

Carrots: Jane Keighly, Matapu, first, 164½ points; Roy Green, Okaiawa, second, 157 points; Doreen Stanton, Rawhitiroa, third, 156 points.

North Taranaki.—Mangolds: Hazel Phillips, Mimi, first, 181½ points; Roy McKenzie, Tikorangi, second, 176 points; Elizabeth Free, Waiau, third, 167 points.

Carrots: Roy McKenzie, Tikorangi, first, 160 points; Bernard Brophy, Warea, second, 145½ points; Amy Phillips, Mimi, third, 135 points.

Wanganui-Feilding.—Mangolds: Elsie White, Glen Oroua, first, 170¾ points (divisional champion); Ivy McKay, Wangaehu, second, 163¼ points; Alison White, Glen Oroua, third, 160¼ points.

Following the practice of previous years, displays of roots were made at the New Plymouth, Hawera, and Palmerston North winter shows. At the two former the exhibition of roots was exceptionally good, the carrots being the finest I have ever seen staged, nearly every entry being worthy of a first prize in open competition. As in the past, these displays were a feature of the New Plymouth and Hawera shows; at Palmerston North the exhibit was rather poor.

CALF CLUBS.

These were confined to Taranaki. Altogether 259 calves were entered, of which 200, or 77·2 per cent., were brought forward to be judged. All the calves were graders, and represented the breeds as follows: Jersey, 161; Friesian, 25; Shorthorn, 12; Ayrshire, 2.

This year 100 points were allowed for cost of rearing, one point being deducted for every shilling of the cost of rearing. Thus, if the cost was £5, no points would be allowed; 100 points were allowed for condition, and 40 for record-charts. These points are not quite satisfactory, however, and may be altered for next year's competition. The average cost of food per calf in north Taranaki worked out at 17s. 7¾d., and in south Taranaki at 16s. 10d. The highest cost in the former division was £2 9s. 8d., and in the latter £2 2s. 6d.; the lowest costs were 3s. 6d. and 5s. 7½d. respectively.

GENERAL.

The general control of the clubs was on the same lines as previous years, the Farmers' Union, a number of individual farmers, and officers of the Education and Agriculture Departments co-operating. While it is generally admitted that these clubs serve a valuable purpose, the Farmers' Union is experiencing great difficulty in collecting sufficient funds to pay the prize-money. It would appear that unless the finances can be placed on a more satisfactory footing there is a danger of the movement falling through.

The Pukeokahu-Taoroa Rabbit District (Wellington) has been constituted for the purposes of Part III of the Rabbit Nuisance Act.

The West Coast Agricultural, Pastoral, and Industrial Association has been incorporated under the Agricultural and Pastoral Societies Act.