

LOW PRICES RESULT IN PEACEFUL LIFE FOR OHIO MUSKRATS

(By Associated Press)

PORT CLINTON, O., Dec. 15.—The opening of the muskrat season last week failed to witness a frenzied rush of pelt hunters as for the last few seasons. The useful muskrat skin, from which many of m-lady's fur garments are made, and which when plucked and dyed, becomes the popular Hudson Seal, has skidded downward greatly in price this year, according to early reports from the trapping sections of the state, and trappers are showing apathy in going after the rat pelt.

First quotations from the fur dealers give 25 and 35 cents as the price for early muskrat pelts, the lowest price in years, it is said.

For a great many years, the average pelt was around \$1.25, and last year as high as \$4.60 a pelt was given by fur buyers.

Expect Fur Shortage

The prices of other furs are accordingly low, and veteran trappers are predicting a fur shortage next winter as the result. Some of the early quotations in this district give skunk a pelt price of \$1.50, while \$5 was a common price last year.

Coon pelts, it is said, will bring around \$2 this year. Last year, \$8 and \$10 were looked for at least. One of the farmers of this section was fortunate enough to receive \$18.75 for a black mink pelt last season, and the price for the ordinary mink as quoted so far, is from \$1.25 to \$3.50.

However, with the advance of winter, prices are expected to react to somewhat higher levels, but the high prices of last year are gone for a long time and perhaps for ever, it is felt.

The muskrat in this section has become one of the most sought after fur bearing animals. Owners of many tracts of marshlands around here do not allow hunting or trapping on their land, unless for the purpose of rounding up the little rats in numbers for the market.

Muskrat a Delicacy

In some localities, the muskrat was so plentiful last year that even business men in the towns would close shop and spend a few days making some of the easy money for the high-priced pelts. The carcasses of the rats are sold in the most sought after lunch stands and bring from 15 to 25 cents each. When properly prepared, the muskrat is looked upon as a most desirable delicacy.

The volume of business made annually by muskrat trappers is surprising in northwestern Ohio, along the shores of Lake Erie, and Sandusky Bay and the rivers. It has been estimated that Ottawa county alone last year gave up more than \$750,000 of the pelts for the markets.

The low prices, which are expected to discourage hunters going in great numbers as for the last few years, is looked upon favorably by many, who figure that trapping next year will be just that much better.

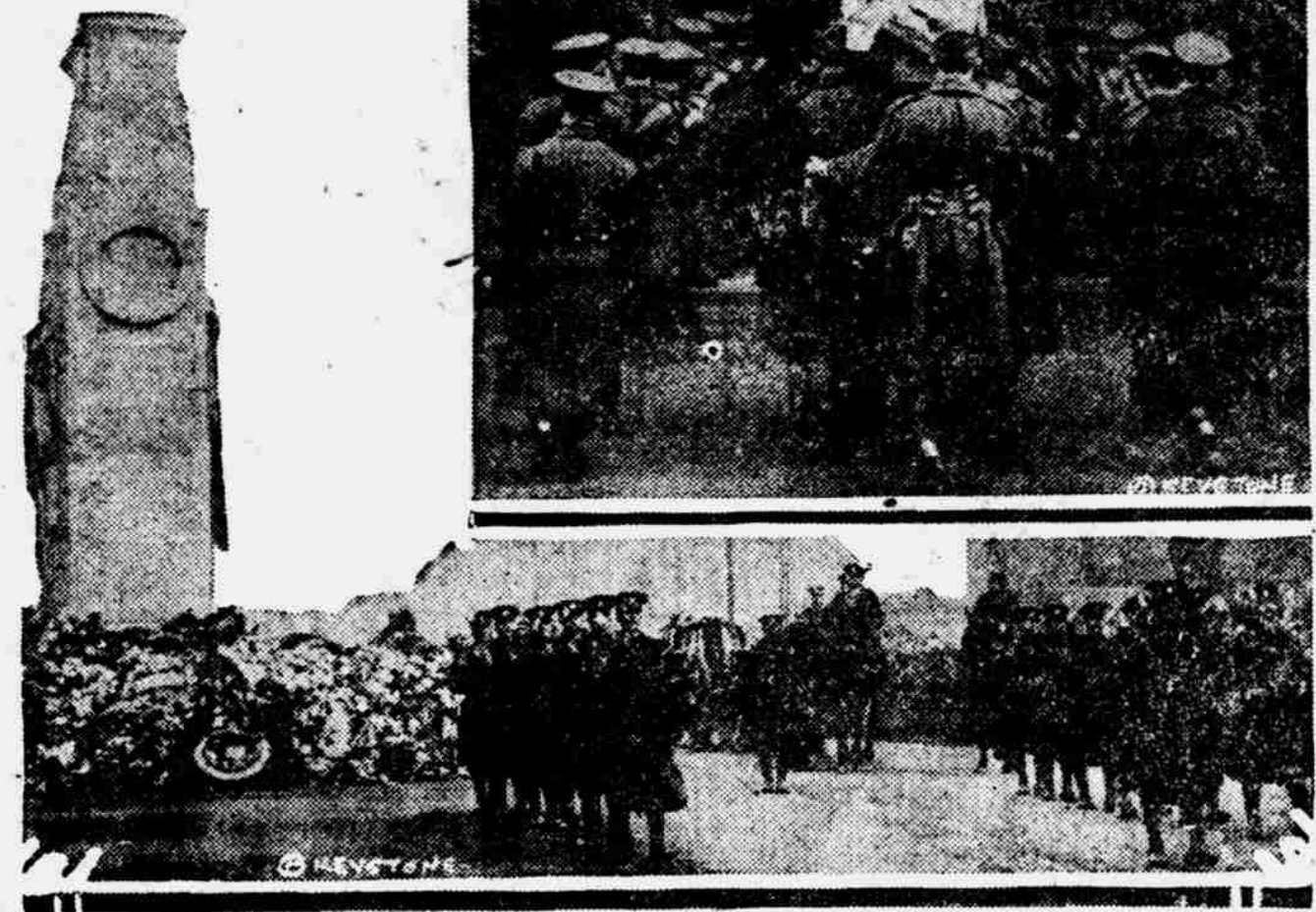
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ELDORADO, O. — Mrs. Maude Schrell and children and Miss Bertha Reissler all of Greenville, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Miller. Jacob Geeting of near Otterbein spent Saturday night and Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Minnich and family. T. A. Elkenberry and family and Edgar Guenther and wife also were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ullom called on Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mastin Sunday evening. Horace Disher of Dayton spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mastin. Harris Minnich and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Minnich. Harve Minnich and family of Greenville were afternoon callers. David Wolford has sold his town property to Robert Wolford and purchased Mr. Wolford's farm southeast of here. Both parties will take possession of their respective properties in the near future. Last Thursday afternoon a large traction engine slid off the road while passing a school back. While little damage was done they were unable to move until the next afternoon.

