

Sidelights On Oregon's Fur Exhibit

Bits of Information
About Fur Farming
Gleaned From Show

By Lillie L. Madsen

The quality of fox all over, and especially in the Willamette valley, has greatly improved in the past years over, say 29 years ago, was a remark made by Mike Deederer of the Seattle Fur exchange at the recent state fox and mink show held at the state fairgrounds.

Then one never saw a fox that had good furred sides and backs. The fur farmers have come a long way in the past score of years and it hasn't been by mere luck. Careful selection of breeding animals, proper housing, proper food, are responsible, he added.

Eugene Finlay of Jefferson returned a few days ago from Alaska. He fox-shopped on a small island near Guzinka, 35 miles from Kodiak. Going with him was Erwin Swartz, also of Jefferson. Swartz wasn't shopping for foxes or anything else. He claimed he was just sight-seeing and keeping Finlay company.

Returning with Finlay and Swartz were 12 pair of white faced platinum foxes. Of these, six pair were for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stacey of Salem. The others were for Finlay and his two sons, John and Lawrence Finlay. The foxes came in good condition considering the length of the trip, and now are picking up splendidly at the Willamette valley farms.

The trip was interesting, said Finlay. In fact, he added, there were some tough storms which made it more interesting to look back upon than to live through.

Finlay also said that Alaskan fox didn't compare in condition with the Willamette valley animals. Climate, within reason, he added, which some years ago was believed the main factor in fur raising, isn't nearly so important. It has been discovered, as food and living conditions.

Among Oregon's better known fox and mink breeders are the Gardners. These include Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.



Judges are telling the recent fur show visitors why they picked the fox pictured here as first in the "light silver male pup class." The animal is from the C. W. Stacey fur farm, Salem.

Archie Gardner, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Yunkers. Their fur farms are in the Ketzler district.

Archie, who has been largely in charge in recent years, said they were increasing their herd somewhat, holding over about 300 females and pelting around 100 mink this season. Fox will also be increased and only around 75 pelted this year.

Father and Mother Gardner started in the fur-farming business around 20 years ago.

The C. T. Chapmans of Oregon City have pelted some 700 animals this season and are holding over 500.

Walter Pringle, manager of Lamson, Frasier and Huth, New York City furriers, said at the Oregon show that while he saw some individual fox on some of the big Great Lakes farms which were as good or better than those at the Oregon show, Oregon fox were in general much better than the eastern fox as a whole.

The mink situation was somewhat different, he added. Western mink farmers should breed more closely for uniformity, he thought.

"Mutations," said Pringle, "have opened a new world in fur farming. A more interesting world. But greater care must be exercised in breeding and selection. Mutations are more difficult to match and matched the

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News and Views of Farm and Garden — BY LILLIE L. MADSEN

Hayes Labish Nearly Sold

Of the large number of subdivisions of the former Hayes Labish Farms only four of the beaver dam lots are left. Sale of the farms began early last spring.

George T. Wadsworth, State Bank of Gervais, who has had charge of the sales, said this week that even if all of the bottom land, some of which has not been considered suitable for the pro-

duction of onions, has been sold. Recent purchasers include Leonard Holland and Robert Meys, who divided a lot of the third subdivision. Holland also purchased 2 1/2 acres of upland for a building site. This lies just north of the house on lot 7, subdivision 3, and was previously bought by Peter Sproed. Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Meys are sisters.

Buy Additional Lots
R. A. White and Jess Dransfeldt, who both previously had bought lots in the land project, bought additional pieces this past week. A large machine shed is located on one of the lots which the men purchased. John Archer, who already owned a tract of Lake Labish beaver dam, purchased an additional lot this past week. The new purchase adjoins, on the southwest, a lot owned by Ernest Dunn. August J. Harris, who owns a tract of beaver dam farther up the lake, bought another lot this past week. George Schmidt of Mt. Angel, who has been employed on the Hayes farms for several years and who has recently been operating a fleet of trucks, also bought a lot.

