

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

A photograph of the King and Queen, with Princess Margaret Rose, attending the Derby at Epsom Downs, has appeared in news papers all over the world. The Queen was wearing a single Silver Fox pelt draped over her right shoulder and Princess Margaret was wearing a Silver Fox jacket. Evidently Royalty appreciates the beauty of Silver Fox and by their wearing it are contributing in a very considerable measure to its future popularity.

A short time ago we were shown by Premier Jones a number of photographs taken by the court photographer in London, of Princess Elizabeth wearing Platinum Fox furs made up from the skins presented to her by the Government of Prince Edward Island as a wedding gift. The Premier said that the photographer had them registered and they could not be used without his permission. It could be obtained and they could be utilized in fashion publications throughout the United States and Canada it would have a wonderful selling effect.

At the Hudson's Bay Company's auction in Montreal last week wild mink to Silverblu, brought tremendous competition and high prices were registered. Wild mink was estimated 10 per cent above April; ranch mink at least 20 per cent up and Silverblu the same. The auction company reported wild mink 85 per cent sold very strong; Ranch mink 85 per cent sold very strong; low grades 100 per cent sold; Silverblu 100 per cent sold, very strong; Pastels 44 per cent sold. The catalogue was praised by dealers for breadth of choice, quality and grading. Both New York and Canadian dealers were the principal buyers. The 5,087 wild mink reached a top price of \$48.50; ranch mink (9017) sold as high as \$28.50 for extra dark males, ranging upwards from \$18.50 and females of similar grade \$15.25 to \$16.25. Dark males ranged from \$23.50 to 25.50 and females \$14.50 to \$15. Low grade ranch mink two, were \$7.75 to \$11.50. Low grade pastels \$7. to \$11 and low grade Silverblu \$7.25 to \$10. Silverblu males ranged from \$15.25 to \$21; females \$13. to 17.25; mixed up to \$27.50 and Breath of Spring mixed \$17.50 to \$25.50. Pastels and miscellaneous mutations brought \$2. to \$4.50 for males and \$2. to \$3. for females and \$2. for mixed. White mixed brought \$7.75; blue frost males \$7.75 to \$10.50.

At the above sale ermine, white fox, lynx and muskrat all showed strongly, selling good percentages.

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Young People's Union Holds Spring Rally

The Spring Rally of the Young People's Union of the Eastern Presbytery was held in the Union Road United Church on Wednesday, May 24, at 3 p. m., and 8 p. m.

The delightful weather made it an ideal day for such a gathering. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and spring flowers. The afternoon session opened with an impressive worship service led by members of Central Y. P. U. with Miss Betty King presiding. Appropriate hymns were sung. Scripture was read by Jan Verhulst, followed with prayer by Faye Mill, and a message on Christian Citizenship by Phyllis Dover, in which she stated that the secret of Christian Citizenship is fellowship with God. The organist was Marjory Scott.

A most cordial welcome was extended to all present by Mary Gill of Union Road Y. P. U. This was fittingly responded to by Mrs. Weir of Pownall.

The president, Ralph Raynor, Mount Herbert, capably conducted the business period. The minutes of the Fall Rally were read by the Secretary-Treasurer, Irene Bruce, Valleyfield, and approved as read. Discussion followed on the resolution concerning recreational facilities in our church for Young People. A brief interlude was then given for registration, carried out by members of Union Road Y. P. U.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions - Evelyn Underhay, Betty King, Mary Gill. Nominating Committee - Rev. John Douglas, Olive Finlayson, Bennett Carr.

The president and secretary-treasurer each gave brief reports on the year's work, and both remarked on how encouraging it was to hear from so many Unions in response to letters sent out, and also to have so many kind invitations for the Spring Rally. The afternoon discussion period was under the leadership of Mrs. A. S. Weir, Pownall, who directed the group in a most interesting and impressive review of Dr. Kenneth J. Beaton's book, "Growing With the Years". She told something of the author, and mentioned highlights throughout the book, stressing that we were not to consider ourselves a select group, but rather be thankful for our Church, which embraces people of all colors and classes throughout the world.

The group then adjourned to accept the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yeo and family who gave the use of their lovely home, and spacious lawn, where box lunches were shared, and tea was served by the ladies of Union Road.

