

FOR FARMERS, STOCK BREEDERS and GARDENERS

- NEWSY NOTES -

By AGRICOLA

MR. TUFT'S LECTURES

Says a message from Mr. Ludlow Jenkins: "We have definite word that Mr. Tuft will be able to visit Cornwall on his lecture tour and have made final plans for lectures at Marshfield on the 10th of October, Pownall on the 11th, New Glasgow on the 12th and Cornwall on the 13th."

Mr. Jenkins further says, "In your interesting notes on Sept. 23rd you mention the fact that it would be well for every school to have a copy of 'Eastern Hawks and what they look like in the field'."

"Along with this we are also placing a large poster in color, titled 'Hawks and their friends'."

"Some of the literature is now in the hands of Miss McLean and Miss Vera Darrach and some of the school inspectors and it is hoped by October to have it in the hands of the rest of the schools."

"We feel that if Nature Study is made one of the activities of the Junior Red Cross it would be an excellent attraction but of course just now with war raging they will be extremely busy."

NATURE NOTES

We have a very pretty orchid here; the Lady's Slipper, Cypripedium aculeatum. The flower is pink (rarely white) with a white line in the center of the petals and a white line in the center of the lip."

The Blue-bells of Scotland (Campanula rotundifolia) is giving a second crop of bloom since I sheared off the old stems before the first crop ripened. This plant seems to have a mission to inherit the earth and scatters abroad hundreds and hundreds of fine dust-like seeds which come up all over the place."

"I dug my blue potatoes in the garden today. There were nearly a score of plants and I was satisfied with the crop. Better still they were beginning to show their breeding."

"The bees, wild and tame, are paying their attention to the late-blooming cornflowers or bachelor's buttons."

"I hope I spared another week to the rearing of all flowers to which they resort."

"Through there are a few instances where distinct species of the same botanical order have been nearly hybridized."

"The pumpkin would not 'cross' with the nearly related squash. In the Iowa State Experiment Station Professors A. T. Irwin and E. S. Hibber made 1956 pollinations of pumpkins with pollens from squashes and secured 117 fruits."

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- CONSERVATION -

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF PRACTICAL OPINIONS OF THE VITAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE USES AND ABUSES OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY MR. LUDLOW JENKINS.

ANIMAL PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTH

Land Poverty; Cattle on Highways; Fires in the Everglades.

The National Humane Review

One scarcely knows whether the evil aspect of animal conditions in the South and Middle South outbalances the hopeful signs to be found there. One day the entire prospect is depressing; next day one may meet a group of enthusiasts who are accomplishing great things and are striving for things still greater."

"The South is hard on animals, especially farm stock. Much of the land gives little in the way of nutritious pasture. The sun beats down upon the grasses and the earth is parched. Many of the farmers are close to the poverty line."

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to do better than cattle; in the scrub they find something that gives growth and flesh. Farm stock enjoys free range. There is no fence law in Georgia or Florida and if the preferences of the animals are studied it is apparent that the borders of the highways offer better pasture than some of the farms. The motorist is warned that this is open range country and that it is up to him to be on the lookout for cattle and hogs. The warning is needed, for the danger is ever present."

"At one place a poor old cow stood in the middle of the railway tracks. It was an inauspicious way to welcome a motorist. The cow was to Florida, and it is possible that the cow became another victim of the powerful steam trains."

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A LARGE PUP CROP

insure a large crop of healthy, vigorous pups this year by feeding ROYAL FOX FEED

Results during former season shows that the use of Royal with a good meat ration is the most positive way known for the rancher to secure best breeding results. Insist on Royal. Ask your dealer today or write direct to

The St. John Milling Company Ltd.

Saint John New Brunswick

dogs around and many of these look miserable and sickly. The states and cities seem indifferent in regard to dogs. If the states have dog license laws there is little attempt at enforcement. Actually more effort is made to further the so-called anti-rabies vaccination than to bring about vaccination licensing and the elimination of unowned animals, which are the cause of all the trouble that vaccination is aimed at."