Rev. J. H. Blackford continues to slowly improve from his recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. William McCabe and Mrs. Jane Schlosser were Greenville shoppers Monday. Miss Dolia McKee of Cincinnati is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem McKee and daughter, Ruth. Chelsie Rush and family of near Coal-town, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Schlosser were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McCabe. Mrs. Alaina Kimmel and Miss Edith Johnson were Sunday guests of Clem McKee and family. Mrs. Eva Miller and Mrs. Nellie Emrick of West Manchester and Mrs. F. P. Campbell spent Thursday with Mrs. Albert Pudge of New Paris. Ed Witt has received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. Evan Juday of Richmond, whose death occurred early Monday morning. As yet we are unable to learn the particulars of the death. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fox of Piqua were calling in Eldorado, Monday. David Wolford and family spent Sunday with Solomon Emrick and wife, Rev. A. C. Barnhart and family, and Ernest Collins and family of west of town were guests of H. A. Spittler and family Sunday. Mrs. Emerson Beard and daughter, Elizabeth, spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Miller and family. Miss John Blackford and cousin Roger Blackford of Middletown spent Sunday with

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF "RED SUNDAY" IN DUBLIN

Bodies of thirteen of the British soldiers murdered in the "Red Sunday" shooting in Dublin, were removed to London and were buried after services in Westminster Abbey. Sir Hamar Greenwood, home secretary to Ireland, cabinet members and other high officials attended the services. The murdered men were officers and cadets. Sixteen persons were killed and scores wounded in the rioting.



Bodies, with escort, en route to the abbey and one of the coffins being carried into the abbey for services.

Frank Blackford and family. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ricketts of Monson, Mass., and Dr. and Mrs. George Blackford. Henry Davis and family of Lewisburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Lon Daily Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eyer and son Philip, entertained Herbert Rhinehart and family Friday. Mrs. Hulda Covert spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Harris Minnich and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spittler spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Covert. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Howell, Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher and Miss Harriet Deem were Dayton shoppers, Monday. L. F. Schieser and family and Mrs. Jane Beard were entertained at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ware Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Daily called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Black, Saturday evening. Mrs. Hulda Covert spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Agler. A. B. Miller and family entertained Sherman Lutz and family, Samuel Lutz, Perry Eby and family and Mark Shaeffer, Sunday. Lester Hapner and family spent Sunday afternoon and evening with William Bunch and family of near Gettysburg. John Nearon spent Sunday in Richmond visiting his brother, William Nearon. Mrs. Cora Shewman, of Dayton, spent Monday with Mrs. Lester Hapner and family. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hapner spent Sunday with Mrs. John Nearon. Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Kimmel spent Sunday evening with H. E. Johnson and family. Mrs. H. E. Johnson and children spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lester Hapner.

