

NEW BOOKS NEEDED FOR ACADEMY LIBRARY.

This is a season in the year when the heart and minds of our great American people are unusually receptive to the truth. Selfish interests are being laid aside for the time being and one and all are pleased to hear of the meritorious achievements of the individuals or institutions in their community, and are sometimes influenced by the peculiar merits that prevail to offer some practical recognition of the same.

With this brief preface, the writer desires to remind the readers of these columns, who are interested in the history and welfare of the historic Academy on the hill, of a few significant facts that must appeal to them. It has outlived 52 other Pennsylvania academies that started with it in the early days of 1800. How many academies it has survived that dotted the hillsides of other States in that same period cannot be ascertained, but the number must be a very large one, because in the early days, before the present splendid and efficient public school system was established or developed, it was the academies that gave the youth of our land the necessary preparation for college and life in general.

The local academy has always maintained a high standard of thoroughness in its work, and that thoroughness has always been recognized by our leading Christian activities of the community; it has been an important factor in the social and amusement life of the town and county; it has meant big and steady business for the community, and it has given a pleasing publicity and prominence to Bellefonte by reason of its champion athletic teams that have been welcomed and praised in many sections of the country.

During recent years the competition among the secondary schools has been very great, and has been increasing in intensity each passing year, and the wonder is that this Bellefonte Academy has been able to compete successfully during all these years with the church schools, the government schools and the richly endowed private schools, with no endowment, no funds to draw on, except the tuition paid by the attending students. It has been a hard struggle for the academy to hold its own under such circumstances; and then, when the calamitous fires of 1904 and 1921 gave the academy a deplorable setback, it became a perplexing problem, indeed, to make a successful financial conduct if this time honored institution. The past year added another financial burden to the management. The secondary schools' commission notified all secondary schools that they must comply with certain re-

quirements of standardization if they desired to be continued on the list of "accredited schools." The local Academy could not take a backward step or stand still in the face of such requirements and thus "cast to the winds" the record and reputation it had enjoyed during the many years of the Hughes administration. To satisfy the commission, it became necessary to purchase the old Quaker property, repair the "meeting house," convert it into two fine classrooms in the central part of the main school building into an attractive library and furnish the same with about 1500 choice books of reference, history, fiction, etc. All these and other necessary improvements have been made to keep the local Academy on the map, so to speak, to continue to mean to our town and county what it has meant in an educational, business, athletic and religious way during the many years of the past.

It has occurred to the writer that old patrons or present students, or loyal friends of this Academy, that has hardly been idle a single day of a single scholastic year since 1806, might desire to show their appreciation of the significance of the school to the community. If there be any such, let them call up Miss Helen E. Overton, phone number, 476-J., or Miss Nellie C. Graham, phone number 45, and offer to donate a new book to the library, writing their name and the date of the donation in the front of the book and using the formula "presented to the Academy library by . . ." To avoid duplicating the books already adorning the library shelves, those interested enough to do so, would be most welcome visitors at any time to look over the fine selection of books selected by an expert in library work, residing in Philadelphia.

Incidentally, such a visit would enable the visitors to inspect the other improvements referred to in this article. Mr. Hughes desires to have a model library of 2,000 volumes; the library of 1500 volumes he now has is most attractive. Whatever books are presented will be gratefully acknowledged by the "powers that be." It is due to Mrs. Paul Sheffer to say that the new library has been well organized under her experienced and enthusiastic direction.

Snow Fence in Place.

The last of the snow fence to protect exposed sections of road from snow drifts has been put in place by Highway Department forces. During the last year the department purchased about 500,000 feet of fence. Each year there is approximately 450 miles of snow fence erected along the highways of Pennsylvania.

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FEDERAL EXPERT DETAILS THE DEER SITUATION.

