

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Wyeth, Inc. of Philadelphia, Pa. have brought out a very convenient syringe which they have named Tubex, which is easy to use for farmer fox and mink ranchers in administering penicillin.

many mink are now raised on Canadian and American fur farms as ten years ago. From 1940-1945 the average yearly production in the United States and Canada was 325,000 and the estimated 1950 production is close to 2,000,000 or more in Canada.

Had the above treatment been available a few years ago it would have saved certain ranchers we know of a large sum of money, in fact as late as last year we know of a prominent rancher who lost a great many of a most valuable strain of mink which could have been saved with the above treatment.

The present vogue for mink may or may not carry through for a number of years but it would seem wise for ranchers in the U.S. and Canada not to increase the numbers as there is a grave danger of over-production.

During the past ten years the production of ranch mink in the United States and Canada has rapidly increased. Over four times as

NEWSY NOTES

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Earthworms As Soil Builders

Charles Darwin, a great scientist, in his student days, became interested in earthworms, and throughout many years, in many lands, he recorded his observations, setting them down in meticulous and painstaking detail.

are the shock-troops of nature for the production of humus, while their slower processes are getting under way, this high-speed humus factory, combining both mechanical and chemical processes will turn out the finished product, topsoil, ready to produce good root growth and strong plants.

Earthworm Populations

Darwin found in the soils of England, concentrations of from 25,000 to 53,000 earthworms per acre, that they ate, passed through their bodies and brought to the surface from ten to eighteen tons of dry earth castings annually on each acre of land.

Life In The Soil

Mention was made in previous "notes" of the five essential gifts of nature, that nourish and support all life on the earth, namely: soil, water, heat, air and sunlight.

Earthworms As Colloid Mills

Dr. Thomas J. Barrett, in his book "Harnessing the Earthworm" describes the earthworm as "a digestive tube alone, stripped of all external encumbrance which might interfere with its life-function of digestion and equipped with just enough instinctive intelligence to carry out its feeding activities without too fine discrimination."

Earthworms Produce Humus

Earthworms unite with the many processes of nature to form the thin surface layer of dark earth that we call topsoil. The most valuable ingredient of topsoil is humus. It lightens the soil, increases its water holding capacity and provides the source of soluble plant food.

The Regina, Sask., high court recently dismissed an action brought by a Fort Qu'Appelle mink farmer to collect damages of \$5,000 because of a disturbance created by a road gang near the premises during the whelping season.

FOR SALE

DESIRABLE PROPERTY 199 North River Rd. 8-Room House with Lot, 62 x 260 feet. PHONE 3024-R

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INQUIRY

MARITIME ELECTRIC COMPANY RATE SCHEDULES Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers in the City Building in Charlottetown, on Thursday, the Seventeenth day of May, A.D., 1951, at the hour of ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon for inquiry into a proposed Schedule of Rates to be charged for Electric Power and Energy by the Maritime Electric Company Limited to its customers within Prince Edward Island.

L. B. MacMILLAN, Secretary, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

SEED

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CONSIGNMENT SALE

REGISTERED SHORTHORNS CHARLOTTETOWN EXHIBITION GROUNDS FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1951, 1 P.M. Sponsored by the P. E. I. Shorthorn Breeders Association. 16 MALES 9 FEMALES Consigned by leading Island Breeders. All bulls Government inspected. Catalogues on request from the following: Provincial Department of Agriculture, Ch'town, L. W. Roper, Charlottetown, or Sale Committee Athol Roberts, Southport, R. R. Bell, Charlottetown, John DuPasquier, St. Peters, John Crosby, Meadownbank, A. H. Mutch, Earnscliffe. P. E. I. SHORTHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Auction Sale

OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS AT BREADALBANE ON MAY 5TH. AT 1 O'CLOCK

I am instructed by Marie Graham to sell by Public Auction the following: 1 parlor suite (5 pc.); 1 carpet 9x12; parlor table; 1 electric lamp; 1 electric radio, (Spartan); 1 electric iron; 1 writing desk; 1 book case; 1 dining room extension table; six chairs; 1 sideboard; 4 beds, 3 bureaus; tables; wash stands; kitchen range; 1 kitchen table; 4 chairs; floor covering; bed clothes; dishes; books; sitting couch; oil lamps, and a lot of small articles; 1 rocking chair; 1 barber's chair (Cousins) and curtains.

It may not find sale first fine day. Terms cash. THOMAS WIGMORE, Auctioneer.

WANTED

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Auction Sale

CONWAY, THURSDAY, MAY 10th AT 1 O'CLOCK. I am instructed by Eric Ramsey to sell by Public Auction the following: 1 mare, 7 years old; 1 horse, 12 years old; and machinery as follows: 1 truck wagon; 1 hay rake; 1 mower (Deering); 1 horse hoe with scufflers to fit; 1 seeder, M.-H. (new); 1 set fan-ners; 1 pung sleigh; 1 set bob sleighs (double); hay forks, rope and blocks; 1 spring tooth harrow; 1 gang plough; quantity of seed wheat and oats; 1 auto tractor with 1928 Chrysler motor, good as new; 1 set disc harrows; many other articles not mentioned. Terms made known at sale. THOMAS WIGMORE, Auctioneer.

FOR SALE

THREE SUMMER COTTAGES Electricity Available Near Town. Also Shore Lots 70 x 100 PHONE 3024-R AFTER 6 P.M.

CLEARANCE AUCTION SALE

AT FRENCH RIVER Acting on instructions of Harry MacLeod I will sell by Auction on his premises on WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th BEGINNING AT 1 P.M. His very attractive home containing 8 rooms. This property is in the best condition; is situated on high ground overlooking New London harbour. In a word it is one of the beauty spots on P. E. I. Also his entire house furnishings, consisting of living-room, dining-room, bedroom and kitchen furniture, including modern and antique furniture, namely, living-room suite (antique); carpet; dining-room suite; 4 bedroom suites; kitchen range; kitchen table and 1 Boston Rocker over 100 years old, with 4 chairs to match; the finest assortment of hooked rugs the writer has seen; sewing machine (Singer); a quantity oilcloth rugs; and all kinds dishes and cooking utensils, both modern and antique now on the premises. TERMS CASH. If day is unfit, sale on next day. HUGH F. MORRISON, Auctioneer.

FARM IMPROVEMENT SERVICE

Farmers requesting the use of Tractors, Bulldozers and Ditchers, made available by this Department for stumping, clearing, etc., are requested to make application in writing AT ONCE to this Department, P. O. Box 251, Charlottetown, in order that this work may be programmed. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 30th, 1951.

CAPONIZING

Make your appointment early when you buy your chicks to avoid disappointment. Best age for Cross Breeds 5 to 6 weeks; for Barred Rocks 6 to 7 weeks. For appointment phone 1591-2 or write KEITH MUTCH Southport

FOR SALE

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