

CHINCHILLAS FROM SHAVERTOWN RABBITRY AID SCIENCE IN WAR AGAINST DEATH-DEALING GERMS

Caryl's Rabbitry, Already Known For Succulent And Nourishing Meat, Turns To Breeding Stock For Laboratories; New Uses Double Demand For Bunnies

"NO LONGER A HOBBY," LOCAL FANCIER SAYS

In a rambling white building on Shaver Avenue, Shavertown, ammunition is being manufactured for a great war, a struggle even greater than the conflicts raging in Europe and the Orient today. For the war toward which this unusual industry is working is a war of peace, a battle to save lives through science.

Two men—Ernest Caryl and his father-in-law, Bert Green—are the proprietors of a strange business, a rabbitry where fine-looking Chinchilla rabbits are bred to exact specifications for use in laboratories and hospitals for the manufacture of life-saving serums.

Mr. Caryl started the hatchery about six years ago as a hobby. When the demand for succulent rabbit meat grew, he began to sell dressed rabbits. Now the scientific aspect of the business has become the most important. Mr. Caryl and Mr. Green have about 100 rabbits now but they have facilities for 350 and the growth of the business indicates they will have that many rabbits before long.

Demand Has Doubled

Rabbit growing, as a business, has doubled its volume in the last few years, according to Mr. Caryl. There are two other breeders, Lewis Furneaux of Orchard Farm and Mr. Sutton of Dallas, in this section and three large breeders and a number of fanciers in Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Caryl, who is the largest breeder in this section, is interested primarily now in developing laboratory stock. Since the standards for such specimens are extremely high, the food value of his rabbits is improved, because of the painstaking care and cleanliness which is necessary.

A typical serum employing rabbit blood is the mixture used in combating pneumonia. Technicians take 50 cubic centimetres from the rabbit every two weeks for 50 bleedings in preparing the valuable serum. Rabbits make excellent subjects because their blood can be classed in types which compare with human blood types. Rabbits are used also in hospital laboratories for pregnancy tests.

New uses for rabbit blood in science's battle with disease are being discovered constantly. The Lederle Laboratories, one of the largest institutions of its kind, is now working secretly on a new type of serum which, if successful will triple the demand for rabbits for scientific purposes. Lederle Laboratories now keeps 18,000 rabbits on hand. When the new serum is perfected the technicians will need a constant supply of 150,000 rabbits.

Becomes A Big Business

The scientific developments and the increasing demand for rabbit meat as a nourishing food has lifted bunny-growing out of the province of hobbies and into big business, according to Mr. Caryl. An early prejudice against rabbit meat is being overcome, partly because of the care in selecting and handling the meat, partly because of government confirmation of the nutritious qualities.

Rabbit meat is next to squab for nutrition and it dresses even better than the chicken, Mr. Caryl says, because it has less water content and light-weight bones. Mr. Caryl can kill and dress a rabbit in order in six minutes. The customer receives the rabbit cut ready for frying, packed neatly in a sanitary parchment bag.

There is another fascinating phase to Mr. Caryl's business, the preparation of rabbit skins for use in imitation Chinchilla coats and capes. Rabbit fur is sold under 42 different trade names. Ordinary rabbit fur can be dyed to imitate almost any fur and only an expert can detect the amazing imitations made from rabbit. But it is impossible to secure imitations of the rare South American Chinchilla because of its unusual fur. The Chinchilla rabbit was bred originally in France and careful breeding has developed an amazing similarity to the real chinchilla. Each hair starts as a blue-grey, merged into a white ring, has a distinct black bar above the ring and is tipped with black or silver. When blown against, the soft fur opens into a circular rainbow effect, resembling a bull's-eye.

Has Trophy Collection

The excellence of Mr. Caryl's Chinchilla stock is testified to by the number of prizes he has won. He has received awards at Akron, O.; Painesville, O.; Cleveland, O.; Elyria, O.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Orangeburg, N. Y.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Hatfield, Pa.; Harrington, Del. and Reading. Mr. Caryl had the best display of rabbits at Binghamton in November, 1937, and won a silver trophy. At that show the Eastern Rabbit Breeders' Association was formed and Mr. Caryl was named a director. He is also a member of the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders' Association.

One of his best Chinchillas—called "Chins" for brief by fanciers—is "Dobby", a five-year-old buck who is especially valuable because he will pose eight minutes without changing position. "Dobby's" son was acclaimed best Chinchilla in the show at Hatfield, a promise of greatness for "Dobby's" offspring. A rabbit is pedigreed after the third generation.

Mr. Caryl's rabbitry on Shaver Avenue is up-to-date and a model of cleanliness and sanitation. Mr. Caryl is enthusiastic about his charges and visitors will find his stories about rabbit-raising intensely interesting.

GENUINE CHINCHILLA SO COSTLY THERE ARE ONLY THREE CAPES IN AMERICA

There are only three genuine Chinchilla capes in United States, according to Ernest Caryl of Shavertown, whose Chinchilla rabbits produce the best imitation of the rare South American fur.

A Chinchilla cape or wrap retails at about \$60,000, Mr. Caryl says. A duplication, made from Chinchilla rabbit fur, can be bought for from \$500 to \$1,500 he says. Only an expert can detect the difference.

Although most rare furs can be duplicated by dyeing rabbit skins, the rainbow effect cross section of the Chinchilla could only be secured by painting each hair separately.

YOUTH, AHOY!

A Column For Young Men And Women Of High School Age
By AUNT CAL

MAKING SPARE TIME PAY

Most people do not realize the value of spare time. The more they have of it, the less good it seems to them. Yet even a few minutes each day spent wisely is the reason for many a success.

The real secret is in having a definite goal and working toward that whenever you have a spare minute or two. For instance, a girl wished to be able to quote poetry easily. She placed a new poem on her bureau every day and learned a line or two each time she passed by until she could recite the whole poem.

You can become an expert on any subject by applying the same method which this girl employed in memorizing poetry. It works especially well in learning to play a musical instrument or anything which requires practice.

If you wish to learn to play by ear in all keys, first work on the scales up and down the instrument until they are easy in every key. Then practice the skips do, me, sol, high do, ti, sol, la (pause), fa, ray, do. After this take a simple melody, playing in all keys, and gradually work into the more difficult ones. Do this every day and it will not be long before you can play anything by ear in any key.

You may utilize spare moments in building up reserves for the future. Girls, do you realize how easy it is to make over old dresses? You may even learn to design your own effects by noticing how these are secured on ready-made garments and by doing a little experimenting. If you start now and spend a little time each day, you can have a full wardrobe of attractive dresses by fall.

Boys may use odd moments in fitting up their room with gadgets and things which make it their own special place—perhaps sports pictures, school banners, collections of match boxes or other trophies. You may learn a good deal about some trade by helping around during the summer. Not only will you get valuable experience in that line of work, but you will also gain some idea as to whether you would like to do it for a living.

Money Making Tip: If you can get a picture of someone in your town doing something out of the ordinary, you may be able to get money for it. The picture would have to be extremely sharp and clear cut, and be of interest to a large number of people. Let me know what you have in mind, and I will tell you if I think it has selling possibilities and suggest a market. Be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a personal reply.

I shall be pleased to answer any personal question confidentially if you will enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Address me in care of this paper.

So long until next week.

AUNT CAL

NOXEN SERVICES

"Making Our Choice" will be the subject of Rev. John Albright's sermon at St. Luke's Church, Noxen, on Sunday morning at 11. Sunday school will be at 10. Holy Communion will be administered on Sunday, August 7.

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