"In response to an urgent call from the Board of Game Commissioners of Pennsylvania, Vernon Bailey, an experienced naturalist of the Biological Survey, was detailed during the past Spring and again in the Fall to examine conditions that might be responsible for the large loss of deer reported in certain parts of the State, and to obtain information regarding these and other conditions in the State that would serve as a guide to administering this important wildlife resource. After extensive observations in the field, Mr. Bailey reported conclusive evidence of overstocking, overgrazing, and consequent starvation of thousands of young deer last winter in sections where there was undue concentration of the animals. His studies included a sizing up of the physical conditions of the country where the deer ranged, the proportion of the sexes and ages, and the plants available for food. Particular attention was given to the food preference shown by the animals and to their damage to gardens, farm crops and orchards. Of special significance were the findings regarding the abnormal proportion of females of various ages, which has resulted from former practices employed in this State in protecting the deer. Excessive numbers of does in the proportion to bucks of breeding age was particularly in evidence not only on the game refuges but in regions far removed from them. For instance, in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, 71 deer were counted one evening in October, of which 45 were does, 17 fawns, 3 bucks and 6 of indeterminate age or sex. Four does had twin fawn, nine had one fawn each, and 32 had no fawns with them. The three bucks included one fine old fellow with a good set of horns, one 2 1/2 year old buck with small two-point horns, and one small spike buck 1 1/2 years old. This gave only one good breeding buck to 71 does; one buck that might breed but should not; and one entirely under breeding age. Such a proportion of bucks to does of breeding age is certainly not conducive to getting a full crop of fawns. The relative proportion of the sexes undoubtedly varies locally, but the shooting of bucks only over the whole state for 20 years has produced the inevitable result of so lessening the number of bucks that only about half of the does produce fawns, and has also degraded the stock by permitting breeding of immature and inferior males."—Board of Game Commissioners, Harrisburg, Pa.

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GAME COMMISSION TO STUDY FOOD HABITS OF THE CROW.

Realizing that the crow is reputed to be one of Pennsylvania's worst game destroyers, especially during winter, the ornithologist of the Game Commission plans to examine at least 2000 crow stomachs this winter in an effort to secure definite data as to the food habits of this well-known bird in Pennsylvania. While the direct agents of the Game Commission will get many of the specimens it is to be hoped that hunters throughout the State will cooperate by sending specimens in whenever possible. Postage used in the forwarding of such material will be refunded. Parcels should be directed to Dr. George M. Sutton, Chief of the Bureau of Research and Information of the Game Commission, at Harrisburg. Accompanying the specimens should be some sort of note or slip of paper indicating when and where the birds were taken; and the sender's name should be plainly indicated on the package. Birds should be sent in as promptly as possible.

Specimens from the wilder sections are particularly desirable, for crows which live near larger towns often feed almost upon refuse, and the stomachs of these birds may not contribute much to our knowledge of the species. Among the crows of Pennsylvania are to be found occasional smaller crows, known as fish crows. Specimens of this form are desirable and the ornithologist will pay 25 cents a piece for the first 50 usable specimens of this species which are sent in for examination. Fish crows are probably more common along the Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers than elsewhere in the Commonwealth. This species is smaller and more glossy than the common crow. Its call-notes are different also. It is usually found near water. In the field it looks almost exactly like the common crow when it is feeding or walking on the ground.

Bear's Friendliness Has Fatal Results

Even the bears are friendly in Tioga county, District Forester Paul H. Mulford has reported to the Department of Forests and Waters. He cited an instance where a bear's unconcern for human beings resulted fatally.

Recently William Beuter, New York Central Railroad section foreman, while at work on the railroad near the station of Burgess, saw a large black bear leisurely sauntering down the mountain, and later walking along the track toward where he and his men were working. Beuter always carries his rifle while working on the railroad. Taking it from the handcar, he shot the bear. It dressed a little over 200 pounds.

Subscribe for the Watchman.

FARMERS SELLING SEEDS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES.

Dealers and farmers expecting to sell farm seeds in Pennsylvania next spring should get tests made and labels ready now to avoid delay. This is the advice issued today by the State bureau of plant industry.

All dealers offering agricultural seeds for sale for seeding purposes must attach to each package weighing ten pounds or more a label giving: (1) The commonly accepted name of the seeds; (2) the percentage, by weight, of impurity; (3) the percentage, by weight, of weed seeds; (4) the name and number per ounce of noxious weed seeds; (5) the percentage of germination of the seeds, with date of test; (6) the name and address of the vendor.

The following weed seeds are declared as noxious. Wild onion or garlic, quack grass, dodders, Canada thistle, devil's paint brush, king devil, perennial sow thistle, horse nettle, blindweed.

