

PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAMMES



TOP LEFT: Auckland Quiz Kids, runners-up in the championships. From left: Ellis Solomon, Judith Piper, Murray Halford, Margaret Irwin and Louis Kelly (see page 9)



TOP RIGHT: Nancy Gilroy (soprano), who will present a studio recital from 1YA at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9



AT LEFT: General Sir Harold Briggs, director of anti-terrorist operations in Malaya (see page 7)



AT RIGHT: Don Kessell, who conducts the "Reply Paid Quiz" from 12B every Monday evening at 10 o'clock



HOME GARDENING

Easy Way to a Big Potato Crop

POTATOES, we have been warned, are likely to become as scarce as hens' teeth this season. Perhaps you haven't enough garden to grow yours (potatoes, we mean) or are short of seed. But did you know that with six seed potatoes and six barrels (or their equivalent in stakes and boards), a heap of soil and compost and some artificial fertiliser, you could provide your family with potatoes for a year? R. P. Shinnall, the 3YZ Garden Expert, explained how in a broadcast which listeners in many parts of New Zealand have already heard. And in case you think it's too late to do anything about it this season, he assures us that a crop can be started right up to the end of January.

Plant one potato in the usual way, he says, and prepare your soil—three barrow loads to a barrel. Make it half compost or well-rotted stable manure and half ordinary good garden soil, and thoroughly mix in one pound of superphosphate, a half-pound of blood and bone and a half-pound of sulphate of potash. Store this until needed. Keep it moist but not wet.

When the potato plant is about six inches high put a barrel, without a top or bottom, over it, and add soil till only an inch of potato top is showing. When the top is again six inches high add more soil—and carry on in this way to within two inches of the top of the barrel. Leave that unfilled to make the plant easier to water, if necessary. While filling the barrel never let the potato get more than six inches above the soil.

If you have no compost or stable manure use lawn clippings. Mix the chemical manures into the soil, and as lawn clippings become available thoroughly mix them with an equal quantity of soil. Keep them damp so that they will rot and not just dry up. And in the fertiliser mixture the potash is essential.

If you have no barrel, drive in four strong stakes two feet six inches apart to form a square. As the potato grows



and soil is added nail boards on the outside of the stakes.

Potatoes are grown in this way in Britain in competition, and over a hundredweight from a barrel is necessary to get into the prize money!

Yachtsman's Month

JANUARY is the yachtsman's month. The Hobart-Auckland race starts this Saturday (January 5) and the Cornwall Cup contest on January 7, with the Tanner Cup, Idle-along and Sanders Cup contests at intervals of a week after that. The NZBS has arranged special weather forecasts for boats in the ocean race (daily after the 9.0 p.m. forecast) and for yachtsmen generally at Wellington (2YA between 6.20 and 6.30 p.m. daily during January), and at Auckland. Commentaries on Cornwall Cup races will be heard from 4YA daily; results (at 7.0 p.m.) on the YA-YZ link daily, and in the evening sports summaries on the ZB-ZA network (January 10, 11 and 12 only).

The N.Z. Bowling championships, which also start on January 7, will be covered by 4YA with a broadcast of the opening ceremony and with eyewitness accounts (about a fortnight later) of finals in the singles, pairs and fours. Results will be heard on the YA-YZ link daily at 9.30 p.m., and on January 12 in the 6.30 p.m. ZB-ZA link.

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