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## KILLING OF DOES TO REDUCE HERDS IS DECIDED UPON

State Board of Game Commissioners Announces at Conservation Council Meeting That Special Season Will Be Held Next November—Estimate 1,300,000 Female Deer in State—At Least 100,000 Can Be Killed With Benefit, Says Board.

Believing that reduction of the number of female deer in Pennsylvania is an imperative necessity, the State board of game commissioners has decided to declare an open season on "deer without visible antlers" for one week, beginning November 20.

During that time the hunters of the State will not only be permitted to kill female deer, but will be urged to do so by the game commission, which after long study of the situation, has arrived at the conclusion that this must be done.

The season is arranged to end three days prior to the opening of the regular season on male deer, which runs from December 1 to 15, inclusive. The separation is necessary of the protection of human life. Were the commission to declare a season for both male deer and does, the danger of death or injury to hunters at the hands of careless gunners shooting at anything moving within their range of vision would be too great.

Dr. H. J. Donaldson, of Williamsport, chairman of the board of game commissioners, made the announcement of the special season at the meeting of the Penna. Conservation Council at Harrisburg, at which representatives of 250,000 organized sportsmen were in attendance.

Dr. Donaldson, the spokesman of the board, said that the number of female deer in the State is now estimated at 1,300,000. This number is not only so greatly in excess of the male deer as to destroy the natural balance between the sexes, but it constitutes a deer population too large to be accommodated in the forest areas of Pennsylvania. Overcrowding has made natural food supplies inadequate and great damage has been done to farm crops in numerous sections of the State.

Dr. Donaldson told the conservation council that 100,000 does could be killed, with benefit to the condition of deer in the State. He asked the delegates present to use their influence toward obtaining the cooperation of hunters in the herd reduction effort.

Full particulars of the regulations which will govern the special season have not been announced.

Sportsmen are divided in their opinion on the killing of does. Some strenuously object to it as being unsportsman like, and state that under no consideration will they participate in the killing of does.

Others join with the game commission in the opinion that whether it is a "sporting" proposition or not, the deer situation in Pennsylvania, due to prolonged protection of the females, has created a situation which can only be remedied by such a course as the game commission has decided upon.

## ROAD BILL UNFAIR TO SOME COUNTIES, DECLARES FISHER

Governor Signs Omnibus Measure in Hope Next Legislature Will Act. Political Game Is Seen—Road Supervisors Get More Pay.

Governor Fisher approved the omnibus road bill adding approximately 1200 miles to the State's highway system on July 1, 1928. In signing the measure the Governor "let it be known that he did so "reluctantly" and that he was aware there were many inequalities in the mileage allotted the various counties. He indicated that he would rely on the 1929 Legislature to correct these seeming injustices.

A detailed statement issued by the Highway Department immediately after Governor Fisher signed the measure explains his reluctance in approving it. The statement showed that the act adds 1212.92 miles, and that legislators representing counties in which Republican machines are strongly entrenched, "hogged" the bill by grabbing off more than their share of mileage, at the expense of the smaller rural counties, where political sentiment is inclined to be independent.

For instance, Allegheny county, the home of Republican State Chairman Mellon, grabbed off 49.3 miles, the biggest mileage given any one county. Lancaster, the home of Representative A. B. Hess, chairman of the House Roads Committee, landed the second biggest prize, 45.57 miles. The Lancaster county apportionment is expected to arouse particular resentment among rural legislators, because Hess in 1925, after an absence from the House enforced by the voters of his home county, returned and demanded the important roads chairmanship.

In making allotments in the bill Centre county was given 28.30 miles; Clearfield, 18.88; Clinton, 8; Huntingdon, 11.36; Mifflin, 10; Snyder, 10.30; Union, 10.97.

Approval of the McClure bill codifying the borough laws was announced by the Governor. The bill was supported by the Association of Borough Officials and brings up to date the laws affecting this class of municipalities.

The Spencer bill increasing the compensation of township supervisors was approved. When overseeing roadwork they are to receive not less than \$3 nor more than \$6 a day compared with a former minimum and maximum of \$2.50 and \$4 a day. The bill also provides for semi-monthly instead of monthly meetings.

