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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 chiseled 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



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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 Creedmore 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 milking 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 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 price 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 four years than in all his previous tobacco farming years. And despite the recent introduction 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.

ARABIA NEWS

(Mrs. D. B. Traywick)

Large crowd attended the Children's Day program given by the Ephesus church young people Sunday night.

Rev. W. B. Cotton preached at his regular appointment at Sandy Grove Sunday morning. Several babies were baptised at this service.

Mrs. Lillie McMillan of Saluda, S. C. returned home Wednesday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Trawick.

Miss Elva McGougan, Miss Sallie McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Lunsford and son spent several days last week at Manteo.

Mrs. L. M. Lester and son, John, of Raeford spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Morman of Mattoon, Ill. arrived Friday evening. Mrs. Morman is the former Miss Elma McFadyen. They will make their home with Mrs. Lillie McDougald, who is Mrs. Morman's sister.

Mrs. Callie Bostic returned home Saturday after spending three weeks with relatives in Burlington.

Mrs. Bob Hendrix spent several days with her sons in Asheville recently.

The section house of the A & R was struck and burned by lightning last Thursday at Dundarrach.

A very great improvement in the growth of tobacco, cotton, corn and gardens has been noticed since the heavy rains of last week in this community.

A two-gallon waterer should be provided for each 50 chicks, and one inch of feed trough space for each chick.

There is no cure for blackhead in turkeys but it can be prevented by raising turkeys on ground that chickens have not used.

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