

-NEWSY NOTES-

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WHEAT

Wheat the most valuable of the cereals has been cultivated from pre-historic times. Cultivated Einkorn has been developed from a wild species of wheat found in south-eastern Europe and Asia Minor.

All attempts to cross it with other types of wheat have failed. It is grown in Europe in places not suitable for other kinds of wheat. It has a compact spike with a stiff awn on every spikelet. It is used largely for stock food.

Polish wheat has very large grains that resemble rye. It is sometimes called Giant or Jerusalem rye. It is cultivated in southern Europe, but produces only small yields. The spikelets are long and have a loose appearance with a blue green chaff. It is a poor bread wheat, but is adapted for making macaroni. It has rarely produced a fertile cross with common wheat.

Spelt was a grain largely cultivated by ancient people. It was at one time the chief grain of Egypt and Greece. The Romans distributed it everywhere throughout their empire. It is an important crop in northern Spain, but is grown in America largely as a stock food. It is not a heavy yielder, but has resistance to certain diseases of wheat and is not subject to damage from birds. It does not shatter easily, as it retains the chaff enclosing the grain as the head is broken up when threshed. It has no awns. It has winter hardiness and there are both spring and winter varieties. Because of these desirable qualities it has been used as a parent in crossing as a basis for improvement of wheat varieties.

Emmer was also a grain that was cultivated from most ancient times, but not to the same extent as spelt. It is bearded and has very hard red grains that are retained within the chaff when threshed. It is more resistant to drought and disease than spelt, and has proved to be more valuable for crossing with spring wheat. The emmer spikelets form a compact head that is almost always bearded. Each spikelet has two grains that are smaller than spelt. Many believed that emmer could not be crossed with bread wheat varieties, but E. S. McFadden in 1930 succeeded in crossing Yaroslav Emmer with Marquis wheat and obtained Hope and H44 varieties, which have proven highly resistant to black-stem rust.

Common wheat has many varieties of both spring and winter wheat. Varieties of common wheat are used largely for breadmaking, and lead all other kinds in wheat areas throughout the world. Billions of bushels are grown every year, and wheat forms one of the largest items of commerce between nations. It can be grown from sea level to 10,000 ft. elevation in Tibet and other mountainous countries.

Club or square head wheat is similar to common wheat, but has a short compact head and a stiff straw. It is claimed that it does not lodge or shatter easily. There are both spring and winter varieties. It has been grown chiefly in Chile, Abyssinia and Turkestan.

Poulard wheat is grown largely in the hot dry regions around the Black and Mediterranean Seas. It is closely allied and similar to durum wheat, but it has a broader spike, stiffer straw and shorter beards than durum.

Durum wheat is known generally as macaroni wheat, and has been used in Europe for making macaroni. It is quite superior to other wheat for that purpose, because of its greater density and high gluten content. It has very heavily bearded heads, with large, very hard kernels, that contain less starch than common wheat. It is drought-resistant and a spring wheat, but in very mild climates can be sown in the fall. In Spain it is grown on larger acres than any other wheat, and it is quite generally grown about the Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea. It is grown to some extent from Texas to Canada in North America. We grow a variety, Wild Goose, for several years at Charlottetown. It does not tiller and should be sown thicker than other wheat.

The United States Department of Agriculture in 1895 secured about 1,000 rather distinct varieties of wheat from the wheat countries of the world. They were grown and identified regarding species and sub-species, and 243 were determined as the leading varieties at that time in the world. Dr. Wm. Saunders, the first Director of the Dominion Experimental Farms, had in 1886 obtained for trial 11 Canadian varieties of wheat from all parts of the world. He hoped to obtain one with the yield and quality of Old Red Fife. But when it ripened to days earlier, Lodoga, but it lacked milling qualities; however, from a cross between Red Fife and Hard Red Calcutta, obtained then from India, he produced Marquis, but that is another story.

Characteristics Wheat is a true grass belonging to the family (Gramineae). It has hollow stems that have closed joints and leaves that are alternate, with sheaths that are slit open where they clasp the stem opposite the leaf blade. It belongs to the same tribe as rye and barley (Hordeae). In which the spikelets are many-flowered without stalks, seated alternately on a rachis, this forming a spike or head.

Wheat belongs to the genus (Triticum L.) and all the plants of this genus are annuals. The cultivated kinds of wheat have been so changed from the wild types by human endeavour that Sir John Lawes said: "If man should disappear from the earth, wheat would follow him in three years."

There are eight or more types of wheat that have been cultivated; but authorities recognize only three true species: Einkorn, polish wheat and sativum. Sativum is divided into sub-species of spelt, emmer and tenax. This latter is again divided into four sub-species: Common bread wheat, club or square head wheat, poulard wheat and durum wheat.

