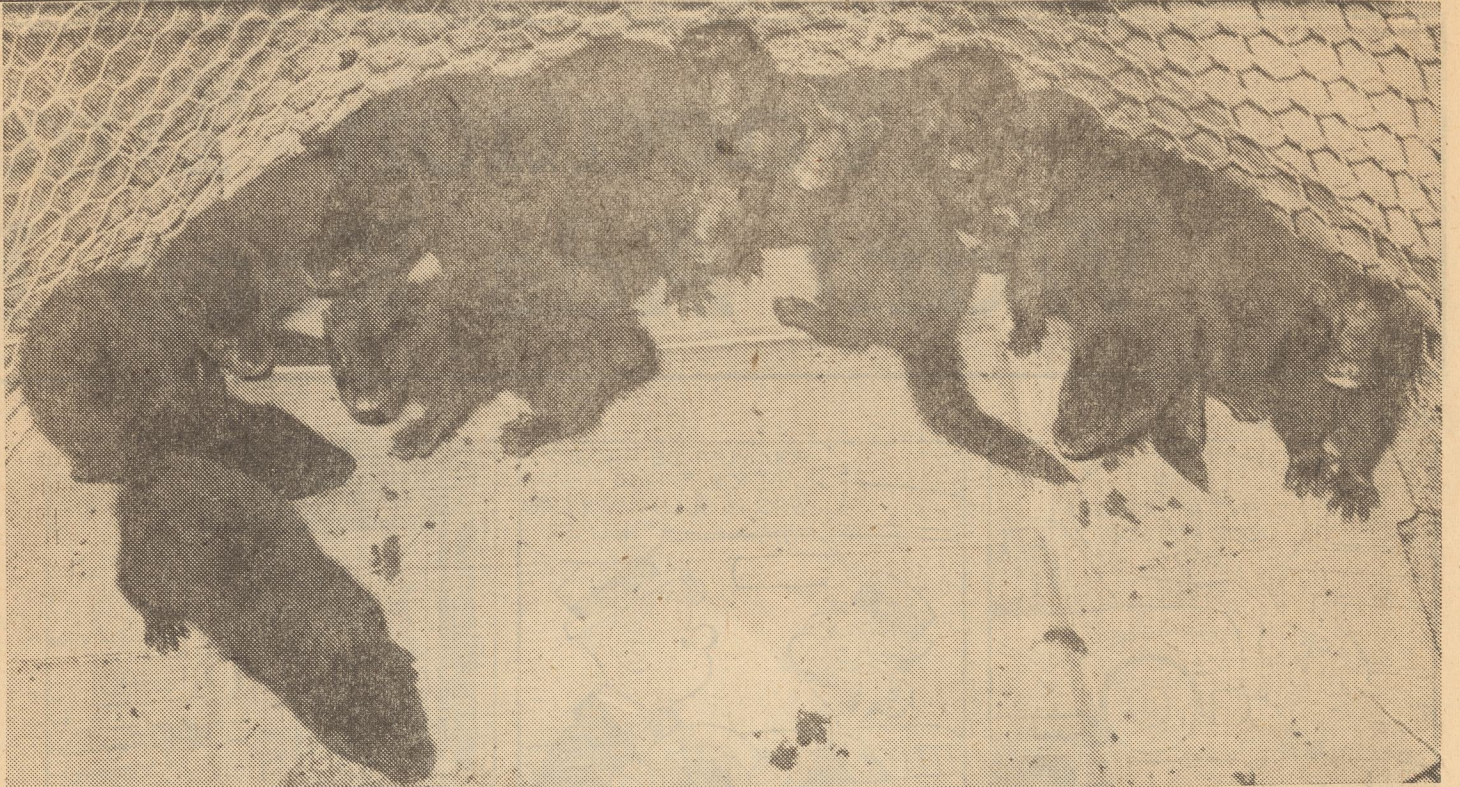
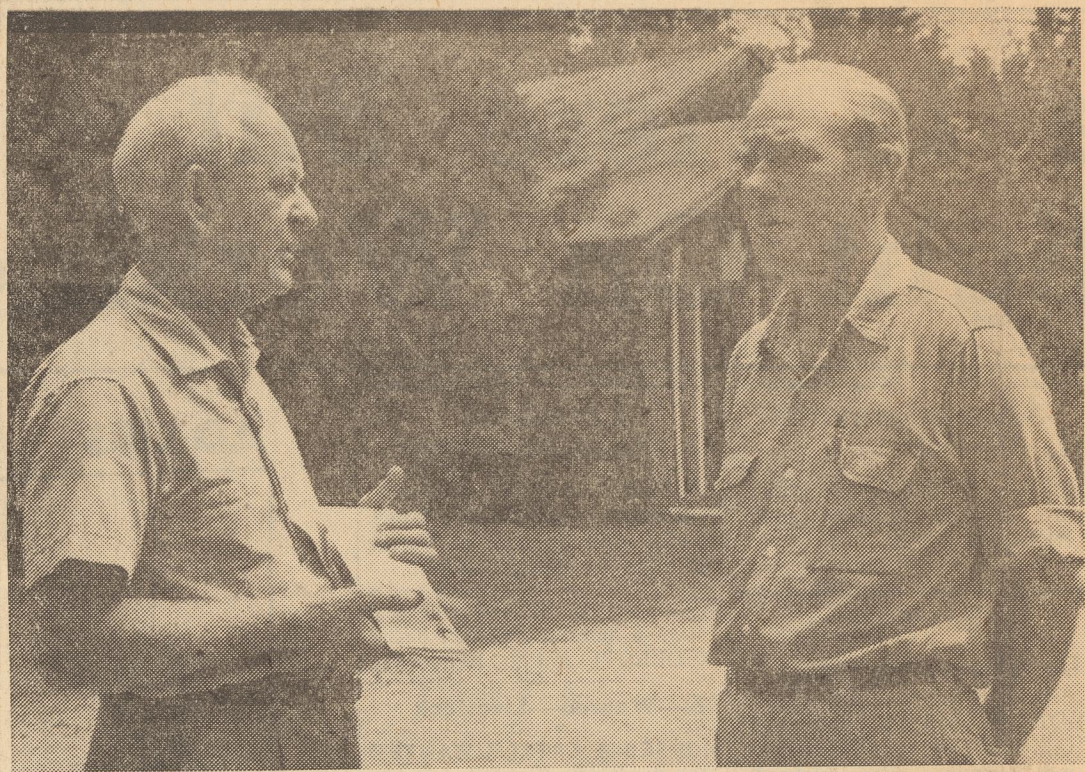




