

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

THE MAGNOLIA WARBLER

respondents.

This is a handsome bird, formerly known as the "Black and Yellow" Warbler. It is found up to the northern limit of trees, and is said to nest in coniferous woods. In the fall it migrates to Central America. I have two recent records of the Magnolia Warbler. I found a young female, dead, in the machine shed, on August 15, 1942, and another, a male was brought in for naming, June 8, 1950. The latter bird had been killed by a cat. It is judged by number of records, not its cost, to which it has some resemblance. Magnolia Warbler AOU. 657. Summer resident. Adult Male; Crown bluish-gray, cheeks and forehead black, a white line behind the eye, throat yellow, breast and sides heavily striped black. Back black, olive-green edging to the feathers; a large white patch on the wing coverts, rump yellow. Tail black, inner vane of all but the central feathers with white patches on the middle, the end third of the feathers being entirely black. Female similar but the back greener and the general colors duller. Length of adult about 5 inches.

WARBLERS IN GENERAL

The Warbler are a confusing group and some are hard to distinguish from the others. The color patterns of the Myrtle and the Magnolia Warblers have much in common, and the present writer has had to explain the matter to correspondents who had mistaken the one for the other. The descriptions which appear week by week are to a great extent drafted from actual specimens handled by the writer. Some, however, he has never seen "in the flesh", yet they are on the 1916 list, and must be accounted for: The description is then the result of comparing half-a-dozen pictures of the bird, and reading all available literature which might give a hint as to its hues, etc. The final draft in this case is the produce of work and discrimination that leaves little albinos or melanos! (Albinos are light-colored, like "white Robins"; melanism is rarer, I think, and means unnaturally dark in hue.)

THE HAKE

The Hake or Ling, the Pollock, the Haddock, the Tomcod, and the Cod itself, all belong to the Family Gadidae, which in English, is the Godfish Family. It will be noticed that these are all valuable food fishes with the single exception of the Tomcod which is, as Bain says, "a small fish of inferior quality." The Gadidae have a single barbed (or tag) on their chins, though in some species this may be small and easily overlooked. (A barbed or barbule is a filament growing on the chin like a "little beard".)

In our waters may be found the common Hake, the Blue, the Long-finned H., the Spotted H., and the Silver H., the last mentioned by Bain as the Ling. The specimen from Rustico Bay, brought in on Oct. 28th, 1950, was the Common Hake (Urophycis chuss). Its chin barbed is small, snout rounded above and at the sides; not keeled. The pectoral fins call for no remark but the ventral fins are very narrow and long string-like, but never reach to the middle of the anal fin. Anal fin not notched into two sections. The ray (or spine) of dorsal fin filamentous, elongated and string-like; and may reach to the middle of the second dorsal fin. Caudal fin (tail) rounded at the end. Body silvery below, tawny above lightly spotted. The length of this specimen was 9 inches, but Hake have been taken up to 3 feet long, weighing 17 lbs. It is said that some weighing 60 lbs. have been taken. I am always glad to hunt up the names of fishes, for visitors or correspondents.

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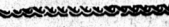
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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming



A lead article in Women's Wear Daily, New York, is headed "Market Concerned about Future Trade in Chinese Furs Due to War Scare," which goes on to state that recent news from the Korean war concerning the reported intervention of Communist troops has brought a feeling of uncertainty and confusion to those in the fur market who specialize in buying and selling Chinese fur skins. A prominent fur merchant stated that it is certainly important to the retailer, especially when you stop to realize that the supply of kolinsky, Chinese mink, kidskins and a lot of other items may be delayed or cut off. Prices on Chinese furs have advanced considerably over last season's opening, especially during July and August when some prices went up more than 50%. Another said goods have been coming out of China this year but there have been great delays in shipments. Because of the various complications and lengthened routes of shipping it takes from three to four months for merchandise to arrive where it normally took about six weeks. There is no abundant supply of Chinese furs currently in the market and the current supply will definitely not take care of a normal season's needs.

It may be that imports from China could cease entirely. That happened before when the Japanese invaded China during the last war, cutting off supplies to America and it also happened when the United States was at war with Japan. Import figures to the United States during the first seven months of this year show approximately \$3,562,452 worth of Chinese furs brought in. The largest amount brought in for a single year was \$8,442,213 worth. In addition to the furs such as marten, mink, sable, weasel, squirrel, kolinsky and coneys that make up the above figures there are also imported in smaller amounts fitch, Persian, muskrat, leopard, goat, beaver, ermine, pony and wolf.