The Pitts bill permitting pupils in a district without a high school to attend the nearest or most conveniently located high school; prohibiting the shipping of live pigeons less than six weeks old.

The Rechards bill authorizing school directors to permit secretaries to make purchases of less than \$100.

**Birthday Party.**  
A birthday party was given Hayes Ralston on his twenty-fifth anniversary which occurred Saturday night. The affair was a complete surprise to the young man, and was arranged for by his wife and mother, Mrs. G. W. Ralston. The participants were:

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houser, Ralph Houser, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Houser, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, Bruce, Hazel, Lynn and Philip Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wyrman Noll, Mr. and Mrs. David Noll, Thomas and Frances Noll, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ross, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Walker, Frances and Kenneth Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Callahan, Winton Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brooks, Frances and Florence Brooks, Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Brooks, Lila Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ralston and Gerburg, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Ralston, Gilbert, Louise and George Ralston, Ralph Whitman, George Felding, Virginia White, Budd Ralston, Nevin Royer.

**SCHWAB AND OTHERS AT STATE COLLEGE MEET**  
Upwards of 200 representatives of all kinds of industries in Pennsylvania and nearby states are gathering at the Pennsylvania State College this week-end to take part in the annual industrial conference and the engineering extension convention called by the School of Engineering. Charles M. Schwab is to address delegates, students and faculty on Friday evening. The industrial conference will take up the selection and placement of college graduates in industry, and the extension delegates will discuss problems and new features for the extension department which now serves over 8000 industrial employees in all parts of the state with its non-resident training courses.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Elects Teachers for Next Year and Lengthens Term in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades.

The Centre Hall school board met in regular session on Monday night. Of interest to local tax payers was the reducing of the school tax mileage from 21 to 20 mills. The per capita tax remains at \$4.00.

Teachers were elected for the next term, as follows:  
Primary—Miss Mary Zerby.  
3rd and 4th Grades—Miss Martha Yearick.  
5th and 6th Grades—Thos. L. Moore.  
7th and 8th Grades—Vacant. (The board is looking for a first-class teacher of the male sex to fill this position.)  
High School—Principal, Prof. J. F. Wetzel; assistant principal, Miss Sara Neff; and Robert M. Neff.

The board also lengthened the school term from 8 to 9 months for grades 3 and 6, and 7 and 8.

**District S. S. Convention.**  
The district convention of the 11th and 12th districts of the Centre County Sunday-school Association, was held in St. Paul's church, below Penn Hall, on Friday. There were two sessions, afternoon and evening. The latter session drew a full house of attentive interested people from the two districts, the convention being conducted jointly by the districts named.

The principal speakers named were L. Foster, county president and Dr. L. L. Aber, a State Sunday-school worker. Both addresses were edifying. The chairman for the evening session was S. Ward Gramley, of Millheim, who gave a bit of time to the manner and accomplishment of the personal registration made in his district and the apparent fine result.

Several State College young people were on the ground and gave Camp Kenastake probably better known as the Tri-County Sunday-school camp, on Spruce Creek, a boost. The camp itself will have many improvements this year, and the opportunities in training young people to become leaders much enhanced.

**Howard Boro School Teachers.**  
The Howard Borough school board re-elected the following teachers for the ensuing term: Principal, H. H. Yeager, and R. U. Wason. Miss Gladys Tobias and Miss Martha Lindemuth, instructors in the high school; 4th, 5th and 6th grades, Miss Jane Kane; 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades, Miss Lulu Schenk. The 7th and 8th grade remains vacant.

**Battling for Political Supremacy.**  
Clay W. Reesman was a candidate on the Republican ticket, in Camden, for the office of city commissioner, five of whom were elected. The city is now in control of non-partisans and an effort is being made by the Republicans to again gain the management of the city. The election was held on Tuesday.

Mr. Reesman was formerly from Centre Hall, but has been living in Camden since attaining manhood and is engaged in the real estate business. Sunday's Public Ledger spoke of him as "a young man and a leader in the Woodruff wing of the Republicans."

