

News For The Hunter

TURKEY CALLING CONTEST SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 23

The fifth annual Pennsylvania State Turkey Calling Contest will be held Saturday, August 23, at the Franklin County Fair-ground.

The contest is sponsored by the Franklin County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. This year's contest will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

The Franklin County Fair Association will present a

trophy to the champion and cash prizes will be awarded to the first four winners. There is no entry fee and advance registration is not required.

Judges for the contest will be Dr. Roger Latham, outdoor editor of the Pittsburgh Press; William W. Britton, retired chief enforcement officer of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission; and Eugene Nelson, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's State Wild Turkey Farm near Williamsport.

Interest in the art of calling wild turkeys has picked up con-

siderably in Pennsylvania since the Game Commission first established a spring gobbler season in the Keystone State in May of last year. During the spring season, hunting is by calling only.

Turkey calling contestants interested in additional activity at the state contest may also participate in a 100 target Lewis class clay bird shoot on August 23. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

In addition, an afternoon horse pulling contest is also scheduled.

The site of the turkey calling contest is about seven miles southwest of Chambersburg on Route 995 near Williamson.

DOG TRAINERS URGED TO "TAKE IT EASY"

The Pennsylvania Game Commission urges dog trainers to "take it easy" during the early part of the dog training season which opens in the state on August 1.

Canines and hunters generally are "out of shape" at this time of year. Few have spent much time in the field during recent months and muscle tone is lost and extra pounds are added during extended "loafing" periods.

Heat, soft muscles and excess weight take their toll on both hunters and dogs over-

exciting themselves at the outset of a training season.

On the other hand, dog training season is an ideal time for hunters and canines to gradually work themselves into condition for the fall hunting season. Persons and animals in good physical shape find the going relatively easy on the first day of the hunting season, while those who fail to pre-condition themselves tire rapidly.

The Game Commission asks that owners of dogs show the same courtesies that apply during the hunting seasons, such as asking permission from landowners to train dogs on their properties. Thoughtfulness and good sportsmanship during the dog training period often result in an invitation to return during the hunting season.

Pennsylvania's dog training season runs from August 1 to March 31. Dogs may be trained from sunrise to 10 p.m. EDT from August 1 through October 25, and from sunrise to 9 p.m. EST from October 26 through March 31.

Raccoon dogs may be trained until 1 a.m. EDT from August 1 through October 25, and until midnight EST from October 27 through March 31.

The carrying of a rifle or shotgun while training dogs is prohibited, and to train dogs legally on Sunday the consent of the owner of the land where such training is done must first be secured except in the case of state and national forest lands.

Hess Elected Director Of Livestock Assn.

Harold Hess, Secretary-Treasurer of Vintage Sales Stables, was elected a director of the Certified Livestock Market Association last week at the annual meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Lancaster. Hess is the immediate past president of the state organization.

Officers elected during the meeting were Mark Glick Belleville, president, William Runkle, Shuemanstown, vice president; John Snyder, Greencastle, secretary, and Richard Skelton, New Wilmington, treasurer.

hardly be mistaken for a chuck.

Even more dangerous is the practice of hunting chucks on a hot day or evening without any headgear. A man's head may look exactly like the body of a woodchuck if it is hobbling around several hundred yards from a hunter.

The Game Commission urges woodchuck hunters to select their targets with care, and to be doubly sure of a suitable backstop before firing. Indiscriminate shooting over the horizon can lead to tragedy.

Hunters should consider the landowners in terms of both safety and sportsmanship. Farmers working outdoors do not always know that shooters are nearby. Sportsmen always obtain permission from landowners before beginning their search for game, and both the owner and shooter should know where the other will be.

Chuck hunters are again reminded that the old practice of "road hunting" is now unlawful.

Most farmers welcome hunters, but expect them to observe rules of common courtesy. Some hunters with little sense of decency fail to retrieve chucks they have shot, or they hang them on a fence. This is wasteful and unsightly. Pick up and utilize or bury the chucks.