"The hope for animals in the South lies more in the direction of humane and adequately financed humane societies than in any other direction. Humane societies can do much to improve the lot of animals and increase their value to man.—R.O.C."

Some day all the southern states will have a fence law that will obliterate the picture of cattle standing on railroad tracks as a sort of welcoming committee for the refugees from northern winters. Some of the women's organizations and the junior chambers of commerce are demanding a fence law and it is probable that in the end the stockmen and owners of range land, however, contend that such a law would create an intolerable burden, that it would cost more to fence than the value of the land would be for the cost of fencing the highways to be apportioned between the land owners and the state as the owners of the highways have to have the state would have to devise means to keep down the growth of vegetation by the side of the roads, a job which the wandering cattle are glad to do."

Fire plays an important part in some sections, notably in the Everglades. During March fire swept huge areas, thousands and thousands of acres, in the Everglades. This is the most productive land in the entire South. The soil is composed of decayed vegetation, built by Nature over hundreds and hundreds of years. Deep canals have been dug to carry off the water. Once the land catches fire it smolders and burns, maybe to a depth of three or four feet, rendering the land useless and destroying all that Nature has built up through the ages."

"Copious rains ended the fires in March. A woman, brought from Mississippi, was credited with a mystic capacity of causing rain to fall. And certainly rain did fall in many parts of Florida. But not only did the state lose much of its earth wealth, for there was also a tremendous sacrifice of wild life. The wild life is one of Florida's attractions, and it is under the onslaughts of guns and hunters. The Everglades fire made it impossible for thousands of creatures ever again to contribute to the state's life resources."

"The Par South also is hard on the smaller domestic animals, such as dogs and cats. Heartworm and black tongue claim considerable mortality while ticks and other insects make life unbearable unless the owners exercise constant care. Every humane society in the South should maintain a dipper vat to aid the animals in their fight against ticks."

There are too many wandering

SOUBIS HIGH SCHOOL Honor Roll for September: Principal's Dept. Grade X: 1. Pauline Richards. 2. Joseph MacDonald. 3. Miriam Matthew. Grade IX: 1. Marion MacKenzie. 2. Muriel Richards. 3. Arlene Yeo. Grade VIII: 1. Charles Holland. 2. Lillian Poole. 3. William Pierce. Miss White's Dept. Grade VII: 1. Ruth Yeo. 2. Melvin MacKenzie. 3. Edward Chaverie. Grade VI: 1. Frances Cheverie. 2. Harold Paquet. 3. Billy Poole. Grade V: 1. Michael Rooney. 2. Vernon Poole. 3. George Mosley. Miss MacLellan's Dept. Grade IV: 1. Hazel Yeo. 2. Enid Richards. 3. Joan Richards. Grade III: 1. Jerry McCormac. 2. Joseph Perry. 3. Billie Carter. Miss Cheverie's Dept. Grade II (a): 1. Jackie Poole. 2. Leo, MacDonald and Howard Glover (equal). 3. Cecil Murphy. Grade II (b): 1. Leonard Gallant. 2. John Yeo and Kent Ellis (equal). 3. Ruth Jackson. Grade I (a): 1. Leo Gallant. 2. Basil MacDonald. 3. Vernon Jarvis. Ernest D. Reid, Principal

PLAIN TO SPANGLED NEW YORK. —(CP)— Jackets have come into their own this fall. In silver-striped lame, velvet-trimmed fall, velvet, sequins and wool they too serving from plainest afternoon gown to bespangled evening gowns.

The Norwegian expect to offer about 300 Platina foxes the coming season and state that each skin will be a perfect specimen. They are conducting a big publicity campaign, carefully camouflaged, in various trade journals, fashion magazines and other vehicles of publicity to create a demand for the new pelts at high figures.

