

Good Carryover Of Game Reported After Winter

Most parts of the state report that the relatively mild winter just concluded resulted in little loss of wildlife, and a fairly good carryover of game will be available going into the breeding season, according to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Although hunters enjoyed fine harvests of most game species last fall there were still adequate populations remaining at the close of the seasons. There was no sustained, severe weather to work hardships on game this winter, and there was little need for winter feeding of wildlife.

Good harvests of rabbits and pheasants were recorded last fall, but sufficient supplies of

these species are on hand for the breeding season. Although turkey reproduction last year was not quite up to some previous levels, indications are that there are adequate numbers of the wary birds in the primary turkey range.

The squirrel picture has changed somewhat from the past few years. It is expected that the superabundance of this species quite noticeable for several years will diminish in 1969. A shortage of favorite natural foods led to extensive migrations last fall.

While the carryover of squirrels was adequate, mange took a certain toll in various parts of the state, and reproduction among squirrels is not expected to be as great this year

as in the past. However, the reduction in the overall population should simply bring the total supply to more nearly normal levels.

Successive mild winters have resulted in the bobwhite quail extending its range into parts of the state where it has not been in evidence since 1936.

Of course, Pennsylvania's deer herd has been at or exceeded the comfortable carrying capacity of the range for several years, and a scarcity of white-tails in the state in 1969 is about as unlikely as a snowstorm in July.

There is some question as to the population of black bears. Extra-large harvests in 1966 and 1967, plus a shortage of natural foods resulting in wide scattering of bruins, led to a considerably lower harvest in 1968. It is still too early to determine what effect the past several seasons may have on reproduction and the total population.

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Health, was one of the featured speakers with the subject "New Sewage Facility Act." Other speakers for the group of farmers, home owners and contractors were N. Henry Wooding, Extension Engineer at Penn State and Milford R. Heddleson, Soils Specialist from Penn State. Wooding talked on the topic "Proper Design and Installation of Sewage Systems" and Heddleson had the topic, "Soil Aspects of Sewage Disposal."

Adding to Stanley's answer, Wooding said he felt farmers should try to eliminate as much as possible the odors of manure handling. "Sometimes they have a legitimate gripe," he said. "Farmers should have a policy of working together with his neighbors."

Heddleson opened the meeting with a slide presentation showing that you can't know what a soil is like by looking at the surface. "It is the subsoil that determines the way a soil works. Also the texture of the soil is important. Ideally 50 percent of the soil is water and air," he said.

The Penn State Specialist said you should take a percolation test before purchasing a lot for a house but warned that it may not be any good after the bulldozer has run over the area and packed it in the process of building the house.

Wooding said sewage disposal has become a real problem and the septic tank only condition sewage not purify it. The final purification takes place in the soil. Municipal systems are the most permanent answer to sewage problems but they are not always available, he said.

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an increase of 60 pounds of marketable lamb."

Other determining factors in total income, as outlined by Morgan, is the weight of lambs weaned, the grade or quality and the time of marketing. Price patterns for 19 out of 20 years of records show that the peak price for lambs is in April and recedes each month to November. "If you can sell your lambs before June, you have a lot more money," he said.

Wooding said that should have a goal of a 150% weaned lamb crop with 140 pounds of lamb per ewe. They should aim for a choice meat grade average and 10 pounds of clean wool per head.

To insure twinning, the ewe should be on a thrifty improving condition at breeding time. During pregnancy, the ewe should be kept in a constant flesh condition with only her weight gain that of the unborn lambs.

At lambing, the ewe must be assisted if necessary. "Every producer of sheep should know how and be willing to assist the ewe at lambing," Morgan said.

There is no excuse for not giving that assistance. The longer the ewe is in labor, the weaker the lamb is when born, he said.

"Then see that the new-born lamb gets colostrum. It is the most important meal of the lamb's life," he said. "Every lamb that dies is like throwing \$22 in the fire."

As for the future of the sheep business, Morgan said, "We now produce only one-third of the wool we use and we eat all the mutton we produce. We're at a point now where we can keep lamb on the market all year," he said.

The specialist predicted that we may soon have more flock raised in confinement.

