

COUNTY RIFLE MATCHES.

Under the auspices of the Centre County Conservation Association and under the supervision of J. R. Miller, Millheim, Pa., chairman of the county committee on Game.

At 10 a. m., June 17th, 1921, the Centre County Conservation Association will hold two rifle matches at Bellefonte. One for high power rifles and one for smaller rifles.

The following rules and regulations will govern the contests:

Competitors: 1. The competitors for each match shall be 9 teams of 3 men each to represent each of the nine Conservation Districts, to be certified to the county chairman by the District chairman on Game.

2. Each team shall be chosen by open competition in its respective district at publicly advertised preliminary matches under the direction of the chairman of the committee on Game in the District. The teams must be chosen some time prior to the final match. The rules governing preliminary contests shall be determined by the chairman on Game for each District.

3. Preliminary contests are open to all bona fide residents of the Conservation Districts above eighteen years of age.

4. Both in the preliminary and the final matches, an entrance fee of ten cents will be required of each competitor to cover cost of targets and other expenses.

5. In the final matches, all competitors will be required to report to the range officer at least fifteen minutes before the start of the match.

Conduct on the Range: 1. No competitor may go in front of the firing line, while the shooting is in progress, under any pretext whatsoever.

2. No competitor may load a rifle anywhere but on the firing points.

3. When on the firing line, the muzzle of the rifle must be kept pointed in the direction of the targets.

4. Any violation of the preceding three rules will disqualify the offending competitor. No appeal will be allowed.

Rifle: Any single loading or repeating rifle to be approved by the range officer.

Ammunition: Any kind; to be furnished by the competitor.

Sights: Any ordinary hunting sights may be used provided they do not contain glass. Sights may be attached to any part of the rifle.

Positions: The standing off-hand position will be used. There shall be no artificial support to the rifle. This regulation prohibits the use of the sling strap.

Distance: 50 yards.

Targets: Standard 50 yard outdoor targets will be used. These targets are of the 10 ring variety. The 8, 9, and 10 circles form a black bulls-eye 3 inches in diameter. Targets for the preliminary matches may be obtained from J. R. Miller, Millheim, Pa.

Shooting: Each competitor will shoot one string of ten shots within a time limit of 10 minutes.

Scoring: 1. The value of a hit will be determined by the edge of the shot hole nearest to the centre of the target.

2. When a target has more hits than the specified number of shots (10) in the string, hits in excess shall be deducted from those of the highest value.

3. When a target has less than the specified number of shots in the string, the competitor shall be deemed to have missed.

4. In the final contests the range officer, who shall be appointed by J. R. Miller, Millheim, Pa., the chairman of the county committee on Game, shall have charge of the scoring. He will appoint the necessary assistants. No appeal from his decision will be allowed.

Ties: 1. In case of a tie between two or more teams the tie will be shot off by the teams in question. The scores resulting from the shoot-off will be the recorded scores of the matches.

2. In case of a tie between individuals the tie will be shot off by the teams in question. The scores, in this case, resulting from the shoot-offs will not count for the team to which the individual belongs.

Defective Rifles and Ammunition: 1. In case a rifle breaks or jams in competition, the competitor may finish his string with another rifle, but no extension of the time limit will be allowed.

2. A misfire that is immediately reported to the range officer may be corrected by another shot. No extension of the time limit will be allowed.

In these competitions the teams making the highest score in each event will be declared the winning teams. The competitors making the highest individual scores will be declared the winners of the matches.

Prizes will be given to the winning teams, and to the competitors making the highest individual score.

Jap Representatives to Visit the United States.

A large delegation from the Japanese House of Representatives is planning to visit the United States about next August or September.

The project was suggested at the time of the visit to Japan of American Congressmen last year, when the Americans expressed their wish for a return visit of Japanese parliamentarians.

Decorated Lamps.

"You say the glare of his headlights confused you. Weren't his lamps dimmed?"

"They were after I got through with him," said the man who had the narrow escape. "I gave him such a nice pair of black eyes that he could hardly see out of them."

FARM NOTES.

