

## Beaver Season Feb. 15 to March 5; Big Deer Fall to Shotgun Slugs

A doe deer with a broken back lying alongside Route 113, near Franconia. Lying next to the deer was an upturned motor scooter. While riding along the highway a student from Souderton had hit and killed the deer — the first one to be struck by a vehicle in my district. But there's more!

"The following day, on which the buck season opened, I came across a boy from Pennsburg who had just shot an eight-point buck weighing about 130 lbs. I helped him drag it to the road, where I learned he had driven the three miles from town on a motor scooter on which he intended to take his deer home. After trying for twenty minutes to tie the deer on the little machine he gave up and sent his buddy to town for a car. If it could be done, it would certainly be strange to see two grown boys, a large buck and their guns coming into town on a scooter."

### OTHER OFFICERS ASSIST GAME PROTECTORS

Pennsylvania's Game Protectors must devote much time to law enforcement in the fall season. This arduous phase of wildlife management often means "round the clock activity." Assistance given then by Deputy Game Protectors and state and local enforcement agencies is therefore appreciated. The following cases taken from the 1955 files tell the story.

Quoting from The Daily Record, Stroudsburg newspaper dated Monday, December 5: "Monroe County game protectors cracked down on game law violators over the weekend. A game check thrown across Route 611 near Delaware Water Gap netted a total of 17 violators between 3:30 p. m. Saturday and 6:30 last night. Those violators paid a total of \$1575 in fines. The three major offenders . . . were arrested for possessing two does shot out of season. Rummaging through the (culprits') car after asking preliminary questions the game protectors found two high-powered automatic weapons . . . both illegal in deer hunting. They also found a small doe comparatively unconcealed. Then they found a United States Mail sack, inside which was another doe . . . not in season then."

"Working with the game protectors were their deputies. They were assisted for several hours by State Police of the Stroudsburg barracks. Local game protectors enjoyed the cooperation of New Jersey district officer Elmer Mayberry of Washington."

On the second day of the 1955 antlerless deer season a former Deputy Game Protector saw a man shoot a gray squirrel, then out of season, on the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation. He notified the State Police Security Patrol, stationed on the grounds, giving the license number of the auto from which the man hunted. The officers located the car, in which were three hunters. Searching it, they found not only the squirrel but 9 cock pheasants, also out of season.

### BEAVER SEASON PREPARATIONS

Trappers are already investigating likely places to catch beavers in the 1956 season, Feb. 15 to March 5.

As in past, upon request or with the consent of landowners concerned, the Game Commission will close some water areas to such trapping. Also, a few small colonies on publicly-owned land will be protected by "no trapping" signs placed around their home sites. Game Protectors will put up the signs well in advance of the coming season.

Time and tide wait for no man. —English Proverb.

### BIG DEER FALL TO SHOTGUN SLUGS

In recent years most of the large deer killed in Pennsylvania have come from agricultural areas, where they found a variety of choice foods to supplement their woodland fare. The following accounts, about big bucks taken in the 1955 season, are typical.

One is from Colonel Nicholas Biddle, President of the Game Commission, who wrote: "On Dec. 7 my farmer, Paul Summers, killed a buck deer on my property MELMAR FARMS, Bethayres, Montgomery County. The deer was standing in the woods . . . 50 yards from our private entrance road. It was killed by a pumpkin ball which caused him to drop where he was standing."

The deer weighed 215 lbs, hog dressed, and had 6 points on the left antler. The right antler was deformed and protruded outward and downward, with 2 regular points and one broken point. The head is being mounted, as is, and will hang in the farmer's house. When the carcass was taken to the freezer it appeared so large the people there inquired where Summers had shot a cow."

The other story was clipped

from the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot publication "Kenny Letter". The caption of a photo showing a beautiful buck head reads: "Vaughn Carmack, Security Division, with a 21-point buck he killed (in the 1955 season) while hunting on the mountainous apron of the depot. The rack is believed by sportsmen to be the largest of any deer killed in recent years in the North Mountain."

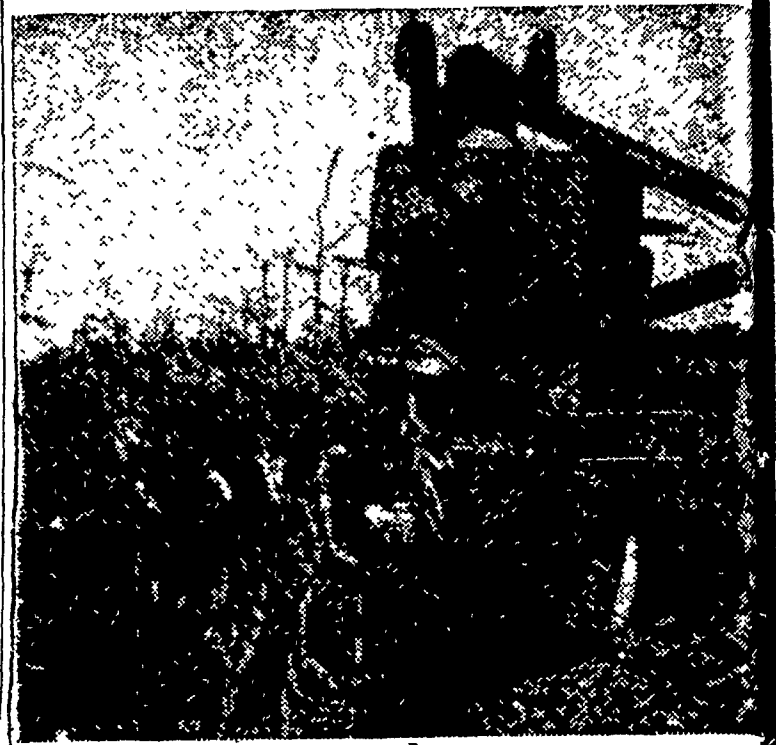
"Carmack was assisted by a fellow guard in getting the 250-lb buck out. Dressed, the carcass weighed 194 lbs. Carmack killed the 21-pointer with 3 shots from his 12 gauge pumpgun."

### SPORTSMEN ATONE FOR SHOOTING ERRORS

Reports received at the Game Commission office in Harrisburg show an unusually large number of hunters who, by mistake, shot the "wrong kind" of game during Pennsylvania's open season of 1955 admitted their error. These sportsmen settled with a Commission officer for one-fourth the cash penalty prescribed by the statute for the wilful killing of a bird or animal not in season.

The wildlife authorities are pleased at this manifestation of good sportsmanship, realizing the people involved chose to obey the law rather than try to evade it. They emphasize that because the offenders in these cases turned over, in good condition, the bird or animal killed in error

## Self-Propelled Combine for Corn



This self-propelled combine fitted with a two-row picker head was used to husk and shell 33 acres of corn at the Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Experiment Station. The only one of its kind in the Northeast last fall, this implement will be tested further this year. Since the shelled corn harvested had a moisture content of about 25 per cent, it was artificially dried with experimental equipment, using coal for fuel.

the spoilage of much delicious meat was prevented. Instead this wild game was given to charity to be consumed by their guests.

Time heals what reason cannot. —Seneca

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