

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming



Another call for the marketing of mutation mink in the raw state only has been sounded — this time by a representative of ranchmen themselves, Dave Loftman of the Great Lakes Mink Association. The Loftman declares that perhaps the most troublesome problem facing the mink trade is the large offering of dressed pelts put up in small bundles. This method of marketing on contents places established houses at a disadvantage by opening auction sales to competition from another person

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-NEWSY NOTES-

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.
SAUERKRAUT.

An old German formula for making sauerkraut is neither expensive nor difficult to follow: Common white cabbage were gathered when they had formed firm, white hearts. They were shredded and placed in thin layers in a cask, each layer being sprinkled with fine salt, some added caraway seeds, cumminseed, juniper berries or some condiment. Boards were placed on top and pressed down with a heavy weight, so that fermentation would start.

There is evidence that the making of sauerkraut is a very ancient industry, and that it was apparently used by the Chinese when the great wall of China was built. Doctor James Lind of Holland in the 18th century described in detail a method of preparing sauerkraut "Zourkool" in a medical treatise, for the prevention of scurvy. It was believed by some at that time, that vegetables and fruits had a protective effect against scurvy. Doctor Lind cited many cases of the ravages of the disease among people who could not secure fresh foods, such as sailors on long voyages. Among others, he wrote describing how scurvy affected the crew and killed 200 sailors in the first three months of an extended cruise of Commander George Anson's squadron.

The publication of Dr. Lind's treatise was followed by the liberal use of "Zourkool" a preserved form of cabbage, in the rations of Dutch sailors, and it was noted that they were than quite free from scurvy. Captain Cook on his memorable voyage followed by the suggestion recommended by Dr. Lind, and was signally honoured for protecting the health of his crew. He gave the credit to the liberal use of the Dutch "Zourkool".

The role of bacteria at that time was unknown; and the changes effected in making sauerkraut out of cabbage by the growth of microscopic plants were not realized. Neither was it known that

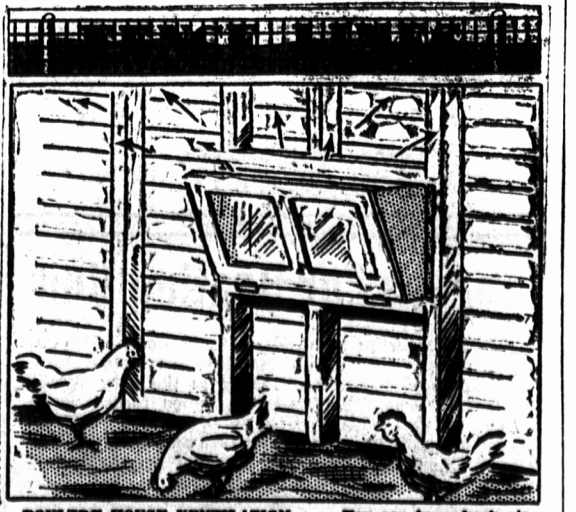
Freemantle recently prior to leaving Australia on a buying trip. He feels that the Australian fur industry has benefited greatly with the arrival of highly skilled craftsmen from overseas. Because of reduced sales tax in Australia it is now cheaper to buy furs in Australia than stores in other countries. Australian climate mitigates against most full length fur garments, it is said. Note: The fact that Australia is reducing its taxes on furs should be taken to heart by Mr. Abbott, Minister of Finance, who could help the fur industry in Canada very greatly if he would reduce the Dominion Government take.

The United Mink Breeders' Association of the United States has issued a statement to the effect that they sold a total of 217,217 pelts from the 1952 crop up to and including October 20, 1953, at an over-all average price of \$18.24. They state that they have decided to eliminate the UMPA stamp from all low-grade pelts. A motion was passed at a meeting recently that only the one's and two's in the standard dark catalogue and the half-blood section will henceforth carry the label. No pelts sold in the low grade section of the catalogue will bear the label. The top price bundles for the 1952 crop were bred by Jim Moore Mink ranch, Peshigo, Wis., \$67 for males.

The following companies will auction their pelts on the dates marked — The New York Auction Company, Dec. 18, 1953, January 19, February 18 and May 21, 1954; Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales, Inc., New York, Dec. 16, 1953, January 6, February 15 and May 3, 1954.

