



**Northampton Farm News**

**State Cotton**

**It Was A Very Good Year**

RALEIGH — "This has been a very unusual cotton year in North Carolina in several ways," says E. M. Stallings, Extension Economist at North Carolina State University. "First, we have experienced perfect weather for harvesting. Second, prices during the fall reached the highest level since Civil War days. Third, we have produced a good yielding crop of very high quality cotton."

Stallings adds that harvest of the state crop moved past the 98 per cent completed mark and prices moved upward 3 to 4 cents per pound during the past week. Prices reported paid to producers on Monday, December 10 were mostly 72 cents per pound gin

run. Following the upward movement of futures prices late in the week, 1974 cotton crop contracting resumed in the Central Belt at 60 cents per pound. A very small acreage of the state 1974 crop cotton was contracted on Monday, Dec. 10 also at 60 cents per pound.

E. C. Hanson, of the Raleigh Cotton Classing Office, reports that 150,000 bale samples had been classed through Dec. 7. An additional 1,300 were on hand.

For the season to date, 96 per cent of all samples classed white and 4 per cent light spotted. The most prevalent grade has been grade 41 for 41 per cent, followed by grade 51 for 35 per cent and grade 50 for 11 per cent.

Fineness and maturity of fibers show 95 per cent in the base range of 3.5 to 4.9. Fiber length has been excellent with 19 per cent reading staple 34, 79 per cent staple 35 and 2 per cent staple 36 and longer.

Breaking strength has been quite high and uniformity above average.

According to Stallings, compared to six other southeastern areas, North Carolina cotton has been tops in per cent white and tied for tops in fineness and staple length.

Cotton classed last week was more uniform and longer stapled than the week before and showed a slight decrease in per cent base range fineness and grade.

**Hal Tech-Mitchell Relationship Hailed In National Publication**

WELDON — An international beauty school magazine carries a feature article this month describing joint efforts of Campbell-Mitchell Hairstyling Academy and Halifax Technical Institute in training cosmetology students.

The December issue of Beauty School World, published in New York and mailed to all accredited beauty schools in the world, carries pictures and the following special story describing this unique program.

Many things are possible through cooperative endeavors. The "proof of this pudding" is evidenced in the quantity and quality of the cosmetology graduates of Halifax County Technical Institute, Campbell-Mitchell Hair Styling Academy in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

The quality of the instructional program can best be determined by the demand for the graduates and in the words and activities of the graduates.

This unique program has been awarded both state and national acclaim.

David Hardee, an armed forces veteran and a last year's graduate, now employed in a local beauty salon, puts it this way, "I can't say enough good things about the program. The caliber of the instructional program is superb."

Three years ago the president of the technical institute and George Campbell, owner of the academy, established a contract for training cosmetology students. Included in the agreement is the joint use of resources, facilities and personnel.

Having attended a number of state conventions and served as a consultant to the local academy and assisting in teaching an advanced course on fall hairstyles at a neighboring school, leads one to believe Hardee is rapidly becoming a leader in the field.

Consequently, a stand-off situation developed and nothing definitive was done at the meeting, other than the group promised to get together to review their position and positions and get back with the Secretary in early January, probably January 3rd or 4th, at which time it is hoped that the differences between the industry and the Department of Agriculture might be reconciled.

Brenda Allen, a housewife who was the first graduate of the evening program, has continued to up-grade herself professionally through participation in several statewide seminars and conventions. She says, "The

instructional program is not just geared to acquiring skills and techniques, it is made relevant through individual counseling and on in-depth concern for human relation."

The program offers mutual financial benefits to all three parties concerned. Students pay the standard tuition fee of \$37 per quarter for what would normally cost them \$60 to \$100 per month. Halifax County Technical Institute benefits by not having to provide physical facilities nor purchase expensive equipment.

Campbell-Mitchell Academy benefits through the use of institute recruitment programs, publicity office, counseling staff and learning resources.

North Carolina State University chemists and Romanian scientists will work jointly on advanced research project during the coming three years under an international program designed to encourage scientific and cultural exchange.

Dr. M. Keith DeArmond, who is directing the NCSU half of the cooperative program, said chemists at the Raleigh campus and the University of Bucharest "will exchange personnel, techniques, materials and information."

**Peanut Meet Non-Productive**

ROCKY MOUNT — Dec. 12 peanut industry representatives met with Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and staff members of his Department.

The industry was appealing to Butz to rescind at least three of the administrative decisions which he has applied to the 1974 peanut price support program, namely, the lease, sale and transfer of peanut allotments, the transfer of program administration from the Co-Op to ASCS, and the requirement of 115 per cent of loan prices as the minimum sales policy on Commodity Credit Corporation peanuts for export and crushing.