We are sure that the fox and mink farmers in the United States and Canada will shed no tears over the predicament the fur importers of New York are in because of the fact that imports of Chinese furs may be lessened. If it turns out to be the case there certainly will be a greater incentive by those same merchants to use furs produced at home, which is as it should be. A lot of the stuff that comes from China and Russia is of a trashy type and not really as attractive as our own furs, but there is a big profit in it and that is the motive that causes importers to take so many chances to bring such furs to the U.S.A. and Canada.

Snow-Covered

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When the ground is hard enough to take the big machinery. About 1/4-inch of frost is in the field, Griffiths added. City crews will work on the field until game time if necessary. Griffiths said. Meanwhile, University of Toronto students and volunteers, armed with shovels, started clearing the stands of snow. They will work through the night. Bombers had a light workout this afternoon and found a coating of ice down the centre of the field with other spots greasy from the heavy, wet snow. This was the condition of the ground last year when Montreal Alouettes whipped Calgary Stampeders 28-15 and repercussions of the treacherous footing are still heard. The Blue and Gold team, rated by many football experts as the "greatest to come out of the West," are underdogs in this all-important game, just as they have been in their previous five meetings against the Argonaut double blue. There is little even-money betting, most of it changing hands at odds on Argos ranging around 6 to 5 and 7 to 5.

Argos Previous Winners Argonauts have beaten the Blue

Quickies



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Reports indicate that wild mink will open at about the same prices as last year's opening or a little higher and that muskrat will start about 25% above last year's opening. New York fur merchants report that Minnesota mink has been sold at about \$28 or \$29 average. These prices are about the same as they were a year ago. Another report states that southern Minnesota goods have been purchased for a \$25 average, or a \$30 high and \$20 low. These mink prices seem to be a little higher than the New York trade expected a month ago. Most said then that wild mink would have to start the same or lower than a year ago because the prices of 1949-1950 did not permit profitable operations for manufacturers.

Ranch mink pelting got under way last week in many areas in the United States. It normally starts about the 20th of November in some sections and may be a week later in others. Reports are that the ranchers feel they will get \$25 standards that opened at \$16 a year ago, and \$25 to \$30 for silver-blue that were \$17 to \$18 and so on. These ranch mink figures may appear high to the New York trade and it is quite possible that buying of ranch mink may be less active than was anticipated in the summer when business was good and pelts were being sold freely. The big December auctions are not too distant and many dealers have expressed the feeling that they do not intend to reach for goods in the country. There will of course, be buying of ranch mink in the country by operators who do so each year, but the general belief is that there won't be as many doing so as heretofore. The above predictions of the market taken from authorities who were quoted in Women's Wear Daily of New York will be interesting to mink ranchers here and throughout the Maritimes. The bullish tone of the market has been expected and we believe that the view is right, particularly if the importation of Chinese furs and Russian furs is lessened, then mink or fox will have to come into the picture more and more.

The breeding of minks initiated two years ago on a farm near Mar del Plata, which is an ocean resort 300 miles south of Buenos Aires has been successful. Five pairs were purchased from the Northwood Fur Farms of Cary, Ill. a year ago and the results were so encouraging that 120 more minks from the same American farm have been imported. They travelled by plane from Miami, Florida. The new shipment is composed of several breeds developed by the Northwood Farm, one of the largest breeders of mink in the world.

Bombers in all previous final clashes — 4-3 in 1937, 30-7 in 1938, 35-0 in 1945, 28-6 in 1946 and 10-9 in 1947 — and the better figures the Eastern Canada champions will make it six straight. Argos hold another victory over the Western Canada title-holders — a 13-0 decision in 1933 when the Bombers met them in the semi-finals. Argos went on to defeat Sarnia Imperials 4-3 for the Grey Cup. The Bombers' loss with the weather has been bad since their arrival east last Monday after their best-of-three-series triumph over Edmonton Eskimos for the Western Canada championship.