The president then led in a brief informal discussion in which various views were expressed concerning material found for topics in our "Program Annual".

Rev. John Douglas, York, who has been such a source of help to the executive all through the year, and who is so keenly interested in all phases of Y. P. activity, took charge of the recreational period. Games were much enjoyed, especially by the younger members. The opening worship of the evening session was led by members of the Valleyfield Y. P. U. "Come let us sing of a wonderful love" was sung to open the service. Scripture was read by Alena Buchanan. "Our Gospel" was read by Olive Finlayson, bringing out the thought that God is not far from any of us. He is waiting for us to receive Him, and then spread the good news to all. Gordon MacPherson was in charge of this period, and led in prayer "Near to the heart of God" was sung by Mrs. W. A. Bruce, Irene Bruce and Mrs. A. S. Weir. Mrs. Weir was accompanist throughout this session.

The president commented favorably on both the afternoon and evening worship services. He also extended further words of welcome to those present at the evening session. Minutes of the afternoon session were read by the secretary, and approved. Roll call was responded to by 102 members, representing 13 Unions, besides a large number of visitors. T. U. secretary referred to the Y. P. U. camp to be held this summer at Augustine Cove, July 13-22, and registration forms were distributed. Ralph Raynor, president, then introduced Hon. A. Clark, president of the Western Presbytery, P. U. who spoke on the Maritime Y. P. U. Conference to be held at Sackville in July. It was a pleasure to hear him, as he described briefly a day at Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. John Douglas as follows: Honorary President - Rev. John Douglas, York. President - Irene Bruce, Valleyfield. Vice-President - Evelyn Underhay, York. Secretary-Treasurer - Parker Jewel, York. Missions Convener - Mary Gill, Union Road. Citizenship Convener - Betty King, Dunstaffnage. Fellowship Convener - Wilma Waite, Charlottetown. Culture Convener - Ralph Raynor, Mount Herbert. Recreation Convener - Charlie Downs, Charlottetown. Leadership Training Convener - Ray Higgins, Hunter's River.

This report was left open for additional nominations from the floor. Reginald Clark was nominated for president but withdrew his name. It was moved by Rev. D. W. MacPherson, seconded by Rev. M. K. Charman that the report be accepted. The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Evelyn Underhay. With slight changes in the wording of one resolution it was moved by Ray Higgins, se-

NEWSY NOTES - By Agricola

THE INDIGO BUNTING

The Indigo Bunting (or Indigo Finch, as it is sometimes called) is listed in the 1916 "Teachers' Bulletin", as one of the Island birds. In the New Brunswick list it is set down as a "rare summer visitor", and there is little doubt that it has the same status here. Bain (1891) is silent on the subject; he had never seen the bird. Coming to our own time, I have but two records: an Indigo Bunting was seen at Marshfield in June 1933; and at Cymbria in the spring of 1949. Peterwin, in his admirable, "Field Guide to the Birds", puts its range from New Brunswick southward.

This Bunting must be looked for in straggling bush country. It is the male who sings from the top of a tall bush or tree. Indigo Bunting. AOU. 598. Rare Summer Visitor. Male: mostly deep blue, but lores, (between eye and bill), wings and tail quills, darker or blackish. Female (and immature males in the fall) brown above, pale creamy brown below, slightly streaked with darker on the breast. Length 5 to 5.9 inches.

THE ALTERNATION OF GENERATIONS

Among the lower forms of plant life there is an alternation of generations which is, in some cases easily observed. We can readily see it in the Order of Filices - the Ferns. The spore of the fern, which is the nearest approach to the "fern-seed" of the old writers, does not straightway produce another fern, when sown. No, it produces something very unlike the plant which bore the spore. This new structure is called a "prothallus" and it resembles a small green tongue, in close contact with the cool damp earth. Here it grows and matures till it is able to bear reproductive organs which unite to produce a plant like the original spore-bearing fern.