Wednesday morning's dailies reported the election of the five Republicans in doubt, but the Republican organization claimed victory for all of them over the non-partisans. Of the districts heard from, Mr. Reesman received next to the highest vote among the Republicans, and more than 2000 over the highest non-partisan candidate.

**Ton Litter Rolls Close May 31st.**  
County Agent R. C. Blaney calls the attention of all swine growers to the fact that they nominate litters for the 1927 Keystone Ton Litter Club until May 30th. Any who have litters which they think have a chance, with good feeding and care, to produce a ton of pork in 130 days, are urged to make the nomination at once.

Help in selecting the best fairs for growing pigs will be extended so that the most profitable gains can be obtained.

Pennsylvania has an enviable record in ton litter circles. In 1925 the State tied with Illinois for first place by producing ton litters, and last year, according to the most recent information, was second only to Tennessee, which by coincidence had 121 ton groups to the Keystone State's 114.

## TUBERCULIN TESTING.

Harris, Potter, Gregg, Penn and Haines Townships in Penna Valley, Signed for Area Testing—Result of Individual Herds Tested.

Farmers in this region who have had their herds tested for t. b. eradication are very well satisfied with the result. In some instances the percentage of reactors has been large, while in others comparatively light. Two car loads of condemned cattle were shipped from the local station during last week, coming from Penns. Brush and Nittany valleys.

The reburialments made by the State and Federal Governments made to owners of condemned cattle also appears to be satisfactory to parties interested in this region. To date most of the herds tested heretofore have been purebred or high grades.

Charles E. Smith, of Centre Hill, was one of the heavy losers in a test. In a herd of nineteen Holsteins all except four young animals reacted. The entire herd was sold to a shipper.

Following is a bit of valuable information sent by request to the Reporter by R. C. Blaney, Extension Representative.

Tuberculin testing in Centre county has recently been stimulated by additional appropriations made by the Legislature. Seven townships have been tested, also a large number of individual herds.

The accredited herd plan is a cooperative arrangement between the State and the Federal Government and the farmer to eradicate tuberculosis in cattle. The individual accredited herd plan and the accredited herd plan as far as the actual testing area plan are the same. The area plan enables the State to test more herds and is an advantage over the individual plan in that all cattle tested in the township have the same number of tests which enables the owners to exchange cattle without additional tests.

In herds where cattle react the reacting cattle are appraised by the owner and the veterinarian who does the testing. The owner of the cattle is privileged to sell them to the butcher who will pay the best price. The buyer must have a permit from the State veterinarian in charge of the testing before the cattle can be moved from the premises.

This is necessary in order that the cattle may be followed up and inspected at time of killing to ascertain whether the carcass is fit for beef. The owner receives from the buyer the price of the carcass if good for beef and if not good for beef the carcass is made into fertilizer and the owner does not receive anything from the butcher, unless the buyer buys the reactor for so much per head, and he takes the loss in case there are not any fit for beef. The State and Federal Government pays an indemnity, the difference between the amount of money received from the butcher and 90 per cent of the appraised value up to \$65 for a grade animal, and \$129 for a purebred animal.

The only cost to the owner for testing is the transporting of the veterinarian from farm to farm. On the individual plan it is possible for each man to use his own car for transportation, but this is not satisfactory on the area plan as the veterinarian cannot test enough herds per day. On the area plan the committee in the township who did the signing up usually employs some one locally to furnish transportation and also set the amount to be charged each cow owner for transportation. At the present time the five townships in Penna Valley—Haines, Penn, Gregg, Potter and Harris—are signed over 90 per cent, and if the schedule of testing can be carried out the Bureau of Animal Industry will apply the test some time this year.

**The Sick.**  
In Brush Valley and lower Penna Valley there are a number of persons suffering from pneumonia and ailments similar, among which a few are noted, mostly patients of Dr. Hugh Morrow, of Centre Hall:

Marion, a daughter of Mrs. Wolf, of Smulton, aged about seven years, is ill with pneumonia; a daughter, one and one-half years old, of Ralph Miller, at Madisonburg, is threatened with the same disease; Frank Bierly, Rebersburg, grip; a child of Paul Hackman, of near Rebersburg, has about recovered from pneumonia.