—If the oat fields are infested with wild mustard next summer, spray with iron sulphate when the plants have reached a growth of three or four inches.

—The cattle, calves, sheep and swine slaughtered for food annually in the United States, if moving in single file, six inches apart, would reach seven and a half times around the globe.

—The State College of Forestry at Syracuse urges New York farmers not to take up the growing of hardy catalpa except as an experiment. Experience with this tree does not seem to promise success with it in that State.

—Because of the low price of eggs, one should now consider putting them down for winter use. Lime water or water glass make excellent preservatives. Full directions may be obtained by writing to the Agricultural Experiment Station, State College, Pa.

—Every rotation should be planted so that one or more legumes will occupy the land one or more times during four years. The legume will enrich the soil in nitrogen and make it produce a larger crop of non-legumes such as corn, oats, wheat and grass.

—Everything on the farm cannot be run with the precision of clock-work, but the bulk of the work should be planned ahead, making allowance for changes which may become necessary. Ideas should be kept ahead of the work. Brains should be made to help the muscle.

—Pure bred livestock are more profitable than scrubs. Why not take advantage of the present depressed condition of the market and add a few head to your herd? It will mean greater financial return in a very short time. Select good individuals as well as good pedigrees.

—Few families like cabbage heads to weigh over three pounds. Copenhagen, a popular early variety, often gets too large if planted more than fifteen inches apart in the row. Late varieties that are not intended for kraut making can also be grown in a smaller size by close planting.

—At this time of year farmers and dairymen suffer great losses through not taking sufficient precautions with cooling milk and cream. It can be done with a little additional equipment and labor which will more than pay for themselves. Water coolers are best, or provide space where cans may be set in cold water.

—Entomologists advise that it is not necessary to use para-dichlorobenzene as a remedy for peach borers before the middle of August. The method has been proved successful and is recommended as a control measure. It is a very simple and inexpensive process. Your county agent will give information as to procedure.

—Better pay an experienced pruner \$10 a day to prune the orchard than to have the work done by men who have never learned the science or acquired the practice of tree pruning. Much damage is done in many orchards every year by inexperienced pruners who cut and slash the limbs without knowing how to do the work.

—In addition to the insect pests that may be controlled at this time by using arsenate of lead or nicotine sulphate in the usual apple sprays, the lime-sulphur will control scab and prevent a greater loss than will be caused by the March freeze. State College pathologists and entomologists repeat their warning that spraying should be continued as usual.

—Small fruits, especially berries, paid the growers large profits the past season. The developing of jam-making and fruit flavor industry is going to make a steady increasing demand for small fruits, and the man with a small place who likes to grow strawberries, raspberries and other bush fruits will make no mistake if he enters more largely into the planting and growing of these fruits.

—Young chicks thrive best on sour milk. It is a good practice not to give the chicks any water to drink during the mornings until they are about ten weeks old, provided they are given all the milk they will consume. It is not good to alternate sweet and sour milk as chick feed. Omit meat scraps from the chick ration until they are three or four weeks old. At about six weeks the chick feed may be gradually replaced by hen scratch grain.

—In less than a month it will be time to plant corn. No use to plant until the soil is fairly warm so that the seed will germinate. If corn lies in a cold wet soil for a week without sprouting it is likely to rot and never produce plants. Take advantage of rainy days to shell and grade seed corn ready for the planter. Remove the irregular butt and tip kernels before shelling. These will not go through the dropping device of the planter with uniformity.

—The burning of straw, even though the ashes leave a small quantity of additional mineral matter in the soil, results in an almost total loss. It is practiced most largely in the West, mainly because of custom rather than inability to purchase, feed or market meat-producing animals. Many people there have come to believe that straw is of no value and in that section large quantities are allowed to waste. In some of the western States a campaign has been made by the colleges of agriculture and extension workers to get farmers to use a portion of their waste straw for spreading over their grain fields.

