

## Micronaire Test To Be Used For Cotton

Micronaire readings to determine fiber fineness and maturity will be required for cotton to be eligible for government price supports this year.

In the past, loan prices have been based on grade and length of staple. Fiber fineness and maturity, as determined by the micronaire readings, are added to these standards for 1964. Charles Brooks, extension marketing specialist at North Carolina State, explained that farmers will be required to furnish, at their expense, a "mike" reading determined by the classing offices of the Agricultural Marketing Service. This will be required for each bale on which price support is requested.

The "mike" reading fee will be six cents per bale if it is requested at the time the cotton is classed and all bales from the gin are "miked."

Brooks said the U. S. Department of Agriculture has established a schedule of premiums and discounts based on specified ranges of micronaire readings.

These range from a 300-point-per-pound discount for cotton with a micronaire reading of 2.6 or less, to a 25 point discount for that with a reading of 5.5 and above.

Cotton with readings of 3.7 to 4.8 will receive a premium of 13 points per pound. The "even" mark—no discount or premium—is that between 4.9 to 5.1 on one side of the premium range, and 3.3 to 3.6 on the other.

"This announcement is being made early in order that producers may make every effort to produce cotton that will have a micronaire reading within the normal range of 3.3 through 5.1," Brooks explained. "About 92 per cent of our cotton fell within this range last year."

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## Misunderstanding Of Heritage

The Smithfield Herald

The Johnston County Democratic Convention did not do itself proud when it passed that resolution endorsing the Speaker Ban Law.

The resolution decried the efforts of "misguided individuals" who seek to repeal or weaken the law.

Who are the "misguided"? Perhaps this is a matter of opinion. If the opponents of the Speaker Ban Law are misguided, some of the best educated and most distinguished citizens of North Carolina are misguided. Among the critics of the law are Johnston County's Bill Aycock, chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a thorough student of law, and an able champion of democratic government. Indeed, the Speaker Ban Law has been denounced by virtually every college and university head in North Carolina.

The law, which would bar Communists from speaking on campuses of state-supported institutions, is also opposed by Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and one of the great North Carolinians of this and past ages.

Dr. Poe, of course, despises Communism as much as the rest of us who love democratic ideals. Dr. Poe understands what freedom really means, and he understands what education really is. He went to the heart of the matter when he publicly expressed opposition to the Speaker Ban Law some months ago.

Listen to Dr. Poe:

"The vital issue is not the right of some objectionable person to speak. Rather, the real issue is this: Your right and the right of every citizen to hear, to learn, to consider and to state whatever principle or declaration you encounter in your unrelenting quest for truth.

"Whether any such principle is right or wrong, helpful or injurious, patriotic or unpatriotic — and just how and in what degree — is your own sacred right to decide and

declare for yourself. And whenever any man or set of men, be they mobs, legislators, or judges, seek to prevent the full exercise of this right of every citizen, then if that infringement is not resisted and denounced, something manly, courageous and basically American has been lost."

These are not the words of a misguided person. These are the words of a man wise in the ways of democracy and free education. These are the words of a man who not only understands that the Speaker Ban Law runs contrary to the finest traditions of freedom and education, but also can see — as the truly misguided cannot see — that the Speaker Ban Law is an ineffective way to combat Communism. This law is the kind of thing you would expect in a Communist society, where there is official censorship and rigid checks on the right of citizens to hear all sorts of ideas and decide for themselves which ideas are true.

Freedom to hear and evaluate ideas ought to be preserved on our college and university campuses. Moreover, the Legislature ought to show more confidence than it has exhibited in the men who have been carefully selected, under legislative authority, to run the educational institutions. Our educational leaders can be trusted to promote education rather than Communism.

Johnston County stands embarrassed by the implied lack of confidence which the Johnston County Democratic Convention expressed in Chancellor Aycock, who grew up in Selma. Our good name and good sense, perhaps, are redeemed in part by the fact that most of the people at the Democratic Convention did not vote for the resolution. An estimated 200 persons were present. Fifty-eight voted for the endorsement of the Speaker Ban Law. Eleven opposed.