Description Of Kinds Einkorn is similar to the only wild type of wheat now known. It has only one grain in a spikelet.

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Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller

Synopsis

Gary Tallman, young petroleum engineer from Alabama, misses his bus to San Antonio. Mona Mason, wife of a cattle rancher, offers to give him a lift. Gary is injured when her car crashes into a ditch, and the Masons nurse him back to health. Gary falls in love with Mrs. Mason's twenty-one-year-old daughter, Adelaide, but, embarrassed by lack of funds, he feels that he must be on his way to Mexico. He suspects there is oil on the Mason land, and Harvey Mason will not let him go until a test is made. Gary and Adelaide drive to Dallas to get a map, and Adelaide does some shopping.

CHAPTER VII

Adelaide was feeling sober when she went back to the car and found Gary sitting there, studying the map that was spread across his knees. "Put that away," she said abruptly. "Somehow I don't enthuse about oil, this minute."

"What happened? Did you get an extortion note?" "Gary, there will be things like that — if we strike oil, won't there? Life won't be simple any more."

"One oil well won't make you rich. Are all these things yours?" he asked as a boy stumbled up with an armful of bundles. "What are you planning to do — start a store?" "Have him put them in the rumble. I didn't buy so very much. Just a few things I need — three hats and a couple of dresses. Give the boy a quarter, will you? I spent the last cent I had for some vanishing cream. Dad will grumble when he sees the bill — but he always grumbles. Maybe he'll be feeling wealthy by the time it comes in and won't even notice what things cost. I always have to have quite a lot of things in the spring."

She saw Gary's face close up in a queer, withdrawn way. Men, she thought wearily, were so touchy. Just because she had bought three hats was no reason why Gary should be remote and silent for fifty miles. She grew a little snappish about it. "You're not terribly entertaining, are you? I could have brought a wooden Indian along — after all, it's spring and all the little flowers are blooming."

"I know it's spring," said Gary, not looking at her. "And in Mexico it's summer."

"You're still thinking about Mexico? You must adore goals — and fleas!" "Goals," he mused, "are pretty nice people sometimes. They live on practically nothing and they give milk and eat up the briars. . . . And tin cans — and the wash off the line. Junior had a goat once. He kept it till it ate all the stuffing out of a brand-new buggy — but when it gnawed Dad's best saddle, he had to give it away. But fleas go on forever."

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ATTENTION HOG PRODUCERS IN KENSINGTON AND SUMMERSIDE AREAS On account of the storm our agents MacEwen and Caseley were unable to load hogs on Thursday this week as usual. They will be loading hogs at both Kensington and Summerside on Monday, Feb. 1. CANADA PACKERS LTD. Charlottetown



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ing the alacrity with which Gary grabbed the door handle. "I think," she said, grimly, "that you are being very obstinate to keep talking about Mexico, Gary Tallman. You know what a big innocent Dad is. If he sets his head about this oil business, he's going to need somebody. Somebody who knows how to go ahead with it — who can keep him from being skinned alive. He's so honest himself that he can't believe other people are not honest — not till he's hooked — and then he gets mad and does a lot of things in a rage that make things worse."

"Do you have to be nasty?" demanded Adelaide, red spots riding up into her cheeks. "You could have talked all day and not said a thing like that."

"I'm sorry, I'm not being nasty. I'm simply facing things — as they are, Adelaide. If I have any influence with your father at all, I'll use it to try to persuade him not to wildcat a well down, if it turns out that there is oil under his land. He can lease and keep his royalties — and let somebody else take all the grief."

Standard mink for the account of the United Mink Producers Association sold at prices 10 per cent over December levels at New York Auction Company last week. The action was described as hot and heavy throughout the sale which

the late Archibald MacDougall (whose father came from Mingary Castle, Ardnamurchan, Scotland) and Catherine Douglas Mellich of Union Road. She was born at Victoria, West P. E. Island, on August 24, 1876. Her eldest brother, Alexander, lives in Philadelphia, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. James Currier, and a brother, Robert, in Augusta, Me.

Mrs. Ramsay was a woman of winsome personality with a faculty for making and keeping friends. She was kindly and jolly, a good and helpful neighbor. She had a strong Christian character, was a wise mother and real homemaker. Her husband, who died in 1948, was an elder, a member of the choir, school secretary and active in every good work. They had a particularly happy home and were exemplary citizens, a strength and a blessing to the church and a wide circle of friends.

All their children survive them: Elizabeth Hazel (Mrs. Whitfield C. Ellis) Sheffield Mills, N. S.; Helen Penelope (Mrs. A. J. Wm. Myers) and Douglas A. both of Toronto, Ont.; and James A. on the home-stead, Hamilton, P. E. Island.

