



Island Born Princess Received Big Ovation

By NEIL A. MATHESON
I suggested last week in a front page story that Paula Coady Hazelbrook, likely was the first Jersey Princess at the Royal Winter Fair who breeds Jerseys. Her mother, Mrs. Austin Coady, confirmed that for me when I met her late last week. That information was put over the public address system by the people running the Jersey show.

The pretty Prince Edward Island girl received a real ovation when the public address system announced that it was Paula's 19th birthday. Cheers and applause came seemingly from all over the big coliseum.

George MacMillan's heifer, Macwin Elite Winnie, sold at the Jersey sale of stars for \$450 and was purchased by Murray Melow and Son, Bolton, Ontario. She was the highest priced heifer from the Maritime Provinces Calibre of Maritime Jerseys is considerably below those in other parts of Canada, apparent

ly. Gilbert Robinson, Harvey Station, N. B., was high man in the Jersey ring at Halifax but he had to be content with a sixth, eighth and 13th place at Toronto. The male and female grand champion Jerseys were shown by American exhibitors, both from Lake Placid, New York.

The sale of stars - 23 head were sold - averaged \$678. Top price was \$1,800. Six animals sold for more than \$1,000 each.

STILL TAKES HONORS
George Darrach, the former Island man who organized and developed the Oak Ridge Holstein herd for R. R. Dennis continues to capture honors for the herd. They won the premier exhibitor's banner at the Royal and their aged cow, Sonwill Reflection Bee, was senior a and grand female champion. She was named All Canadian age cow last year.

There were 29 animals in the aged cow class and their milk

production averaged 19,153 pounds, a release from the National Holstein office indicates.

The Holstein sale of stars averaged \$3,400 and the national office claims this is a new North American record, and "probably a world record for the breed". Highest price for a bull was \$11,000 to J.M. Fraser of Strathville, Ontario by Paul McCloskey, Queensville, Ontario. The highest priced cow was Marlex Iuka, May Queen, an excellent cow owned by Paul Ekstein, Toronto. The price was \$45,000 and the buyer Claud Pickett, Georgetown, Ontario.

RING ROT
I'm looking for some really interesting discussion this year on the controversial subject of potato Ring Rot, and how best to deal with it.

Early reports indicate the picture this year will likely be considerably worse than the most optimistic potato men had hoped last spring. I don't know

just how widespread it is but some of the undesirable stuff has been found among the potatoes of the larger Island growers. And it only takes one batch of affected spuds to turn down the entire production so far as selling seed is concerned.

It has been found on the farms of some of the province's best growers. I am told reliably. They include Lewis Brothers, York and Chet Irving, Murray Harbor.

This fact should emphasize anew the problem of Ring Rot, and the tremendous effort that has to be made to stamp it out. The York farmers planted more than 500 acres this year. Mr. Irving had some 200 acres, and he is the man, you will recall, who established a new alltime production of 800 bushels to the acre on one of his fields.

HIGH PRODUCTION
A Canadian Press report on production indicates that this province produced 9,450,000 hundredweights of potatoes this year on 50,000 acres. This compares with 7,341,000 hundredweights in 1965 on 43,000 acres, the report indicates.

That makes the estimated production for 1966 15,750,000 bushels, a term with which most of us are more familiar. And it works out to an average production (estimated) of 325 bushels per acre.

I spoke last week of a huge

to a minimum this year - I'd like to see them abolished completely - so the farm people can have the time to discuss subjects of their own choice.

Secretary Lincoln Dewar suggests that freight assistance on western grain may be a hot subject for debate. The regulations on potato production provided

been debated last year. The same thing might easily happen again this time.

I promised to tell you about the squash that grew on a plum tree in our garden, when we lived in Charlottetown. The location was 291 Kent Street. The big brick house has since been torn down, and the land purchas-

