

Cotton Yield Is Up

Florence, SC — It is already apparent that yields in North Carolina will be as good, if not better, than last year's all-time record high of 558 pounds of lint per acre. USDA's Crop Reporting Board on October 1 estimated yields for this year at 567 pounds per acre; and this being only an estimate, the final tally could very well be even higher. Quality is also high except for grade, which has been a problem this year throughout the rain grown production areas of the United States. Prices have been a disappointment; but when compared to other crops, they look a little better.

Mr. Warren Deviney, Area Director of the USDA's cotton marketing services office in Florence, South Carolina, reported a steady flow of sample receipts for classification last week. Grades were about the same as the previous week on the 8,000 samples classed. About 50 per cent were grade 50 or 41, and 30 per cent were grade 51. Staple lengths were a little shorter with 23 per cent, staple 37; 65 per cent, staple 36; and 10 per cent, staple 35. Mike readings showed 99 per cent in the 35-49 range. Fiber strength for the week averaged 25.6 grams per tex on samples tested from both North Carolina and South Carolina.

Trading continued light as growers resisted current prices. The demand was light to moderate for grade 50 and higher but much less for grade 51 and lower. Buyers were paying even with 50 points over the loan rate for higher grade lots. A good portion of the crop that is eligible is expected to end up in the CCC loan. Cottonseed prices to the farmer were unchanged at \$50.00 to \$60.00 per ton.

ECU Drama Is Planned

GREENVILLE—"Step on a Crack," a contemporary play about a modern child, her fantasies and her new stepmother, will be presented at East Carolina University November 11-14 for four daytime performances.

The production is scheduled for the Studio Theatre in the Messick Theatre Arts Center at 9:30 A.M. November 11 and 2:15 P.M. November 13 and 14.

"Step on a Crack," to be directed by Douglas Ray of the ECU drama and speech faculty, is the first production in a series to be sponsored by the newly-organized East Carolina Youth Playhouse. Purpose of the Youth Playhouse is to produce plays for children, aged eight years old and up.

Anne Marie Lyons, a 13-year old student at Aycock Junior High School, portrays the leading character, Ellie Murphy. Her stepmother Lucille, the object of her conflict at home, is played by ECU junior Rhonda Kirby of Edenton, and Lucama senior Christopher Watson has the role of Max Murphy, Ellie's father.

Mitzke Is U.S. Air Force Graduate

Air Force Reserve Sgt. Thomas B. Mitzke, son of Leonard and Rosalind C. Mitzke of Edenton has graduated from the U.S. Air Force course for aircraft loadmasters at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tx.

Graduates learned loading procedures, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Mitzke will now serve at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., with the 701st Military Airlift Squadron.

He is a 1977 graduate of John A. Holmes High School in Adenton.

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ELECTRONIC ABC'S — Margaret Bingham, state board of education instructional computing coordinator, explains the versatility of microcomputers as tools for teaching during a recent workshop for College of The Albemarle faculty. She pointed out the advantages of each of the three most - popular systems that are being used in the classroom. (COA Photo)

"Christmas Ramble" On Dec. 8th

The signs of Christmas are in the air ... and with another Christmas comes the annual Christmas Ramble sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers.

The tour this year will be December 8, from 7 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Private homes on the tour will include Mr. and Mrs. Archie Miller, Route 1, Belvidere; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Whedbee, Route 3, Hertford; Rev. and Mrs. Ben Wolverton, 206 West Market, Hertford; also, the Three Bears Day Center will be opened at the new location, 606 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hertford.

Historic public buildings will include the Perquimans County Court House and Newbold - White House. Refreshments will be served at the Pool House of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meads, Route 1, Hertford.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Please mark your calendar for December 8, and join us for this holiday treat, Christmas 1982!

In old England it was believed that a double hazelnut carried in the pocket would prevent toothache.

Social Security: Household Workers

The earnings of household workers, such as maids, cooks, gardeners, and regular babysitters is usually covered by Social Security.

Anyone who pays a household worker at least \$50 in cash wages during a calendar quarter is required to deduct Social Security taxes and report the wages.

A quarter refers to the 3-month periods ending March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31.

The \$50 also includes any cash given the worker to cover the cost of carfare, meals, or a room.

Failure to report these wages on time could result in a penalty being assessed and added to the taxes due.

Some special situations are exceptions to the general rule. Payments to a son or daughter under 21 years of age or to a husband or wife for household work are not covered under Social Security and should not be reported.

All wages paid workers employed by a hotel or roominghouse must be reported even if they amount to less than \$50 a quarter.

The only information the employer needs for each worker is his or her name, address, Social Security number, and the amount of wages paid.

For 1982, 6.7 per cent should be deducted from wages up to \$32,400. The employer pays an equal amount.

Additional information about Social Security coverage of household employees may be obtained by calling the Elizabeth City Social Security office at 338-2161.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the Rocky Hock Community Center Halloween Carnival a success. I extend a special thank - you to area business people who added to the success of the carnival by donating items for the auction sale. The cooperative efforts of all who participated speak well for the entire community. Thank you.

Carlton Nixon, Chairman
Rocky Hock Community Center

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