—Garden tools are again in vigorous action throughout Pennsylvania, for it is time to get most of the ordinary garden seeds into the ground. Cabbage plants are ready for the field and tomato plants should be ready to transplant from hotbeds to cold frame; carrots, lettuce, endive, kale, kohlrabi, onion sets, parsley, parsnips, peas, radishes, rhubarb roots, salsify, spinach, Swiss chard and turnips can be planted at any time now that the ground can be prepared. Recent rains have held up garden making in Central Pennsylvania, and such work should be rushed now with all possible speed. Extension Circular 53, "The Backyard Garden," tells what and when to plant in the home garden and can be secured free by writing to the School of Agriculture, State College, Pa.

A SMALL ANIMAL THAT HAS NO LEGS.

Most of us think of an animal as something that has four legs and can walk, run, and skip about, and by a "small animal" we mean a rabbit, or squirrel, or mouse. But I am going to tell you about one smaller than any of these, which hasn't any legs that we can see, and so stays in one place, in fact he really cannot move about for very early in his life he is fastened to a rock or to something firm in the ocean, writes Carolyn C. Bigelow in the Kindergarten Primary Magazine. He does not live all by himself, either, but a number of his family or "colony" live together, yet each one has his own "room" to himself. He is called a sponge.

You know the small, soft sponge that you sometimes use in your bath, and the larger, soft sponge that is used in washing carriages and automobiles? Those are really the houses in which a group or "colony" of these little animals once lived. The little animal is very soft and pulpy, like a bit of jelly. His food and nourishment are brought right to him by the water which flows over him. Men in rubber and canvas suits—called divers—go down and gather the sponges, take them up into boats where the animal part is cleaned out, and just the fibrous framework is left, and that is the part which we know and buy for a sponge.

Sometimes the divers find that a crab has chosen to make his home in a sponge. Mr. Crab will squeeze himself right down into a sponge, which makes a very cozy nest for him, and there he is safe from the big fish who would like him for their dinner. But in this way he makes quite a large hole in the sponge, so the sponge is not as good and firm for our use. Once in a while a sponge gets torn off the foundation on which he grew, then the water rolls him around and around. Sometimes such a sponge will get covered up in the sand, for he does not attach himself to anything else when once he is torn free.

After a diver has brought a sponge out of the salt water into a boat, if rain or fresh water falls on it the sponge—the animal part of the sponge—will die. But if no fresh water does hit it, a man can divide the sponge in several pieces, so long as he leaves at least one little animal unhurt in each part, then he can fasten

each piece to a cement disc with lead wire, plant it down on the bottom where he found it, and it will grow and increase just as if it had not been disturbed.

There are many kinds of sponges, but these that I have been telling you about are called sheepswool and are the best ones to be found in this country. They grow and make their home off the west coast of Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico.

CANCER DEADLIEST OF DISEASES.

Returns of the new federal census show that cancer still continues to progress at a steady and alarming rate. Each year it kills more people out of every 1000 than before. In the last twenty years the mortality from cancer in this country has grown 27 per cent.

On the other hand, the mortality from typhoid fever, scarlet fever, other fevers, diphtheria and croup, has been cut down by two-thirds since 1900. These are diseases with which we have learned how to deal effectively. Most of the deaths that now occur from typhoid are unnecessary, being due to lack of proper treatment; and the same may be said of diphtheria, for which a thoroughly satisfactory antitoxin is available.

Last year there were about 1,360,000 deaths in the United States. Heart disease, with a mortality of 140,000, led the list. More people nowadays die of heart disease than of tuberculosis, which until recently destroyed more lives than any other malady. Pneumonia claimed 131,500 victims, Bright's disease 93,500 and cancer 85,500. Nearly as many people died from cerebral hemorrhage as from cancer. These figures are approximate. The reason why they are larger than the census figures is that the latter cover only what is called the "registration area," representing 81 per cent of the total population.

Heart disease causes 81 per cent of all deaths in this country. Most authorities are inclined to attribute its increased rate to the speed at which we live. For the information of parents who recklessly expose their children to whooping cough, regarding it as a harmless affliction of childhood, it is worth mentioning that this complaint caused about 19,000 deaths in the United States last year.

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