

Mink Rancher Finds Hobby Becomes 24-Hour-a Day Job

The glamorous word 'mink' may mean the realization of a dream to many a woman, but it means a lot of hard work to the mink ranchers.

In 1964, Mr. Jim Turkington, 26 Prince Charles Drive, started raising mink on a lot on the 15th sideroad, just to keep him busy upon retirement. He has been busy twenty-four hours a day since.

With the weekend help of son Bob, of 38 Prince Charles Dr., he is looking after nearly 400 mink.

The mink are inclined to be anti-social and must be kept in separate pens, and handled, not with kid gloves, but with heavy leather ones, since their needle sharp teeth express instant dislike of even the hand that feeds them.

Perhaps their bad humour is caused to some extent by staying their whole lifetime in one cage.

The Turkingtons raise only pastel mink. The males weigh about five and a half pounds and the females slightly less, although at birth they are not

much larger than peanuts. The high cost of feed, for those hard-to-raise animals may have something to do with the high cost of the pelt.

The mink mate in March and are usually sold at auction in November. The price of the individual pelts fluctuates from year to year.

No rivalry seems to exist among the mink ranchers, since the Turkingtons speak highly of the assistance given them by fellow mink rancher Ken Ewen of Norval, when they started their venture into the mink business.



Mink rancher Jim Turkington and retirement project

Legion's New Executive Appointed Twenty to Head Up Committees

Last week the new executive of the Branch met and appointed the necessary chairmen to carry on with the business and social activities for the next 12 months.

Comrade Wallace Thompson was appointed treasurer once more. Russ Stephens has taken over the chore of secretary, while Frank Hale becomes the new Sergeant at Arms.

Poppy chairman again will be Bob Collier, while Bob's brother Bill will carry on for another year as Sports Officer.

Comrade Roy Smith assisted by Art Stamp will visit and cheer the sick.

Norman Ward will take care of the entertainment for the Branch.

Comrade (housechairman) Buster Hale has taken a new chairmanship this year that of membership chairman. He will have Frank Bryant as co-chairman for this very important job.

New House Chairman

Branch 120's new housechairman is Comrade Herb Arnold assisted by Comrade Bruce Collins; two members who will be kept busy for the next twelve months.

Comrade Mac McLean has the arduous position of audit chairman.

Bingo will still be run by Alex Taylor assisted by Jim M. Mike Lorusso will head the very important ways and means committee.

Merle Reid will continue as building chairman. Branch Service Officer will again be hard-working Past President Dave Bowman.

Members will be pleased to know that the Branch Padre is again Rev. K. C. Johnston.

Arranges Entertainment

Last but by no means least, Comrade Gord Reid is to carry on his time taking care of arranging Saturday night entertainment for members and their families.

Comrade John Elliott will continue with his chairmanship until the Centennial target is reached. Right now it is up to \$1,000, well over the half way mark with many members yet to contribute.

The Centennial roll of honour at the Branch contains the names of approximately one hundred and thirty members, quite a number of non members and several outside organizations.

Helmet is Trophy

One of our senior members, Comrade Mike McGill, has come up with a first world war helmet for our tug of war trophy. Thanks Mike!

Last Friday evening, some of the members of the Branch were treated to some first class pipe music provided to them by Piper John Turner of H. M. Scots Guards. John is over here from Britain for six weeks and is taking part in maneuvers in Gagetown, New Brunswick. Last weekend he was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hamish Hay of town.

See you at the picnic on Sunday. Let us hope for good weather.

75 Lornes Leaving for Camp Petawawa

Seventy-five members of the Lorne Scots Regiment will be at Camp Petawawa for a week long training session commencing this Saturday morning.

Members of the regiment will head for the camp by bus at 8:30 on departure morning for an extended period of field training and tactical practice.

The Lorne Scots will join such units as the Toronto Scottish Regiment, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders of Hamilton, and the Queen's York Rangers for the training.

Many other units from across Ontario and the prairies will be there. Commanding the Lorne Scots will be Col. Robert G. Hardie CD, ADC. The unit will return home Saturday, July 16.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

At Monday night's Council meeting, a request from the Georgetown Citizens' Band for \$500 for lumber for a portable bandstand was held in abeyance until the July interim statement shows the financial standing of the town at mid year.

Similar treatment was given to a request from the Georgetown Lions Club for aid toward the 30th anniversary of the Little NHL celebrations.

L. Mackenzie, L. Stief, P. Robinson and D. McMenemy were hired as assistants to the works department, at \$1.81 an hour.

A six inch water main will be installed to service the new public school.

Engineers Damas and Smith will be invited to attend the next council meeting to discuss the Mountview Bridge project.

The Kinsmen Girls Softball League were given permission to hold a tag day Friday evening July 8, and all day Saturday July 9.

A letter from Mrs. J.M. Gosling, Norton Creek, complaining of damage to shrubs and garage was read to council. Behind her house is a gateway to Harrison School, which she claims has become a hangout for teenagers. Mrs. Gosling asked the town for a higher fence, possibly a link fence. The letter was turned over to the property committee.

Three in Family are Injured in Accident

Three RR 3 Georgetown people were taken to hospital late Monday night after a two car collision on the Base Line on the outskirts of Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Mervin Denmore and their son, were treated for cuts and bruises and allowed to go home.

Their car received \$500 damage.

The driver of the other car was George Forest Learmonth, Milton. His car received damage estimated at \$1,000.

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