And here's a word of cheer for the muskrat trapper. European demand for southern muskrat has outstripped supply, according to Murray Orenstein, a Louisiana dealer and exporter, who returned a few days ago on the Queen Mary from a 35 day trip to England and the continent. He said he definitely expected an increased catch in Louisiana during the current season and that the largest demand today is coming from England where the muskrat manufacturing industry is steadily growing. As to the future he predicted that western Germany would become one of the most important muskrat markets during the next few years.

Outs in recent fur papers show ladies wearing Norwegian blue fox



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normal, two other types of bacteria that produce lactic acid develop abundantly. They both compete, for nutrients, with the other types mentioned, but so far it has not been determined that they are equally beneficial.

The bacteria that produce carbon dioxide and acid products protect Vitamin C (ascorbic acid), and develop a good balance in the amounts of lactic and acetic acids which help produce a good quality of sauerkraut.

Essentials in producing the best quality of sauerkraut are: Clean cabbage with all outer leaves removed, clean sanitary equipment, a salt concentration not to exceed 2 1/2% and a temperature maintained during the process of from 55° to 70° F.

Sauerkraut, when properly prepared, contains a high content of Vitamin C (ascorbic acid), the best known preventative of scurvy and some other skin diseases. It is also considered a valuable food product.

MANY SPORTSMEN

CALGARY, (CP) — The Alberta Fish and Game Association celebrates its 25th anniversary at the annual convention here Feb. 5 and 6. The group now has a record membership of 12,522 in 77 branches, which officials believe may be the largest of any similar association in Canada.

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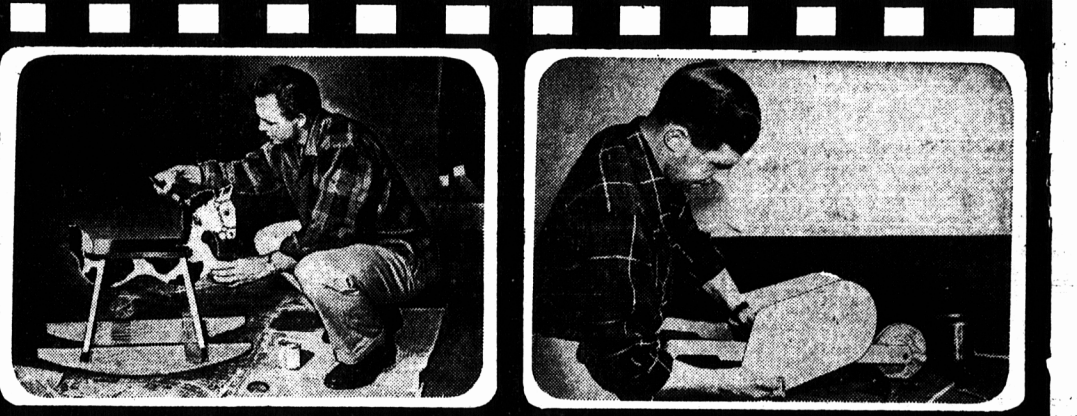
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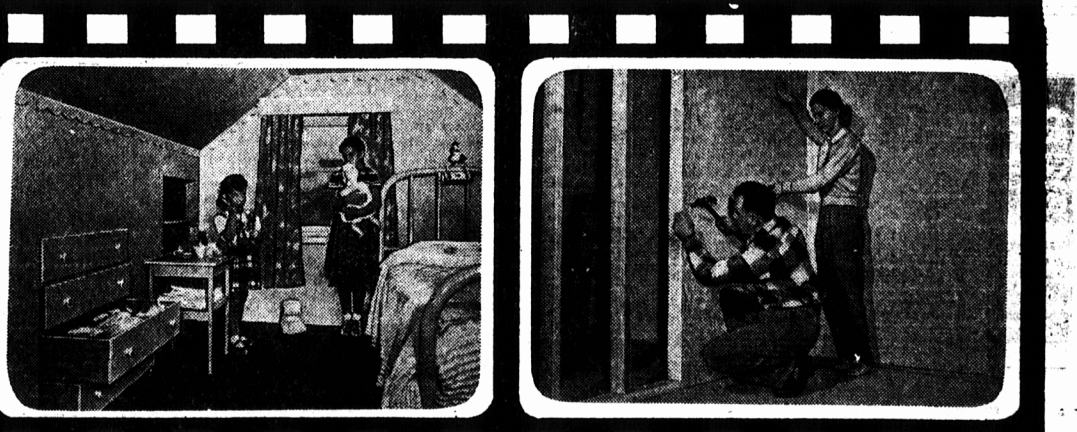
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