

**OUT-OF-DOOR LIFE IS APPEALING.**

**Voneida Park Near Woodward had 20,000 Visitors Last Year.**

During 1925 more than 840,000 people used the forests of Pennsylvania in some way.

Among the forest users were 185,150 hunters and 31,750 fishermen. More than 30,000 people used the forest fire observation towers in the State Forests, and about 130,000 people enjoyed the out of doors in the State forest parks which have been developed during the last five years. The Caledonia park, situated along the Lincoln Highway between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, stood first, with 50,000 visitors; the Mont Alto park is second, with 25,000 visitors; and the Voneida park located near Woodward in Centre county was third, with 20,000 visitors.

During the last five years 33 public camps have been developed on the State forests. These outdoor play places were visited by more than 115,000 people in 1925. They cover a total of 470 acres and have been set aside for the convenience and comfort of those who come to the forest for play and recreation. Secretary Stuart also reported that there are 1,500 permanent camp site leases on the State forests. These small parcels of State forest are leased to individuals, or organizations at a nominal rental of from \$7.00 to \$15.00 per year. Upon these camp sites have been erected many attractive cottages, cabins, and camps in which thousands of people now enjoy leisure days and rest throughout the year.

**Heat Broadcasting to Come in Years, Thinks Professor.**

The broadcasting of heat by radio is only a matter of years in the opinion of Professor S. E. Dibble of Carnegie Institute of Technology, who, it is now known, is making a study of the problem. Professor Dibble, president of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers and holder of the Ahrens professorship in plumbing, heating and ventilating, believes that "it is no more impossible to broadcast heat waves than it was to broadcast sound waves."

The problem of sending heat to consumers via the air is now the problem of research men and laboratory workers who must discover instruments to control heat waves, especially a detector which will pick them up and hold and amplify them," says Prof. Dibble.

Transmission of heat by atmospheric conductivity is essential because of the gradual exhaustion of the elements of fuel, says the professor, adding, "the day is not far off in my opinion when we will see huge centralized heating plants broadcasting heat to homes, industries and office buildings."

The professor admitted that the problem "is only in the thought stage now" and "our hope is to incline the activity of research men toward this objective—heat transmission by air waves. We know that heat travels through space, through solids, and when once we learn how to pick up these waves and control them, heating throughout the world will be revolutionized."

Heat broadcasting will mean better health to the public, says the professor, because it will eliminate from the air the impurities of present day heat-making systems.

**Spraying Does Increase Potato Yield.**

Forty-five counties in Pennsylvania showed an interest in better potatoes by staging 125 potato spraying demonstrations last year. Sprayed potatoes averaged 256 bushels per acre, according to E. L. Nixon, extension plant pathologist of the Pennsylvania State College. This was an increase of 78 bushels per acre over the unsprayed, or 44 per cent.

Spraying demonstrations started in 1918, when 12 counties had 32 demonstrations on 314 acres. The average sprayed yield that year was 142 bushels per acre, an average increase of 34.8 bushels an acre over the unsprayed or 32.2 per cent.

Since that time yields have followed a fairly consistent course, showing the value of spraying.

**Foresters Count 127 Deer in One Herd.**

Foresters in the Pine Creek region near Cammal, Potter county, were surprised last Thursday when they discovered the largest herd of deer ever seen wild in that section of the country. One of the foresters, who counted the herd, says there were 127 deer, while another forester reported he counted 124 in the herd.

It is supposed that the deer have come down from the mountain in search of food, although it is said that they are in fine condition.

W. B. McClarin, game warden, of Salladasburg, went to Cammal to make certain that there was sufficient food for the deer and to arrange for their preservation.

**"Art for Art's Sake"**

Art for art's sake does not mean that art is more important than morals or is to be pursued to the exclusion of every other interest. It simply means that art is a region free and autonomous. It cannot be bent to ends of moral edification or practical propaganda without coarsening, warping and cheapening it, any more than a church steeple can be turned into a silo. And even the most practical farmer would hardly dare to suggest that the church trustee ask the architect to plan a church without a steeple, on the ground that it served no practical purpose. — Llewellyn Jones, in "First Impressions."

**"WEEDS" IN WHEAT BOON TO FARMER**

**Discovery Expected to Be of Immense Value.**

Down on a Missouri river bottom a big husky farmer was plowing his wheat, stubble one fall day. William H. Wood of Logan, Iowa, "W. H.," as the folks around there call him, runs a 700-acre farm just as other people run factories. His good valley land is really a great chemical laboratory on which he is continually experimenting with staple crops and trying out new ones, a writer in Everybody's Magazine reports.

