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**THE CHARLOTTETOWN** Kindergarten under the direction of Mrs. Ira Clark assisted by Mrs. Lemuel MacDougall will re-open September 6. For further information call Mrs. Clark 4964.

**RECEPTION**—Premier A. W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson last evening entertained the Hon. R. H. Winters, Federal Minister of Public Works, and Mrs. Winters at an informal reception at The Charlottetown. Hon. Mr. Winters and Mrs. Winters have been on a brief holiday visit to the Province.

**REMEMBERED** BY I. G. F. T. — Prior to leaving for Madison, Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Dessen M. Robinson of Parkdale were invited upon by the executive of the Irwin Christian Fellowship group and remembered with a memo in the form of a beautiful island scene. Mrs. Robinson, for the past year has been the secretary of the Irwin Group.

During this season of the year most of us see at least one vegetable show at an exhibition or county fair and usually we look at the various classes noting carefully who won the first award and possibly the second. This is all very interesting, but how many of us stop to consider the most important question "Why did Mrs. Jones win first prize with her carrots and why did Mrs. Brown get only a third prize with her tomatoes?" The answer of this question will likely present another one — "How many of us know the general points on which a class of vegetables is judged?" Let us consider a few of these points.

The first thing every judge must consider is the general description of the class as outlined in the list usually given to exhibitors before the show. For instance, if a class calls for six carrots, variety Nantes then an exhibit of five carrots must be disqualified. Similarly, an exhibit of six carrots, variety Chantanelle can not be considered if the class calls for variety, Nantes. This class as this but each class should have a general description and exhibit must be prepared to fit it. When the judge has gone over the class and eliminates those exhibits which do not fit the description of the class, he must then consider such things as size, quality and preparation few points concerning the exhibition of vegetables.

**SIZE**—As a general rule, a medium size vegetable will take the prize over extremely large or small exhibits. The size considered medium will, of course, vary for different classes or varieties of vegetables. Very small vegetables usually indicate poor growing conditions or immaturity while very large vegetables are often coarse and rough in poorer keeping quality than medium sized ones.

**UNIFORMITY**—This is a very important factor in showing vegetables. Under uniformity we must consider size, color, shape, maturity, condition and general appearance.

**MATURITY**—If at all possible, vegetables should be shown in a mature condition. Color and firmness aid in indicating maturity.

**QUALITY**—Vegetables should be fine grained and of a smooth texture and very often the judge will cut a vegetable to see if it is woody or stringy.

**COLORING**—The color should be a correct shade with very little variation throughout the vegetable.

**MOISTNESS**—Vegetables for exhibition should be as smooth as possible to find them. In some soils and under certain conditions, this is more difficult than in others. If the vegetables are rough, they should not be trimmed as it is impossible to hide this trimming from an alert judge. When a judge sees trimming, he must consider the exhibit as being rough.

**BLEMISHES**—Damage from insects, sunburn, stones, weeds and bruising will lower the standing of an exhibit.

**FRESHNESS**—Vegetables for exhibition should be as fresh as possible and should become very soft and spongy when kept in a hot place for several hours. It is well, therefore, to delay pulling the vegetables to be exhibited until shortly before they must be entered.

**CUTTING**—The length of stem which should be left on varies in different vegetables but a general rule is to leave from one-half inch to one inch of stem on the vegetable. Never trim so close that a scar will be left on the top of the vegetable or that bleeding will occur.

**WASHING**—It is undesirable to wash vegetables for exhibition and an entry may fail to reach the prize list on this account. Most vegetables have an outer coat which is spoiled by washing, thus allowing bacteria to enter more easily. Washing also promotes evaporation of moisture from the vegetables and after-drying the skin often looks ragged and loose. Instead of washing, just give vegetables a good brushing to remove all soil.

**CONTAINER**—The appearance of an exhibit can be much improved by some attention to the container but you should not have a dish which will draw attention to itself. A container should be large enough to show each vegetable to advantage but not large enough to cause them to appear small. A dish of contrasting color often aids in appearance. When exhibiting such vegetables as lettuce or spinach it is a smart idea to use a water-tight container and place chopped ice in the bottom to preserve freshness.

A few specific hints to follow:

**ONIONS**—Do not cut off the tops. If the onion is mature a twist will part the top near the bulb. The roots may be removed by cutting. If necessary to remove blemishes, peel the outer layers as little as possible but be very careful not to leave the onion with a peeled appearance.

**BEETS**—Trim as little as possible. Leave about three-quarters of an inch of stem intact to avoid bleeding and brush soil off the roots with a cloth.

