

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

The directors of the Great Lakes Mink Breeders Association meeting at the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, predict a normal mink crop for the coming season and that the quality will be better than last year.

An offering of some 10,000 Russian sable was practically all sold at Leningrad with France dominating European purchasing and New York also quite an active buyer.

Joseph H. Francis, well known to leading fox and mink farmers here, who was Washington lobbyist for the American Fur Industry's Tax Committee, has written a letter to President Eisenhower urging approval of a bill to remove the 20 per cent excise tax on furs.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Mink Breeders held in Vancouver recently, it was decided to launch an ambitious program to promote sale of Canadian standard dark mink in Europe, Italy and England.

Using budget by about 30 per cent. They are producing the finest quality mink pelt and they want the world to know it. He said "We have arrived at what we think is a workable understanding with the auction companies on the question of orderly marketing and the fur auction companies have agreed to try and set sale dates that don't conflict to eliminate over-lapping that has existed.

A prominent New York advertising man is being consulted on the new European and Great Britain advertising campaign. Mr. Shields said Canadian mink breeders also would aim at the South American market and talks with the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce will be arranged to discuss the possibilities of getting dressed pelts into that market.

Otto Grosse, well known to mink breeders in the Maritimes, who has supplied them with many fine quality mink, held open house last week at his North Wood Farm. Over 100 members of the fur trade and mink breeders attended.

The ranchers themselves key-noted the main reasons for mink superiority. Elmer Christiansen of Cambridge, Wisconsin, cited the appearance of many new colors and the expenditure of about \$400-

-NEWSY NOTES-

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc. TRACE ELEMENTS.

Trace elements are chemicals that are vital to plant growth, though the quantity required in the soil is very small.

Soil Research Chemists, working on information obtained from ceramic engineers, have developed a method whereby trace elements can be applied satisfactorily in minute quantities, to restore soils that have been exhausted of these elements by continuous cropping or erosion.

Farmers have known for generations that crops remove certain elements from the soil, and have applied barnyard manure and waste farm products to retain and increase soil fertility. These manures contain, in addition, to the major fertilizing constituents: Nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, many and sometimes all of the trace fertilizing elements, such as iron, sulphur, copper, boron, zinc, manganese and molybdenum.

Many trace elements, however, are essential, and though needed in very much smaller quantities than standard fertilizers, they may make all the difference in the world in developing the growth of healthy plants and the growth and development of healthy animals and people that feed on these plants and their products.

It is also possible that these trace elements may be present in a soil and yet be unavailable to the plants because of soil acidity. When a soil is known to be acid, certain fertilizing materials can be made available to plants by the chemical

000 for consumer advertising by the three leading mink associations. Ken Butterfield, a Canadian rancher from Tuxedo, Manitoba, added that "our salvation is in our organizations" controlling the marketing of pelts and doing consumer advertising.

A. G. Sturgeon of the marketing committee of the Mutation Mink Breeders Association, said that the paramount problem is to prevent over-lapping sales. He plans to arrange limited quantities at any one sale so that buyers won't sit back and say "Why hurry, we'll pick off the cream."

AMBITION HITCH-HIKER WINNIPEG, (CP)—Henri Minvielle, 26-year-old engineering student from Paris, passed through here on the latest lap of a hitch-hiking tour in which he hopes to cover 15,000 miles in 80 days without spending more than \$100.

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For winter greens, sow kale which will be improved in flavor by freezing and may often be planted in the fall. It is three years since Miss Gallant's last visit to the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durant and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel DeRoche and their children, Wilbur and Regina, all of Summerside, visited in South Rustico Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Durant's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant and family.

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