

# Hope for Fewer Hunting Victims In 1955; Unusual Bear, Deer Kills

## WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### HOPE FOR FEWER HUNTER VICTIMS IN '55

As the 1955 antlered deer season swung into its final week Pennsylvania game officials eyed the hunter casualty figures hopefully. Previous to that time human fatalities due to firearms was about two-thirds the 1954 year total, and the number of woundings was, nearly as could be learned, about three-fourths the figure for last year.

Considering the number of hunters afield in the state the mortalities and injuries have not, so far, been high compared to those elsewhere. But they increase with time, and the two-day antlerless deer season is yet to come. Therefore, the Game Commission urges all hunters: take care, make sure — because you don't really want a deer so badly you'd risk your life or another's.

### SOLUTION TO SPORTSMAN'S GIFT PROBLEM

A look at the November and December issues of Game News suggests that this all-Pennsylvania magazine solves the problem of a Christmas gift to any outdoorsman in the state.

In last month's issue the article "Forests And Wildlife" is worth the cost of a yearly subscription. In it the author, Roger M. Latham, describes the 20th Century changes in Pennsylvania's woodlands and the relationship of these to the present day populations of forest creatures. One article in the December Game News further indicates the value of this wildlife magazine. In it Part I of "Pennsylvania's Waterfowl Restoration Story" starts the tale of the present program to improve waterfowl hunting within the Commonwealth.

Each issue of this illustrated publication is filled with special features: regular departments and data important to hunters and trappers. One dollar brings a year's subscription — 12 issues. For only \$2.50 this official publication of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be delivered to any subscriber for three full years. When the name and address of the recipient is received at the Game Commission's Harrisburg office an attractive card will accompany his gift subscription.

### PROTECTOR FORCE BIGGER DURING GAME SEASON

Pennsylvania's Game Protectors, specifically trained and assigned to wildlife protection, are quick to give credit to other law enforcement officers who lend assistance in this strenuous work, particularly in game season.

Deputy Game Protectors, Fish Wardens, State Police, Forest Rangers and sometimes City Police, cooperate when official help is needed.

The Game Commission recog-

nizes and appreciates the efforts of these other agencies as an aid in maintaining the legal aspects of wildlife management.

### GANGED-UP BUCKS THINNED OUT FAST

A group of 52 hunters killed 21 bucks the opening day of the 1955 antlered deer season and four the following day in Black Log Valley, Juniata County, Pa. So reports the Game Commission's Southcentral Division Supervisor, Arthur G. Logue.

### UNUSUAL BEAR AND DEER KILLS REPORTED

Arthur G. Logue, Supervisor of the Game Commission's Southcentral Division, says two Game Protectors in his area reported unusual kill stories in two 1955 big game seasons.

In Snyder County where, in recent years, the bagging of one bear was news, it appears 10 legal bear were taken in the last season.

Reports yet to be verified tell of three cartagged deer being killed in Franklin County, early in the buck season. Commission men trapped these animals on the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot grounds last winter and tagged them before liberation.

### MASQUERADE PROVES DEER'S UNDOING

A "buck" killed the first day of the 1955 antlered deer season by a Pittsburgh man turned out to be an understandable case of

## Two Sets of Triplet Lambs on Rudy Farm

Lamb production is moving along at a fast pace on the Paul Rudy Farm, 211 Valley Road, R5 Lancaster, for two sets of triplet lambs were born there within one week.

One became too cold the day it was born and died, but the others are doing nicely. The flock on the farm now numbers 99, according to Mrs. Rudy. Triplet lambs are somewhat a rarity. Most of the Rudy flock are pets and most have names.

### A Refugee!

Judge—Mike, do you realize that by leaving your wife you are a deserter?

Mike—Judge, if you knew that woman like I do, you wouldn't call me a deserter. I'm a refugee!

mistaken identity. He was a girl deer whose head was adorned with six-point antlers.

Dr. J. Kenneth Douth, Curator of Mamology at Carnegie Museum, examined the animal and said the antlers were caused by a freak of nature.

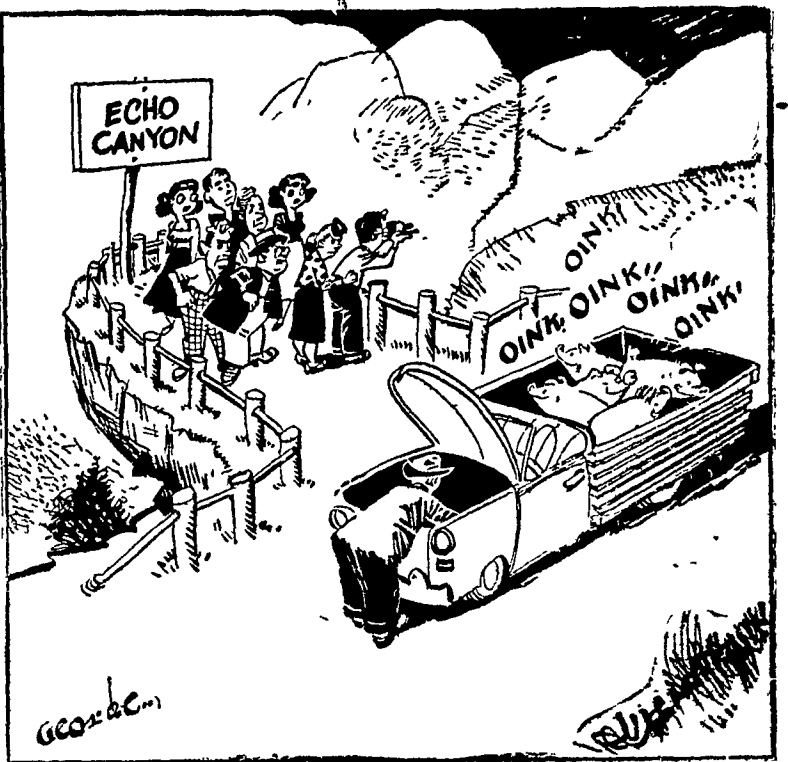
### WATERFOWL SEASON ENDS IN MOST OF STATE

Pennsylvania hunters are reminded the 1955 "duck" season over most of the state ends at sunset Dec. 17, Saturday.

However, coinciding with the waterfowl season in the State of New Jersey, the season for waterfowl in the Counties of Bucks, Philadelphia and Delaware, and on the Delaware River bordering those counties, ends at sunset on Jan. 6, 1956.

## Ticklers

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