

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Sapphire mink, a novelty mutation of a few seasons ago, is now being produced in great quantities... Fraser and Huth, Inc., of New York, in the latest Women's Wear Daily. It states: "We are proud to announce the offering of the newest and rarest mutation mink mink... EMBA sapphire mink. We are proud to present the greatest collection of these fabulous pelts ever assembled, 10,000 sapphire mink dressed to be sold at auction Wednesday, Jan. 23."

At the Anning, Chadwick and Kiver Ltd. auction held in London late last week, wild mink declined 16 per cent from September levels. They report that there was a fair demand from French buyers for silver fox. Activity was almost entirely restricted to Scandinavian goods. Canadian silver fox was very heavily withdrawn. Dark types were in good demand. Platina sold well. Top prices for silver foxes were: \$24.40, three-quarters, \$28.00; platina, \$29.00.

Early this week the famous Associated Fur Farms, Inc., of New Holstein, Wis., began its second century-of fur farming with a 15,000 offering of mutation mink by the New York Auction Co., New York. These farms are the producers of the famed silver moon mink and silver foxes. The 1952 breeding herd, according to President A. Langenfeld will include a larger proportion of mutations than ever before.

Emphasis will be on sapphires, pastels, and a relatively new strain of pure breeding recessive whites. They have also retained a good proportion of silverblues, for production of the Breath of Spring color. The number of standard dark mink, known in the trade as Yukons, known in the trade as Yukons, will be further reduced to make room for the increase in mutations as associated is not enlarging its overall breeding herd.

Rather than expanding their breeding yards the Langenfelds have found it more practical to construct new furring sheds to house all their production of young and make for easier, more efficient care of the mink. They are also continuing to modernize their plant and consolidate the breeding sections to permit one caretaker to handle a larger number of breeders.

The program is aimed to improve health, quality, and lower production costs. Mr. Langenfeld explains that the mink farmer is experiencing rapidly climbing production costs, particularly in food and labor. To continue operating at a profit the rancher has to produce the most profitable types in better qualities and colors while holding his costs down.

William B. Erikson and Sons, fur ranchers from Sandy, Utah, won the show championship of the ninth annual international mink show held in the Milwaukee auditorium, Milwaukee, Wis., last week. The 1952 show of live mink again represented the champions in various classes as decided at sectional shows throughout the country.

Eighty-one breeders displayed 700 champion animals in competing for 28 cups covering first place in each classification. During the final session on Saturday afternoon a style show with garments made up from mink pelts and fox pelts attracted a tremendous attendance.

NEWSY NOTES

Mexico Lake Texcoco in 1326. These symbols of the eagle, serpent and cactus appear on the Mexican seal and flag.

The lofty Rocky Mountain Plateau, which extends south from Colorado, is from 7000 to 8000 feet high as it follows down through the centre of Mexico, between the Sierra Madre Occidental on the west, and the Sierra Madre Oriental Mountains on the east. It forms the great mass of Mexico with only narrow strips of lower land along both coasts. Mexico lies between the Gulf of Mexico, the United States and the Pacific Ocean and extends from 88 degrees west longitude, the tip of Yucatan, to 116 degrees west longitude, one marine league south of San Diego Bay on the Pacific coast, and from this point 34.5 degrees north latitude to Guatemala, 15 degrees north latitude. It has a few small islands along its coast.

Historical Notes Mexico, in ancient times, had a wonderful aboriginal civilization, with advanced social customs. Tradition suggests that the Toltecs, a tribe the Nahua nations, moved into Mexico from the north in the eighth century. They brought Mexico its highest and oldest civilization. Their capital was Tula, which was north of the Mexican valley. A severe pestilence, and famine in the eleventh century, so decimated the Toltecs people that the remnant were driven south in Guatemala and Yucatan by other migrating tribes. There are strong evidences of their civilization and arts in these sections of the country.

Climate and Agriculture Mexico's elevated plateau gives it a wonderful climate, which is rich in glory. Except in the north and on the mountains, artificial heat is seldom required. There are just two seasons: Summer, which is wet and winter that is dry. April and May are the most delightful, they are the warmest months, with a maximum temperature of 85 degrees F. June to November are the rainy months, with a maximum temperature of 72 degrees F. Mexico has been referred to as "the land of perpetual spring". Agriculture is the principal occupation of the people. Previous to the adoption of the constitution, the land was held in colonial estates or haciendas. In 1910 2% of the population owned 70% of the land. At that time only 6% of the land was arable.

President Carranza decreed, in 1915, the restitution of villages of ejidos (village communal land) that had been illegally alienated, and the expropriation of land necessary to ejidos. The constitution of 1917 confined these, and made provision for the return of national ownership of subsoil deposits and limited agriculture property of foreigners.

It provided for the subdivision of the larger landed estates, and the distribution thereof in the shape of smaller farms to the farm labourers. Holdings of irrigated land were limited to 64 acres, non-irrigated to 250 acres and pasture land to 1250 acres. The arable land was estimated in 1937 at nearly 45 million acres, of which ten million acres were cultivated. With the development of irrigation, arable land has been increased 12%, and with the completion of the new Miguel Aleman Dam, another 750,000 acres can be cultivated. Cattle raising is the main feature in the north. Corn is the outstanding crop, but almost every type of temperate and tropical fruits, vegetables and cereals is grown.