A dignified and helpful service was conducted by the Rev. Alexander McKay at her home. The beautiful flowers and the large attendance at the funeral, despite a roadblocking storm, were a testimony to the esteem in which Mrs. Ramsay was held. Pallbearers were Messrs. Lloyd Lockerby, William Ramsay, Wendell Crowler, Earle Ramsay, George Wallace and Denton Hogg.

ROOSEVELT CANDIDATE LOS ANGELES, (AP) — James Roosevelt, eldest son of former president Franklin D. Roosevelt, candidate for Congress. Roosevelt will run in the 26th California congressional district. Representative Samuel W. Yorty, now representing the 26th district, announced that he will run for the U.S. senate. Both Roosevelt and Yorty are Democrats.

ATTENTION HOG PRODUCERS On account of the storm, the following agents of Canada Packers Ltd., were unable to collect hogs on Thursday, January 28th. They will be loading at the following points on Monday, February 1st. Agents Elmer Wigmore Bradalbane Les McDowell Fredericton Borden Bagnall Hunter River Sid McLean Montague Norman McKenzie Cardigan CANADA PACKERS LTD. Charlottetown



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

At the recent Danish auction in Copenhagen an offering of 110,000 ranch standard mink was 100 per cent sold. Competition was keen because it shows the existence of a very strong market for mink not only in Europe but in the United States.

At Hudson's Bay Company's four-day general sale held last week an offering of 150,000 muskrat brought easier prices (where sold). Bidders saw fair on the lower priced goods but slackened off on the better quality. Montreal and other Canadian dealers showed most interest. The largest portion of the goods was from the Hudson's Bay Company post York factory and no high prices were recorded. Spring XL went at \$1.38; N.B. XL was \$1.38 to \$1.74; Canada, XL to \$1.50; Lake Superior, \$1.30 to \$1.50; red fox sold at \$2.75; cross fox at \$3; Blue fox, \$10.

The Farmers Chinchilla Co-operative of America, Inc., has a full page ad in a recent Women's Wear Daily entitled "Why Chinchilla is so Important to the Fur Industry," and the author is Alex A. Bernstein, who was formerly an important man in the fur industry in New York but is now retired. He predicts that chinchilla will have a good future for the reason that the fur business needs a new and glamorous item and that women are continually asking for something new. A chinchilla auction will be held in the near future at which an offering of some 25,000 pelts will be on sale. From the plans which we see in formation every effort will be made to have that auction a success so as to start chinchilla off on the right foot.

Another genetic expert states that other color phases are in process of production. One is the huff mink, a color called Topaze. This recessive pastel much paler in color than Topaze. Another is called Golden Haze by some ranchers, and is described as a double recessive springing from the brown-eyed pastel and the Canadian Ungava. This is also said to be a pale pastel, though not as pale as Topaze, but with a deeper tone.

Fur dealers are making a terrific fight to have the 20 per cent fur excise tax repealed at this session of the congress of the United States. Page ads state that it is both discriminatory and destructive and that the fur industry is on the brink of disaster as a result of it. A full page ad by A. Hollander & Son appears in Women's Wear Daily and it is but a small part of the publicity that is being spread throughout the United States. We trust that the 20 per cent tax will be repealed by the U.S. congress and senate and that a similar step will be taken by the Dominion government. Had it been done some years ago we would all be much better off.

Good demand was noted at last week's auction of the Western Canada Fur Auction Sales Company, Vancouver. Eighty-five per cent of the 5,000 mutation mink and 68 per cent of the 30,000 dark stardard mink was sold with prices unchanged as compared with December. Top prices were up to \$40 for wild mink, and dark ranch mink extra large and large and extra dark males sold from \$24. to \$28.50, females, \$12.50 to

DISCUSSING THE SALE ONE GROUP of dealers held the view that the sale was in effect controlled by the "giants". This was a reference to the six or seven top mink purchasers in the market, who according to this theory were all competing for the same bundles for the first time this season. Another opinion held by some of the larger buyers was that the standard offering contained some of the best strings of the season in terms of color and size. In addition this group is now firmly convinced that dark ranch mink has an optimistic future on the basis of reports from retail centers throughout the nation.

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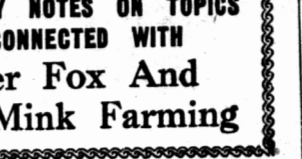
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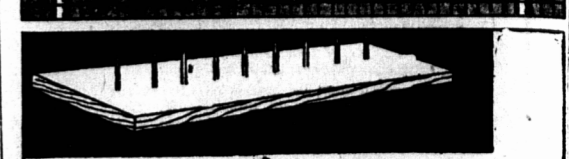
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