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### Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

Today, the poem which begins—  
*'Twas the night before Christmas,  
when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not  
even a mouse;*—  
is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings.

Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

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What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying.

*"Joseph, thou son of David,  
fear not . . ."  
And when Joseph awoke, he  
did as the angel had bidden him,  
and took Mary as his lawful and  
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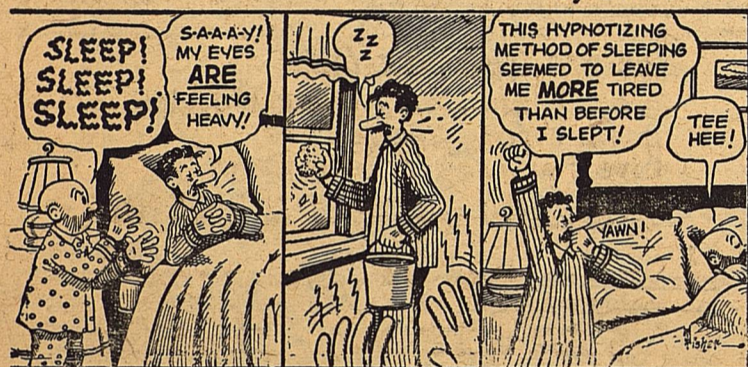
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## Low Feed Costs Mean Big Profits Greater Forage Crop Yield Is the Answer

The route to lower feed costs and higher profits for dairy farmers in the present highly competitive market, lies in doubling the yields of forage crops per acre via the increased use of lime and plant nutrients, reports Professor Emil Truog, chairman of the University of Wisconsin's soils department.

Professor Truog points out that feed costs represent at least 50 per cent of the cost of producing milk.

By doubling yields of feed and forage crops, milk production costs can probably be reduced by approximately 20 per cent, he says. An additional 10 per cent reduc-



Alfalfa yields on fertilized fields in Clark county, Wisconsin, tests averaged 13.5 tons per acre over a three-year period, compared to 4.5 tons on unfertilized fields.

tion in labor costs may be possible through further mechanization in feeding and milking and other barn operations. The use of better breeding stock might cut costs another 10 per cent, making possible a 40 per cent reduction in milk producing costs through these three means.

Doubling pasture and forage yields, involves greater use of lime and fertilizer, reports Professor Truog. For alfalfa, applications of 1,000 pounds per acre or more of a high potash fertilizer such as 10-10-10 should be common, he says.

The cost of liming and fertilizing may run from \$40 to \$50 per acre, but it quickly pays for itself, according to Prof. Truog. Every dollar invested in lime and fertilizer normally produces increased yields worth \$3 to \$5. This increase is largely profit, because the labor cost in growing an acre of crop is practically the same, regardless of the yield.

Cutting production costs can help protect the dairy industry against competition from cheap substitutes, Prof. Truog says.

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