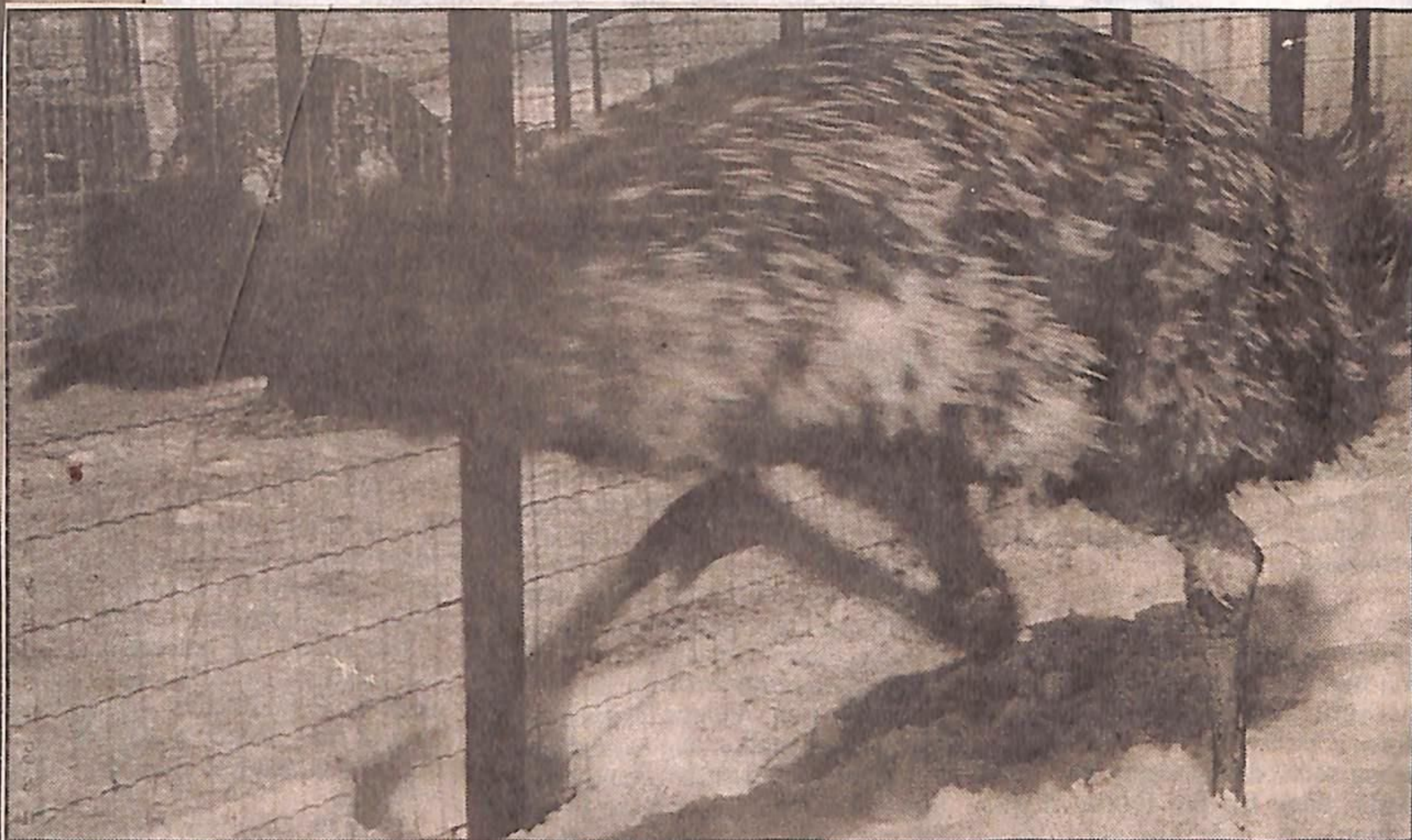


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While the emu can't fly, it can certainly run — at speeds up to 35 mph.

## “Claws that could rip a person open”

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local co-op.

“I baby them a lot...see them three times a day,” he said.

The Hatts have also provided a

“nice, clean, warm stall,” for them with a constant temperature around 50 degrees and a 10 ft. X 72 ft. outside runway.

And despite having large, three-toed feet that could “rip a person open,” the emu is a very gentle bird,

easily handled and quite docile. They do not generally show any signs of aggression to humans even during the breeding season.

“They are an interesting bird. It's nice to see them coming around” said Gerald.

## Emu farming shows great promise in North America

“Emu farming in North America shows great promise as an emerging new livestock industry. They are very hard and productive and do not require a great deal of land or feed in comparison to other types of livestock. The emu has a variety of marketable products which include their meat, feathers, oil, skin and egg shells.

Emu meat has a texture like beef and is red in colour. It is low in both fat and cholesterol. The emu oil possesses a deep penetrating ability that promotes wrinkle retardations, softening of the skin. It is also found to be

bacterialstatic. No bacteria grows in its presence. It is currently being used in shampoo and conditioners and will earn further portions of the multi-billion dollar cosmetic and skin care industry.

Feathers and hatched eggshells are currently being used to produce feather caps, jewelry, dusters, lures and other fashion items.

The emu hide is soft and durable and is used in the manufacture of boots, brief cases, billfolds and fashion clothing.”

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*Marketable products include meat, feathers, oil, skin, and eggs.*

The oil from an emu is worth \$600 a litre, with one bird able to produce between 6 and 7 litres.