

## Hunting Season Set To Open If Drought Ends

Pennsylvania sportsmen were promised this week that, despite the current hunting ban, there will be plenty of hunting opportunity this year.

H. L. Buchanan, Franklin, president of the Pennsylvania Game Commission announced he will contact the seven members of the Commission just as soon as conditions warrant a review of opening and closing dates for the 1963-64 hunting and trapping seasons.

"Although the ban against hunting must be continued until sufficient rainfall reduces the threat of fire in Pennsylvania fields and forests, we will

still follow the Commission's long-standing policy of providing maximum hunting opportunity for Pennsylvania hunters," Buchanan said. "This means that just as soon as the ban is lifted, we will officially consider extending seasons which have already been interrupted. It also means that if the 1963 small game hunting season is delayed, we will consider setting additional shooting days later to make up for any time lost."

Buchanan pointed out that, from a game management standpoint, hunting seasons can be held anytime after the breeding and rearing season has produced the annual surplus of game species. The basic objective is regulating the harvest is to permit hunters to crop this surplus without

reducing sufficient breeding stock for the following year. For this reason, hunting seasons can be held anytime between fall and spring.

Other Game Commission spokesmen are predicting good to excellent hunting this year on most small game species regardless of when the season starts. They report the current drought and forest fire situation has not caused any widespread loss among wildlife populations. Warm weather has actually slowed down the fall migration of waterfowl, giving Pennsylvania one of the highest October concentrations of ducks and geese in years. Commission field officers also report above average fall populations of pheasants, wild turkeys, bobwhite quail, deer and bear. Fall populations of squir-

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rels, rabbits, grouse and snowshoe hares on a statewide basis are generally reported average or slightly below average.

## Capon Club Is Won By First Year Member

A first year member in the Lancaster County 4-H Capon club took both top awards in the roundup Wednesday at the Hotel Brunswick.

Miss Annette Long, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Long, Lititz R3, took both the project score division and the exhibit phase of the contest.

Miss Long, a junior at Manheim Twp High School, topped the competition with two dressed white rock capons that averaged 9½ pounds each. They were purchased as started capons from the Wilmarth Poultry Farms, Lingsley, Pa.

In the project book phase she scored 98.7 out of a possible 100 points.

Members of the Lancaster Kiwanis club, sponsors of the club purchased the club members' exhibits. Miss Long's birds brought 75 cents a pound.

The bulk of the 70 capons shown by 28 club members sold between 60 and 65 cents a pound.

Floyd Hicks, Extension Service Poultryman from the Pennsylvania State University, placed the exhibits as follows:

### DRESSED BIRDS

1, Annette Long, Lititz R3; 2, Henry Heishey, Lititz R1; 3, Dennis Burkholder, Lititz R3, 4, Shirley Heishey, Lititz R1, 5, Suzie Peifer, Manheim R1, 6, Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, 7, J. Kenneth Hess, Manheim R3, 8, Linda DeLong, Quarryville R1, 9, Elaine Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, 10, John Fisher, Manheim R1

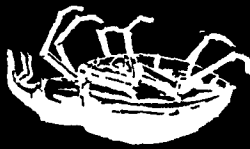
### TOTAL SCORE

1, Annette Long, 2, Shirley Heishey, 3, Gary Peifer, Washington Boro R1, 4, Henry Heishey, 5, Linda Porter, Washington Boro R1, 6, Elaine Stoltzfus, 7, Eugene Forrer, Mount Joy R1, 8, Carol Brubaker, Lititz R1, 9, Suzie Peifer, 10, Eugene Hosler, Manheim R3.

### Winter Oats Limited

Because they are not too winter-hardy, the sowing of winter oats is limited to southeastern Pennsylvania, warns Elmer Pifer, Penn State extension agronomist. The sowing dates are September 10 to 25.

# farewell, evil weevil!

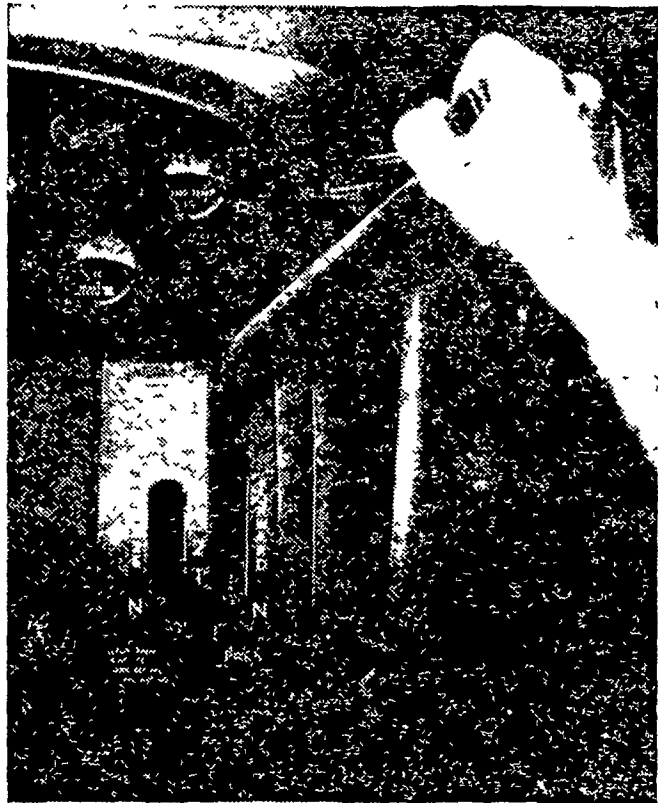


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