



THIS HOT DOG IS ALIVE

Tiny dachshund pup owned by Mrs. Otto Neumann, Vancouver, is modelling the latest in little-dog fashions for chilly fall weather. The blankets, actually a big hot dog bun, are keeping the three-week-old pup warm. But the Neumanns have another problem—they have a hungry great dane which wouldn't mind a hot dog. But it would have to be a big one. (CP Photo)

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

The Great Lakes Mink Association, at their meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently, in discussing the increase in mink production came to the conclusion that about 10 percent more dark mink would be marketed this season and predicted attractive prices for the crop. At the meeting, members were told that \$23 was average on all the 1958 pelts, as compared with \$19.50 the previous year. This increase of \$3.50 per pelt, which amounts to about 18 percent, is expected to hold. The number of pelts sold was 201,615, down about 15,275 from last year. However, David Laufman, GLA's New York marketing manager, said the low production point has now passed in the cycle brought on in the past few years by the demand for quality. Barrie Coward, of Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales, told ranchers that prolonged, hot weather and the steel strike made accurate predictions impossible for the December sales. Other market men urged continued stress on quality, one recalling the \$12.50 price averages of a few years ago. "Unrivaled and unchallenged popularity makes mink the supreme article of fashion," was the statement made by Abe Perneck of the New York Auction Company.

WHITE FOX
At the Hudson's Bay Company sale in Montreal last week, particularly keen competition for white fox was a feature. The 6,000 skins were completely sold, with Jack Grudin of New York purchasing the top lot at \$63 a skin for a N.Y. firm. Other lots were sold at \$62; others from \$50 to \$59 and \$45 to \$50.
In miscellaneous foxes, prices were not so good. Platinum silvers sold from \$8.25 to \$17.00; pearls sold at \$15 to \$19; silver at \$12 to \$15; and full silver at \$6 to \$17. Blue foxes ranged from \$11 to \$19; cross fox at \$8 to \$10; 75; and red fox at \$4 to \$10 for Easterns, and \$8 to \$12.75 for Westerns.
The following is taken from "Women's Wear Daily" and it is headed: "Ohrbach's gets Kiss But Loses A Mink". The item reads as follows: "Stealing kisses may win the approval of Ohrbach's advertising department here (I could kiss Ohrbach's—is the current ad campaign) but stealing mink coats is another matter.
"Thieves smashed a six-inch hole in Ohrbach's window in New York last Friday and made off with a dark ranch mink coat

valued at \$2,950. The window, one of four displaying furs, faced on one of the world's busiest streets. The theft was discovered by a window cleaner at 7.30 a.m. Store officials noted that a similar theft happened in August when a mink stole valued at \$750 was taken from a window."

NO MEETING
At a meeting of the Mutation Mink Breeders Association, held in Milwaukee early last week, a motion to have their association directors and the directors of Canada Mink Breeders meet together before MMBA dissolves its co-operative marketing and advertising arrangement with Canadians, was rejected. The motion was made by Omer Brager-Larsen, Petoskey, Michigan. Islanders will remember Mr. Brager-Larsen, who is a native of Norway and was a prominent figure in the fox business when we were selling foxes to Norway, and later when Norway was selling white-marked foxes to Canadian and American breeders.

Mink imports to the United States dropped during August, compared to a year ago. Here

are the figures: 1958—35,000 and 1957—27,000. The decline could be attributed, primarily to a reduction of imports from Norway. The dip ran from 12,000 in 1958 to 1,500 this past August. Shipments from Denmark, however, rose sharply from 1,400 to 12,000. Canada also declined somewhat during the same period.

OPTIMISTIC
The State of Wisconsin is probably the leading fur-producing state in the United States. At the annual meeting of Milwaukee Mink Breeders' Association, the chairman, Alma Erikson, stated that their association had sold 932,616 pastel pelts at an average of \$24.10, compared with an average of \$21.22 in 1957. Mr. Erikson said the total EMBA crop of 3,352,316 pelts was marketed for an average of \$20.75 a pelt. For the past year, 887,289 pelts were sold as miscellaneous and did not carry the EMBA label. Calling the past year "a highly successful one", Mr. Erikson said this would probably result in increased production. Others were not so optimistic about the future. They believe that the steel strike will have a certain amount of effect on mink pelt prices and also on other fur prices.

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