F. H. Copp, M.P.P., Port Elgin, N.B., attended the meeting of the Canadian National Silver Fox and Fur Breeders' Association at Summerside Thursday evening and was a visitor to Charlottetown during the afternoon. The writer had the pleasure of an interesting conversation with Mr. Copp who started fox breeding in 1914 when the industry was at its boom peak, and has vivid recollections of that very hectic time. In 1928 he had the present ranch at Port Elgin keeping seven females and three males. This we believe was the first start of polygamous mating in the Maritimes Province. In 1926 production was very good and he continued to build up his ranch, improving the quality of his herd from time to time.

A fortunate occurrence took place some years ago when he secured

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS

CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



Offering of furs (not including silver fox) which will be made by C. M. Lamson & Company and Hudson's Bay Company for the fall season which takes place this month in London are described as light. Only mink and southern muskrat show any decided increase over last year's offering in Lamson's catalogue. There are only 300 Blue Fox to be auctioned and 300 cross fox, while red fox is only about half the quantity of last year's auction."

Olmar Larsen, Norwegian fur broker, is on a visit to the United States and Canada, representing the silver fox and platina fox associations. Larsen is expected to market some 600,000 fox pelts this year. These represent the 1939 production plus a cut down of anywhere from ten to twenty-five per cent of adults in the ranches."

Fromm's final sale of silvers — a crop of 1938 — takes place at Hamburg, Wisconsin, next Thursday and Friday, October 5th and 13th. 6,000 Fromm skins and 3,500 pelts consigned by other breeders make up the offering. Arrangements have been made for the buyers to come from New York and Chicago to Hamburg, arriving Saturday night, October 7th. For those who do not care to fly a special train will leave Pennsylvania Station, New York, October 8th.

In an interview given to the New York Times recently J. D. Silberman, of the Silberman Fur Company, expressed the opinion that increased employment and higher wages of the buying public in the United States will probably justify anticipations of higher prices on American furs. He pointed out that country collectors were bullish and in a position to pay higher prices to the trappers this season, also that as other commodities are going up in price it would be senseless to expect furs not to go up also.

Any rise in general furs is bound to be reflected in silver fox pelts, and while we would not encourage any expectation of a rise in silver fox pelt prices because of the enormous quantity that will be marketed this season, yet there are hopeful signs that the decline may not be too great."

The British Government have issued an order prohibiting the importation into England of dressed fur skins except under special permit. This means that the American furs will be a large part of its exports on dressed furs. The amount of dressed furs shipped to England for the period from January to July was in the neighborhood of 11,126,000.

C. M. Lamson & Co. report the following prices realized for the various color phases of silver fox pelts at their September sale: Full silvery: Ordinary f. 2. 0. Good, f. 9. 9. Selected f. 2. 2. 3-4 Silvery: Ordinary f. 4. 3. 3. Good f. 17. 9. 1-2 Silvery: Ordinary f. 8. 6. Good f. 4. 3. 1-4 Silvery: Ordinary f. 2. 8. 6. Inferior: Ordinary f. 2. 3. 9.

The Russian Soviets auction of general furs which was to have taken place on the 25th of this month at Leningrad has been postponed. It would not have been held if the American, British and French merchants would not have attended. It is likely that if the war continues arrangements will be made to ship the furs to New York and have them auctioned there."

Moses Silver, a Detroit fur dealer, was arrested by custom officials charged with smuggling fur coats from Canada to Detroit and selling them to ladies there. The revenue agents seized 141 coats worth about \$40,000.

Every rancher we have spoken to states that his foxes are furring up faster than ever. In many years and most of them state that they will be pelting earlier as a consequence. The cool nights during the latter part of September will be a boon for those similar to those that prevail in

Wisconsin. Should this condition continue it will mean that fur farmers can take off anywhere from mid-November to December 5th and have full or almost full furred foxes. That winter we had the best pelts the writer can remember of, full furred and clear, so that while the farmers lost their turnips the fox farmers won out.