Other recent purchasers are Mr. and Mrs. James V. Jackson, Don Matheny of Portland, and Wilbert and LeRoy Aman, Mt. Angel hopmen.

Wadsworth said that there were five large onion houses which will be sold before the land deal is completely closed, but that it now appears some additional onion houses must be built to accommodate all the growers who have purchased onion land without having made any provision for storage space.

ASKS FOR FLY CONTROL

Of special interest in Marion county, says Frank McKennon, chief of the division of plant industry, state department of agriculture, is the petitions from the Wasco County Fruit and Produce league. The petitions asks the department to establish a fruit fly control area in Wasco county and to call a hearing to establish permanent grades for cherries for canning.

Yamhill County Committees Named

Yamhill county delegates of the recently elected AAA community committees will meet Friday afternoon at the office of Louie H. Gross, McMinnville, county agent. At this meeting three county committeemen will be chosen to head up the county organization and be responsible to all members of the AAA program for 1946.

Community committees chosen include: Carlton — Chris Simonson; Walter Willis, Harry F. Williams, Emil Pearson, Stuart French, Walter Willis, Newberg district — chairman, R. D. Leffler; del. ates, J. P. Jungwirth, A. L. Tangen, A. Wohlsmuth, H. J. Leffler, Alvin Smith, McMinnville — chairman, Lawrence

Quality, not Quantity, Tops New Fashion

Oregon can maintain about the same quantity of poultry output the next year as in the past, was the expressed opinion of experienced poultrymen at a recent meeting called by W. G. Nibler, county agent.

However, the country as a whole is due for some cut back. Poultry has increased in production over 50 per cent during the war years. Consumption has increased but 25 per cent. The armed forces took up the slack which will now have to be taken up some other way or production will have to be curtailed, said Noel Bennion, Oregon poultry and turkey expert.

CORN SHOW PLANS READY

All plans are completed for the Marion county corn show to be held at Central Howell school Friday, December 7. The women of the Farmers Union will serve dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and judging will follow. After the judging there will be a program arranged by the Farmers Union. Dr. Fore of Oregon State college will judge.

LEVEES PROTECT FARMS

Stayton and Kingstons farmers in the former flood area are high in praise of the revetment project completed just before the last heavy rains. People in the area report that the floods in former years did untold damage to the farm lands in that district. Recent rains brought the river over the first bench, constructed of boulders, but the water had not come within five or six feet of the top of the outer levees.

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years, hatcheries had had to use almost all eggs they could get. Now they should use only first grade eggs for hatching. Selection of the finest poultry for breeding stock is again in fashion, Bennion added.

In Oregon, population has increased rapidly and what used to be a heavy exporting state, is now a poultry importing state. But improvement in quality of meat-type poultry and in eggs must be practiced, Bennion said, in talking to the poultrymen.

He said that during the war-

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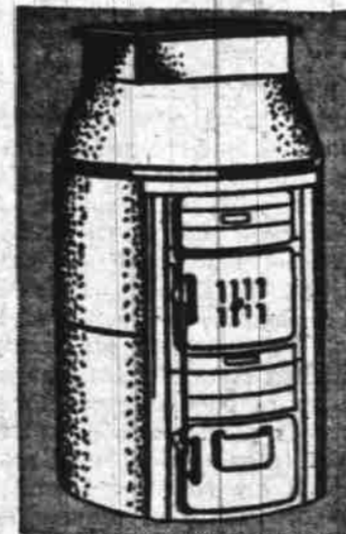


