

Foxes used to be common on n side of ^{Law} river in their area but rabies killed them off. Some on .S side of river. Raccoons more common than usual. They have trapped 12 this year but all small. Trapping of raccoons is a sport without ^{financial} remuneration. Set traps Saturday afternoon and collect Sunday morning.

Beaver trappers at Eudora will trap all sizes and age groups without thought of perpetuation of stock. Beaver eat bark of large trees without felling trees. Muskrats becoming increasingly scarce. To keep beaver pelts for long periods of time one should refrigerate.

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Purchased a painting (tempera) by Don Secondine, a student at University of Kansas. The price was \$500. He was, as I remember a Delaware Indian and had married a Wichita woman. He attended Haskell College at Lawrence and had his work exhibited in many museums of the country. While a student at K.U. he worked at the museum of natural history where I got to know him. He visited our home on many occasions. The painting no. 751209-1 is of an Indian who is guardian of the animal and birds. He is always seen as riding a white elk. He carries a stick and a bag full of snakes. The animal forms surrounding the guardian are representative of the different tribes of the Delaware Indians that originally lived in the east U.S. The tribes ^{are} represented by: deer, whale, crow track?, turtle, snake, wolf, anhringa & bear. Secondine had Indian names for the guardian and all the other figures. I will ask Secondine for an interpretation of this painting. These figures were done in typical Indian form but after a year or two at K.U. he lost all the Indian style and ended with a modernistic interpretation of Indian art which destroyed him as an Indian artist. The painting was done in 1973.