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## ACROSS THE ISLAND

Old rugby star is club leader

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REV. JOHN Cash, a fellow who gave me one of my greatest thrills in football, is the driving force behind the province's only 4-H Forestry Club at Souris Line Road, I was told yesterday by Provincial Forester Frank Gaudet.

Mr. Gaudet reports the Line Road club is unusually active and they have an interesting program planned for next summer. They are going to plant a shelter hedge of Austrian Pine around the Roman Catholic church at Souris, which is on a high hill exposed to every wind that blows.

The old Spruce hedge "is pretty well beat" and the Austrian Pines will replace it. Several hundred trees may be used of this variety which is hardy and fast growing. It grows from one to three feet per year, once it is established, is fairly thick and soars to seventy or eighty feet in height.

CLUB MEMBERS planted 1,000 trees last year. They went into hedges, from wind breaks and some into forest lots in marginal land. This year a goal of 2,000 trees has been set. Visits to farm woodlots are also scheduled for the summer months.

The club was organized two years ago and Mr. Gaudet would like to see enough interest develop in some other centres to make active clubs possible. The provincial forester will give every possible assistance and encouragement. He is enthusiastic about the interest shown by the Line Road club. Some of the parents even follow developments at meetings, he reports.

This sort of training in forest management and tree planting, ties in with the proposed "silviculture" program planned for the immediate future by the federal and provincial departments of agriculture, as a revenue crop for marginal land that is either idle or uneconomically productive now.

### Brilliant Rugby Feat Is Recalled

GETTING BACK to Father Cash, I can recall as though it were yesterday, the late autumn afternoon on which he ran to fame and victory for St. Dunstan's University against Mount Allison in an N.B. - P.E.I. Intercollegiate football final here. The big Garnet and Gold outfit from Sackville had been dominating play throughout and the Saints had been unable to mount a single scoring threat.

Mike Hennessey, who writes a sports column for the Patriot, was the strategist, I believe, who set up an attacking combination in the aints backfield with Cash on the scoring end. The little red head had only entered the game as a replacement several minutes earlier, but he took the ball on the far sideline and ran as though all the "Banshees" in Ireland were after him. The dash took him past the desperately reaching

arms of would-be tacklers and he crossed the line as the final whistle was blowing, with the points that won the game and the title

It was the most startling and most surprising ending to a football game - to any game - that I have seen in all too many years as an avid sports fan.

### Easter Beef Show Stirs Interest

"I HAVE never seen so much interest shown in Easter Beef carcasses" was the comment I heard yesterday from a veteran observer, as I visited the Canada Packers plant here where the beautiful show carcasses were displayed.

There is always something particularly appealing to me in a grand champion, so I had a good look at the carcass of the steer that was shown by Gloria Ford of Milton. The fact he brought a record price of \$1.02 per pound from Dominion Stores added a bit more glamor to the champion for a Scot like myself.

I found that the steer killed out at 59.5 percent. The shrunk live weight - they take a 4 percent shrink off the actual weigh-in poundage - was 782, and he dressed 465 pounds.

The reserve grand champion, shown by Athol Roberts of Southport, dressed out at 60.99 percent. His shrunk weight was 941 and he dressed 574. I was told that larger and heavier carcasses often do dress out better percentage wise.

### Carcass Grading Average Is High

THE STEERS from our Easter Beef Show made a splendid average so far as grades are concerned. Of 40 animals graded, 29 were A's or Red brand, 9 were B's or Blue brand and there were two top standards.

By comparison I have been told that there were 20 standards among 40 steers from the Maritime Spring Show and Sale at Oxford that were killed in one mainland plant.

Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae - he's also acting premier now - and S.C. Wright, his deputy minister were sizing up the beef carcasses at the plant. Provincial Secretary J. David Stewart was with them. Livestock Director L.W.Roper, show secretary David Peacock and David Ford, father of Gloria, were among the many others who looked at the top beef carcasses displayed on the rails.

The tasty Easter beef will be on sale at many stores throughout the city this week. It should make some excellent eating.

### Shearing Sheep For 79 Years

CHARLES A. MAXWELL, Salt Springs, N.S. doesn't tell us how old he is, but he writes he has been shearing sheep for seventy-nine years.

The Pictou County veteran talks of "tremendous and unnecessary losses from the ravages of worms" in some sheep flocks. One flock of 100 animals "were fed but in terrible condition. The wool was matted together with a yellow glue-like substance that made it almost impossible to shear."

Mr. Maxwell blames the condition on worms and reports that a mineral ration often appears to control worms in mature sheep. He admits that some research people disagree with the theory but insists "I have seen mineral either do away with worms in flocks or lessen the effects of worms on the wool and generally cut shearing time in two."

I DON'T pretend to know anything about worm control in sheep, but it seems as though this veteran of seventy-nine years in the shearing business is entitled to his opinion.

Incidentally Maxwell's best shearing performance was 60 animals in nine hours which seems like a respectable performance although "it looks small" he says, "compared to the three or four hundred they shear in Australia".