

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

Experimentation is now under way at Rusoffs of Philadelphia to make a conventional clutch cape with tuxedo front in Mura, a new type of fur imported here by the Patricia Stevens Finishing Schools from Josef Krings of Dortmund, Germany. Mura is a fur-bearing rodent, developed during the past 26 years through a patient process of cross breeding by Mr. Krings, as noted. "The skins are not suitable to be let-out and it is hard to tell what the finished product will be like," said Bernard Kirchner, owner of Rusoffs, who explained that the skins will be split and placed horizontally in the back with a vertical tuxedo front. The fur is dark brown with a gray overcast. It looks like mink but its texture is flat.

The underfur and guard hair is the same structure as mink and with further development in breeding, mink breeders can obtain good results, said Mr. Kirchner. He added that he has had many inquiries from mink ranchers. Wearing qualities are reported very good and deterioration reported at a minimum. The same process used for working ermine is being used by Rusoffs. The nationwide chain of schools, with an enrollment of 42,000 students composed of models, potential models and career girls, became interested in the German claims that a coat comparable to an \$8,000 mink could be made of Mura for only \$700. After sending their fashion authority, Miss Suzette Bauder, to Germany to consult with Mr. Krings, arrangements were made to license Rusoffs to raise and develop Mura in America.

The cape is expected to be completed in about three weeks, after which a team of two Patricia Stevens' models, one wearing the cape, will tour lobbies of leading hotels to determine public acceptance, fashion-wise. Both Rusoffs and Patricia Stevens will feel that the introduction of Mura of the American market could revolutionize the fur industry if found feasible. Experimental ranches for raising and developing Mura in America will then be considered. Mr. Krings has "fixed" the Mura in five natural color strains. He has patented his animals, and is trying to lease them out on a royalty basis to other breeders. There is always something turning up to take the joy out of the Fur Farmers' life—we hope Mura is the "joy killer" for Mink.

A special silver fox sale for the American Fur Breeders' Association will be held at American Fur Auctions, N. Y., Sept. 16-17. A feature of the fox offering will be pearl platinum foxes. A general offering of other furs will follow the silver-fox collection.

A three-day general sale will be held July 12-14 at Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec), Montreal. The offering includes 100,000 muskrat, 1,500 other, 20,000 beaver, 27,000 ermine, 50,000 Canadian squirrel, 3,000 raccoon, 2,000 martin, 600 fisher and a miscellaneous mink will be on sale. At 9:00 a.m. July 14, 4,000 red fox, 600 sundry fox, 6,000 silver fox, including platinum, 600 pearl platinum, 700 white marked and 3,500 standard silver will go on sale.

A small end of the season collection of EMBA and Independent mutation mink held at generally to May levels at New York Auction Company last week; 14,000 offering was 65 per cent sold; top price was \$47.50 for Royal Pastel males and \$26. for females. While there was generally active bidding in the pastels a portion of the better merchandise was withdrawn because

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Back Stretch
driven by Harold Cantin. His second mile was in 2:06 1/5. Vic Song has won close to \$40,000 during his racing career and seems to be a real good bargain for the new owner who secured him last fall.

A total of 59 King's Counsel's offspring have won or taken records this year and 57 of them have been winners and two of them 2-year-olds that beat 2:10 in time performances. From the above it looks as though King's Counsel will be one of the top sires when the season is ended. Algiers, that was practically a failure for his first years in the stud, is also showing up this season and one of the forems of his get, Wayhead, paced the last half of a winning mile at Vernon Downs in 1:01 1/5.

A party of 14 horsemen from New Zealand have been touring breeding farms and watching the racing at various tracks in the United States for the past month. They are interested in procuring some new breeding stock for that faraway country where harness racing is very popular. So far they have acquired Flying Song 1:59 by Volomite, dam, Evon Song, and Garrison Hanover 4, 2:04 4/5 by Billy Direct. Both horses will be in the stud in New Zealand without being raced as present regulations prohibit the importation of horses for racing. Judging by the performances of Australian and New Zealand pacers they could, if transported here and acclimatized probably compete on equal terms with the best.