But this particular patch of land he was plowing that day had always been a puzzle to him. Year after year, without fertilization or change, a good yield had been maintained. And for seven years the parcel of land had been planted to wheat which is exceptionally hard on soil. He was the particular man to stumble upon a discovery which may revolutionize certain kinds of farming.

While stopping to clean the dirt from a plow shovel he noticed tiny knots on the roots of a weed which grew in great profusion in this field. Knowing that nodules on the roots of alfalfa mean nitrogen deposits for the soil and being of an inquiring nature as well as a hard-headed business man who keeps careful ledgers, Mr. Wood heaved his 280 pounds off the growing plow seat and proceeded to gather some sample plants. Going over the field charts that night he discovered that this field had always had a heavy growth of the curious fern-like weed. It was brought in, he believed, by the Missouri river which used to overflow the bottoms and cover his land before the installation of the dikes that now hold it in check. He also remembered that the weed always came up after the grain had been cut. Apparently it did not injure the crops. On the contrary a survey of his records showed that the yield in this field was greater than it had been seven years previous. And don't forget it had been planted every year to wheat. He went ahead and later furnished samples of the seed, a very hard tiny grain, shaped almost like a boxing glove, to the experiment station at Ames. Several acres were also planted to this Dalea along with his spring grain.

Now another one of these so-called obnoxious weeds has been added to the farmer's list of valuable plants as the much-talked-of Dalea clover. This plant, practically unrecognized before it was unearthed by the labor and experiments of Mr. Wood, now promises to become more popular than its famous predecessor alfalfa. Already it is conceded to be superior in several respects. It produces more seed per acre, is cheaper to handle and it can be grown on soils unfavorable to alfalfa.

**Shortest Way Home**

John Philip Sousa, famous bands man, said at a banquet in New York: "To succeed in grand opera here at home American girls first go abroad and succeed in Paris, London, Milan and Naples. The longest way round in their case is the shortest way home, you see."

"It's like Smith. "So your beautiful young wife refused to marry you when you first proposed? I said to Smith in the course of a confidential chat. "Did you keep on pursuing her till she consented?"

"Not much!" said Smith. "I went out and made a fortune. After that it was she who did the pursuing."

**New Yellowstone Planned**

Plans for developing the system of parks in Denver, Colo., are so ambitious that if they are carried out, the city maintains, it will have something on a par with the Yellowstone National park. The board has at its disposal 470,000 acres of parks extending from the foothills of the continental divide and between the Platte river and Clear creek to work with. The tract is 30 miles long and 25 miles wide, and includes mountains, game reserves, lakes and highways. The federal government will be asked to aid in some respects. Herds of wild animals and large fish hatcheries will be included.

**Proper Fur Treatment**

Beginners lose thousands of dollars every year through wrong methods of taking care of animal pelts, says Capper's Weekly. To bring top market prices, skinning, stretching and drying must be done just right, and it pays to learn how before mutilating a valuable skin. Skins of animals like mink, weasel, possum, skunk, civit, muskrat and wolf should be cased, that is, taken off whole. With racoon, badger, beaver, bear and cougar open skinning is best—ripping the skin down the belly before taking it off. Every bit of flesh and fat should be cut from the skins, being careful to avoid cutting the pelt.

**Radium Found in Siberia**

Rich veins of radium and other rare metals have been discovered in the Ekimchansky region of the Amur province, Siberia. A telephone line has already been constructed, co-operatives organized, and general signs of life are present in this formerly desolate region.

New deposits of phosphates were recently found in 14 different localities of the government of Voronezh. The total area of these localities covers about 140 square miles and the deposits are estimated at 125,000 tons.

**Red Foxes Are Getting Scarce.**

This has been one of the poorest seasons for fox hunting that lovers of that sport have ever had. In many cases the hunters have gone out early in the morning and were not able to start a fox the entire day. The animals seem to be getting scarcer and reasons are given for this—the gradual cleaning of the ground, cutting off the timber and underbrush, and the killing of them by hunters for their hides. The prices they are getting for hides at the present time is higher than it ever was before. Besides this there is a bounty paid, so that the shooting of them is very profitable. A real fox hunter would not think of doing such a thing.

While the red foxes of this country are getting very scarce, there seems

to be an increase in the number of gray foxes. Especially is this true along the river hills. It has not been so long ago that there were no gray foxes in this section, but further south they were always plentiful, especially in Virginia. Evidently they have been drifting north from those sections. By hunters they are considered poor sport and few care to hunt them. Nor does it pay well to shoot them as their hides are not nearly so valuable as the red fox.

—If children must be seen and not heard how are they ever going to learn to be radio announcers?—New York Herald-Tribune.

—Nuts being packed full of nourishment should form a part of every day's menu.



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