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More Land for Hunters.

Nine thousand nine hundred acres of land to be used for a public hunting ground has been purchased by the State Game Commission, it was announced a few days ago.

The 9,900 acres are divided into three tracts.

It was said that the Commission later plans to set aside about one-fifth of each tract for game refuges. One tract, containing 3,088 acres, is located in Monroe county, near Stroudsburg; one, containing 2,867 acres, is located near Wellsboro, in Tioga county, while the third with 3,945 acres, is in Bradford county.

It was pointed out that the Commission now has under contract to purchase approximately 75,000 acres of land.

The purchases are being made from additional funds raised by an increase in the hunters' license fees as provided by the last Legislature.



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Speedometer Test Course to be Established North of Williamsport.

Harrisburg.—Speedometer testing courses, a mile in length, will be established on Pennsylvania Highways, in sixty-six counties of the State, Philadelphia excepted, by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Secretary James Lyall Stuart announced today.

If after a trial, the courses are well received by the public, additional ones will be established. Philadelphia county is excepted as the Department exercises no control over the roads or streets in that county.

Each speedometer course will be one mile in length, marked with signs indicating the beginning and end of the course. A sign, showing the location of the course, will be placed 300 feet in advance of its beginning.

In announcing the plan, Secretary Stuart said:

"The speedometer course will serve two purposes. First, it will enable the motorist to check the accuracy of his speedometer and, second, it will assist in keeping within the speed laws. Motorists using the course, are advised to travel at a speed thirty miles per hour throughout the length of the course to insure accuracy and if their speedometers are right, they will cover the course in exactly two minutes. Frequent use of the course to check speedometers, is urged upon motorists as speedometers frequently get out of proper adjustment. The Department of Highways, in establishing this innovation, believes that it will be received with approval by the motoring public and welcomes any criticism or suggestions as to its usefulness or practicability."

Locations of the test courses are as follows:

Lycoming County, north of Williamsport.

Clinton County, west of Mill Hall.

Predicts Shad Extinction.

Completion of the proposed power dam in the Susquehanna river at Conowingo will end shad fishing in that stream according to Hugh W. McCall, aged York attorney and former owner of the famous shad batteries south of the McCall's Ferry dam. The building of the big dam at McCall's Ferry was a big "setback" to the shad fishing industry, he declared, asserting the proposed Conowingo dam will end it completely.

"We could have had electricity and shad, too," Mr. McCall said, "if a proper fishway had been constructed when the McCall's Ferry dam was built. The spawning fields of the shad lie beyond the dam and can no longer be reached by the fish. It has become unprofitable to operate the batteries at Havre de Grace. In another year the shad fishing industry on the Susquehanna will be a thing of the past and Susquehanna shad will become a memory."

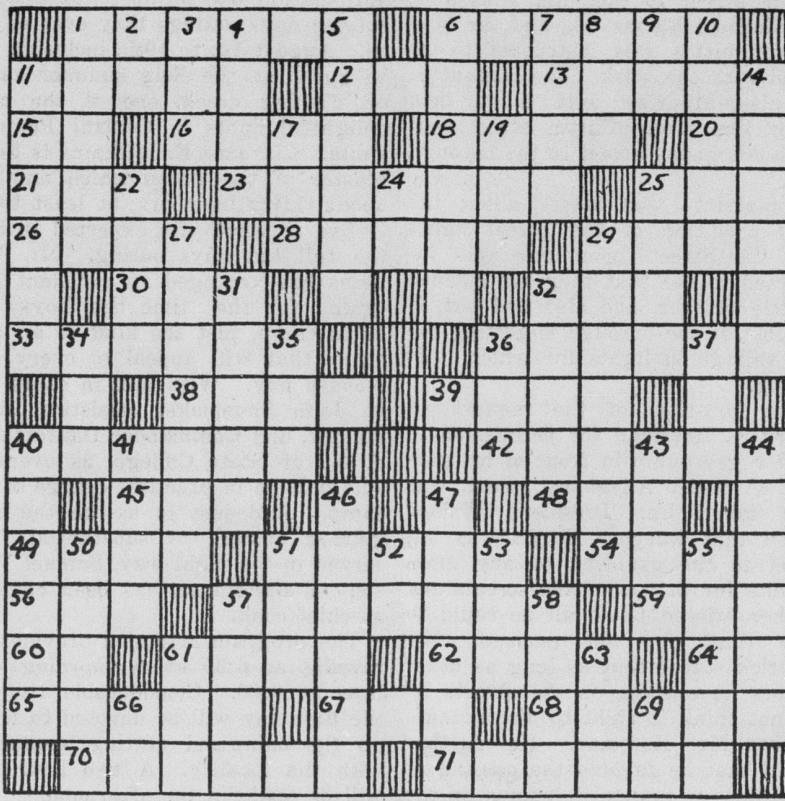
The passing of the shad fishing industry along the Susquehanna near the Mason-Dixon line will close a unique chapter in the history of the people of that section of York and Lancaster counties. The fishermen lived by themselves. Their quarrels were settled outside county courts and it was seldom their activities were heard of outside their immediate neighborhood. There is a small island in the river near the shad batteries known as Battle Island, upon which fishermen, who had quarreled, settled their differences with their bare fists. It was because of the purpose for which it was used that the island was given and has retained the name "Battle Island."

