### 1,000 - Bushel Sweet Potato Yield Possible By '69, Says Specialist

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will be possible, says Henry Covington, because of the rapid pace at which new production know-h is being developed and put into

Covington pointed out that the average sweet potato yield in North Carolina rose from 104 to, 236 bushels per acre from 1954 to 1962.

"You can see how fast we are moving,," Covington added, "when you realize that we only increased our average yield by 35 bushels from 1868 to 1954."

In other words, a mushrooming of sweet potato production efficiency has set in within the last decade.

One grower, Noah D. Griffin, Williamston, Rt. 1, grew 581 bushels of U. S., 1 fresh market sweet potatoes on an acre in 1963. Ed and Hayes Beamon, Goldsboro Rt. 6, produced 845 bushels of marketable potatoes (including canners) on an acre in 1962, of which 546 bushels were U. S. 1's.

Covington attributes the rapid nise in sweet potato production efficiency to research and the eagerness of growers to accept improved varieties and cultural practices.

One of the chief means for promoting improved practices is the or more is acceptable. "400-Bushel Sweet Potato Club," which is sponsored by the N. C. compensation because of my son's Sweet Potato Association, Inc.

An extension horticultural spec-ialist at North Carolina State has predicted that a Tar Heel sweet sion Service's recommended pracpotato grower "will produce 1,000 tices for producing high yields of bushels of marketable potatoes on top quality potatoes. These practop quality potatoes. These pracone acre within five years."

tices are commonly referred to as
This seemingly astronomical yield the "All-Practice Sweet Potato Program."

Not only does the Club push good

production practices, but it provides a means for top growers to be recognized. Top yielders in three contest areas of the state are awarded \$110 each. Nine plaques are provided, and members of the 400-Bushel Club take an annual trip to size up markets and competing production areas.

Covington pointed out that support for the 400-Bushel Sweet Potato Club is only one of many activities fo the N. C. Sweet Potato Association, Inc. The organization, which is headed by executive secretary Ed Briggs, is financed by voluntary grower assessments. vote will be held on Sept. 15 to determine whether the organization will be continued.

#### Veterans Corner

Q - I have a policy loan on my World War II life insurance policy. Can payments on this loan be made in any amount, or are there restrictions?

A - The only restriction is that the payment be at least five dollars. Any payment of five dollars

Q - I have been receiving \$75 Ideath in service. Has this rate been

#### Army Worms Attack Time to Fight Is Now

The Fall Armyworm is particularly numerous this year and is doing damage to pastures and lawn grasses in certain areas of the county, according to Assistant Jones County Farm Agent E. W.

Barnes said, "there appears to be a rapid build-up of this pest." Pasture grasses and lawns are under the heaviest attack and suffering the greatest injury at the present time. As indicated, the fall armyworm prefers grasses, but it will be well for us to remember they have good appetites and will eat about anything they come across. This includes soybeans, peanuts, legume forages, vegetables and other horticultural crops.

He further explained that at this time of year the farmer is often busy grading and marketing his tobacco and fails to check his other crops, such as soybeans. Consequently, it may be a week or two before a good close check is made of these crops.

Because of this recent build-up of fall army-worm it is recommended that farmers make frequent checks for the armyworm and other pests. Barnes emphasized this can be a very damaging insect and it is possible to go look at a field of soybeans and find only the stalks left.

Your local extension office can supply you with insecticide recommendations according to crop being damaged if help is needed.

increased lately?

A - A new law provides graduated rates to parents, depending upon other income which must be estimated and reported each year. Rates have been increase about 10

Q - Will the VA let me know who is listed as beneficiary on my government life insurance.

A - Yes, the VA will give you that infomation upon request. However, if you are not sure who the beneficiaries are, it is preferable to make a new designation the way you want it now. This will cancel all previous designations.

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## Knitters and Crocheters Urged To Enter Upcoming Needle Contest

With fall in the air, thoughts turn to the N. C. State Fair which will be held in Raleigh, Oct. 12-17. Knitters and crocheters should be especially aware of the time if they are planning to enter the National Wool Needlework Contest.

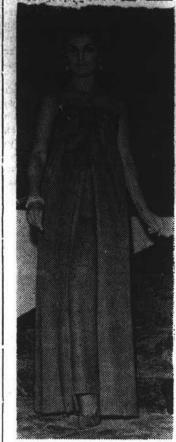
Miss Marjorie Shearin, Extension creative crafts specialist at N. C. State, says some of the rules are different from last year. The main different is that there will be only three classes in the knitted and crocheted groups instead of five as in 1963. The three different classes in-

clude afghans, sweaters, and the three piece baby sets (jacket, cap and bootees). You can have entries in the crocheted and knitted groups. Miss Shearin says all entries must be either knitted or crocheted using 100 per cent wool or mohair yarn in-any ply. The label from the yarn used must be attached to the entry and will not be judged unless the label is attached. Synthetic yarns and blends are not accept-

Professional needlework designers instructresses or teachers are not eligible to participate in the

Judging will be based on workmanship, beauty of design, and general appearance. The "Best of Fair" entry will be chosen from first place blue ribbon winners in all classifications and will be awarded an engraved trophy.

Following the state fair, the top blue ribbon winners in each class of the crocheted and knitted groups will be eligible to send their winning entries to be judged nationally.



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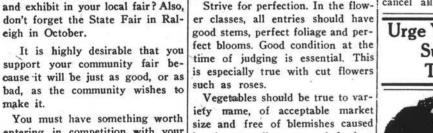
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Before you enter an exhibit be as possible with stems attached. instructions for each class because may be helpful in arousing your in-

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by insects, diseases, and bruises. All specimens on a plate or tray of sweetpotatoes should be smooth, of good skin color and uniform. unless you think it will improve the appearance.

Fruits, such as apples, should be true to varietal characteristics, uniform, of good color (in color sorts) and free from blemishes. All specimens on a plate, for example, should be as near the same size

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