Donald Bierly, a Centre County hospital patient, whose parents both died within three weeks at Smulton of pneumonia, is recovering nicely from the same disease.

## CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL GETS \$18,000 APPROPRIATION

184 State-Aid Hospitals Get Total of \$5,197,300.

Appropriations aggregating \$5,197,300 for the 184 State-aided surgical medical hospitals in the State have been approved by Governor Fisher. Two years ago the same group of institutions received \$4,548,100; in 1925 they received \$3,728,400, and in 1921, \$3,280,200. The 1921 figures, however, included appropriations to a number of hospitals since which time have been declared sectarian by the State Supreme Court and not entitled to State aid.

The appropriations for the coming two years as approved, compared with the appropriations of two years ago, for hospitals in Centre and adjoining counties, were:

	1927	1925
Centre County	\$18,000	\$10,000
Mercy, Altoona	30,000	17,000
Altoona	56,000	54,900
Blair Memorial		
Huntingdon	21,500	13,000
Lewistown	29,000	15,000
Lock Haven	28,500	25,000
Packer, Sunbury	14,500	13,900

**Horse Kicks Child.**  
Russell, five years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neff, near Tusseyville, was kicked on the chin by a horse, cutting a gash requiring five stitches in dressing the wound. The child was attended professionally by Dr. Morrow. Russell was playing in a field in which the horse was pasturing. No one knows what caused the animal to kick, the child in telling of the mishap simply stating that the "horse stretched out its hind leg."

**Record Office Open Continuously.**  
Announcement was made this week by the Department of Motor Vehicles at Harrisburg, that the Record Station, an auxiliary office of the Department, will be kept open twenty-four hours a day, and that anyone wishing to establish the identity or the owner of any Pennsylvania license owner, can do so by calling 6191, Harrisburg, on the Bell phone, or by asking for the Record Station at the Capitol.

**A Shot at Connell.**  
The Clearfield Republican sends this parting shot at William H. Connell, acting secretary of the Highway Department, since the retirement of Paul D. Wright, more than a year ago: "Former Chief Connell has always been a strong advocate of the macadam type of road rather than the concrete. He was responsible for the change in Route 62 and the building of the macadam road from Curvesville to Lumber City. He is also a believer that through roads in the State should be constructed to accommodate tourists rather than accommodate taxpayers who pay the bills. That was his position in charge of Route 62 by building the Grampian cutoff."

**Aid to Flood Sufferers Appreciated.**  
The following communication was received by Miss Grace Smith, of Centre Hall, from the chairman of the State College Chapter of the Red Cross, expressing appreciation of the response of local residents to the appeal for aid for the Mississippi Valley flood sufferers:

"The very generous response of Centre Hall to the appeal for Flood Relief funds is most gratifying. We have now over \$900.00 from the Chapter and are expecting some further contributions. I surely wish to thank all who made it possible for us not only to meet our quota but to exceed it."

**CENTRE COUNTY 100 PER CT. ORGANIZED IN HEALTH**  
Centre county is now 100 per cent organized, says County Health Officer Tresselt; that is, every borough has its own Board of Health and health officer, a new State nurse, Miss Prescott, is on duty in the Bellefonte section of the county.

With all these agencies and the volunteer ones working together with a united effort, communicable diseases and other health menaces should be almost a thing of the past in Centre county.

At the recent conference of County Medical Directors in Harrisburg, Centre county had the best record. Something to be proud of and maintained. WILL YOU HELP?  
Every week should be "clean-up week" and every day "clean-up-day."