Now is a very important time in the fox ranch. Clean bedding should be used whenever the old bedding is soiled. The extra quantity of meat fed now causes the voiding of a large amount of ammonia in the urine and ammonia is a potent cause of brown pelts. Therefore it is up to us to prevent this condition by keeping coops and sheds clean and using fresh straw or shavings. Shavings have not been available this year to any great extent because of the shortage of wood. The Moncton Lumber Company, Moncton, but we understand this Company will be operating in December.

It would be a good idea to look over your pups for fleas. They may have developed since your last run over them and if so they will make serious inroads into the fur. We saw quite a number of fleas last season that were scraggy around the neck and showed that the owners had not taken care of a flea powder. In the best method now as it is too cold for dipping. Fleas should be looked after and it is a good time to pill the adult foxes for hookworms now that the cooler weather is on.

The provincial silver fox show will be held at Charlottetown, commencing on Friday, October 13th, and will be held at the Charlottetown Hotel. It was decided on at a meeting of the executive held on Thursday. Some difficulty had arisen regarding a grant from the Provincial Government, but the committee have decided to proceed with the show as usual and will occupy five days. On the concluding afternoon there will be a sale of live silver foxes. It is likely arrangements will be made to catalogue these.

Provincial fox field days and demonstration will be conducted as usual by the Department of Agriculture and in this connection it is good news to learn that fox demonstrations of an educational nature will be eligible for the same as previous years. This will apply to Montague, Summerside and probably other centres.

W. Fred Burke, Fox Fieldman of the Department of Agriculture leaves next Thursday for Yarmouth, N.S. where in that vicinity he will conduct a fox grading demonstration at the invitation of the Nova Scotia Government.

TOGETHER FOR PEACE

MANCHESTER, England. —(CP)— Two Fox Fieldmen of Manchester University and Rev. Stanley Mossop, a nonconformist minister, are working together in a movement to appeal to the Pope for direct intervention in the war.

Use Minard's for aches.

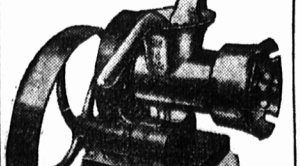
For Bigger and Better crops Government experts recommend fall liming, and now is the time to buy while prices are low, but take no chance, BUY HIGH GRADE BROOKVILLE GROUND LIMESTONE for best results. Special Fall Prices for P.E.I. up to December 31st, 1939: Bulk ————— \$2.80 per ton Bagged ————— 3.55 per ton Car lots 30 tons or more delivered nearest Railway Station Don't Delay — Send your orders now to Brookville Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Brookville, Saint John Co., N. B. MRS. H. G. S. ADAMS, Pres.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT nutrition expert recently advised the Pacific Coast Science Congress that the parts of fish usually thrown away by Americans were the richest in vitamins and organic substitutes needed by the human body. "When you eat fish," said he, "eat the scales, fins, bones, inner organs, head and all if you want to get the maximum dietetic good." We know a great many of our ranchers feed the whole fish to their foxes while others cut off heads, tails and clean out the insides. According to the Japanese who feed the whole fish are using the most brains.

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Fox Farm Choppers



No. 6 for large Farms No. 5 for small Farms

F.W. Lamplough & Co. Limited MONTREAL

Delighted with this success the producer persuaded four friends with money to join in a syndicate called the Comedy Opera Company, for the purpose of producing Gilbert and Sullivan's works. Two years later (1877) 'The Sorcerer' brought the public into the theatre with moderate success. I did not see this opera, but understand that it ridiculed the clergy, as its predecessor had derided the legal luminaries.

A year later 'Pinafore' made its appearance at an obscure theatre in Soho: it was 'Trial by Jury' and was an immediate and brilliant success. Gilbert was essentially a mocker, and his wit was here directed against the judiciary, a theme always with an appeal. In the hands of Sullivan's music was light, melodious and easy, so that this particular opera had had more 'appearances', amateur and professional, than any other of the series. It never, except by express permission of the D'Oyly Carte.

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