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by Ken Reynolds

Back Stretch

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for \$850; a pacer Henley Hedge-wood 2:10 for \$700 and the slow class trotter Fryland Mamam for \$475, by O. Corbett, Montreal; Dyanmo Dale 2:07 2-5, a nine-year-old pacing gelding, went to A. McIntosh, Inkerman, Ont., for \$375; the trotter Willard 2:10 1-2 to Herbert Hatch, Toronto, for \$450; the three-year-old trotter Frolie Hanover to James Brown, Quebec, for \$950; the two-year-old trotter Drussila Hanover 2:12 3-5, to M. Michard, Quebec City, for \$2150; the pacer Mark Hanna 2:04 (half-mile track) to J. A. Manor, Quebec, for \$4100; the three-year-old slow class pacer March In Direct, to A. Macintosh, Inkerman, Ont., for \$175 and the seven-year-old pacer Knight Senah 2:05 3-5 mile track (2:07 4-5 half-mile track) to Jules Giguere, Quebec City for \$1100.

Horses well known in the Maritimes figured in summaries at the late meetings in Cumberland, Maine. Monty Budlong won both heats of a classified pace in 2:13 2-5, 2:13; the trotter Fast Train won two heats of a classified trot in 2:15 1-5, 2:15. In a fast classified pace Lady Maud (Coleman) was 4-1, Janette Dale (1-0r, no time reported, but no Elwyn they were fast trips. At Topsham, Maine, in a classified pace Abner Britton was 4-2 in 2:12 3-5, 2:13 1-5. In a fast classified pace Lady Maud (Coleman) was 2-1, Janette Dale (Clark) 1-4, time, 2:11 1-5, 2:09. The no. 4 classified pace was won by Manrochet Direct (Clark) with 2-1, Ritzywin (Sears) 1-3, time 2:11 4-5, 2:12 2-5. In the final race of the same meeting the fast classified pace was won by Lady Maud (Coleman) with 1-1, Jesty 3-2, Mannister Direct 2-4, Patrick Dale 5-3, Len Dale 4-5, Eddie McElwyn 2-6, Peter Budlong 6-0r, time 2:08 1-5, 2:06. The same among the fastest performances we have noted over half-mile tracks in the state of Maine this season and it certainly must be gratifying to the Dewar brothers to know that their new purchase, Mannister Direct, could be second in 2:05 1-5. The same afternoon, November 11th, Abner Hanover won a classified trot in 2:14 1-5 and F. J. E. by Calumet Budlong, driven by Harry Coleman, won the classified trot in 2:13 1-5, which we believe is a new record for him. This horse gives his early training and development by George Callbeck and sold by him last year to McGee and Snow, Augusta, Maine.

The death of Billy Direct 1:55 after only a few years in the stud, has meant a great loss to the breeding industry. His last crop of foals were born in 1947 and from that crop came the greatest number of two-year-olds ever to enter the 2:10 list—fifteen pacers and one trotter, Royal Blood 2:07. The list of these pacers that have beaten 2:05 are Far Heel 2:00 3-5, Floating Dream 2:00 2-5, Wayward 2:05 1-5, H. D. Hanover 2:03 2-5, Direct Rhythm 2:03 3-5. Had he lived to the same length of life as Volomite and Scotland—still active in the stud—he would certainly have smashed all world's records as a progenitor.

A peculiar thing in his pedigree is that it isn't considered to be a fashionable one. His sire, Napoleon Direct, a wonderful race horse that took a record of 1:59 3-4, traced back to Direct Hal, who was a champion pacer with a mark of 2:04 1-4, but his grand sire on the sire's side was Bomber, just with the weather has been bad since their arrival east last Monday after their best-of-three-series triumph over Edmonton Eskimos for the Western Canada championship.

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Cyril L. Dauphinee, well known and popular race owner of Halifax, N. S., is holding a dispersal sale offering Gallant Bobby, two-year-old pacer with a record of 2:21 and winner of the two-year-old futurity at Charlottetown this season, Nova G., a four-year-old pacer with a record of 2:14 2-5, winner of the four-year-old futurity at Charlottetown, and several other events; Brian Gratton, a yearling bay gelding, sired by Pepper by Volomite dam, Emily Gratton by Orcus Gratton; Pepper Shaker, a weanling of the same breeding; Emily Gratton, the dam of the above youngsters, with a record of 2:18, now in foal to Petter, and the eleven-year-old pacer Jacob Whitrow 2:12 3-4, sired by Lee Harvester dam, the well known iron-sided race mare Lenora Clench, by High Private, also all his bikes, carts, harness, hoppers, boots, blankets and coolers. We regret very much to see Mr. Dauphinee retire from the sport but we hope it will be only temporary and that he will be back with us again in a year or two. He has been a splendid sportsman, ready to congratulate the victor and at all times a gentleman on or off the turf.

