Marion County Fur Farmers Find Market Price Hits new Low

Mink Market Is Up Slightly

Experimental Process Is Success in Improving Pelts of Foxes

LIBERTY—This is a good year to buy furs or fur coats—fox furs anyway—from a purchasing standpoint. For never has the quality been higher, and prices are the lowest in history of the business, says a local fur farmer who states that pelts from this vicinity are of better quality than ever before, due to the "furring out process" being used. Market condition is held responsible for somewhat lower prices.

Most of the Marion county pelts have already been shipped to Seattle, where the fur auction handled between 20,000 and 30,000 pelts. It is estimated that at least 2,000 fox pelts from the county will go to market.

Fur Prices Lower

Price range for the raw fur is from $10 to $100 this year; low for last year was $20, with average at $40 or $50. For mink, average price is about same as last year with quality stuff bringing a little more. Prices at Seattle Fur Exchange were $7 to $25.50 as top for the raw fur. Two years ago milk prices ranged from $25 to $38, last year's were much lower than this season's prices.

It is estimated that only about 300 mink will be pelted in Marion county, as mink farmers held most of their increase.

Stacey Pelts 550

In this district alone the C. W. Stacey farm pelted 550 foxes R. D. Gibson 125, W. D. Olden 35. The Finlay and Glaser farms in Jefferson produce each nearly as many as the Stacey ranch.

The improvement in quality of local pelts is the result of the experimental "furring out" process started as an experiment a year or two ago and which has proven highly successful. Special large sheds were built for furring out the young foxes, in which they are kept during the daytime in the hot part of summer to keep the hot sunshine from damaging the pelts. At night the animals are liberated in large runs. The practice is coming into general use in Oregon.

Prizes Awaiting First 1939 Baby

SILVERTON—Following a custom of several years Silverton merchants and business houses are again offering prizes to the first New Year's baby born in the Silverton territory.

It is being recalled that the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tschantz a year ago, was the recipient of the 1938 gifts.

Night School for Farmers Will Be Held at Silverton, Opening Jan. 5

SILVERTON—Farmers' evening school, under the direction of the Silverton Smith-Hughes Agricultural department, will open again at Silverton. The first meeting will be held January 5, 8 p. m., at the high school agricultural shop. The meetings will follow each week for at least ten weeks.

Shop school will be continued as in former years but subjects such as livestock feeding, dairy problems, poultry, soil fertility, crop rotations, soil conservation and swine production will also be given should any demand arise. Anyone interested in any of these subjects is urged to attend the first class so that an outline can be made.

Leonard Hudson, in charge of the local Smith-Hughes department, is also in charge of arrangements for the adult classes.

Mother and Babe Honored at Party

Firemen's Ball Proceeds to Provide Additional Equipment

AUMSVILLE — Mrs. Walter Frank and infant daughter, Mary Elizabeth, were the inspiration for a delightful party held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Olive Snyder Wednesday afternoon.

Present were Mrs. Jennie Van Nuys, Mrs. Everett Fraser, Mrs. Roy Wilcox, Mrs. Harvey Snyder, Mrs. Omar Clark, Mrs. Hoyt Cupp, Miss LaVerne Lesley, Mrs. F. L. Macklanman, Marlene Roller, Patricia Willard, Doris June Willard, Miss Maude Wilcox, Mrs. Ernest Keith, Mrs. Fred Potter, Miss Jean Keith, Miss Marcella Frank, Mrs. C. H. Willard, Mary Elizabeth Frank, Mrs. Olive Snyder, Mrs. Walter Frank, Miss Betty McKee and Mrs. T. C. Mountain.

McKee Out of Hospital

Sam McKee of Salem a former resident of this place is able to be about again after having been in a Salem hospital for the past month following a major operation. Mr. and Mrs. McKee spend their summers at a rented tract of land here, where they raise thousands of turkeys.

A fireman's holiday ball was held at the city hall Wednesday night with a good attendance. Proceeds will be used by the fire department here to defray the expense of fire equipment.

Mrs. Effie Barber Is Holiday Hostess

MARION—Mrs. Effie Barber entertained with a dinner Monday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Boyce and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Snyder, Mrs. Harriette Barker, Mrs. John Painter and Delbert Kurtz, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barber and family, Halsey; and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Robbins and amily.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Spencer are spending the holidays with Mrs. Spencer's parents at Camas, Wash.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schermacher were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Renshaw of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and daughter Shirley of Calem and Emil Schermacher.