We should be particularly proud of the 11 persons who positively refused to be misguided into supporting a resolution born of misunderstanding of the American heritage.

Should school authorities — or any other governmental officials — have the right to prescribe what prayer or what sacred works shall be used for all children?

Rep. Frank J. Becker (R) of New York, one of the leading proponents of a "prayer amendment," seems to assume that in the past, Bible reading never raised any problems. This assumption ignores the fact that many minority religious groups participated in Bible reading and prayers only under protest.

The public must remember that silent meditation; use of the Bible in social studies, literature, and art courses; and teaching about religion are still allowed in the schools; God has not "been removed."

Citizens should make known to their congressmen their opposition to the Becker amendment and its companion proposals. Unless they do the national interest is in danger of being overridden by a flood of mail pouring into Congress from a very vocal minority. The public interest demands that the First Amendment be left as a guarantee of religious liberty untouched by these proposals.

## Don't Bother The Fifth

The Christian Science Monitor

Did the United States Supreme Court "remove God" from the public schools when it made its now-famous ruling prohibiting Bible reading and prayers in these schools?

A man's (or child's) concept of God is carried within himself, not within a standardized and routine public devotional service. We would remind our readers of the words with which Jesus introduced the Lord's Prayer: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." — Matthew 6:6.

Such prayers, which are motivated by true desire, are far more meaningful than an automatic public recitation.

But now comes an emotional cry that we must reverse the Supreme Court by changing

the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. The House Judiciary Committee of the United States Congress is at this moment holding hearings on nearly 150 proposals to change the First Amendment in order to allow Bible reading and prayers in the public schools.

Where do these proposals come from? Not from the major religious denominations of the United States. In fact many Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish leaders have denounced these proposals.

The proposals come from well-meaning people who, it would seem, have failed to realize the implications of their move.

The First Amendment is the bulwark of religious liberty in the United States. Americans live in a society with many religious denominations, many forms of prayer, and different sacred books. That these groups have been able to work and live happily side by side is due in no small measure to the provisions of the First Amendment.

To change this guarantee of religious liberty—to allow the state to decide what prayer will be said and what Bible will be read — cannot help but undercut these cherished liberties.

## Club Members Hold Dress Revue, Show

The Afton-Elberon-Vicksboro 4-H Club held its talent show and dress revue on Monday night at the Afton-Elberon school. Those taking part in talent were Gloria Munn, piano solo; Janet and Jewel Hicks, duet; Sandra Munn, pantomime; Mary Long, piano solo; James C. Stegall, vocal solo; Betsy Ann Peoples, piano solo and Arlene Bender, puppet show. Those modeling in the dress revue were Laura Bender, apron; Mary Long, shift and blouse; Arlene Bender, wrap-around skirt and blouse; Carol Hobgood, print shift and jacket; Valerie Fleming, casual dress and matching scarf.

Judges for the occasion were Mrs. Lewis Fuller, Mrs. John Felts and Mrs. George Aycock. Refreshments were served by Valerie and Sydney Fleming. A large number of friends, leaders and relatives attended the annual event. — James C. Stegall, reporter.

## BREAKFAST

Miss Betsy Frazier and Mr. Jim Davis entertained 30 seniors and juniors at a breakfast at the Davis Cabin on Saturday morning early after the dance held at the Club House on Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis assisted in serving the guests.

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## Water Safety Subject At 4-H Club

Mr. Norfleet Cliborne was host to members of the Oakville 4-H Club at his home last Wednesday and gave a demonstration on water safety. Booklets on poisonous plants were given each member.

It was announced that a dress revue would be held in Warrenton for the June meeting and Johnny B. Newell would be host for the July meeting.

Homemade candies, cookies, peanuts and soft drinks were served. Sponsors are Mr. Cliborne and Mrs. H. C. Ellis.—David William Ross, Reporter.

