

### Our Neighbors

By MISS REBECCA COLWELL  
Chowan County Home Agent

The Fair is in full swing and it really is the best yet. The hard working Legionnaires, under the leadership of Jordan Yates, Commander, and Willis McClenney, Chairman of the Fair Committee, have developed a fair in three years that will compare favorably with those in many counties that have been operating for a much longer period of time.

Hope you saw the parade. I'm writing this Monday A. M., but I've heard enough about it to know it's going to be good.

You still have three days to shop at the Home Demonstration Club Bazaar for cakes, candy and canned foods, hand-made toys, children's cloths, toys, aprons, and other articles for your own use or gifts. Some of the clubs will sell dried flowers for winter arrangements. Oak Grove and Ryland Clubs are selling today, with a good supply of articles you will want. On Friday Advance and Beech Fork will display their wares in the Home Demonstration Bazaar booth, offering canned foods, cookies, cakes, etc., in addition to fotted plants, dish garlens, aprons, toys and they have even had a quilting party and made a quilt to sell.

I've just had breakfast with the Center Hill and Ward Home Demonstration Clubs at their concession stand located just back of the armory. For breakfast and lunch go to the back of the armory on the right side to enter Fair grounds. The main entrance will not be opened until 1:00 each day. Their specials for dinner and supper today are chicken pot pie, country ham, barbecue, and of course, ham biscuits which are always special. Each day they have hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue sandwiches, and french fries, which are a part of a good fair. Take your family to the Fair and have supper with these good cooks from Ward and Center Hill Home Demonstration Clubs. They're serving home-cooked meals (and "between-meals") at reasonable prices today, Friday and until the Fair closes on Saturday night.

Three Home Demonstration Clubs and the 4-H Clubs have done a grand job arranging educational booths. Beech Fork Club's booth is on "Church Ground Improvement." Byrd Club's is on a very important subject "Planning for Better Farm Family Living" and Oak Grove Club's is on "Farmstead Improvement." The 4-H Club Girls' booth, which was planned and arranged under the leadership of Miss Carolyn Biggerstaff, Assistant Home Agent, is on "Room Improvement" which represents one of the projects carried by the 4-H Club girls. This booth will be carried to Elizabeth City to the Seven County Fair. The other 4-H Club booth is on "Entomology," planned and arranged by Mr. Overman and Mr. Marsh, Farm Agents, and will be used in the State Fair next week. The Home Demonstration Club booth that gets the highest rating when they are judged this week will be used to represent Chowan County in the Seven County Fair in Elizabeth City October 14.

The proceeds from the booths, bazaar and concession will be used by each Home Demonstration Club for their community projects.

#### Home Agent's Schedule

October 9—2:30 Enterprise with Mrs. John F. Perry.  
October 10—Office  
October 11—District 4-H Rally in Washington.  
October 13—2:30 Chowan Club.  
October 14—7:30 Beech Fork with Mrs. W. H. Saunders.  
October 15—Office.

#### Detoured Enroute

A sailor passed away and upon arriving at the gates of his eternal home, remarked, "Gee, I never thought heaven would be so much like Texas."

"Son," said the man at the gate sadly, "this ain't heaven."

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 5-11

### KEEPING UP ON FARMING

With Uncle Walt

Well, I see by the paper where some of the sweet potato auction markets is open up so I guess they've started diggin 'em down in the eastern part of the state. I sure do hope so anyhow, 'cause I've been wantin m a mess of baked sweet potatoes for the longest kind of time.

I didn't raise none this year and I'm mighty sorry of it, too. I been settin out a patch ever year for 'bout as far back as I can remember. I let the time slip by one me 'til it was too late to set any out, so I reckon I'll hafta buy what we eat this year.

This feller Joe Gourlay, one of the marketin specialists they've got down there in the Agriculture Department at Raleigh, was the one that had wrote the piece in the paper. Somebody else might of wrote it, but Mr. Gourlay was the one who was tellin 'bout the markets a openin.

The piece went on to say that he said they was gonna be another pretty good crop of sweet potatoes this year. Seems like from the way he give it in, the dry weather kept some of the farmers from settin 'em out as soon as they ordinarily would. And this is gonna make the crop a little bit late maybe 'cause some of the farmers will leave the potatoe in the ground as long as they can to let 'em git a little bigger. Course if we have a early frost this time, they won't be apt to leave 'em so long. Once a frost hits a patch of sweet potatoes, they ain't gonna grow no more, and a bidy might just as well go on and

git 'em out of the ground. I didn't learn how many bushels they figgered would be raised in North Carolina this year but Mr. Gourlay said he expected it would be a little bit more than was raised last year. Seems to me I read somewhere not so long ago that we weren't raisin nearly as many here now as we use to. I believe the piece I read about the markets openin said our total production is still far under the 10-year average. I reckon that means we ain't raisin what we've been at durin the last ten years.

I reckon the growers will be glad to

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hear what this feller said about the prices this year too. He figures that they'll be just as good or maybe a little better than they was last year. And if I ain't mistaken, the sweet potato fellers got a right good price for their crop last year. Well, I'm all for 'em gittin it again this year, even if I have got to buy some for me and the old lady.

Course the way this feller Gourlay put it, the growers can't expect to git such a good price if they ain't willin to do a few little things to help make their potatoes worth it. He talked like a body'd have to be mighty careful a harvestin, handlin, and packin their potatoes if they wanted to git the most money for 'em. One thing I remember him a sayin for the farmer to grade his sweet potatoes in the field and pack them to meet U. S. No. 1 Grade which is sized from 1 1/2 inches to 3 1/2 inches through. I don't know much about sweet potatoes so if that's the size that sells the best then that's the size the farmer oughta try to raise and pack. I'll tell you one thing though, some of the pota-

toes I've raised will measure a lot bigger than 3 1/2 inches through.

Another thing he brought out was to fill the baskets full to keep them from gittin bruised when they was bein hauled. Now I know for a fact that that's some good sound advice. If you don't believe the hide on a sweet potato is tender and easy to break, you just try hittin one against another and you'll find out mighty quick. And once you git a potato sorta messed up you ain't apt to git much good out of it 'less you cook it and eat it right away.

Yessir, I'm glad they've started dig-

gin 'em and soon as I git around where they've got some I aim to buy a couple of bushels and git Fannie to fill the oven full. Then I aim to git me a cake of butter and a jar of milk, and I'm gonna eat 'til my heart's content.

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**W. H. Coffield, Agent**