It is unlawful to sell, offer or expose for sale or distribution any agricultural seeds, or any mixture of them, for seeding purposes, when the seeds or mixtures contain more than 93 per cent, by weight, of weed seeds, or contain one or more seeds of Canada thistle to five grams of such seed or mixture.

These provisions apply to every person or firm offering seed for sale for seeding purposes, farmer and professional dealer alike. Farmers may sell seed in bulk to dealers without the label.

Anyone may test his own seed, but will be held responsible for the accuracy of the tests. Should the inspector find the seed not to be as represented, the seller is liable to prosecution and fine.

Samples may be sent to the seed analyst, bureau of plant industry, Harrisburg, Pa. The law fixes a fee of 25 cents per sample, and fees should accompany the samples.

The seed should be thoroughly mixed, so that the sample taken from it is representative of the lot. The value of the test rests on the careful taking of the sample, which should consist of from two to four ounces.

Successful Poultry Farmer Advises "Closed Door."

One of Pennsylvania's master farmers, James E. Eastman, owner of Orwell Ridge farm, LeRaysville, achieved a wonderful record this year in using "closed door" methods of growing chicks.

Starting with 845 chicks in close confinement for four weeks, they were then transferred to clean range for the remainder of the growing period. Only 21 chicks died, a mortality of only a little more than two per cent. Another group of 745 chicks was kept in the brooder house throughout the growing period, with a loss of only 32, or slightly over four per cent.

ORDER LICENSE PLATES NOW AND SAVE POSSIBLE TROUBLE

Half a million or more Pennsylvania motorists will be unable to drive their cars January 1 unless there is a tremendous increase in the number of applications received daily at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Highways, at Harrisburg.

An inspection of the facilities for rapid dispatch of license plates has just been made by William Canning, Engineering Director of the Keystone Automobile Club, who in a plea to car owners to send in their applications immediately emphasizes that the bureau has perfected a system of license handling that is without equal in the world.

"Only one thing can interfere with the perfect working of this system—lack of applications," said Mr. Canning. "No matter how well organized and efficient the license distributors may be, they cannot do two months work in two weeks, and it behooves the car owner to play his own part and get in his application now."

"Approximately 1,750,000 licenses have been issued in 1928. So far less than 200,000 renewal applications have been received at Harrisburg. Even at the rate of 25,000 a day from now until December 31, the total issue prior to January 1 would be 500,000 short of the total cars to be licensed. As it is, applications are coming in at the slow rate of 6000 to 7000 a day.

We are informed that no extension of the driving privilege will be permitted and that any motorist driving his car on or after January 1 with a 1928 license tag will be arrested and fined.

Must Obey Dog Training Laws.

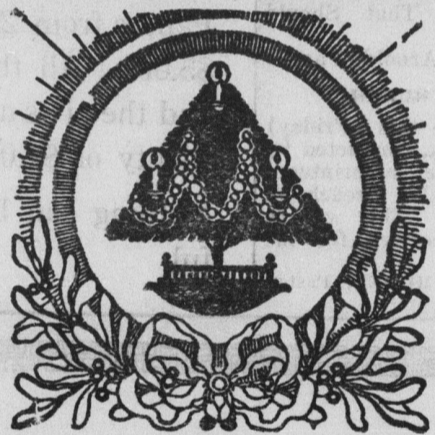
John B. Truman, executive secretary of the Board of Game Commissioners, asked sportsmen to remember the provisions of the dog training law, not only because by so doing they will avoid prosecution, but also in the interest of game preservation.

Truman emphasized the section which demands that a dog being trained must be under the control of its owner or handler at all times. Permitting a young dog as yet untrained to disobey commands and to roam at will is specifically forbidden, Truman said. Such a course is certain to be responsible for the needless destruction of much young game, he said.

Dogs may be trained on any kind of game except deer, elk, and wild turkey from one hour before sunrise until 10 o'clock p. m. The person training dogs is not permitted to carry shotguns, rifles or equipment which will permit the firing of a pistol or a rifle.

The season for training dogs began on August 20 and will continue until the last of February.

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This Great Sale, It's Different, It's Store Wide. Nothing Reserved. The entire stock subjected to the most drastic price reductions ever attempted in Bellefonte.

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FAUBLE'S



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THE FIRST 25 MEN entering Our Store, Saturday, Nov. 15, will be given, Absolutely FREE a Birthday Greeting from the Store that has served you faithfully for 42 years.

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