

Around Chowan Farms

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Crops Condition and Situation: Last week the front page of The Chowan Herald had a column headed "Major Crops Said Better Than In 1968." The column went on to state that the 1969 expected yield of peanuts, corn, soybeans and tobacco is more than 20 per cent above that of 1968. I feel reasonably sure this information was developed by some agricultural estimating service but it is certainly not the consensus of opinion of your Chowan County Agricultural Extension workers.

Harry Venters informs me that he has already been confronted by several people in the county accusing me and him of making these statements. In reading through the column, I find that this statement was supplied by the N. C. Crop Reporting Service which is located in Raleigh.

My present estimate on our crop yield of these four crops is about as follows:

Corn yield will probably be about the same as that of 1968 but may be slightly under. Our soybean yield may possibly be a little better than that of 1968, providing growers have controlled the insects during the month of August. We estimate that tobacco yield to be about the same as that of 1968. In our opinion the average yield of peanuts per acre will be approximately 300 pounds less than that of 1968. This would give us an average yield of 2,300 pounds per acre. The three weeks of rainy weather caused leaf spot to get a hold and do a lot of damage in many fields. The rain spurred succulent growth putting the needles or pegs further apart on the vines and likely giving us less number of pegs entering the soil. Practically in every field that we have dug up some peanut plants we have found little to much pod rot. How extensive the pod rot problem is, we do not know at this time.

According to our observations the yields and returns from these crops can not be any better than 1968, if as good on an overall basis.

Chowan County Fair: Next week is Chowan County Fair Week. The American Legion and their cooperating committees are doing an excellent job in planning and arranging for the fair. The thing that really makes the County Fair is the participation that you people all over Chowan County make in providing attractive and educational exhibits. I hope that all of us can join together this year in making this one of the best County Fairs ever.

Plans have been made and interest stimulated in having a special exhibit of market hogs at the County Fair this year. This has been cancelled due to the hog cholera situation in the area and in the state. So far as I know at the present time there are no cases of hog cholera in Chowan County and every effort is being made to prevent the disease being brought in. Because of this the fair officials have ruled out all swine exhibits for the County Fair next week.

For two or three years now the fair officials have considered accepting no more exhibits after 6 P. M. but have relented. This year they say the doors will be closed at 6 P. M. and no more exhibits accepted or exhibitors admitted. This is necessary in order to eliminate the crowded confusion, some mistakes in filling out entry tags and almost completely tiring out workers who have been there all day.

The closing of doors for entries at 6 P. M. need not necessarily be a handicap or inconvenience to exhibitors if they will only plan accordingly. Yes, I know this is a busy season of the year, but not as busy as most of us think. Working in tobacco should not handicap us but very little if any. Peanuts are not ready for digging. We are harvesting corn with combines but not many of us who are exhibiting in the fair are tied up with this operation. Cotton is not quite ready for picking and most of that will be harvested mechanically. Soybeans are not near ready for harvest.

So, let's plan our time on Saturday and Monday for working on booths. The doors will be open on Sunday for those who care to work on their booths on Sunday. And there is ample time for the entry of individual exhibits if we will make up our minds and plan to get exhibits in as early as possible on Monday.

A Few Reminders
Defoliate cotton as soon as possible and pick it as soon as the leaves drop.
Watch soybeans and peanuts for insect infestation and apply insecticide as needed.
Continue leaf spot control applications on peanuts.

Don't forget the fall and winter garden as it provides for good living at home and boarding at the same place.

Intersection accidents are one of the five major types that result in the most



CLUB ORGANIZED—The members of the 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club are shown here at a recent meeting. Left to right are: John Miller, Mary Helen Dail, Al Ward, Ann Brown, Chris Jordan, Steve Sawyer, Debra Miller, Marion Dail and Lynn Overton. Not pictured are Mark McCormack, Arlene Spivey and Cindy Ricks.

Night driving is more dangerous than day driving, reminds Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Be sure that all your lights are clean to aid visibility and keep speed down to a reasonable level for road conditions.

Backing up on a highway or major artery is no way to get where you are going, reminds Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. By taking a little extra time to take the next exit and circle around you have a better chance of arriving at your destination.

4-H Club Meets Sept. 4

The 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club met on Thursday, September 4, from 4:30 to 6 at the home of Mrs. Albert Ward in Westover Heights.

There are 12 members. Our special guest was Mrs. White. She showed us some slides on things 4-H Club members do.

We also received a project selection chart and a manual about the different projects.

We then elected officers as follows: President, Mary Helen Dail; vice president, Steve Sawyer; secretary - treasurer, Marion Dail; reporter, Ann Brown; recreation leaders, Lynn Overton and John Miller; party committee, Chris Jordan and Al Ward.

The officers received manuals about the jobs. The club leaders are Mrs. Albert Ward and Mrs. Nathan Dail.

Then the meeting was adjourned to enjoy refresh-

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