Highways One of the greatest recent Mexican developments has been their road-building program. They now have 15,000 miles of hard surfaced and paved highways. Four of these major highways connect at El Paso, Eagle Pass, Laredo and Brownsville with the United States system of highways. There are two through routes from the U.S. border to Mexico City. Their goal is to improve 100,000 miles of secondary roads that connect with the paved roads. The Inter American Highways system has been completed and paved from El Paso, 2,178 miles to the Guatemala border.

There stands at Oaxaca in a churchyard, a cypress tree "El Arbol del Tula," 130 feet high, whose trunk has a circumference of 175 feet. It is over 5,000 years old, and is worshipped by the natives.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

GOD HONOURS ABSTINENCE

When he wanted a Judge over Israel and the President of the first School of Prophets he called Samuel who was a total abstainer from birth, and his mother by divine command before him. When he wanted a strong man who judged Israel 20 years and subdued their enemies, carried away the brazen gates of their city, and pulled down their heathen temples with no other weapon but his naked hands, he raised up Samson, who was a total abstainer from birth by divine command.

When he wanted a man of wisdom such as had never been before or since, he laid his hand on Solomon who warned the world against wine and strong drink. That at the last bit like a serpent and stinging like an adder. When he wanted a man of sub-line courage to humble the proud king of Babylon, a man "in whom the spirit of God is," he laid his hand on Daniel who refused to defile himself with the king's wine.

When he wanted a holy man to prepare the way for the coming of his divine Son, he laid his hand on John the Baptist, to whom the angel of the Lord said to his father Zacharias, He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. When God sent his sinless Son into the world to redeem it, and the soldiers offered him a mixed drink upon the cross, "He would not drink." The highest in heaven chose to be known as the lowly Nazarene upon the earth, who brought forth water out of the rock, for, says Paul, "they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them and the rock was Christ."

As soon as the Christian Church makes use of its incomparable contacts with the people to indict the liquor industry for its manifold crimes and shocking corruption, vigorous measures will be taken to reduce to the absolute minimum, the heavy toll of human life and personality taken by the liquor traffic.

As moderation is very hard to reach, and as it has been abundantly shown that the best mental and physical work may be done without alcohol in any form the safest rule is "abstinence." — Sir William Osler.

Progress.

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Quarantine For Protection Against Newcastle Disease

Many discussions and meetings have been held during the last seven or eight months to formulate a course of action to be taken in preventing the introduction of Newcastle Disease, reports Dr. George Fisher, Provincial Director of Veterinary Services. The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture have favoured an educational program in which the poultry owners would be familiarized with the symptoms and course of the disease and encouraged to buy only Prince Edward Island-hatched chicks as a measure to prevent the introduction of the disease; also to prohibit the use of inactivated and live virus Newcastle vaccine.

However, due to requests from the industry through the Approved Flock Association and the Federation of Agriculture for immediate curtailment of the importation of all live poultry and used poultry equipment into the province from any other area, it has been deemed advisable to make a proclamation as contained herein. Requests have been made for an embargo against the importation of live poultry into the province. It is not within the jurisdiction of the Province to interfere with inter-provincial trade. However, to afford the protection requested, all live poultry and used poultry equipment entering the province will be placed under quarantine on the premises of the purchaser until such time as an official authorized by the Director of Veterinary Services of Prince Edward Island declares such premises free of quarantine.

Girl Guide News



Zion Brownies First Brownie news of the year features the Zion Brownie Pack who recently had a happy party. After the Fairy Ring, all members of the Pack gathered around the 'Toadstool' where each Brownie solemnly renewed her Promise.

This was followed by a most important event in Brownie-land. The new District Commissioner, Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, presented Golden Bars to Marilyn MacDonald, Gloria MacDonald and Carol Bowles. It was regretted that Brownie Gail Stewart, who also qualified for her Golden Bar, was unable to be present due to sickness, but she will be presented with her award at a later date.

At the conclusion of the presentation District Commissioner, Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, congratulated those who were fortunate enough to secure Golden Bars and spoke encouraging words to those who are working on the various Brownie Badge Tests. She also thanked Brown Owl May Rodd, and Tawny Owl David MacEachern, for their outstanding contributions to the Guide Movement.

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P. E. I. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Guides for their First Aid Tests and First Aid Badge. The course will be started Saturday, Jan. 26 next, at Red Cross Headquarters, Prince Street, at 10 a.m. All Guides are asked to consult their Captains about taking this course as only a limited number can be accommodated at this time.

Pulpwood Buyer's Agreement

We, the undersigned Pulpwood Buyers, agree to adhere to the following specifications: Four inch (4") minimum diameter (inside bark) Red, White and Black Spruce, Balsam Fir (Var) Peeled Poplar in the spring No short wood No rot or red heart All knots well trimmed No pasture, line fence or open-grown White Spruce.

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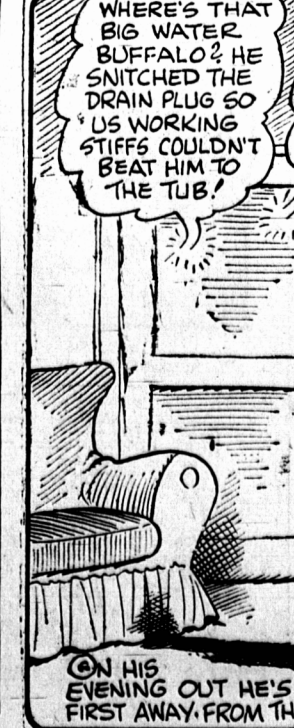
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