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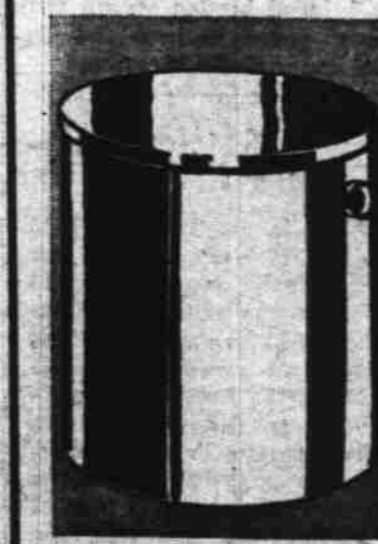
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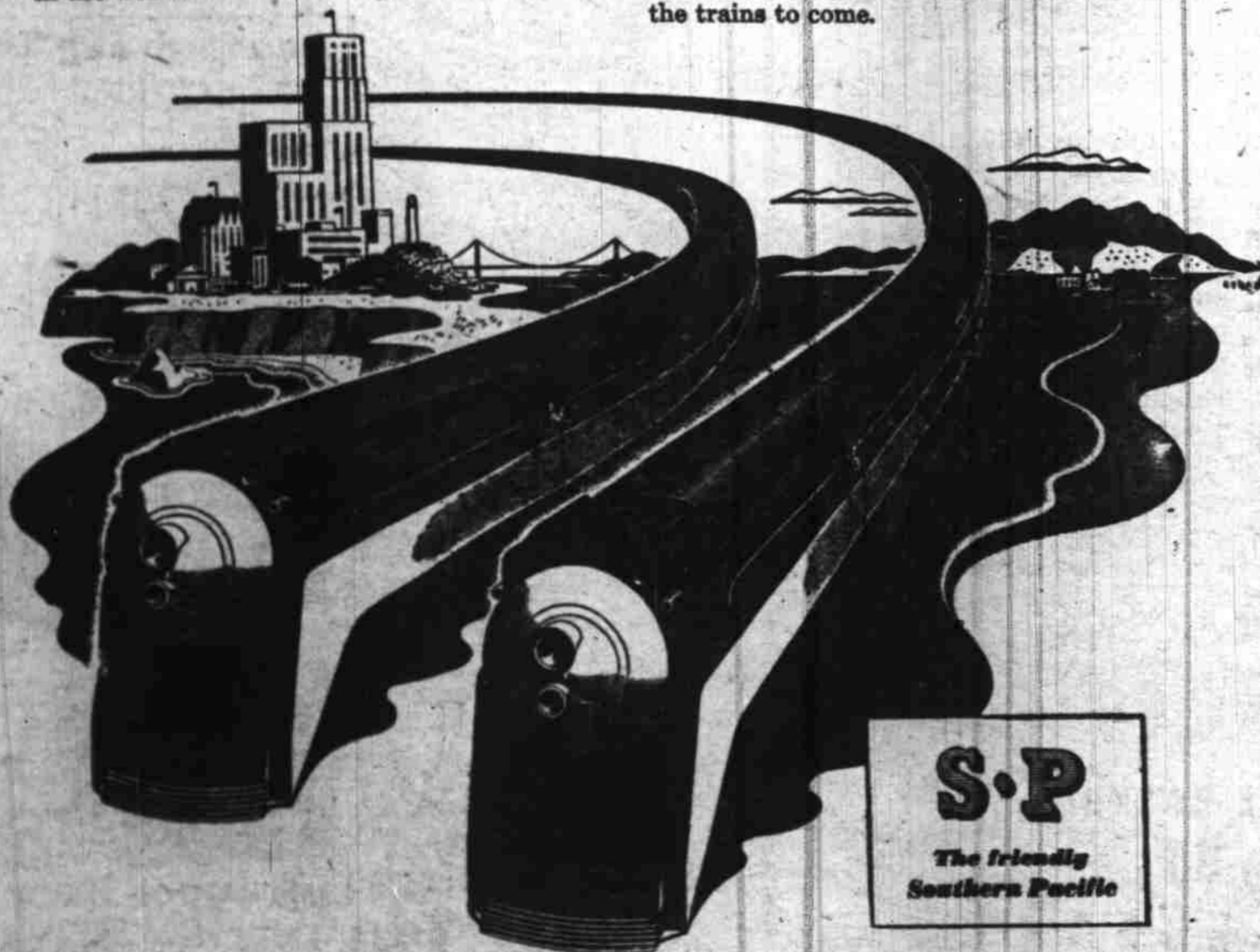
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