Rural Club Holds Annual Meeting

Standing Committees Are Named by President, Mrs. Van Houten

OAK POINT—Mrs. Josephine Walker, formerly of Oak Point, entertained the Independence Rural Woman's club at her home in Salem Tuesday afternoon. Annual reports were given by retiring officers and chairman.

The president, on behalf of the club, presented a framed motto to Mrs. Walker on her departure from the community. Mrs. Grove Peterson installed the incoming officers for 1939. Awards were presented to Mrs. C. O. Allen as first prize for best book of poems gathered during the year with Mrs. Lauderback receiving second. The program consisted of current events and New Year's resolutions for the betterment of the club.

Committees Named

Mrs. Stephen Van Houten, the new president, appointed these committees: Lookout, Mrs. C. O. Allen, Miss Fay Block, Mrs. Edward Hornsberger; program, Mrs. Bert Gwin, Mrs. Orley Brown, Mrs. Josephine Walker; membership, Miss Hazel Hughes, Mrs. Hattie J. Black, Mrs. Lena Whipple, Mrs. Byron Ruddell. Mrs. Lavant Pease; house, Mrs. C C. Comstock, Mrs. G. A. Peterson, sr., Mrs. Charles Wilson; ways and means, Mrs. Lauderback, Mrs. Dale Green, Mrs. Hugh Rogers, Miss Hazel Hughes, Mrs. Earl Gwin; health, Mrs. Grove Peterson, Mrs. Comstock, Mrs. Lauderback.

Mrs. Orley Brown was appointed pianist and Mrs. Earl Gwin to lead the flag salute. The January 10 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Gwin.

McNeleys Reach 54th Anniversary

AMITY — Mayor and Mrs. Arthur McNeley will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this Saturday night at their home on Jellison street. An oyster supper will be served which has been their custom on every anniversary since their marriage.

The regular monthly meeting of the Amity city council will meet Tuesday night as Monday, the regular date of the meeting, is a holiday.

The community commercial club will meet Wednesday noon in the social rooms of the Methodist church.

Epworth League Has Holiday Fete

LYONS—The young people of the Epworth League from the Methodist church held a party at the club house Wednesday night.

Games and songs furnished the fun for Violet Weitman, Helen and Marian Nye, Dorothy Ayres, Lucille and Beulah Lewis, Constance and Betty Jean Bodeker, Charlotte Burke, Virginia Johnson, Lois Tolland, Evelyn and Elaine Clipfell, Gordon and Harvey Weitman, Donnis Huber, Leonard Surry, Charles Burke, Virgil Nye, Bill Richardson, Delbert Berry, Donald Crooks, Leland Manning and George Clipfell.

Mrs. Pearl Smith was hostess to the "500" card club Wednesday afternoon at her home. High honors went to Mrs. Earl Allen and traveling to Mrs. Everett Crabtree.

Frank Friedrichs Are Parents of Son Born At Home in 'Heights

SALEM HEIGHTS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friedrich, December 20, at the home, a son weighing 7¼ pounds, named Ray Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Iufer are entertaining for the week, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Iufer and sons, Theodore, jr., and Robert of Tacoma.

Mrs. Guy Trenary and sons, Eldon and Ralph are moving to Ocean Park, Wash.

Home From Iowa

BRUSH CREEK—Miss Theo Jensen has just returned to Silverton from a short business trip to the midwest and California. Miss Jensen went as far east as Iowa.

Granger's News

LIBERTY — The Red Hills grange gave over its regular meeting night to a Christmas party Tuesday. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed followed by music and games and gift exchange. About 40 attended.

Death Claims 3 at Lebanon

Harry Knepper, 81, Dies Suddenly; Portland Woman Called

LEBANON—Death came suddenly Thursday to Henry Knepper, 81, resident of this community the past 41 years. He fell unconscious while taking his daily walk and was taken to the hospital but lived only a few minutes. He was born in Pennsylvania, November 6, 1857. June 20, 1878 he was married in Missouri to Alice Harris, now deceased. They came in 1897 to Waterloo, Ore., and in 1906 moved to Lebanon where he was employed in the paper mill until retired on a pension.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Oscar Ingram of Lebanon; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted by a minister of the Brethren church at the Harry C. Howe funeral home Saturday at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Alice Borchers

LEBANON — Mrs. Alice Borchers, last member of the Richard Cheadle family, prominent Linn county pioneers, died Thursday morning in her sleep at the home of her brother-in-law, Frank Hall, where she was making a holiday visit. She lived the past 10 years in Portland. She was born on the Cheadle donation land claim near Lebanon in February, 1854 and spent most of her girlhood there. About 45 years ago she was married to Henry Borchers who died several years ago. She was an accomplished musician.

