

### ... Gives Suggestions ... Tobacco Farmers

people in the county who need tobacco plants.

If weather conditions should be favorable to wildfire, after plants from infected beds are set in the field, you may expect some loss. Growers having diseased plants in the plant bed should obtain healthy plants elsewhere if possible.

(3) Use recommended tobacco fertilizer for fertilization. Use plant bed setter in transplanting plants from bed to field, as experiments have shown that a better stand can be obtained this way.

With everyone working and cooperating together, we think it will be possible to get the entire tobacco allotment for the county set out. If you have more plants than you need, be sure to ask your neighbor if he can use them.

We are sure our tobacco growers will take this year's experience to heart and make plans for preventing wildfire in the plant beds next year.

The annual production of fertilizer increased more than 8,500,000 tons from 1940 to 1947, compared to a 5,500,000 tons in the 40 years previous.

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### War Games In Air Too Realistic



One paratrooper was killed and a score were injured in massed jump during war games at Fort Bragg, N. C. The maneuvers sent 1,400 men parachuting to the ground in effort to capture "enemy-held" territory. They are with the 82nd Airborne Division (AP Wirephoto).

### Allens Creek Program Organized Last Month

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Allens Creek residents were treated with a mixture business and pleasure when they held their regular community development program meeting May 19 at the school house.

Serious discussion centered around Rufus Siler's report of the plans for erecting the community sign at the intersection of Allens Creek Road and the reports of several of the committees.

It was decided that the committee on the proposed school building would meet with the County Board of Education at the board's next

regular session.

The lighter side of the meeting was the musical entertainment arranged by the program committee.

Carol Bumgarner and Kenneth Moore played guitar selections, and there was singing by the quartet of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor, Charles Duckett and Elwood Caldwell and the Allens Creek Trio, Mrs. Harry Middleton, Miss Betty Farmer, and Mrs. Blanche Franklin, and soloists Evelyn and Lois Moore.

Before C. L. Allen, who presided, called adjournment, the next regular meeting was set for 7:30 p. m. June 9, at the school house.

### Pastures Supply About Half Of Livestock Food

Pastures will supply about half of the total feed requirements of livestock at about 15 per cent of the total cost, says S. H. Dobson, agronomy extension specialist at State College. These figures, of course, vary with different types of animals.

It is well-known that properly fertilized pastures produce feed which is high in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Further, dairymen say there is an additional something in good lush pastures, especially Ladino clover, which stimulates milk production beyond that which can be produced by any other feed. This is known as the "pasture factor".

Beef cattle and sheep make excellent gains on pastures with little or no feed supplement. Hogs too seem to be able to use more good grazing than was once thought, and the same thing is apparently true of outlets on range and even small family laying flocks. Workstock also are good grazers.

In many cases pasture can be grown on land which is of least value for other crops, such as wet bottomland, land a little too steep for continuous row-cropping, and land which is now idle.

Acres of our principal row crops is gradually being reduced. Pastures and sod crops not only can but should be used to fill the gap. By adding a few head of livestock, a farmer can make idle land add income to the farm, hold the soil in place, and improve the soil. All of these points are important ones which should not be overlooked.

To illustrate, the Agricultural Experiment Station produced 127 bushels of corn per acre on a field in Wake County. The corn followed alfalfa from which about nine tons of hay had been removed during three years. On an adjoining field where no alfalfa had been grown, the same amount of fertilizer produced less than 30 bushels of corn. And, says Dobson, Ladino clover is just as good for soil improvement as is alfalfa.

Pasture and sod crops require special attention to details, just like any other crop. Almost every farm has some land which can produce good pastures, and many farms can grow these crops on every field. Your local agricultural workers have adequate information and will be glad to advise you. Your county agent and your agricultural college have free circulars for you, and your local vocational agriculture teacher is familiar with the program. The PMA committee and soil conservationist in your county are especially interested in pastures and sod crops as soil-conserving practices. In fact, the PMA will help pay the cost of fertilizing and seeding.

There are many farms in the State which are almost entirely grassland farms. There are still others which are balancing up their farming system with pastures and sod crops without replacing their cash crop. This may be the solution for you. You simply can't afford not to grow the feed for the animals on your farm.

For the best pastures on moist soils and soils high in moisture-holding capacity, follow these steps:

1. Have a soil test made to determine how much lime and fertilizer you need. (Probable need is from one to three tons.)
2. Prepare a good seedbed. Mix lime and fertilizer into the soil before seeding.
3. Seed in late summer preferably, or in February or March.
4. Use two pounds of certified Ladino clover and 10 to 12 pounds of orchard grass or 8 to 10 pounds of tall fescue.
5. Inoculate the Ladino seed.
6. Use 700 to 1,000 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer at seeding. For soils high in potash, it is better to use 1,000 pounds superphosphate and 500 pounds of 2-12-12.
7. Sow uniformly and cover lightly.
8. Begin grazing when growth gets about eight inches high.
9. Divide the pasture into two or more parts and rotate grazing. Clip the pasture after each rotation.
10. Topdress every year after the first year with 400-800 pounds 0-12-12, 0-10-20, or 0-9-27.
11. Watch the tests being conducted by your Agricultural Experiment Station.

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For alfalfa, follow these steps:

1. Select a well-drained soil of good fertility, fairly free of weeds and conveniently located.
2. Apply lime on the basis of a soil test. Spread uniformly and work into the soil before seeding.
3. Fertilize with 700-1000 pounds 2-12-12 and 20-35 pounds of agricultural borax at seeding.
4. Prepare a firm, well-pulverized seedbed with organic matter in the top layer of soil.
5. Seed 20-25 pounds of inoculated Kansas or Oklahoma common seed per acre in late summer. Cover lightly.
6. Cut in early bloom stage.
7. Topdress annually with 400-600 pounds 0-9-27, 0-10-20, or 0-12-12 fertilizer containing 15-25 pounds of borax.

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