

# Cobalt Gardeners Hear From Judges

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COBALT—Those who conducted the judging of the gardens for the Cobalt Horticultural Society for 1958 wish to congratulate the winners and also many others for the splendid showing of flowers and or vegetables.

The judges were pleased to note an increasing garden effort and appreciation by many town folk many of whom, if approached might have been members.

The judging placed the members in two groups; former prize winners and those competing for the first time. Of the former, John Sutherland won first, Peter McEwen second and the third prize was given to three parties, Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Svekers and Art Ollivier. Of the latter Harry Miller first, H. Armstrong second and T. Duncan and P. Stoughton, third.

It might be enlightening to state that the basis on which the judging was carried out. The factors for either flower or vegetable gardens were; extent (10) effort (10) quality (10) variety (10) other factors (10). Those having both flower and vegetable gardens had a decided edge over members having only one activity.

May we say that it was a great privilege and pleasure to meet the members of the society in their own gardens and discuss problems and interests. If you have any suggestions whereby we can improve the society's usefulness we shall be glad to discuss the matter at any of our meetings. You are all aware of the interest, pleasure and satisfaction of gardening. You are also aware or have heard that you can get out of some activity only what you put into it. This is particularly true of gardening. As an example of this fact I call to mind a story of a certain gentleman who planted a large vegetable garden on his extensive property. He had tried several gardeners, with more or less success when a former soldier, the owner of a profitable truck garden offered his services. The gentleman engaged him and in due course of time the garden looked flourishing, but few vegetables found their way to the gentleman's table. As the end of the season approached the gentleman began a quiet investigation and was immediately confronted with a resignation and request for a letter of recommendation. The gentleman was a kindly but very conscientious man and his recommendation was as follows;

"This man succeeded in getting more out of my garden than any other gardener I have ever employed. Well, this recommendation has a double meaning and is

true in more ways than one. Nevertheless it does show the need for experienced effort in order to gain success in gardening. Not everybody can be successful gardeners, because not everybody is willing to do the work and give the regular attention that a successful garden requires. The amateur gardener is finally amazed when he discovers how much time, effort and work along with patience and knowledge is required to make a success of a garden. There can be no overnight sensation in gardening. For example it is told of an American millionaire visiting England. He remarked to an English country gentleman: "Sir I will pay you anything you like if you will reveal to me by what method such a perfect, even, level, fresh everlasting—in short—such an—English lawn as yours is made." "That's quite simple," said the English squire. "The soil must be well and deeply dug, it must be fertile and porous, not sour or sticky, not heavy or thin, then it must be well levelled so that it is like a table, after that you sow the seed and roll the ground well, then you water it daily, and when the grass has grown you mow it week after week, you collect the cut grass with sweepers, and roll the lawn, you must water, sprinkle, wet and spray it daily, and if you do this for three hundred years you will have as good a lawn as mine.

Such instructions might give discouragement to the average amateur gardener who realizes the great responsibilities that come with a garden. There are too many people who look upon a garden as a place to put seeds and bulbs to be buried, rather than a place to be developed with daily attention. I know of one case where a family

# Scout Apple Day On October 25

On Saturday, October 25th. the Haileybury Scouts and Cubs will be calling at homes and going through the business section of the town on their annual Apple Day drive for funds. It is hoped that all citizens will cooperate and "Buy an Apple" from a Cub or Scout.

Scout Apple Day is a national one and provides the only means of basic financial support to the Scout Movement.

In addition, the Scout Group Committee is urgently in need of

managed to get their garden started without much effort. This was a case of a family where the husband was serving in the army overseas. He had received a letter from his wife stating that she would like to put in a vegetable garden but there wasn't any able bodied men available to dig the ground and she was unable to do so herself. The soldier wrote back immediately saying in his letter "Don't dig up the garden that is where the diagrams for the secret bomb sight are hidden." The letter was duly censored and the wife was surprised when a truck of soldiers arrived and proceeded to dig the garden from end to end. In great anxiety the wife wrote to her husband, asking what to do. His reply was brief and to the point. He said "Put in the vegetables". Well the chances are that you won't be so fortunate but will have to do the digging and all the other work connected with your garden. This should not discourage you from starting but it should make you realize that a good garden is a daily responsibility as well as a daily interest and pleasure.

Someone has said, "All the difference between work and play is the attitude of mind."

So good luck and good gardening.

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new members for the Committee and also Leaders for both Cubs and Scouts. If any citizen, man or women, has a sincere desire to serve in either capacity you are asked to please send in your name to the Haileybury Scout Group Committee, Box 44, Haileybury. You will certainly be serving the interests of your Community in the very best way possible by helping the Scout Movement.

The following events in Scouting are of public interest: 1. October 25th-Apple Day. 2. November 6th. Going Up Ceremony—From Cubs to Scouts at the Schools Auditorium. 3. November 8th-Bottle Drive. 4. Parade of Cubs and Scouts in the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

We must here pay tribute to the P.I.M. Each year we find mining students who have high Scout qualifications offering to help the Haileybury group. Without them we should have a hard time carrying the load.

Apple Day will give the citizens the opportunity of expressing their appreciation for the work that the leaders are doing in Scouting.



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