In the course of a long - and I may add, a very observant - life, I have often noticed how certain mental traits will skip one generation, only to reappear in the next. In history this alternation is best seen in the lives and reigns of Henrys I and II, and also in those of Edwards I and III. These

conceded by Norma Yeo, that this report be adopted. Following are the resolutions: 1. Be it resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciation to Rev. T. A. Wilson, and Y. P. U. of Union Road, for the use of their church, and kind hospitality; to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yeo for the use of their home; to the Y. P. U. of Union Road, for all arrangements made in regard to our Rally; to Miss Irene Bruce for her untiring work as secretary-treasurer of Eastern Presbytery; to Rev. John Douglas for his leadership of our recreational period; to Mrs. A. S. Weir, for her very capable presentation of the study book, "Growing with the Years"; to Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, for his coming to deliver the evening address.

2. Whereas existing facilities in most communities for the development of the four-fold life of young people are inadequate, be it resolved that all the Y. P. Unions cooperate fully with the church officials in striving to obtain these much needed facilities.

3. Whereas, in many of our local congregations we have no organized groups for our younger boys and girls, therefore be it resolved that wherever possible we encourage organizations of Trail Rangers, C. G. I. T., etc., and that we as young people give leadership in these groups.

4. Whereas, there is an increasing tendency to secularize the Sabbath, be it resolved that we urge upon our young people the necessity of observing the Sabbath, as a day in which to worship God.

5. Be it resolved that the Executive arrange for a presentation of materials from the Program Annual, that can be used in our Young People's meetings.

The report of the Shield Competition was given by Rev. John Douglas. He reviewed some of the questions asked in the competition, and stressed the importance of church membership. All our activities should aim at bringing Young People into acceptance of Christ. The Shield presented by Mount Herbert Y. P. U. was won by Valleyfield with a mark of 86, followed closely by Trinity Y. P. U., Charlottetown.

The president introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, who took for his topic, "Ideals and Ideals". He quoted Geo. Moore, "when we change our ideals, we change our friends". He stressed the impor-

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NOTES ON SMALLPOX

One hundred years ago a person with a pock-marked face was not an uncommon sight - so the old folk said. When I was a school-boy one of my classmates had been badly disfigured by an attack of smallpox, which left his face pitted with numerous little cavities. One could imagine that a charge of small shot had been picked out of his visage. I myself had the smallpox before I went to school, but as I had been vaccinated some years before, the attack was a light one, and only a few pock-marks resulted. Time has long since erased them.

As a matter of fact, the vaccination, in my case, was worse than the smallpox. In those days, the doctor simply transferred the "vaccine" from one person to another without any precaution as to its purity. I was about three years old at the time and inclined to be stout, but when the vaccine took hold, the glands of my neck swelled and burst into obstinate abscesses, whose scars remained for many years. The stoutness disappeared for ever! There is no such hazard in vaccination now for the vaccine is a laboratory product, not a direct transfer from some person unknown. The fact that several persons have died of smallpox during the outbreak in Scotland, shows that the public in general are neglecting this safe-

AND ON SINUSITIS

I notice, in the magazine, "Time" that George Bernard Shaw has been giving an actor friend some good advice in what I take to be an infection of his sinuses. Says the sage, in effect: "Take some water and add salt till you can just taste it, then snuff this mixture up each nostril till it comes into the mouth. Do this three times, then gargle with the same mixture. This operation is to be repeated thrice daily.

This seems to tie up with a story I heard not long ago. An Island fisherman went to the doctor for a remedy for his sinusitis. "You go past the remedy every day!" "What is that then?" said the patient. "Sea-water," said the doctor. This story is probably ben trovato, but there is good sense behind it. The salt treatment gives great relief though it may not cure.

VIOLETS OF P. E. I.

This is violet time again, and, as there is some doubt about the Island species, here is a letter for the consideration of local botanists. It is from Mr. Gordon C. Warren, Professor of Practical Theology, Acadia University, Nova Scotia: -

It is doubtful if Viola blanda is found in the Maritimes. Roland does not list it. V. incognita and pallens are the common small white violets in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and no doubt they are found on the Island. It is found in the Maritimes. Roland does not list it for N. S., and the late James Vroom of St. Stephen calls our only yellow violet, V. scarpiuscula, abundant in some places. In N. B. I have found the Smooth Yellow Violet, now named V. pennsylvanica, var. leucopara in many places in N. B. and N. S., but have never found a specimen of V. pubescens. An opportunity awaits some enterprising botanist to make a fresh and comprehensive study of the violets of P. E. Island.

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