

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Inez Robb, writing in the women's column of the New York Telegram and Sun, thinks that royalty may by its selection of silver fox and mutations, bring them back again into style. She reminisces about the 1930's when young ladies were saving up to buy silver fox capes. They had a change of ideas in World War 2 when they made mink fashionable and dropped silver fox as if it were the plague. Now Miss Robb notes silver and mutation foxes are making a new stand. The Duchess of Windsor and Princess Grace of Monaco are sporting mink fox capes and Leo Ritter, one of the men who make the styles popular, states that he is putting new emphasis on foxes in a line that he has now in preparation. If the above is correct, and we have no reason to think it isn't a lot of foxes that have been in storage for years will be appearing in the markets.

FLASHBACK
The Fur Trade Journal of Canada has a column Twenty-five year ago. That would be May, 1932, and this is a statement from it. "Silver foxes continue to sell at good prices and at the winter sale in Montreal selected half to three-quarter silvers brought from \$65 to \$140. Muskrat was more of a standard fur at this time possibly than any other fur and at the same sale extra large and large skins brought from 63 to 70 cents."

A collection of some 13,000 raw-mutation mink was 96 per cent sold at New York Auction Co. recently and during the entire week 97 per cent of the 183,000 mutation mink was sold. Bidding was strong throughout with medium goods very strong and good merchandise in particularly strong demand. There was some European participation in the sale.

ECONOMICS
Marshall Reing, a rancher and columnist writing in this month's American Fur Breeder magazine, states that male and female mink kits that won't bring \$12 at auction should not be raised. Perhaps we cannot help to raise some \$12, he says, some likely looking kits fail to develop or fur out properly and fail to bring \$12. But certainly we need not deliberately start in May to feed out a mink of a type that cannot possibly bring \$12. There will be male kits as well as female kits in our litters this spring that if fed to maturity will not bring a \$12 price. Obviously he concludes, it would be foolish to raise these kits. The basis on

which the rancher should keep or kill a kit should, in Mr. Reing's opinion, be determined thusly: whether or not it is economically sound to furnish the feed, labor and pen space required to finish off each animal without regard for all of the other items of cost.

United Mink Breeders Association sale last week which was conducted by the Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales, Inc., New York, was a wonderful success. 97 per cent of the 25,020 standards was sold with prices advancing fully 25 per cent over January. A new high for the season in standards was set for H.B.C. by Northwood Fur Farms The lot which sold for \$105 was bought by Ciesner Fur Company. Northwood's next five male lots all went for \$46 and Northwood also shipped the top female lots to the same purchaser at \$37.50. A collection of 14,795 demi-buffs was 100 per cent sold and moved at prices slightly higher than H.B.C. May 1956, sale. The collection was described by the buyers in the room as good with some fine strings.

Beaver and muskrat were two items which highlighted the general sale of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. (Quebec) Ltd. in Montreal last week. The substantial beaver offering of 22,000 skins was 75 per cent sold. Muskrat was 70 per cent sold with strong demand. Highest price for the 89,284 muskrat skins was \$2.25 for Quebec seal. Strings sold from \$1.10 to \$2.10. Some of these were from New Brunswick and some from Ontario and the remainder from Quebec.

OPTIMISM
There is a general tone of optimism in the United States and Canada and this has reached the stock market, or the stockmarket may be the cause of it, certainly there is much more hopeful feeling in business than there was a few months ago. This is clearly shown by a recent report of the Federal Reserve Board of the United States which states that ten or eleven districts in the U.S.A. report all upstairs sales in department stores showing gains during March ranging up to 69 per cent, and it may be of interest to F.E. Island that Boston leads them all with a 69 per cent. In the early 1890's when one could get passage to Boston on a boat leaving Charlestown for \$8.00, thousands of young men and women from this province left for there and have made it their home since. The executives of three auction

firms in the United States report a decline in mink production in many states. Representatives of two of these firms estimated a decline of 15 per cent. Barry Coward, president of the Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales, N.Y., said reports from ranchers indicate production for the new season may be off 15 per cent, but the figure could be a lot higher. He attributed the expected decline to "kits dying due to the heat and reduced kit yield for which we have no clear explanation as yet." George Mayer and Vincent Ullman, vice-presidents of American Fur Auctions, offered this picture of the situation: "A heat spell had clearly hurt production on a 'spotty basis', coming as it did during the whelping period. They estimated production would be off 15 per cent as a result, adding that 'it's too early for a final figure.' Some ranchers, however, were getting full litters, they added."

U. C. Ordaines Mother Of Three

ST. THOMAS, Ont. (CP) — A young married woman with three children is to be ordained minister of the United Church of Canada, in a move unprecedented in the church's 32-year-old history. Faced with one of its most unusual questions in years, London conference Tuesday voted by a small majority to ordain Mrs. Elinor Leard along with nine male candidates on Thursday. She will be the first married woman to be ordained by the United Church.

The wife of a missionary, she is now on furlough from India and is living in New York while her husband completes post-graduate studies.

Mrs. Leard, who is to return to India with her husband, said she wants to be ordained because it will give her added status in working among women and young girls.

said "ranchers in Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and the East Coast have reported a two average instead of a four average on litters." During the heat wave, he explained, "mothers ignored their young and many died. Also, many mink appear to have nursing anemia and the veterinarians are trying to find out what caused it." Mr. Fitzgerald, however, would not venture an estimate at this time on the expected decline in production. Otto Grouse, president of United Mink Producers Association, provided this interpretation: "More kits have been lost in the last three weeks than in the past 20 years. The worst areas are Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan and the East. All the university experts are trying to figure it out it seems to be due to the heat wave and the use of synthetics in foods instead of horse meat, which is too high in price. It looks like the average litter per female will be down about 35 per cent."



SHOT near RCAF Station Holberg on the northern tip of Vancouver Island, is this cougar kitten, which weighs about 40 pounds and is about a year old. The




COUGARS have reduced the population at RCAF Station Holberg on the northern tip of Vancouver Island to four cats and five dogs within the last few months. However, the "cats" have not bothered the family of Leading Aircraftsman G. R. Houston stationed at Holberg. LAC Houston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Houston of 36 Rochford St. Charlottetown, P.E.I. Mrs. Houston is the daughter of Mrs. W.S. Hughes of 31 Euston St. Charlottetown. Shown in front of their home are John 4, Mrs. Houston, Judy 6, LAC Houston and Judy's twin, Janet. Sitting on the tractor is the baby, Jeffery, 1 year. National Defence Photo

WITHDRAW FROM TAIPEI
TAIPEI, Formosa (Reuters) — More than 30,000 Chinese Nationalist troops, rushed into Taipei following anti-American riots May 25, were withdrawn Tuesday night. Though the situation is back to normal, martial law has technically been enforced since 1949 because Formosa is still considered to be at war.

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