

DESTRUCTION OF GAME BY DOGS

The Game Commission reminds dog owners that wildlife nesting and rearing time is here. Though dog owners are responsible for keeping their pets tied, penned or under control at all times, this typical report from Game Protector Robert Sphar, Centre County, tells what happens too often. "Reports of deer killed by dogs come to me almost daily," he says. "This spring has been very hard on deer. With a foot of snow still in the mountain areas, dogs have no trouble running on the crusted top. But winter-weakened deer break through and become easy prey for dogs."

On the matter of training dogs on wild game the Game Law

reads: "Except as otherwise provided in this act, or in defense of person or property, it is unlawful for the owner of any dog or a dog under his control, to permit such dog to chase, pursue, or follow upon the track of any wild bird or wild animal, either day or night, between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of July next following."

The one exception, during this closed period, is made when a sufficient number of hunters and farmers in a county petition for the right to hunt foxes. Even then the Game Commission stipulates a sixty-day no hunting period between April 1 and July 31, to protect wild game during spring and early summer when most young are born or hatched.

Rain Hinders Early Fishing

Sunday rains convinced Lancaster County fishermen the trout just weren't biting as the 1956 fishing season opened. Some 19,770 brook, brown and rainbow trout, stocked in the County's 21 approved trout streams, refused to make contact with the hook.

Trout were small, most ranging from six to eight inches. Light, steady rains began falling around 11:15 Sunday morning, and by afternoon a good fishermen gave up the idea.

Many fine catches were taken from the Tucquan Creek and Steinman Run, in Martic Township.

According to William Voight Jr., executive director of the State Fish Commission, pre-season stocking totaling 1,804,669 brook, rainbow and brown trout in the State.

More trout will be distributed as the season advances.

CONSCIENCE HURTS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — A letter, unsigned, from someone in Butler, Pa., was recently received by the Utah Road Commission. The letter, enclosing a \$5 bill, read: "For stolen road sign"

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Wildlife Conference Opens May 14 In Pittsburgh; Other Game News

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are wiping out the grayling, how to manage the grasslands so as to keep the prairie chicken around — how can we be certain of our own future on the face of the earth?"

BEAVER CATCH OF 1956

The 1956 catch of beavers in Pennsylvania was 2,973, which was less than that of the previous two years when, also a three-week season was in effect.

Trapping success always varies from section to section and season to season, but Game Commission field officers in the better beaver areas are of the opinion two adverse factors affected the harvest this year. One was the continuing low fur value; the other was unfavorable weather and heavily-iced water areas early in the season.

In 1954 the take of 3,459 beavers was exceptionally high. Last year trappers caught 3,176 as shown by the number of seals used in tagging the pelts of these large aquatic rodents.

In the 1956 season Crawford County continued to provide trappers with the largest catch, 357 beavers. Wayne County was second with 284, and Susquehanna was third with 197. Other counties in which 100 or more beavers were trapped this year beginning with the highest, were: Tioga, Potter, Bradford, Elk, McKean, Erie, Luzerne, Sullivan, Warren, Wyoming, and Pike.

Flat tails were taken in 46 of the state's 67 counties. In those not named the catch ranged from one beaver on up to 82.

WEASEL GETS MEAL IN TOWN

Shoppers in Bellefonte recently witnessed an unusual demonstration, reports Game Protector Charles Laird. "With a group of people watching," he says "a weasel killed a rat along the curb on a main street. Then the vicious little animal chased another rat across the busy street, caught and killed it. Fascinated onlookers watched the weasel drag both rats away."

PUNGENT QUESTION FROM NEW MEXICO

A conservationist from the State of New Mexico, commenting on the recently observed Wildlife Week, posed this question: "If we cannot figure out how to save some wilderness for the grizzlies, how to check the soil erosion and pollution that

WILDLIFE CONFERENCE SHAPES UP

The three-day 1956 Northeast Wildlife Conference will be formally opened in Pittsburgh Monday morning, May 14th. Those attending will be welcomed to Pittsburgh by Mayor David L. Lawrence. The convention theme will be "Problems and Programs in Fish and Game Conservation in the Northeast"

The remainder of the first day, and all of the next, will be devoted to technical and general sessions covering the wildlife fields in research, management and administration. On these days the ladies will visit the Carnegie Museum and the Heinz Company plant. At both places they will be luncheon guests. The convention banquet is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, May 15th.

On the next and final day of the convention field trips will be enjoyed by persons in attendance from other states. These excursions will be to: The Game Commission's Wild Turkey Farm, near Williamsport; the Fish Commission's Benner Springs Fish Research Station, near State College; Fisherman's Paradise, in the vicinity of Bellefonte; and the Pymatuning waterfowl and fisheries projects, not far from Meadville.

The conference is being sponsored by the Wildlife Society, the Eastern Branch of the American Fisheries Society, the Northeast Division of the Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Association, and the Northeast Association of Fish, Game and Conservation Administrators.

The Allegheny County League of Sportsmen and certain individual sportsmen of the Pittsburgh area are aiding in the arrangements of this conference.

WALKING BANK

CHICAGO — After making a purchase at a department store, Mrs. Mary Piekarz forgot and left her purse, containing \$1,430 on a counter. The store owner turned the purse and money over to police, who notified Mrs. Piekarz. Asked about the large sum of money in the purse, Mrs. Piekarz explained she always carried large sums of money because "I don't trust banks."

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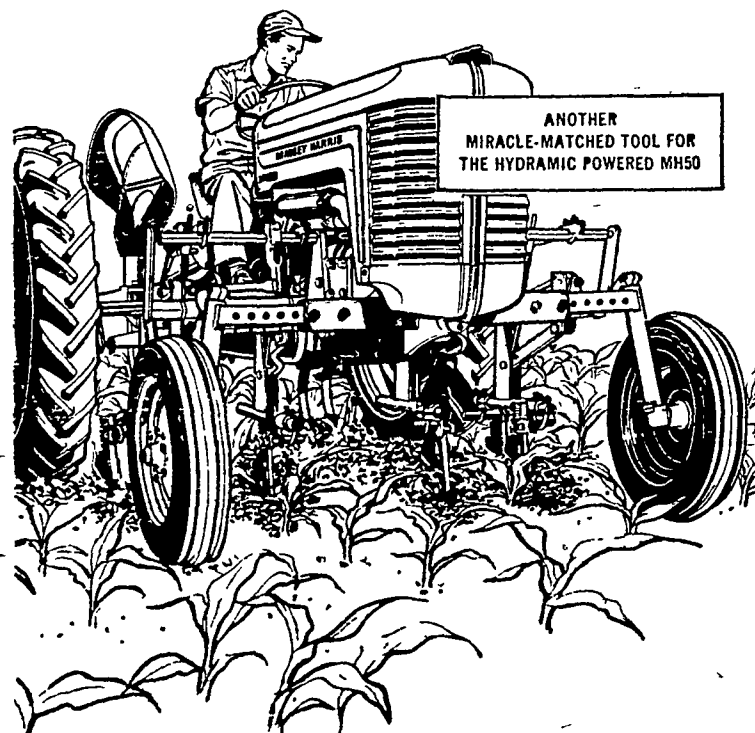
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