

Democratic Watchman

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THE VACCINATION OF FARM ANIMALS SUGGESTED.

Harrisburg.—The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has undertaken a State-wide program for the vaccination of all farm animals on farms where anthrax, black-leg and hemorrhagic septicemia has been found during the past year.

State veterinarians have found these diseases on 558 farms of the State since the beginning of 1921 and letters have been sent to the owners of these farms asking that their animals be vaccinated before the cattle are turned into pasture for the spring.

It has been found that the soil becomes infected where the disease has once been prevalent and vaccination is the only known preventive against a recurrence of the disease.

The State will furnish the serum free of charge and the only cost to the farmer will be that of having the serum injected by a veterinarian. Advertisements have also been inserted in many of the newspapers throughout the State, calling the attention of the farmers to this liberal policy.

Anthrax, black-leg and hemorrhagic septicemia cause thousands of dollars' worth of loss to the farmers of Pennsylvania each year and Secretary of Agriculture Fred Rasmussen has directed the Bureau of Animal Industry to take all the steps possible to reduce this loss.

Farmers in any section of the State who have had animals afflicted with any one of the diseases mentioned are urged to secure the preventive vaccine and have their stock immunized. Experience has shown that it is necessary to have the animals vaccinated each year if they are to be immune.

QUAIL.

Indications are that we have more quail in Pennsylvania today than for many years past. The native birds seem to have increased in sections where they are still found, while the Mexican Bob-white received and stocked in the spring time have thrived in most every section where released. Unfortunately so many land owners refused to let the good sportsmen kill any quail on their premises with the result that sportsmen cannot continue protecting and restocking quail, and in years to come quail will be back to a point where they were five or ten years back, unless the condition can be remedied.

Through the sportsmen's organizations it is hoped that these questions can be worked out with the land owners so that sportsmen will be permitted to hunt quail within reason in order that the birds will furnish sport, that the coveys will be scattered and intermixed, and that the sportsmen can feel free to continue restocking and feeding during the winter time as has been done in the last six or more years. The true sportsmen of Pennsylvania are killing few quail because they are just as much interested in protecting and increasing the birds as the land owners. Last year quail were not compelled to face the rigors of severe winter weather, and with favorable conditions this past year several broods were reared. We have authentic reports of a Mexican Bob-white quail that hatched a brood of fourteen young birds on the 10th day of September last year near Indiana. If winter conditions should become severe next winter a special effort will be made to have as many birds fed in their native habitat as possible as well as be cared for during the winter months.

There were 49,885 quail killed in Pennsylvania last season at an average of 8 ounces each or a total weight of 18,708 pounds.

There were 462,374 resident hunt-

ing licenses issued in Pennsylvania last year and 1,763 non-resident licenses issued, compared to 262,355 resident and 532 non-resident issued in 1920.

There were 29 fatal and 130 non-fatal accidents in Pennsylvania during the hunting season last year compared to 29 fatal and 119 non-fatal accidents in 1915.

BOALSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, of Centre Hall, were in town on Monday. The Civic club is arranging for a festival on the evening of Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lenhart, of Millroy, spent a few days at the home of Mrs. John Fortney.

Mrs. James Houtz and son Kenneth, of Lemont, recently visited at the home of David Snyder.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner recently visited their daughter, Mrs. Harkins, of State College.

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These eggs can be very satisfactorily used for any method of cooking, except that when they are boiled for table use, it is advisable to prick the larger end of the eggs so that the air may escape. Sometimes the whites of the eggs will take on a pinkish cast which is entirely harmless for eatable purposes. Often times also the liquid will turn white and the gelatinous material stick to the eggs which is easily washed off. This is entirely harmless. It should be remembered, however, that the preserving solution is good for one year only. Further information on this subject can be obtained at the Farm Bureau office or the poultry extension department, State College, Pa.

GERMAN CARP A MENACE.

The American Game Protective Association is constantly in receipt of letters from members complaining of the damage done to native fish by the German carp, and asks, "Who will solve the problem of ridding our waters of this unwelcome alien?" Northern lakes which contained only the finest game fish are becoming overrun with these aquatic swine. Whenever these fish get into a lake, the game fish contained in the same water have an up-hill fight for existence. The carp is truly the hog of the water, as he feeds by rooting out the vegetation from the bed and along the banks of the lakes and streams. This disturbs the spawn of other fish and deprives them of their food, says the Association.

Many complaints have also been received from duck shooters who asserted that carp had killed all the vegetation in their favorite waters and that ducks no longer visited them. Many of the States have tried different methods to get rid of the carp, but the Association has never heard of any who were successful. The only practical plan is to seine them out, but the Association doubts if this will ever do more than keep the increase in check. Arguments have been advanced against this method by men who contend that the seiners drag their nets along the shores of the lakes and entirely destroy the spawn of game fishes, thereby doing more harm than good.

SIXTY REINDEER FROM FAR-OFF NORWAY.

Sixty reindeer recently began the last lap of their journey from far-off Norway to a new home in the upper Michigan peninsula, in care of David R. Jones, chief deputy of the Michigan Game, Fish and Forest Department. They were released from quarantine in New York, where they had been held for treatment to rid them of an insect pest.

Should the animals thrive in the country to which they are being taken for breeding purposes, a great step would be taken toward solving the nation's problems of a dwindling meat supply, according to Mr. Jones.

He cited figures to show that agriculture was encroaching more and more on cattle ranges, and asserted cold lands in the north, not suited to agriculture, must be utilized through importation of reindeer.

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