

A Record Year for Garden Clubs

THIS is a record year for Girls' Garden Clubs, with a total of 324 clubs in the province and a membership of 2,352. Reports from Country Home Economists give some interesting information about these clubs.

Many of the girls are successfully trying out new vegetables. A member in Grey grew salsify, kohlrabi, peanuts, peppers, kale and endive. In Huron a girl from Alberta who last year came to make her home in Ontario is growing broccoli along with the better known vegetables.

Reports tell of battles with weeds—twitch grass, bindweed and foxtail, and with such blights as tobacco mosaic in one county and possibly walnut wilt in another. There is a record, too, of a girl who goes to work every day but who frequently gets up at 5.30 so as to have an hour or so in her garden.

In some cases the girls go into gardening on an almost commercial scale. One Grey County girl has 800 cabbage plants from her package of seeds and she hopes to sell some of them. In Wentworth County Yolante and Barbara Wyganowski, who came with their parents from Poland a few years ago, in addition to their club gardens work with their mother in taking care of a two-acre vegetable garden. They expect to produce 20 bags of carrots, 20 bags of beets, 2 bags of parsnips, 20 bags of potatoes and a quantity of cabbage and squash



Isabel Ames, Huron County, in her garden. Isabel, an enthusiastic club member, recently came to Ontario from Alberta where she had belonged to a Dairy Calf Club.

to provide for their family of eight this winter.

A lovely human note comes from the Vanderleur Club in Grey. When the leader was laid up following an appendix operation the members came and weeded her garden.

A Thought for Achievement Day

At Gordon Lake in Algoma, the Homemaking Club girls, on their Achievement Day, were entertained at a buffet luncheon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Wilbert Bell who, only a few years ago, was a club member herself. Representatives from the Women's Institute were on hand to help, serving a hot plate from the kitchen as the girls filed in. From there they moved on to the dining-room where salads, sandwiches, milk, lemonade and a hot drink were served from a buffet table. There were pies and cakes and cookies too, and what was left from this banquet was saved for a snack when the work of the day was finished. So, a festive note was added to a very full Achievement Day programme.

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"A leader is best when people barely know that he exists,
Not so good when people obey and acclaim him,
Worse when they despise him.
Fail to honour people, they fail to honour you;
But of a good leader, who talks little,
When his work is done, his aim fulfilled,
They will all say, 'We did this ourselves!'"

—From the Chinese Classic Dao Teh Ching, 500 BC.

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At a meeting of the Eramosa Girls' Garden Club the leader, Mrs. E. T. Rowan, centre, shows how to can tomatoes. At the left, the county home economist, Miss Flora Durnin, emphasizes points of special importance. The girls are Frances Comfort, Evelyn McKenzie, Shirley Hamilton.