We regret to learn of the illness of our esteemed friend James Ben MacMillan of Summerville, who although well on in his nineties has been active until his recent sickness. MacMillan has been one of our most enthusiastic horsemen all through his life. He bred, trained and raced horses in connection with his farm work and was a jovial competitor, a good winner of local and

Hunters Corner

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of 7 years old, is quite finicky when asked to try out a new dish so we didn't say a word when he returned home from school hungry as a bear and pulled a chair up to the table. He asked for the second helping and when he was finished said to his mother: "Thanks for the lovely dinner Mom". He doesn't know yet that it was venison he raved over.

This is a democratic country and everyone has the right to express their opinions and a few have done so, and quite forcibly, of late in respect to the sport of hunting. If one wants to hunt, that is his, or her, privilege providing of course the rights of others are not infringed upon. Even if this is a democratic country one is only entitled to half the road. By the same right if one feels that hunting should be barred and classed as a barbaric practice, that also is his privilege. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion. It is only when one tries to force his, or her, opinion upon others that trouble ensues.

I have met thousands who love to hunt and fish. I have met a few who feel that it is not right to kill for sport and that hunting and fishing should be forbidden and relegated to the dark ages. Those are people who profess a great love for our wildlife and maintain that nature should not be interfered with. They even have a warm spot in their hearts for such predators as the great horned owl, Goshawk, fox, skunk and crow.

On the other hand the members of the human race who love to hunt and fish are legion. Methinks if all those in this fair province who enjoy toting a fishing rod or gun were banished to the wilds of Africa this Island would be a very thinly populated and lonesome place.

To get back to the question of much liked wherever he went.

The Standard Bred Horse Sale at Harrisburg topped the million mark for the fourth consecutive year. A total of 1021 horses were disposed of and they brought \$1,055,150, about \$100,000 less than last year's sale which was a record one. The 440 yearlings were sold for \$525,175 with the Hanover Shoe Farms consignment of 83 head bringing \$233,350 for an average of \$2,811. The best price realized for an aged horse was for Breeze-On 2:02 (half-mile track record 2:03 4-5)—\$16,350. The top priced Hanover Shoe Farms yearling was Empire Hanover, that brought \$10,500. Three others were sold for \$10,000. Aged horses other than Breeze-On that brought big prices were Milo Hanover 2, 2:08 2-5—\$13,000; Merry Day 3, 2:04 4-5—\$7,100; Bruno 3, 2:04 4-5—\$6,400.

Among the Hanover Shoe Farms yearlings two of the get of Volomite averaged \$9,000 and two by Scotland \$5,850, one by Worthy Boy \$5,000, sixteen by Titan Hanover \$3,619. The 31 yearlings consigned by C. T. Black of Pleasantdale Farm, Virginia, where Calumet Fingo, Watchman and Peter Song are in service, brought \$13,075, an average of \$883. This average was very disappointing to Mr. Black, who had no doubt expected much more for his fine crop of youngsters.



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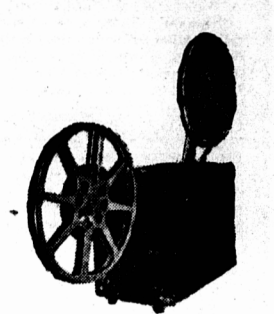
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in common between the golden-dresses belonged in portraits galleries to be hung on walls! He had a feeling that the woman was Anne's mother. Yet there was nothing and the dark brilliance of the other. She stood now in the open door of the darkened room. She seemed to hesitate, then entered and was lost in the gloom. A shaft of moonlight striking through the shadows glimmered on the silver and crystal articles which were set forth. It shone on a shimmering heap of whiteness that seemed to catch and hold the light in a pool of radiance. And it was toward this pool of radiance that a hand came presently out of the darkness—a white hand and a bare and slender arm. Then all at once the hand was withdrawn, and where there had been that shimmering heap was empty space! And in the long and lighted hall a flash of pink and silver as a tall figure went flying toward a room at the far end.

Charles wondered a bit as he made his way down the hill. There had been an air of mystery about the woman's movements. But one's imagination plays tricks at times. And there was undoubtedly a perfectly commonplace solution to the scene. This columnist feels that it is a worthwhile experiment and that the pair liberated recently in the province should be protected and not molested regardless of the advice offered by some, however sincere they may be in their opinion. Any information as to the whereabouts of those deer and whether they were observed singly or together will be appreciated by game officials and others interested in their welfare.

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