

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

A ranch mink catalogue of 23-152 skins attracted a full sales room to Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Limited, Montreal, last week. The main bidding was by United States dealers but Canadian and European buyers also participated.

The Seattle, Washington, Fur Exchange conducted a sale of Silver Fox and mutations last week. The offering of silver fox was 96 per cent sold.

Women's Wear Daily reporting about last week's Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company venue in Montreal, stated that European buying was a conspicuous force in raising prices and percentages of the various furs.

The fox collection met with good demand, particularly standard silvers of the darker or well-set types, and Pearl Platins.

Table with columns: No. Skins, % Sold, Av. Price, No. Skins, % Sold, Av. Price. Rows include Platinum, Good and Ordinary, Pearl Platins, etc.

Recent sales by auction and private treaty in other countries have shown a similar increased activity for fox, particularly the presently more popular types.

Mink Ranching, by C. K. Gunn, B. Sc., M. Sc., Ph. D., Superintendent Experimental Fur Ranch, Summerside, P. E. I., which has been released by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is in our opinion the finest publication we have ever seen on mink ranching.

The Doctor has been indefatigable in his efforts to improve the quality of silver fox and its mutations raised here, and now he is doing the same for mink ranchers. We salute him and he is certainly most deserving of our admiration and gratitude of all ranchers throughout the Dominion.

European countries are trying to expand production of livestock products in order to restore the prewar level of consumption as rapidly as possible.

In the European countries, indications for 1950-51 are that exports of livestock products are likely to increase considerably.

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NEWSY NOTES

THE HOUSE SPARROW

The House Sparrow (Passer domesticus) is often called the English Sparrow because it was introduced into the United States from Great Britain, about the year 1850.

This Sparrow is common over all Europe, but in the first Great War, the German ornithologists struck a blow at England by naming the so-called English Sparrow as Passer hostilis.

Besides the damage these pests do to the growing crops, they drive away some of the insect-eating small birds, by occupying their nests; swallows in particular, being the greatest sufferers.

House (or English) Sparrow. (No Number). Adult Male: Crown gray, bordered from the eye backward, and on the nape of the neck, with chestnut, cheeks white; lesser wing coverts chestnut.

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By-Product Feeds For Dairy Cows

In the winter feeding of milking cows it is important to balance the quality of the roughage fed with protein feeds.

The most common high protein supplements in the dairy ration are linseed oil meal, cotton seed oil meal, soy bean meal and corn gluten meal.

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sober hymns for Advent and Lent, mournful hymns for Good Friday, The late Victorian period, in England, was noted for several distinguished composers, who made hymn-tunes admirably suited to the words of the different moods.

I have here the Hymn Book (Anglican), and the Hymnary, (United), and both use Dr. Dykes' hymn, St. Oswald, which was composed for the words, "Through the night of Doubt and Sorrow, Onward goes the Pilgrim Band."

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Weed Control In Grain And Pastures

The control of weeds in grain seeded down to grass and clover is a many sided problem, says George Knowles, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

At the present time there are three chemicals which offer some hope of controlling annual weeds in grain which is seeded down.

Of the three 2,4-D is the easiest to apply for it can be put on in a low volume of water by the inexpensive type of sprayer now in general use for other types of weed control.

Calcium cyanamide dust and sinox are the most difficult to apply. First of all it must be put on when the foliage is wet with dew or immediately preceding dew.

Unfortunately 2,4-D the chemical which is cheapest, easiest to apply and controls the most weeds, is rather severe on clover, but the results of experiments show that all species of clovers are not equally sensitive to 2,4-D treatments.

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W.C.T.U. NOTES

IS PROHIBITION THE MASTER METHOD?

by H. Cecil Heath, B. A., Barrister-At-Law

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THE NATIONAL "Y" SECRETARY

Dear Young Folks: We have now come to the last portion of our study, namely, Wrong Idea No. 12, that "The Bible Approves of Alcohol."

However, we who have studied what alcohol is and what it does, know that the above statement is untrue. But we want to get a thorough understanding of the various passages in the Bible about wine, for there are the fermented and unfermented wines.

Miss Adendorff has given us a splendid outline regarding this in such a clear and understandable way on pages 26 to 28, about two pages in all, packed with vital facts. These are important and I suggest that each one of you MEMORIZE them so that you will have this important information ready whenever you meet this false expression, "The Bible Approves of Alcohol."

As we have studied our textbook from month to month, we have realized anew that this alleged prohibition is a farce.

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It Is False

to believe that tomorrow will never come. It will come inevitably, and with it all the uncertainties and problems of a new world.

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A New Film On Using Pure Seed

"A Sower Went Forth" a motion picture on registered seed, has been produced for the Canadian Seed Growers' Association by Frances Sym, Winnipeg film producer.

Emphasizing high quality crops and products as the result of the use of best seed, "A Sower Went Forth" follows a farmer and his son into the elevator office where they are taken, step by step, through the process of producing new varieties, selecting the strains, testing for disease resistance, milling and baking values, on to the production of Foundation Elite and Registered stock.

This screen story of good seed and what it can do for the grower carries its messages eloquently. It was shown recently to officials of the Department of Agriculture in Ottawa by Major H. G. L. Strange, chairman of the association's education committee.

coloh problem is universal, from Africa right around the globe to Canada. Let our daily prayer be that alcohol will be outlawed by every government of the world, so that people will not be led into temptation but have the opportunity to live at their best for "God and Home and Every Land."

With every good wish to you in all your endeavours, I am, Yours very sincerely, Grace Fulton.

Mrs. Fortescue-Brickdale who is in charge of the Overseas Correspondence for the G. F. S. in England, with headquarters at Central Office, Townsend House, Greycoat Place, London, S. W. 1, is anxious to receive names of girls and young leaders between the ages of 13 and 21 to correspond with G. F. S. members.

She writes that she is being asked for links with Canadian girls, and feels that something must really be done about it. If any leader has members of her branch who would like to correspond with girls in England, I hope she will send their names to Mrs. Fortescue-Brickdale as soon as possible, on an airmail form (10 cents), as the names are needed immediately. I suggest you give the ages of the girls, their school grades and their hobbies, as this makes it easier to find congenial pen-pals.

The G. F. S. is very much like the G. A. in its Teen-age girls section. I think members will find interesting friends in England through this church organization. GWENDOLINE GARRINGTON.

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SOMETHING NEW

This spring we plan on giving farmers a grain cleaning service. In fact we are ready to do so now. We will treat grain with "NA-CHURS" Liquid Fertilizer at time of cleaning and make it ready for the seeders without further ado on their part. We suggest you reseed and Fertilize your grain this year.

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