Battle Island, along with a number of others formerly owned by Mr. McCall, has been sold to interests which are developing power projects in the river.—Litz Record.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill all the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1.



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Horizontal.

- 1—Apparitions
- 6—Urged forward
- 12—Wrath
- 15—Royal artillery (abbr.)
- 16—Defeat
- 18—Affirmative votes
- 20—To exist
- 21—High card
- 25—Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
- 26—Business arrangement
- 28—Loud sounds
- 30—Rodent
- 33—One on guard
- 35—Part of the head
- 40—Beautifies
- 45—Opposed to fluid or solid
- 48—Court action
- 49—To revolve
- 54—Light producing implement
- 56—Solidified water
- 57—Command
- 60—Civil engineer (abbr.)
- 61—Tax
- 62—Smallest division of matter
- 64—Deadhead (abbr.)
- 65—Name name
- 67—Commit error
- 70—Centers of spiral stairways
- 71—Submits

Vertical.

- 1—Beauty of form
- 2—An exclamation
- 4—Not progressive
- 5—Near relative
- 6—Jewels
- 8—Possessive pronoun
- 9—Editor (abbr.)
- 10—Obligations
- 14—A farming implement
- 17—to weaken
- 22—to gain for service
- 24—Each (abbr.)
- 25—Cardinal point
- 27—the side
- 31—Prefix
- 34—Termination
- 36—Call of sheep
- 37—to piece out
- 40—a continent
- 41—a side glance
- 44—Extents of penetration
- 46—Spoils
- 50—Large body of water
- 51—Complain
- 53—High explosive (abbr.)
- 55—Fashions
- 58—Not present
- 61—to drag
- 66—Second note in musical scale
- 69—Doctor (abbr.)
- 8—Lubricant
- 19—Affirmative
- 23—To gain for service
- 29—Injurers
- 32—Large rooms
- 35—Years (abbr.)
- 43—Study
- 52—A bee house
- 52—A suffix
- 57—Ossified tissue
- 63—A prefix
- 68—Second note in musical scale
- 69—Doctor (abbr.)

Solution will appear in next issue.

Californian Spends Week Studying Game Management in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Manly S. Harris, recently appointed a member of the game refuge and public shooting ground advisory committee of the State of California, spent the past week in Pennsylvania studying methods of game management, particularly our method of propagating game under natural conditions. He had been instructed by the Governor of California to come to Pennsylvania to study methods and systems in vogue here.

California recently increased its hunter's license fee from one to two dollars. The increase of one dollar is specifically to be set aside for the purchase of lands for game refuges and public shooting grounds, and it is expected that \$900,000 a year will be available for this purpose.

According to Harris lands which they will purchase may cost as much as \$75 per acre. Pennsylvania's law provides that our Game Commission may not pay more than \$10 per acre. California is particularly interested in acquiring ponds and other areas which can be flooded to provide wild water fowl refuges. They also will create refuges for upland game.

Penn State's New Commandant is Former Student of College.

Colonel Walter B. McCaskey, who will assume his duties as professor of military science and tactics and head of the military department at the Pennsylvania State College this month, is a former student of the college and was captain of the football team during the season of 1895, the fall before he was graduated. Since September, 1923, Colonel McCaskey has been detailed at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Colonel McCaskey entered Penn State after attending the Millersville State Normal school. Upon his graduation from the course in electrical engineering he entered the employ of a railway company but soon launched on a military career which has taken him to many parts of the world and numerous posts in the United States. In 1898 he enlisted as a second lieutenant in the 21st Infantry. Thereafter he was advanced rapidly in rank and served during the World War with the rank of colonel. Discharged after the war, he reenlisted and has again been advanced to the rank of colonel.

Rare Pewter Set.

The State Museum is the proud possessor of an ancient six-piece tea set in almost perfect condition.

It was donated to the State Museum by Miss M. Helen Magee, of Wrightsville, in the name of her brother, the late Robert Magee, of Harrisburg.

The pewter set was made by Dixon and Son, of London, England, about 1749. The set consists of two tea pots, two sugar bowls, one cream pitcher and a large tray.

This pewter has been in the Magee family many generations. It now forms the most valuable part of the State Museum's exhibit of pewter ware.

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Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.

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RAIDES LAPIS T
ENTRUST AMUSIVE
EYE STERNER NAP
EDIT RD SIGN
A RYE O BET O
MOLE LEVER SPAR
ARE CAREFUL ERA
ZEAL TENTS TATT
E ODE S HUE E
LATE A A LAST
SIR ANDIRON WEN
LEGATEE ABALONE
A ASHES BORER A
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Aurora Borealis.

Dr. Carl Stormer, a Swedish scientist, has made a special study of the aurora borealis and one of these demonstrations which he observed was from 300 to 600 miles above the earth. Some of these rays of light shot out so far that they were illuminated by the light of the sun, which was far below the horizon at the time. His investigations may result in some additional information about the nature of the atmosphere at points far above the earth.



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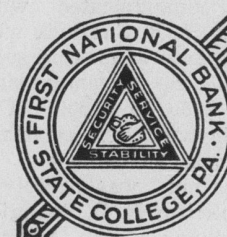
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