

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



J. B. Lewis, Owosso, Michigan, Manager of International Foxes and Furs, with ranches at Owosso, Mich. and Marshallfield, P. E. I., was a visitor here last week looking over the company's ranch property and the season's pelt production...

There were some types of silver fox that whilst quality that intrigued us very much. It was a case where outside purchase clicked and clicked good. There were also very beautiful faces, ring necks and most of the pelts were full silvers.

Speaking about prices it must be noted that it might be well to look up the prices paid for silver fox during the Great War of 1914-1918. Silver fox was not obtainable in great quantities then as they were not ranched to any great extent...

Quantities increased as ranchers became aware that there was a market and in 1918 several thousand pelts were handled. Now the prices would seem to us fantastic...

Peace was declared November 11th, 1918, and 1919 was a good year in London and New York. In the fall of that year we sold a lot of pelts for good figures...

In the spring of 1920 Walter Grant marketed the Silver Sheen pelts in London. Just from memory we think he had 70 or 80 pelts that sold in one sale for over \$600.

During the summer of 1920 the United States government was prevailed upon by Wisconsin fox ranchers to place a duty of 50 per cent on pelts brought into the United States.

They were good pickers too, and the cream of the foxes of this province left our shores to find successful industries in other lands. We remember how we would part with some of the best out of our litter, consoling ourselves by the thought that we had the same thing and could produce the same thing the next year.

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Regular full silvers brought a top price of \$70. For large full C grade and the same top for white marked silvers B grade; large full B's sold up to \$66 and medium and small silvers were sold at \$54.

At the conclusion of the auction the Manager, F. H. Pingree, announced that the selected full silver offering that day was 83 per cent sold at an average of \$73.16 with the regular full silvers collection 78 per cent sold at an average of \$48.03.

Great interest was taken during the afternoon in the 614 C.P.A. specials which included platinum, platinum silvers, pearl platinum, ring-necked and white marked silvers. The top price of \$205 was paid for a large B grade platinum silver.

Other platinum silvers ranged as follows: Grade A large, \$110 to \$190 with \$190 also paid for a platinum silver ring neck; grade B large platinum sold from \$145 to \$205.

Specials: Platinum, 90 per cent sold advanced 100 per cent; pearl platinum, 50 per cent sold, advanced 30 per cent; white faces and white marked, 80 per cent sold, advanced 75 per cent; ordinary full silvers, 65 per cent sold, advanced 80 per cent; selected 1-2 to 4 silvers, 75 per cent sold, advanced 60 per cent; selected 1-2 to 3 silvers, 75 per cent sold, advanced 55 per cent.

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Island Naval Doctor On Duty Day and Night



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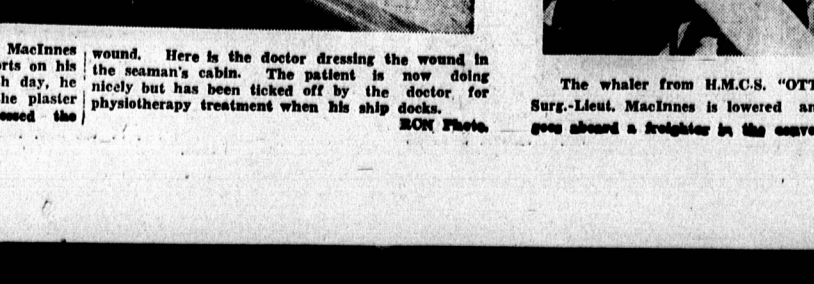
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Quickly the ward room is prepared as an operating theatre; the ward room table is used as an operating table. With the Captain of the Liberty ship assisting, the tendons and blood vessels are sutured and the arm placed in a plaster cast; a tough operation in any doctor's language.

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The WEEK at S. D. U.

The Rector, Very Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, is as present in Toronto where he is attending educational meeting.

Mr. Paul Landrigan, popular member of Sophomore year underwent an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday morning, and is at present a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Lieut. J. B. Callan, assistant district Code Officer, visited the College last Friday.

Hockey: The senior team was defeated by the hard checking Navy team on last Thursday week by the score of 4-3.