Many will regret the fact that the 14-year-old trotting gelding Bud Kalmuck 2:12 had to be destroyed due to an accident at Sydney in which he sustained a broken leg. He had been racing for some years and was a good trotter that won his share of the victories no matter where he was owned or what track he raced over. We remember his first bid to fame at Summerside when he showed surprising speed in the last half of a mile there which stamped him as a trotter of class if he could be controlled. At that time he was owned by Johnny Ladner, proprietor of the Eldon Hotel, and in his subsequent career he passed through several hands and on the night of the race was being driven by James Moffat. Among the winners that night was the trotter Question V, owned and driven by Alex Cameron of Sydney, that won the 2nd and 6th races with the best time 2:16 3/5. The trotter Cobblestone, owned by Archie Shore, won the 3rd race in 2:18 and the trotter Clean Up, owned by Don Rankin, was first in the 7th. Colonel Hanford won the Free For All in 2:13 2/5 and 2:14.

At Truro last Saturday night the 13-year-old Neil Kalmuck, owned by L. C. Dystart of Irishtown, N.B. and driven by Harley Harrison, was a double winner in races 5 and 8. Her best mile was in 2:16 1/5. Last year Neil was going strong, setting up a track trotting record at Saint John, N.B. of 2:12 3/5 and the fastest mile in the Maritimes by a trotter at Fredericton—2:09 1/5; also a track trotting record for the new oval at Summerside of 2:12 3/5. Her total winnings at the end of the season was \$10,034. Those who look back on the career of this rather remarkable mare will recall that she has been before the public since she was a 3-year-old and has always given good performances. Her sire was Kalmuck 2:15, who, lived to the age of 32 and who retained his ability to sire speed until the last. He came from a long lived very hardy strain and his get have the same qualities as witness the comeback of Jennie Kalmuck at Charlottetown last Saturday night where she won her two dashes on the program.

Jennie is 14 years old. remembered us with the score card of the first night's racing at Fredericton last Monday night. The fastest track in the Maritimes and one of the oldest had a good attendance and the management are well satisfied with the start they have made. Winners that night were, 1st race, Sandy Marr and Lou Merrill in a dead heat, time 2:10. In the 5th race with the same field Doc Banks B. was the winner in 2:19 2/5. The trotter Tyndall Semple, owned by George Woodside and driven by him, won the 1st and 6th races with the best time 2:15. The 3rd and 7th races were won by Dominion's Fridge, owned and driven by J.H. DeWitt of Woodstock, best time 2:16. The 4th race was won by Panama Chief, owned and driven by Al Langille in 2:11 1/5—the fastest mile stepped in N.B. this season, and the 8th race was won by Mighty Bold, owned by W. Stiles of Woodstock and driven by Frank McAlduff, time, 2:12.

At Charlottetown on Tuesday night the pacer Sea Plant by Abner T. Clegg, that started the season with a record of 2:17 2/5, won the opening dash in 2:16. He is owned by Ray Stewart and was driven by Cyril Smith. In the 5th dash with the same field Belle Budlong, owned and driven by Rannie MacDonald, lowered her record from 2:15 3/5 to 2:15.

All Maritimers are glad that Brewer's Gallon 2:00 4/5, owned by the good sportsman B. C. Cruikshank of Halifax, that campaigned so successfully in the United States with Joe O'Brien driving, is now winning consistently in Quebec with Mr. Cruikshank's son Bert doing the training and driving. At Quebec City a week ago he landed the feature event, the Free For All with both miles in 2:06 3/5 and had won two previous starts, one in 2:07 2/5 and the other in 2:08 2/5. He is asked to do the \$2,500 derby trot in July and a \$5,000 trot in September and is also expected to race at Foxboro, Mass., and other night racing plants where top trotters perform.