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## Fromm Bros. Having Good Production Year

Large mink and fox production is making this a top year for Fromm Bros., Inc. of Hamburg, operators of one of the nation's foremost mink and fox ranches.

In the upper left photo Edward Fromm (left), president of the reorganized corporation, is shown talking with Henry Fromm Jr., ranch manager. Walter Fromm is secretary-treasurer of the corporation.

In the second photo right is shown a section of the pelting sheds and outside breeder pen. Henry Fromm Jr. (right) and Lawrence Schult, foreman, can be seen in the picture. The Fromm operation at Hamburg, including the ginseng farm, employs 107. This year the ranch has produced 33,700 mink kits, a very good average of more than four per female and 4,700 fox puppies, which is also an average of over four.

An unusual litter of 12 dark (black) mink is shown upper right. All 12 were reared by the mother. The picture (third right) is a litter of five at the age of just over two months. In the picture lower right Henry Fromm Jr. (left) holds a homo topaz, one of the highest priced minks. About one of four in a litter are of this type which is unable to be bred. Billy Frank, one of the feeders, holds a pair of straight topaz.

Mink need attention. In the second picture top left workers are shown spraying the pens. This is necessary to cool the mink whenever the temperature reaches the 90 mark such as during our recent hot spell. In the next picture Roland Duwe and Henry Becker are shown with one of the feeding tanks. With production as large as it has been this year feeding will reach a maximum of 20,000 pounds of food a day. The mink are fed a 25 per cent cereal, 20 per cent fish and 55 per cent meat and meat by-products mixture with 35 per cent water added. The mink are also hand watered 2 to 3 times a day. The fox feed will reach a maximum of about 8,000 pounds a day. When maximums are reached as the mink and fox mature they will be held at that level until pelting time. Pelting is started just before Thanksgiving, the kits having reached full growth in October. The pelts are sent to New York for sale.

Johnny Fromm (left) and Jim Kromholz are shown holding three-quarter grown Golden Amber fox pups. Fromms had 1,100 paid of foxes for breeding purposes this year. Each year they keep about 8,000 female mink for breeding. In the picture at the lower left workers are shown inoculating against botulism, the disease which several years ago took about 8,000 kits at the Fromm ranch. It takes about six weeks for the kits to build complete immunity. Later this month they will be inoculated against distemper.

