt. W. W. Caldwell Discharged From Army

Sergeant Walter W. Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caldwell of Spring Creek has joined his wife at the home of her parents, on Cove Creek, having been discharged from the service.

Sgt. Caldwell left here in September, 1940, and was first stationed at Fort Jackson, then Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Forrest and Camp Atterbury, prior to being sent overseas where he served 20 months.

He is entitled to wear the European theater ribbon with two battle stars, the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, a bronze star, the Victory medal and the Good Conduct medal.

## Mrs. J. R. McCracken Speaks At Canton

Mrs. J. R. McCracken, supervisor of public health nurses of the district health department was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Canton Civitan club at the Imperial Hotel last Thursday.

A. J. Dantoff, secretary-treasurer of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company sponsored the program.

## Margaret Ferguson Rates Honor Grades At Appalachian

Miss Margaret A. Ferguson, member of the sophomore class of the Appalachian State Teachers college, made an all-round honor grade rating on her winter term work, according to information received from the college.

Miss Ferguson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson of Clyde. She is a graduate of the Fines Creek school. She is majoring in mathematics and Science at the Appalachian State Teachers college.

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T/4 W. H. Wearn Discharged From Army

T/4 William H. Wearn, son of Mrs. R. A. Wilhelm has been discharged from the service, having served in the European theater. He was attached to a medical corps group serving with the 253rd Engineers.

Technician Wearn entered the army as a volunteer in November, 1942. He completed his freshman year in college and in the interim waiting to be called to active duty in the army was employed by the TVA.

He served in the European theater for 16 months following duty in the States. He is entitled to wear the American Defense ribbon, the European theater of operations ribbon with two battle stars, Victory medal and Good Conduct medal.

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Thomas G. Jones NM 3/c Discharged at Charleston

Thomas G. Jones, NM 3/c. of Clyde, Route 1, was among a large number of men discharged from the Navy at the Separation Center in Charleston last Saturday.

He entered the service on August 12, 1943, and has to his credit 31 months of active service with 18 months of sea duty.

He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, the American Defense, and the Victory medal. He is the son of Mrs. James H. Jones, of Clyde, Route 1.

## Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ward On Visit To Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ward left during the week for a fortnight's visit in Florida. They will visit the latter's sister and husband, Mrs. H. A. Cogburn, in Jacksonville, and another sister and her husband, Mrs. A. T. Lucas in Miami.

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