Surviving are one son, William Borchers of San Francisco; three grandchildren and many other relatives; Claralee Cheadle, Lebanon teacher, is a niece. Funeral arrangements, in charge of the N. C. Lowe mortuary, await the arrival of relatives.

Mary Viola Pederson

LEBANON — Funeral services for Mary Viola Pederson, 59, were conducted by Rev. Lawrence Bixler of the Church of Christ at 2 p. m. at the Lowe mortuary chapel Friday. She was born near Lebanon August 29, 1879 and in 1899 was married to Jack Keebler who died in 1906; she was married to Sigurd Pederson in 1908 and with the exception of three years had spent her life in Lebanon.

Surviving are a son, Aubry Keebler, Camas, Wash., and a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Norma Smith of Lebanon; a brother, Tod Shearer, Klamath Falls; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Tetzie, Mehama and one grandchild.

Lloyd Whitcomb Weds Banks Girl

WILLAMINA—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitcomb attended the wedding of their son, Lloyd E. Whitcomb of Forest Grove and Miss Hazel Paetsch of Banks at the First Congregational church in Forest Grove December 27.

R. E. Ellingsworth was taken to the McMinnville hospital Tuesday after it was determined he was more seriously hurt that it was first thought when his car skidded on wet pavement and turned over, when the brakes were applied in passing a truck. Bronchial hemorrhage caused alarm but that has subsided and he was brought home Thursday morning.

The Townsend club sponsored a children's party at the Rebekah hall Wednesday night with about 35 children and 20 adults in attendance. An impromptu program was enjoyed.

Community Clubs

SPRING VALLEY—A most delightful Christmas program was sponsored by the Spring Valley community club, with a record crowd in attendance. Mrs. Jesse Sohn announced the program. Jesse Sohn, as Santa Claus, passed gifts and candy.

BRUSH CREEK—"Skip to Ma Lu" and "Rats in the Sugar Bowl, Two by Two," along with a host of other swing-games recalling the youth of some years ago, were played and sung at a homecoming party at the Brush Creek school Thursday night. Older and younger people of the district alike joined in the games and remained for the late midnight supper.

Brush Creek as a rule, has a homecoming dance between the Christmas and New Year's holidays. But because a number of folk in the district do not dance, the group voted this year to have an old-time party with "swing-games." The affair proved a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Krug were the instigators of the affair. John Goplerud is president of the Booster club, which is the Brush Creek Community club.

Iowa and Idaho Residents Visit

OAK POINT—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Primus have as holiday guests his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Primus and family of Nez Perce, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. Park Franks of Clear Lake, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Franks were former residents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson of San Carlos, Calif., were dinner guests of her sister, Mrs. M. R. Black, Tuesday. They are house guests over the holidays of Mrs. Carlson's mother, Mrs. Flora Mix in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lou left Tuesday morning for their home in Huron, S. D., after visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis.

Announce Winners Lighting Contest

WOODBURN—Judging of the Rotary club Christmas lighting contest was completed Thursday night and Arista Nendel was judged as winner of the general outdoor lighting division with J. F. Lacey second and C. C. Settlemier third.

The entrance and window lighting division was won by Keith O'Hair with John Shaw second and H. M. Austin third.

Judges were George D. Jones of the Woodburn Garden club, Maude Mochel of the Woman's club, Gelta Mae Hunt of the Junior Woman's club and Mary B. Scollard of the American Legion auxiliary.

Large Crowd Appears For Program at Zena

ZENA—A large crowd was well entertained at the Chrismas program given by the Zena school and Christian Endeavor at the Zena church. The part of Santa Claus was enacted by Sam Barker who passed out the gifts and presents. Lucille Greer announced the program.

Dance New Year In

SILVERTON — The Howitzer company, Oregon national guard, will sponsor the New Year's Eve dance at the armory with a Salem orchestra to furnish the music. Thor Thokildson, Ted Wills and Harland Anderson are in charge of arrangements.

Co-op Dinner Event Ended

J. D. Mickle Main Speaker for Creamery Second Day's Program

MT. ANGEL—The second day of the Mt. Angel cooperative creamery patrons' meeting continued Thursday with a program similar to that of Wednesday. The number of people served at the noon dinner for members of the coop exceeded even the 1200 of the day before. The second day of celebration was necessary to permit all of the 2200 patrons to attend the meet.

As on the opening day, President R. J. Berning in his address of welcome to the members told of the wonderful progress and expansion of the creamery during 1938.