It was strongly indicated at the meeting that the Secretary would consider rescinding these rulings if the industry would show sincere and diligent effort in introducing and supporting new legislation which would reduce or eliminate the cost of the peanut program to the government and would open up the quota and allotment system so that farmers without peanut production history would be able to produce peanuts.

During the meeting it developed that the growers had prepared proposed legislation which they felt would accomplish this and had presented it to the Secretary for evaluation in May of 1973. It was further pointed out that this evaluation was not forthcoming until December 3rd, since which time the growers had not had time to consider the Department's evaluation and make changes which they felt might meet the Department's objectives.

A most disturbing point was made by the secretary from the growers' viewpoint when he stated the growers are receiving too high a price for their peanuts, which should be priced competitively with the world market price, which during ten years out of the past eleven years has been considerably below the United States per ton cost of production. For this reason it was the unanimous opinion of the industry representatives that peanut farmers would shift to the production of other crops if the outlook for peanut market prices were based on world market.

**G'burg Man Heads State Delegation At Cotton Meet**

GARYSBURG — Marshall Grant, Garysburg cotton producer, will head North Carolina's 18-man delegation to the National Cotton Council's annual meeting in St. Louis Jan. 28-29.

The group will join representatives from other cotton-producing states in setting the Council's 1974 programs and policies.

Other delegates for North Carolina are producers Victor Crosby of Harmony and C. Hoke Leggett of Hobgood; ginners Earl S. Vann of Murfreesboro, A. B. Johnson of Dunn and Jack Morgan of Shelby; warehouseman F. J. Beatty of Charlotte.

Also merchant W. D. Lawson III of Gastonia, cottonseed crusher W. T. Melvin of Rocky Mount, cooperative C. B. Griffin Jr. of Lewiston and manufacturers James D. Barbee of Greensboro, W. A. Blackwood of Winston-Salem, Paul

Kincaid of Cherryville, O. Leonard Moretz of Maiden, W. Duke Kimbrell of Gastonia, George McQuilkin III of Charlotte, S. P. Stowe Jr. of Belmont and W. A. Wooten Jr. of Memphis.

Named alternate producer and cooperative delegates were J. N. (Jack) Karshner of St. Pauls, R. Hunter Pope Jr. of Enfield, J. Donald Kerr of Waxhaw and Otho J. Lyrly of Raleigh.

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**Camp Offers Aerial Seeding**

FRANKLIN, Va. — Union Camp Corporation is again offering an aerial pine seeding program for farmers in this area. Chief conservation forester J. Allen Minetree said that his firm is continuing the program which began in 1969 and has been responsible for the planting of ten thousand acres of pine in Virginia and North Carolina.

Minetree said that landowners enrolling in the aerial seeding program have only to prepare the seedbed. Usually this is in a recently harvested woodland tract. Union Camp provides the seed and the helicopter that spreads them across the land.

"There is no agreement that the mature trees resulting from this program will be sold to us. We want to ensure that the resource is there for harvest thirty to forty years from now," Minetree explained.

The program has met with increasing popularity since its beginning four years ago. The acreage seeded in the 1969-70 season was less than one thousand. By last winter and spring the figure had risen to 3,500 acres for that season. "We expect to equal or better what we did last year," Minetree said. He added that Union Camp has a good supply of high quality pine seed this year. Minetree paid tribute to the North Carolina State Forest Service, noting, "They work with us on this program and do a first rate job."

Minetree said that farmers or other landowners interested in aerial seeding on their land should contact him at the Union Camp offices at Franklin, Virginia. He added that contact could also be made through any Union Camp field representative or management forester. Applications should be made during December.

North Carolina landowners in Gates, Bertie, Northampton, Chowan, Perquimans, and Hertford are eligible to apply for the seeding program.



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- (4) Avoid fields that were in soybeans last year.
- (5) Test soil for lime and fertilizer needs.
- (6) Apply needed lime and fertilizer early. (Peanuts respond to residual in the soil.)
- (7) Check fields for nematodes.
- (8) Use a chisel plow to break land. This piece of equipment will eliminate traffic pans if operated at the proper depth.
- (9) Bed land soon after chiseling. This will increase the capillary action in the soil, help to eliminate wind erosion, and cause beds to warm up sooner in the Spring of the year.
- (10) Make seed arrangements now. Plant only tested seed, properly treated with one of the recommended fungicides.
- (11) Plant at least three different varieties with different maturing dates in order to hedge against weather conditions.
- (12) Prepare spray equipment and other equipment for winter storage.
  - (a) Remove pump from sprayer, clean, fill with oil or antifreeze, make sure all parts move freely, and store in a dry place.
  - (b) Remove all strainers and tips, clean thoroughly, and store in light oil.
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