

MODERN FARMER

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

The Loon

This is sometimes called the Great Northern Diver, but the Common Loon is the more popular name.

To find the yearly gale invariably. The term equinoctial gale is supposed to have originated in the Mediterranean area.

The rook-garden has a clump of Sanvitalia procumbens in full bloom just now. This is a low-growing annual, thickly studded with yellow flowers with dark centres, rather like the "Black-eyed Susan" of old pastures but smaller and neater.

The family of the Cruciferae have flowers with four petals set in the form of a cross and in color generally either yellow or white. They are annuals or winter annuals, and this makes them a menace when they become weeds in cultivated ground.

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At that period no matter what the audience said or did, the actor was not allowed to retort or protest.

Common Loon A.O.U. 7. Summer resident (Bain says winter resident also?) Adults, summer plumage: head, neck, upper parts and wings black or brownish black; back and wings with faint white spots; throat with a patch of white streaks and another small patch on each side of the neck.

A large heavy bird, with webbed feet on short legs set so far back that the bird walks awkwardly and when it takes to the water, slides in like a seal. Its beak is heavy and sharp, and its tail short and stiff. Its call resembles a "long, loud laugh". Loons have long been shot for food, to a limited extent; their fish diet does not improve their flavor.

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Nature Notes

An item in the Family Herald (Farm Briefs) tells of the King's men's club at London, Ontario, capturing 50,000 walking sticks for the Banting Laboratories at Ottawa.

Exports to United States. Exports of dairy cattle to the United States during the past week totalled 1,557 head as compared with 897 in the same week last year.

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Junior, one of the biggest foxes ever brought to the Detroit stockyards, sleeps peacefully while Arthur Bickford, salesman for the Michigan Livestock Exchange, scratches his head in amazement at the animal's 1,070 pounds.

Livestock

SUMMARY

Volume and quality determined price trends in this week's cattle market. Where supplies were moderate, such as at Winnipeg, prices were forced up 50c to 75c.

A blue male is very aggressive and very polygamous and we believe this first mating is in many cases almost a forced mating, at least as far as results are concerned.

Talking with and corresponding with blue fox ranchers we find that the majority breed the female again on the second day and then assume that the job is done.

Western Cattle Markets. Bad road conditions, a result of heavy rain and snow, affected deliveries to the Winnipeg market.

The condition of the female at the time of mating also affects the number of pups. The best condition for blue females to give maximum production is different from silvers.

A thin blue pup female will not breed until late in the season, usually not after 75 percent or more of the ranch is bred and it is these females that either will not breed at all the first season or if they are bred turn out to be a blank.

By following these rules we have been able to get practically 100 percent of our females bred each year. Our misses amount to less than 50 percent and we have consistently been able to get over seven pups per female kept as a breeder.

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IMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

Congratulations to publisher Lowell Hancock for the new dress in which the Maritime Fur Breeder appears. The October issue is roughly 10 by 13 with a stiff cover in colors showing part of the judging room of the fox show pavilion at the Provincial Exhibition grounds.

There is still time to enter in the fox and mink classes for the Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, October 30th to November 5th. In conversation with Walter R. Shaw yesterday morning he told us that Secretary-Manager R. F. McQuinn Amherst, will accept entries until some days before the show.

The American fox farmers are working very strenuously to perfect a method of advertising their silver and mutation foxes. If there is any doubt as to why such a program is needed, conclusive proof is shown by the neglect exhibited by American designers, manufacturers and retailers towards silver fox.

The Michigan-Ohio show which is held in Grand Rapids, Michigan annually is expected to be bigger than ever this year. The show starts on Tuesday, November 26th. An innovation will be the international breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday.

The Mountain States Fox and Mink Show will be held at Denver, Colorado, November 16th to 20th. This year features an auction sale of all types of prize winning foxes and mink.

One of the outstanding articles in the October number of the National Fur News published in Denver, Colorado, is entitled Canadian Fur Farming, by Dr. C. E. Gunn.

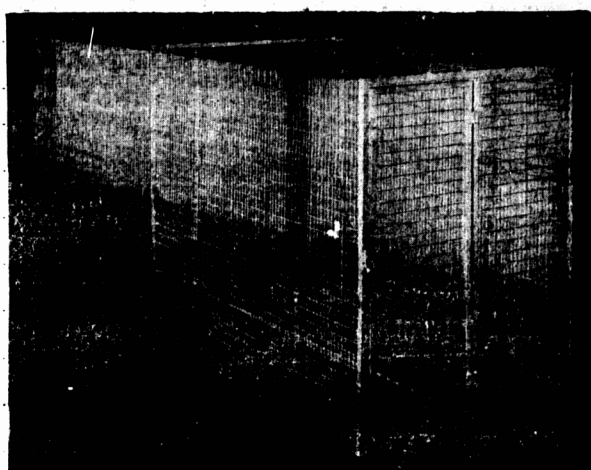
The Quebec Provincial Mink Show will be held at Sherbrooke, Quebec, November 4-6. This show will type mink and only such mink will be devoted exclusively to Quebec.

For the first time in our memory an International pet show will be held in the show rooms of the American National Fur Breeders Association, Milwaukee, Wis. It will be sponsored by the Wisconsin Fur Breeders Association and the dates are January 7th to 10th, 1947.

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Just threatened to turn the heroine's father and mother out of their cottage, unless she married him. At this supreme and tense moment, a woman's shrill voice rose from that part of the theatre called the pit. It cried: "Oh, you pig!"

Push a Button . . .

Visualize fields being plowed while farmers loaf at ease beneath shady trees. Jugs of cider beside them, pipes or cigarettes in one hand, and electric push-buttons in the other.

. . . and Plow a Field



Astonished farm dogs chase and bark at remote-controlled plow as it rips a straight furrow.



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