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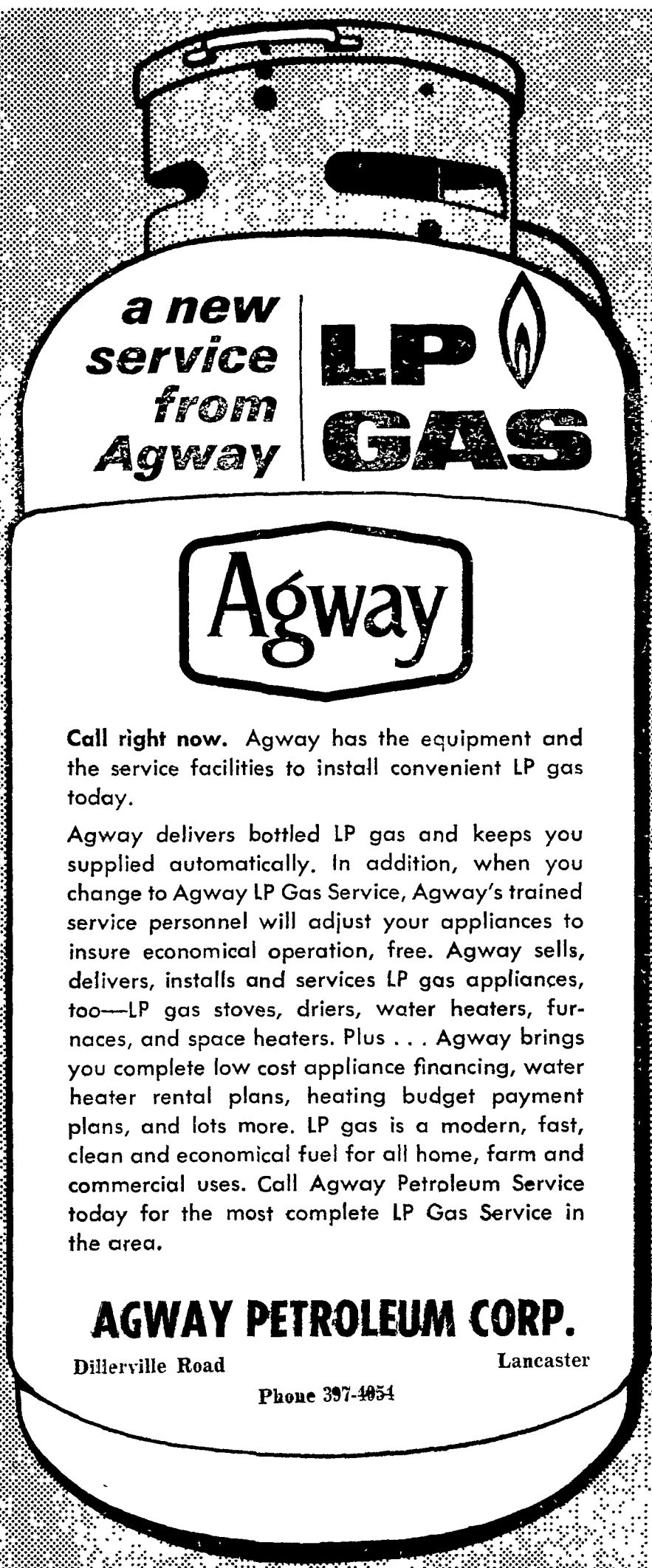
PENN MANOR

by Donny Thomas, Reporter
The Penn Manor Community 4-H Club held their reorganizational meeting Tuesday evening at the Ann Letort Elementary School.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Nancy Barley, Millersville R1, president; Philip Stehman, Conestoga R2, vice president; Betty Barley, Millersville R1, secretary; Judy Thomas, Millersville R1, treasurer; Patty Barley,

Millersville R1 and Luann Barley, Washington Boro R1, game leaders; Baily Smith, Washington Boro R1 and Cindy McMullen, Conestoga R2, song leaders; Betty Jane Bailey, Millersville R1, and Nancy Barley, Millersville R1, county council and Donny Thomas, Millersville R1, news reporter.

Jay Irvin, Associate County Agent, explained the possible projects. The next meeting will be held April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ann Letort Elementary School.



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