

# The Farmers Gamble Acreage for Seeding

There have been some suggestions, among producer groups, that with large grain surpluses overhanging world markets, perhaps less grain should be produced this year and more acreage left to summerfallow. However, the majority of producers have rejected this view.

Initial prices for the 1953-54 crop year, announced last spring, were \$1.40 a bushel for No. 1 northern wheat, 65 cents a bushel for No. 2 oats and 96 cents a bushel for No. 3 CW barley, basis delivery at Vancouver or the Lakehead.

The wheat board usually augments these initial prices by mid-year interim payments, usually by 20 cents a bushel for wheat. However, this year for the first time in some years, there has been no interim payment.

# Suburban Shops Pose No Threat To City Centres

TORONTO — The suburban shopping centre has its place, but it is nonsense to suggest that it will supplant downtown areas in the foreseeable future, Morgan Reid, assistant vice president, retail of Simpsons-Sears, Ltd., says.

He advised retailers, in an address to the annual conference of the Canadian Retail Federation, to examine whether proposed new developments are based on retail experience, or are promotional efforts where there is no profitable alternate use.

"It is not possible," he said, "to guess how many of the shopping centres now on drawing boards will actually come into reality and be successful, but I should be very surprised if more than one out of 10 are really profitable."

As with other new ideas of undoubted but limited merit, the shopping centre has been definitely over-sold.

# Group of "Rookie" Products Boosts British Export List

LONDON — A bunch of "rookie" products, few of them more than 20 years old, is bringing vital strength to Britain's team of export goods.

The newcomers, discovered or commercially developed during and after the war, range from penicillin and plastics to diesel and detergents. Last year they earned £288,300,000 or 11.2 per cent of all United Kingdom exports.

The board of trade, which has just issued a progress report on the new exports, lumps them into three groups.

Those exported in only negligible quantities before the war. Track-laying tractors, oil-drilling machinery and air-conditioning equipment fall into this bracket.

Those exported regularly in pre-war years, but which have had exceptionally rapid expansion since. These include electric refrigerators, plastics and petroleum products.

Those whose discovery dates from the war years. This is the biggest group and includes many types of electronic equipment.

# Breeders Swing Fur Fashions To "Long Hairs"

LONDON — A move made recently by Canadian fur breeders seems to be swinging fur fashion in favor of long-haired skins.

The breeders supply a free fur to some of Britain's "Top 12," who accordingly featured Canadian silver fox in spring and summer couture styles. Now London's big fur traders are showing fashions that indicate a gradual swing towards long-haired pelts.

In the last decade with the exception of lynx, up-to-date and fashionable fur ensembles have been short-haired styles ranging from a cozier beaver lamb. Even this spring's fur fashions include a windbreaker in black mole skin with a ribbed wool neck line, cuffs and waistband.

However, the latest thing in honey-colored lamb sports a wide front of wolf—just right for skiing parties.

A fur firm, Swans and Well-ton to open a fur store in Montreal, featured a stole for evening wear combining white fox and a hunk. One of the outstanding Canadian fox designs shown at the couture displays was a cream linen waist-length cape like two huge circular collars trimmed with fox. Tied at the neck with a bow, it shows an exposed neckline.

In a fur show at a select west end department store, short fur jackets attracted much attention. A wool-Chinese lamb with fox cuffs gave summer warmth to dark linens.

# Korean Pilots In Minority Says Ex-Flyer

SAN FRANCISCO — There were more Russian than North Korean pilots flying for the Communists in the Korean war, Non Kum Sok, 22, told reporters when he landed in the United States this week.

He is the former North Korean fighter pilot who got \$100,000 for turning a MiG-15 jet plane over to American authorities.

The sober-faced young man was met at the airport by Korean consul Gen. Young Han Choo and his wife, waving South Korean flags. He shrank visibly as he came down the steps of the plane from Manila to face a battery of popping flashbulbs and television floodlights.

Noh will leave for Washington tonight. He is going to the University of Delaware for a year to spend a small portion of the reward he got from Gen. Mark W. Clark last Sept. 21 when he landed his MiG at Kimpo airfield near Seoul.

The airman said he knew nothing about the \$100,000 reward offer before he landed. "I come to free country because of years of being free," he said in halting English.

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