Prof. J. H. Wilster, head of the dairy manufacturing department of Oregon State college, told of the improvement in the quality of butter in the last eight or nine years. The average score of Oregon butter at that time, said Prof. Wilster, was less than 90 while today the score is nearly 92. At market value and the amount of butter shipped to California this means about $175,000 per year.

Stresses Marketing

J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture, stressed the importance of marketing in the main address of the day. He said the problem is no longer one of production in Oregon but rather one of marketing. Oregon exports 16,000 carloads of farm products, including potatoes, grain, dairy products, eggs and vegetables. He advocated encouraging new industries to take care of the surplus and eliminate the cost of transporting it.

Father Alcuin again held the crowd spellbound as he told of conditions in Europe and of the comparative great blessings of the American system of government.

Mt. Angel business men and their sons served the dinner. A ton of sausage, into the makings of which went two beefs and six large hogs, was used for the two days. This most talked of item on the bill of fare was made in the creamery's own plant. So was the ice cream, over 800 gallons of it, and the delicious fresh strawberries came from the cold storage lockers in the old creamery.

The annual business meeting of the creamery at which elections will be held will take place on January 30.

William Vitek Is Accident Victim

LEBANON — William Vitek, employe of the Underwood Lumber company of Brownsville, in trying to dodge a 20-foot log Thursday was caught by a 16-foot log which broke his right leg between the knee and ankle and severely lacerated his left leg. He is being treated in the Lebanon hospital.

Harry Wiley, representative elect, addressed the Lions' club Thursday on political and economic questions following the 1 o'clock luncheon at Hotel Lebanon.

Dry goods and variety stores report unusually heavy sales during Christmas week. Only places not catering to Christmas goods saw no increase but held their own with good prospects for next year.

Fractures Ankles

SILVERTON — Allen Ludvicksen is at the Silverton hospital following the fracture of both his ankles while sliding down a chute, turning his ankles as he struck the ground.

Farmers' Union News

JEFFERSON—There was a good attendance at the card party Wednesday night in the Odd Fellows hall, sponsored by the Marion Farmers' union.

Eight tables of "500" were played and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Ida Butler of Raymond, Wash., Mrs. J. L. Calavan, Charles C. Hart, and William Bauman.

Six tables of pinochle were in play, with prizes going to Mrs. Dick Vose, Mrs. Gilbert Zimmerman, Homer Davis, and W. L. Jones.

The Marion Farmers will give a card party and dance in the hall New Year's eve, to which the public is invited to attend. This is not one of the series sponsored by the Marion group.

Lambs Appearing Unusually Early

Suver Teacher Marries Kenneth Dodson at Vancouver

SUVER — Steve Benedict reports that he has over 30 lambs already, which establishes a record here for the earliest lambs. He also reports that Thursday night someone helped themselves to several sacks of grain, some empty sacks and tractor tools which were in his barn.

Rhoma Moehnke, teacher of the Suver school, and Kenneth Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dodson of Airlie, were married at Vancouver, Wash., Saturday afternoon. The young couple will live in the Rice house in Suver.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vanderpool have returned from northern California where they visited her father, L. A. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Small and two children of Summner Lake, Ore., arrived Monday and will spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dodson and her brothers, Maurice and Kenneth.

Mathenys Wedded 54 Years Today

George Webbers and Gays Also Will Celebrate Anniversaries

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matheny will observe their 54th wedding anniversary Saturday. Mrs. Matheny was the former Lilly D. Hall. The two were married December 31, 1884, by Rev. John Osburn at the Christian church at Scio.

Mrs. Matheny was born in East Hartford, Conn., February 25, 1864, and came to Oregon in 1870. Matheny was born at Wheatland on May 24, 1863.

In Silverton 25 Years

The two came to Silverton in November of 1913. Children include Vine of Portland, Mark of Newport, Wren and Armond and Daisy Gustafson of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webber will observe their 54th wedding anniversary New Year's day, and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gay will observe their 26th wedding anniversary on New Year's day.

Townsend Group Planning Party

SILVERTON—The 72nd birthday anniversary of Dr. Townsend will be observed at an oyster supper to be given January 10 by the local Townsend club. The auxiliary will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Dora Whitney, to make plans for the supper.

The report of the nominating committee for election of officers will be held January 10 also, and election will be held at the last meeting in January.

J. E. Hosmer is present president of the club with Mrs. Will Volgamore of the auxiliary.

Takes Over Shoe Shop

TURNER—Bud McCully will take over the shoe repair shop of Mr. Atter, who is moving to Sweet Home.

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