A number of Halifax harness horsemen together with Heber Sweeney, are endeavoring to bring back harness racing to popularity at Bridgewater, well known racing center of years ago where the record for Maritime owned pacers was set up by Jolly, time 2:05 1/4. That it is a very fast track now is shown by some recent performances. Lusty's Queen, a trotter that Horace Willis owned and raced here some years ago and has since been winning a number of races at Truro and Halifax, showed surprising form by winning races 1 and 4 on Dominion Day, the former in 2:13 and the latter in 2:12 3/5, lowering her record. It was the fastest mile trotted in the Maritimes this season. Heber Sweeney's recent import from Wisconsin, the 3-year-old pacer Avalon Gal won races 3 and 8 and lowered her record to 2:17 3/5. Fergie Baxter, whose principal occupation is on the C.N.R. and who also owned a farm at Pleasant Grove, P.E.I., in conversation with us a few days ago said to keep our eye on Honors High Jinks, that started the season with a record of 2:19 and at Bridgewater won in 2:14. Fergie laid him as a 2:10 pacer. His breeding is top, his sire being His Honor 1:59 3/4.

We are sure Rhodes Warren will be pleased to note that his former pacer Lily Marlene, now owned by Mrs. E. Milton of Moncton and driven by E. Goguen, won at St. John. A horse that we predicted

Dr. M. Swarzman, dental surgeon of New York City, returned Monday after spending a few days in Charlottetown. While he sold his interest in Dean Gallon 3, 2:11 to Earle Semple, and Earle is now the sole owner of this sensational trotter that had shown a half in 1:02 and a mile in 2:13, a couple of weeks ago over the Charlottetown track. Dr. Swarzman is a very keen follower of the race, knows all the leading drivers and hardly ever misses a night's racing at Roosevelt's, Yonkers. He is intimately acquainted with Earle Avery, Bob Ryan, Stanley Dancer, Joe O'Brien and other leading drivers that race at these tracks.

Sammy Kennedy is very pleased with a new addition to his stable, a foal by Pepper, by Volomite 2:03 1/2 dam, Lusticia 2:13 by Lusty Fridge 2:07 1/2. The little chap is coming along nicely and with the breeding he possesses he should be a good performer in the future.

Last Monday for the first time in history the trotters and pacers moved into historic Woodbine Track, Toronto. This track has been exclusively for the runners but the management have taken a cue from Blue Bonnets, which was also for the runners, and realize that it costs too much to operate a track for one type of racing in these expensive days.

Katie Key by Long Key 2:00 set a new track trotting record at Laurel, Md. Raceway last week of 2:03 flat, to head the leading money winning trotter Pronto Don 1:59 3/5 and others in a \$10,000 feature race. Her owner Pat Tuccio, is completing plans to fly her to Sweden early this fall. A guaranty of \$15,000 a month plus expenses is the bid offered by officials of the Swedish trotting tracks.

would make good in Saint John was Peter Lee Brewer 2:10 2/5, that as a marked card of Truro dashes, best time 2:13 3/5, only one and three-fifths from Sep Hanover's best mile at that track this season—2:12.

We are grateful to our friend two former members of the writer's stable were winners at the night card in Truro July 1st. The pacer Buddy Clegg, owned and driven by J.C. Ryan of Springhill, won Race 2 in 2:18 4/5, and the trotter April Bud, owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, Truro, and driven by Ray O'Brien, won Race 4 in 2:15 3/5. His former record was 2:16 1/5 given him by Lorne Kelly.

We wish to thank our friend S. Thane Belyea for a telephone message giving us the results of Thursday night's racing at Fredericton under the lights. There was a good crowd who enjoyed the racing very much. The track was a bit dead on account of showers but Sep Hanover, driven by Al Langille Jr., won both heats of the Free For All, his second in 2:10 being the fastest in N.B. this season. My Voice (Carr Jr.) 2-3, Mighty Grand (Killam) 5-2, Abbeband (Jardine) 3-5, Shamrock Thoughts (Mount) 4-4, Margy Frisco (DeWitt) 6-5. Time, 2:12 2/5, 2:10 4/5. The 1st and 5th races were won by Slicker Tass, owned and driven by Bruce McDonald; Margy Dale (Savage) 3-2, 2/5; Bill's Bell (McAlduff) 2-5. Best time 2:18 3/5. The 2nd and 6th races, Lusty Hanover, owned and driven by T. C. Collette, 1-2, Top Royal (Carr) owned by Miss E.L. Halliday, Calais, Me., 2-1, Miss Ellis (Jardine) 3-4. Time, 2:18, 2:16 4/5. The 3rd and 7th races, Just Lucky, owned by the Princeton Stables, Princeton, Me., and driven by Al Langille Jr., 1-2, Arlene's Money (Lindon), owned by H. W. S. Allingham, 2-1, Marton Budlong (Jenson) 3-4, time, 2:16, 2:18 2/5.