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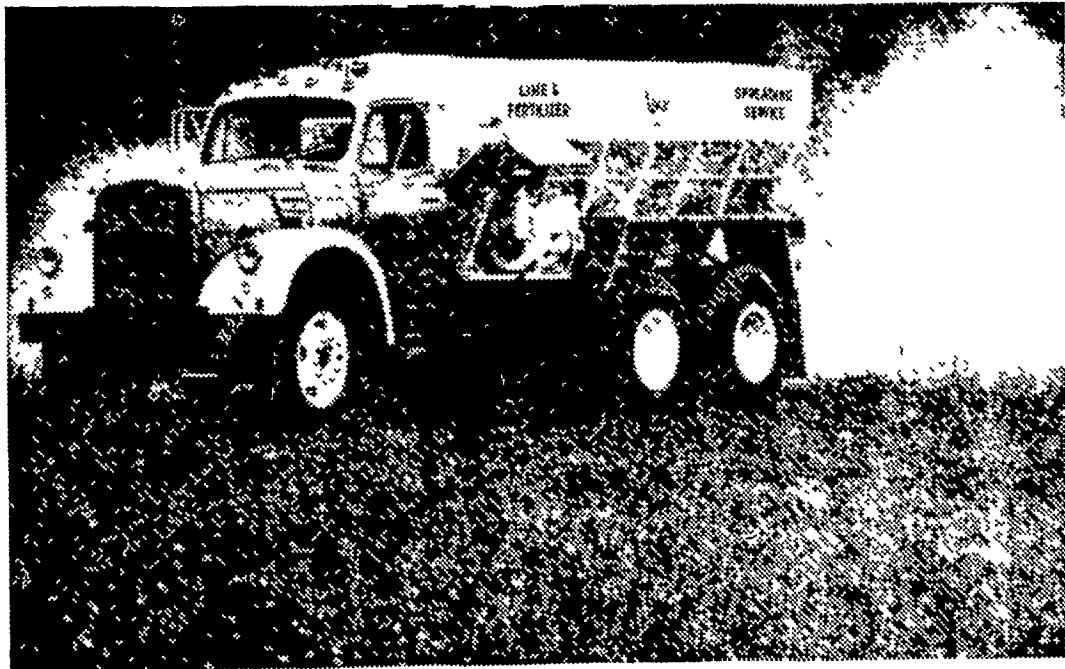
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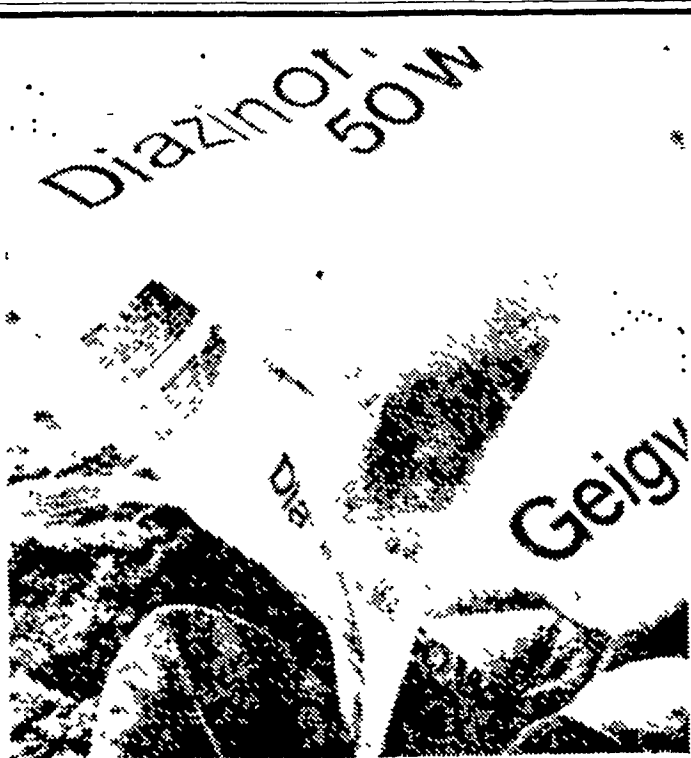
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WOODCHUCK SEASON APPROACHING PEAK

Woodchuck season is reaching its peak in Pennsylvania, and the Game Commission this week offered a few tips to sportsmen to make their groundhog hunting safer and more enjoyable.

Wearing of bright colored clothing, especially headgear, is strongly recommended. Fluorescent orange is the most conspicuous and "safest" color.

Tan or green, and even red in late evening, are not particularly "safe" colors and may resemble a woodchuck at a distance. But orange, especially in a fluorescent material, can



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