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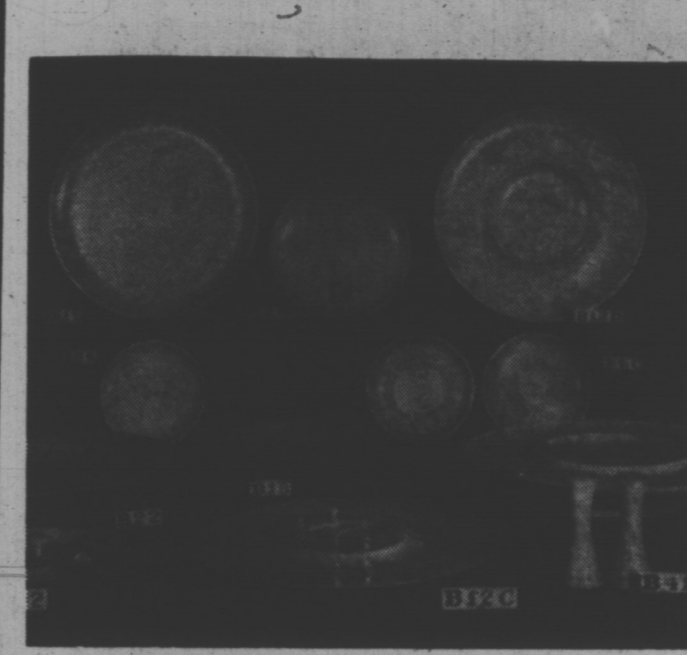
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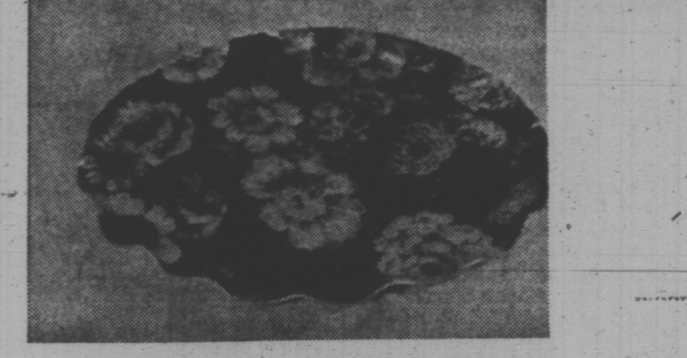


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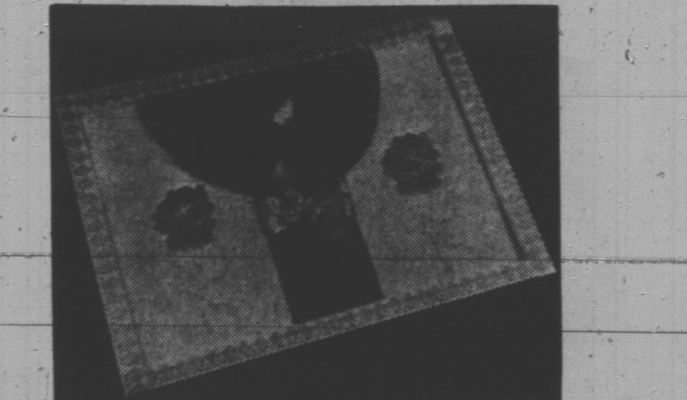
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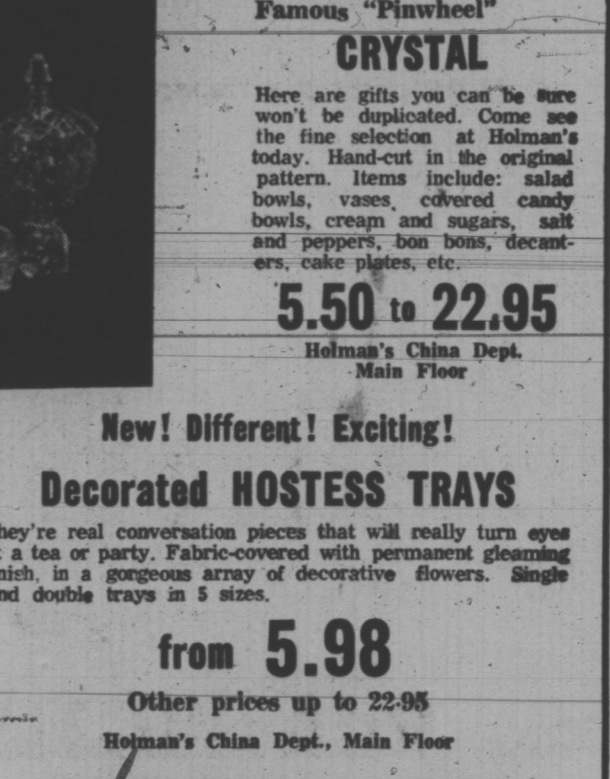
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