Johnny Conroy is the kind of trainer who will not race a horse until he is in condition, but now they apparently are as on Wednesday night at Truro he won the 4th and 7th races with Neil Budlong 2:12 2/5 heading Thelma Lou, Seven-Up Direct, John Clegg and others, best time 2:14 4/5. He also won races 5 and 8 with Laby's Dream 2:13 2/5, best time 2:14 4/5, Mack Pingo (Moreside) was 2nd in both dashes. Neil Budlong and Laby's Dream are owned by Welch MacNeill, Southport, P. E. I.

At Saint John Wednesday night Peter Lee Brewer (M. Coughlan) won the 3rd and 7th dashes, best time 2:14, Single Streak (Belliveau) 2-2. The 1st dash was won by Stewart's Time, owned by H. Wilbur, Moncton, June Symbol (Hayes) 2, time, 2:26 2/5. Other dash winners were: 2nd dash, Harvest Dale, owned and driven by M. Downey, Saint John, time, 2:30; 4th dash, New Look, owned by C. B. Smith, French Village and

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or the splash of a baited hook on the surface to send them scurrying into hiding.
Last year complaints regarding illegal taking of trout exceeded all previous records and reported depredations among the schools of trout this season (1954) has topped last season by a wide margin. Recently 4 trout were picked up at Belle River with holes clear through their bodies. The holes could have been made with the times of hay or dung fork. Each of the 4 trout were in the two pound—two and a half pound bracket. Others have been picked up in this area that apparently died from the same cause as the others. Assorted methods of destruction must be in vogue at Covehead. Some of the trout picked up had huge chunks torn from their sides. Others bore no marks at all but were just as dead nevertheless. The same situation applies to a section of the Morell River. One angle dove into a pool on this river and removed a trout from the bottom that weighed a fraction under 4 pounds. This trout had been dead maybe two days and bore no visible marks. Concussion will kill trout and leave no telltale marks on the skin.
I picked up a trout this week that would have given the best driven by T. Devlin, time, 2:18 3/5; 5th dash, Shirley Doris, owned and driven by J. Robichaud, time, 2:22 2/5; 8th dash, Annuccio, owned by W. McCombs, St. Stephen and driven by Roy Creamer, time, 2:16; 6th and 9th dashes were divided, Oliver Chief (Davison) 1-2, Ramond Chips (Lawson) 2-1, time, 2:15 2/5, 2:15 4/5.

of fly rods all it could take and tested the skill of experienced anglers but such was not to be. It would be approximately 20 inches long with a jigged hole in its right shoulder, the ragged sections of protruding flesh that should have been blood red was white and beginning to disintegrate. There are anglers who must have knowledge of who is at this work for someone is on our better known streams day and night.
Two instances have been brought to my notice where 'netters' have been caught at their nefarious work. In one case they were surprised at night by rod and line men. They ran and left the net in the stream. The other incident occurred when two men were met in the greying dawn at a noted water as they approached their car carrying a nylon net and a bag full of trout.
I have delved into those incidents fully. The complainants do not know a thing of any use in regard to Court action. No description given worth two cents of the men involved. No car licenses taken, etc. From what I can gather they did not look very hard for fear they would see something. The sixty-five question is: "Why did they complain at all?" They were of a different caliber from the Prince County sportsmen who was told of four men seen in the act of netting trout. He went in alone and saw them at work. One of the men who was holding one end of the net inquired: "Who are you?" The reply was: "Never mind who I am. I know who you are and that's all that matters. You'll hear more about this." Two of the party were only youngsters not yet out of their teens but the other pair paid well for their breach of the Fishery Regulations. That's the spirit that will save our future trout fishing. Think it over fellows.

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