**In Memoriam.**  
(Died April 29, 1924.)  
In loving remembrance of my dear husband, WILLIAM BOWER, who so calmly gave up all earthly trials and closed his eyes in peaceful sleep to dwell with Him above where all sorrow and suffering are over. Tonight the stars shine o'er a lonely grave. There sleepeth one we loved but could not save; Some may think I am not lonely, When at times they see me smile. Little do they know the heartache That I suffer all the while. Sleep on, dear husband, take thy rest, God took you, He knew best. He knew your suffering here was great. And opened your the golden gate. We miss you so, words cannot tell, But it was God's will, so all is well. Sadly missed by his wife and children.  
—MRS. BOWER.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Mabel Arney is driving a new Chevrolet coupe purchased through the Homan garage agency.

The local Evangelical Sunday-school will render a Children's Day program Sunday evening, June 5th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Bell Telephone company contributed \$25,000 to the Red Cross for relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers.

The Department of Highways is making an effort to induce car owners to properly display and keep clean their license plates.

J. R. Hannah, formerly of Potters Mills, recently located at Blanchester, Ohio, where he purchased a store and is now conducting it.

The Bellefonte school board purchased the site of the abandoned best and gas plant, near the High school building play ground, \$6,000 was paid for it.

Chevrolet announces a new model, the Imperial Landau. It is a five-passenger closed car of luxurious appointments and new design, listing at \$750 f. o. b. Flint.

Charles Ray, proprietor of the Millheim Inn, is doing quite a nice business. The Inn is nicely furnished and everything about it presents an inviting appearance.

Bellefonte High school, on June 8th, in the Richelleu theatre, will graduate sixty pupils. The commencement address will be by former Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh.

Miss La Fern Stover, of Millheim, one of the seven young ladies to graduate from the nurse school at the Lock Haven hospital. The exercises will be held on the last Friday of the month.

Rachael Van Pelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Pelt, of Johnstown, was taken to the Memorial hospital of that city the latter part of last week where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Guy Springer, of State College, purchased the barber shop conducted for many years at Lemont by Grant Meyer, whose death occurred recently. Mr. Springer has taken charge of the establishment.

Messrs. F. M. Fisher, W. F. Keller, Paul Fetterolf and D. C. Mitterling, attended a meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which order they are members, at State College, on last Thursday night.

The Evangelical church in Centre Hall is being repaired on the exterior, and the adjoining parsonage well likewise be repaired this week. F. E. Arney and assistant, John Whitman, are doing the brush work.

Sunset club house was put in order one day last week for the approaching season when the members will want to linger more and more in the mountain regions. Some minor improvements to the building will be made shortly.

Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, a Reformed church institution, was bequeathed \$1,000 by William Hunsicker, of Hamlin, Lebanon county, an eccentric farmer, whose estate is valued at \$100,000. One hundred and forty-five other bequests were made.

Thomas D. Decker, of State College, who has been an inmate of the Geisinger hospital at Danville for the past few weeks, was operated upon Wednesday of last week for appendicitis, and reports from that institution are to the effect that his condition is favorable.

Six small trees from the famous "charter oak" have been planted at the summer home of Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, at McElhattan. They have been named for six men interested in Pennsylvania Forestry: J. S. Fisher, Charles E. Dorworth, Joseph S. Tillek, Lewis E. Eatley, G. H. Wirt and Robert Stuart.

The Boyd bill signed by Governor Fisher raising the salaries of county commissioners in thirty-seven counties in the State, does not affect Centre county which county is rated one of the seventh class. The counties in which the salaries are raised are those of the grades of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

The graduating class of the Centre County hospital, namely the Misses Helen Bohn, Margaret Longwell and Bosse McDonald, were entertained at a dinner at the Blue Bird tea room by the members of the junior class of the hospital. The graduating exercises will be held in the court house on Friday evening.

Two female beavers were placed in Black Moshannon, near the fish dam, under the direction of game protector Thomas Mosier. The beavers were brought from Potter county where they were trapped by parties engaged by the State Game Commission. The female beavers were set free near where a male beaver had previously been "planted."

With a gash six inches long cut in his head by a circular saw, Franklin Lamey, of Woodward, is able to tell how it happened. He was employed on a saw mill operated by Cleve Vanda, below Woodward, and "went below" to put dressing on a belt when his head came in contact with a cut-off saw. The wound now has every appearance of healing without great distress to Mr. Lamey.