**CABBAGE**—Select cabbage as large as possible for the variety if they are still firm to hand pressure. The outer leaves should be removed but not so much that the head becomes white as a green head is preferred.

**TOMATOES**—When showing ripe tomatoes remove stems but when showing green tomatoes leave about one-half inch stem on the fruit.

**CORN**—Strip the leaves from the ear and try to get large full kernels in straight uniform rows. If the ear is not well filled close to the top, do not break the top off as this will not fool the judge and will detract from the appearance of the ear.

**AYRSHIRES**

An outstanding achievement in classification has been made by one of our leading Ayrshire breeders—namely, A. MacRae and Son, Charlottetown. Recently the classification of their entire adult herd has been completed, and they have four excellent cows, eleven very good, ten good plus, and three good.

I am sure many of the breeders would like to have their congratulations along with ours, extended to Major and Art for this good work.

**CLUB NEWS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Alexandra Calf Club was held at Alexandra School on July 28th. The meeting was called to order by the President. Six minutes were read and approved. The Lesson Help was read and studied. Tests were written. The collection amounted to fifty-five cents. The meeting was then adjourned.

The regular meeting of the Head of Hillsboro 4-H Calf Club was held at the home of Roy Coffin on the evening of August 1st. During the earlier part of the evening the club members participated in a very difficult judging class. After the judging class the regular business meeting was held.

The meeting opened by the members repeating the 4-H pledge. Roll call was answered by 11 members and six visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Correspondence consisted of a letter from Mr. Pierce offering 4-H sweaters for sale at a bargain price.

It was decided that the Achievement Day be held at Head of Hillsboro school on September 1st at 2 p.m. or if unfit on September 2nd at 2 p.m. It was also decided that there would be a three year old class at the Achievement Day.

In order that sufficient prize money may be raised, it was decided to show films in Cherry Hill school on August 12th at 8 p.m. Ice-cream and fudge were to be sold during intermission. If possible there is to be a ball game at six p.m. Club members are to assemble at Louis Cameron's on the same afternoon at 2 p.m. for the purpose of making the ice-cream.

Club members then received their corrected tests and judging cards before writing the test on Record of Performance. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

**COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT DAYS FOR 4-H SEWING CLUBS**

The King's County and Prince County 4-H Sewing Club Achievement Days were held recently at Souris and O'Leary with a very large attendance of 4-H Club members, parents and local leaders. During the afternoon sports were conducted by Miss Mary H. Robin and Miss Barbara Woodhouse, of the Department of Agriculture. In second and Sourisville third. At Souris the Souris 4-H Club came first, Little Harbour second and New Zealand third.

All County winners' sewing was displayed and prizes awarded by Mrs. Maylea Manning. The girls' marks ranged from 85 per cent to 95 per cent. These were somewhat higher than the previous year. The afternoon was concluded with a picnic supper and the Department of Agriculture provided ice cream. The following is a list of the county PRINCE COUNTY HONOURS—

**FIRST YEAR (Junior Class)**

1. Lana Wood, Burton Lot 7. 2. Piusville.
1. Mary Arsenault, Cape Egmont. 2. Lillian Kennedy, Cecilia Gallant, Tignish. 4. Doreen Murphy, MacNeills Mills. 5. Palma Gallant, Piusville.
1. Lucy Anne Jelley, Unionville. 3. Jeanette Gaudet, Woodstock. 4. Carol Howatt, Tryon. 5. Frances Conway, Tignish, and Irene Arsenault, Cape Egmont.

(Intermediate Class)

1. Pauline Gaudet, Miscouche. 2. Mary Arsenault, Cape Egmont. 3. Lillian Kennedy, Cecilia Gallant, Tignish. 4. Doreen Murphy, MacNeills Mills. 5. Palma Gallant, Piusville.
1. Colleen O'Brien, MacNeills Mills. 2. June MacGregor, Burton Lot 7.

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## In Memoriam

In loving memory of John M. MacLeod, Victoria Cross, who passed away August 21, 1952. Thoughts drift back to days gone past. Life moves on, but memories last. Deep in our hearts his memory is kept. We who loved him will never forget. Lovingly remembered by wife and family.

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In loving memory of Mrs. John P. McNally who departed this life August 31, 1952. Your memory to us is a keepsake with which we shall never part. Though God has you in his keeping we still have you in our hearts. Lovingly remembered by Eula M. Stephen and family.

In loving memory of Mrs. John P. McNally who departed this life August 31, 1952. As a dawn another year And you shall never be forgotten By the one who loves you dear. Lovingly remembered by husband, John P. McNally.

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