The intermediate Saints, with but one practice under their belts, got off to a flying start when they defeated the Bruces from the Bruce Stewart Co. 4-0 in an exhibition game.

Due to unavoidable circumstances intra-mural games are rationed to some extent, but this does not affect the interest and keen competition shown in all games played to date.

The results of games played during the week are: The "Buckskins" defeated the "Deacons" 2-0 and Grade XII "Doorknobs" defeated the "Buckskins" 3-1.

Public speaking: The Senior-Junior group held their regular meeting Thursday evening. Interesting talks were given by A. MacKenzie on "Hockey", F. P. Aylward on "Science", L. L. Loney on "Methods of teaching", A. J. MacAdam on "Fish Canning Industry", and J. B. Callan on "The Stick-to-it-iveness of Gait".

The Sophomore group debated the resolution "That the system of socialized medicine should be adopted in Canada." J. O'Keefe supported the resolution against J. Morris and J. J. MacLennan. The judges brought in a draw decision.

In the Freshman group short talks were given instead of the usual address by the Dumbly spoke on "The Pope and the Peace", P. Beaton on "Britain's Secret Service", J. Costello on "The Life of St. Isaac Jacques", and A. MacAllister on "Foreign Missions".

The regular meeting of the Mt. Heriot Y.P.U. was held at the Protestant Orphanage Tuesday evening last. The meeting opened by all joining heartily in a singing, business part of the meeting then took place.

Little Time To Rest: But there's little rest for a seagoing medic. Scarcely had Lieut. MacInnes finished with his patient on the American Liberty ship when the signal lamp on another of the freighters in the convoy began to wink.

Over Goes The Doc: Leaving her position in the convoy, the OTTAWA closes the Liberty ship and over the side clutching his medical kit, goes "The Doc." On the freighter, he finds that one of the seamen has suffered an accident which has left him with a lacerated wound in the right wrist and has severed blood vessels and tendons.

NEWSY NOTES

Foot As Fertilizer: The other day I came across an old scrap-book, dating back to the last war and in it I found an article on peas which may well be reviewed.

Every botanist knows that the full benefit of the fertilizer (stated crops) can be obtained. Grinding the peat will make it easier to apply, and a just cooperation between garden and soil is the secret of the success of the peat.

Soil bacteria and especially those which have the power of "fixing" nitrogen are well known to scientists as having important effects in stimulating the growth of plants.

By using "Humogen" as he termed the finished product on an acre of land—one ton to the acre— he grew it over cent more potatoes than were produced by similar land treated with 80 tons of manure.

Not a tomato plant gave it the fruit, while the average untreated tomato plant gives 6 to 8 lbs (in Britain). varied the treatment experimentally by taking a box with a capacity of one-fifth of a cubic foot and filling it with sterilized peat.

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Used In Paints: ZOMBA (CP)—Nvaaland's newly developed tung oil industry shows promise and the acreage has continued to increase this year. The oil, pressed from tung nuts, is a drying oil and is used in paints for all war purposes.

In Appellion: A note in this column about the Earl being near the Sun in January led me to look up its position in July, when it is at its greatest distance from the Sun. Here again I found the day, the hour and the distance to vary with the year.

Now are there merely coincidences? Sun nearer, drier weather; sun 4000 miles further away, cold weather? We should have to watch every phasis before we could judge this matter.

However, on July 3, at 4 p.m. the Sun is in the zodiac sign of Cancer again and the distance is 94,460,000 miles. That is, you will notice, just between the former figure and the latter.

That brilliant star which rises in the east these nights is Jupiter the largest of the planets. It is in opposition to the Sun on February 11, when it will be at its brightest. We will have a further talk about Jupiter soon.

CARELESSNESS COSTLY: A study of 1,000 fatal and disabling accidents by the National Safety Council in 56 per cent of the cases.

Fox Ranchers: Fresh Frozen Canilia at 2 1/2 cents a pound delivered any Station. FREEMAN POPE, Souris, R. E. 2

WANTED: Light Sussex cockerels for breeders. Apply Swift's Hatchery, Charlottetown

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