## HISTORY LESSONS

Dr. Charles A. Beard, noted American historian, was asked if he could summarize the lessons of history in a short book. He said he could do it in the following four sentences:

1. Whom the Gods would destroy, they first make mad with power.
2. The mills of God grind slowly yet they grind exceedingly small.
3. The bee fertilizes the flower it robs.
4. When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

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## Growers To Keep Watch For Insects

The time is rapidly approaching when North Carolina cotton producers will be keeping a close leaf count on young plants in anticipation of beginning their insect control program.

As they have for the past few years, specialists at North Carolina State are recommending that producers begin spray programs when cotton reaches the eight-leaf stage.

Based on trash counts indications of boll weevil population, the specialists are anticipating about the same kind of year that was experienced in 1963 when weevil numbers were fairly light.

"The survival rate seems to be fairly low in the eastern and central parts of the state as indicated by trash counts," comments R. L. Rober's son, extension entomologist at N. C. State.

"We are again recommending early applications of insecticide, beginning at the eight-leaf stage and continuing at five-day intervals for two or three applications."

Producers should keep a close watch of their fields after that. Additional control measures may not be needed until the migrating period which normally begins in late July.

Robertson added that these are general recommendations. Growers will have to adjust to local conditions as they exist. Although there are almost a dozen different chemicals that are recommended for insect control in cotton, it is the early start and proper timing of applications that is important and not necessarily the selection of chemicals.

As a general rule, cotton normally reaches the eight-leaf stage in North Carolina during early June. Insecticide applications are begun when the first plants in the field reach this stage of growth. In counting the leaves, the farmer should count only fully developed "true" leaves. The two basal seed leaves are not counted.

## THIEF???

Defense counsel: "You mean to insinuate that my client is a thief?"

witness: "Maybe not; but if I was a chicken and saw him hanging around, I sure would roost up high."

## School Menus

Norlina High Menus  
May 25-29

Monday — Hot dogs, chili sauce, chopped onions, cole slaw, buttered potatoes, peanut butter on crackers, rolled wheat and raisin cookie, buns, milk.

Tuesday — fish sticks, cole slaw, creamed potatoes, peanut butter cookies, cornbread, butter, milk.

Wednesday — Luncheon meat, sliced tomatoes, potato salad, rice pudding, enriched bread, milk.

Thursday — Ham salad, egg salad, sliced tomatoes, butter-beans, cake, hot rolls, butter, milk.

Friday — Fried chicken, rice, green beans, sliced pineapple, hot rolls, butter, milk.

## Mariam Boyd Menus

Monday — Baked beans, Vienna sausage, cabbage and raisin salad, rolls, butter, milk, apple sauce.

Tuesday — Baked ham, grits, green beans, biscuits, butter, pineapple salad, milk.

Wednesday — Turkey salad on lettuce, carrot sticks, English peas, rolls, butter, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Thursday — Barbecue, hush puppies, cole slaw, buttered potatoes, cherry pie, milk.

Friday — Weiners, rolls, navy

beans, cole slaw, apple crisp, milk.

## Quarterly Conference To Be Held At Zion

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Jerusalem-Zion Methodist Charge will meet at Zion Church on Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 3:00 p. m. The Rev. Warren B. Petteway of Henderson will preside.

All Official Board members of Jerusalem and Zion Churches are encouraged to be present, and others of the church membership are invited to attend, the Rev. R. A. McLean, pastor, said yesterday.

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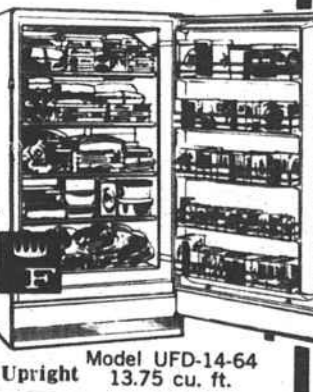
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