WEST MANCHESTER, O. — Jacob Gauch received a telegram Sunday of the death of his sister, Mrs. Henry Huffman, at Milford, Ind. J. W. Gauch left Monday morning to attend the funeral. Enroute home he expects to visit L. O. Trump and family at Cherubusco. A Christmas program will be given by the members of the Christian Sunday school on Sunday morning following Christmas day, Dec. 26. The junior pupils will also receive the annual Christmas treat. Miss Lucina Brown returned from Dayton Saturday, where she was engaged in nursing her brother, Dr. Gilbert Brown, who was seriously ill with stomach trouble. She reports his condition as being much improved. The regular meeting of the Friendly Bible class of the U. B. church was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ella Leas. The house was tastefully arranged with Christmas decorations. Music and a literary program were features of the evening entertainment. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Erle Welbaum of Paris, Texas, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Somers and family Sunday. Mrs. Ralph Roach of Davenport, Ia., who is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Studebaker, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowble and family. Mrs. Studebaker joined her Friday and remained until when they were accompanied home by Mr. Studebaker, who was also a Sunday guest. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Solman and Mrs. O. P. Wolfert of Greenville, called on Mrs.

Mary Trone Wednesday, and visited with Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Trone at Dayton. Miss Lucille Morris was a Dayton shopper Tuesday. Mrs. Henry Howard and daughter Mildred, spent the week-end with her daughter near Eaton. William Francis and C. D. Rosser of Arcanum were business visitors Thursday. Miss Sylvia Trone of Dayton spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother and family. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cable and son Charles were Richmond shoppers Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Carey Pitman entertained as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Al Witt of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon McNutt and sons of Peru, Ind. Mrs. Joe Bruner and daughter Alta Mae, called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dempsey Sunday afternoon. Miss Letitia Kimmel, teacher of the upper grade in Eldorado schools, spent last Thursday night with Miss Katie Waldren at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gauch. Charles Waggoner and family and John Gauch and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gauch. Miss Leona Pitman was a dinner guest of Miss Irene Leas Sunday. Mrs. A. O. Miller and daughter Catherine spent from Friday until Sunday at Dayton with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fox. Mrs. Leo Guy spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leas, Sr. at Greenville.

GREENSFORK, Ind. — Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Bonn and daughter spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holloway near Carlos City. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins died Monday. Mr. Swathwood of Greenville, spent Sunday with Robert Arnold and family. Miss Treva Howell spent Saturday with her brother Orville and family near Castine. O. K. Cossart of New Richmond spent from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cossart. Frank Brown of Middletown, visited Sunday with Henry Howard and family. Mesdames A. O. Miller and Clate Emerick visited Thursday with Mrs. Malissa Fudge at New Paris. Joe Busby of Richmond, spent Sunday with E. A. Locke and family. Orville Wilhelm, Ben Locke, Mrs. Edith Dill, Mrs. H. S. Huey and T. C. Boner and family were in Richmond, Saturday. Omer and Isaac Dill and their families of Palestine, were Sunday dinner guests of Wilber Dill and family. Carson Ritz and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley House. Mr. and Mrs. Loy Howell entertained Sunday. Mrs. Anna Howell, Orville Howell and family and Simon Hetzler and Clifford Howell and their families, of near New Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Poyner and Valeta and Harold Weaver were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Poyner. Miss Imo Howell of Dayton, was a week-end visitor here. Mr. John Hauser spent Sunday at his home in Troy, Ohio. Miss Leona Pitman was a dinner guest of Miss Irene Leas Sunday. Mrs. A. O. Miller and daughter Catherine spent from Friday until Sunday at Dayton with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fox. Mrs. Leo Guy spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leas, Sr. at Greenville.

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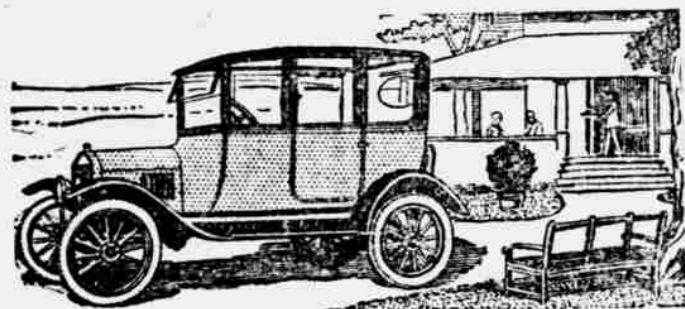
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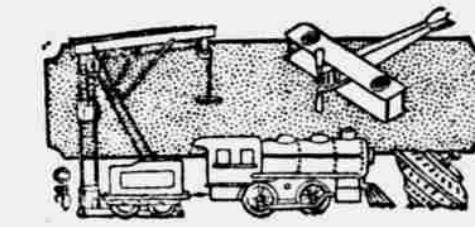
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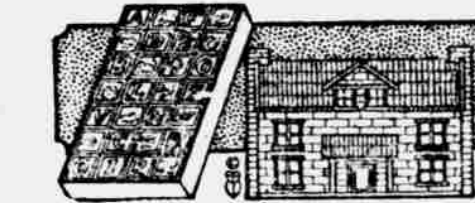
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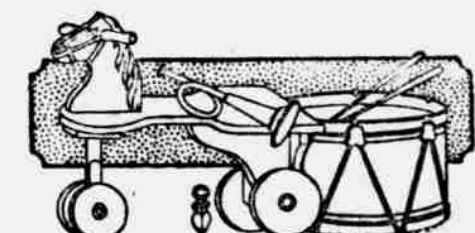
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