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## Thanksgiving Peace and Plenty



### Rabbit Hunting Popular Sport—Principal Wild Game of America Is the Furry Little Cottontail and Its Cousins

By Caleb Johnson

Consider the rabbit. And consider it one of the most important game animals in the United States today. That is the plea of the American Game Protective Association, which points out that this little animal, counted upon to furnish sport to millions when other quarry fail, is not receiving due recognition from hunters. "And beware," is the warning, "for the rabbit is the future bet of the game producer. The tremendous buffalo herds are gone. The wild pigeon has passed within the memory of many living sportsmen. The elk is restricted in most sections, because of need of pasturage for stock. The wild fowl supply is largely a matter of the presence of sufficient lakes and marshes for breeding places and the grouse supply is constantly attacked by certain parasitical diseases most difficult to control.

"So, Hunter take heed. The rabbit is the mainstay of millions who pay for hunting licenses and who expect to get something in return for it." Few people realize how invaluable as a game animal the rabbit is, the association declares. In certain of our thickly populated areas, from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 rabbits are taken yearly as game and food. Probably one half of the men and boys who go gunning take out a license principally to hunt rabbits. Rabbits of one variety or another make up 50 per cent or more of the bag of the average hunter; and most particularly is this true of the resident of the small town and the farm. The farmer and the farmer's boy have hunted rabbits from time immemorial and they will continue to do so for years to come.

It is in recognition of these facts that state game commissioners and national protective associations are putting forth great efforts to increase the rabbit denizens of this country. Nature also does its best by providing 5 or 7 young ones per litter, but not all these grow to maturity. That litter soon dwindles to 4, 3, 2 and often none if discovered by the rabbit's natural enemies, hawks, owls, dogs and cats. So very often the generosity of Mother Nature is all for naught.

The rabbit family, including both rabbits and "hares," is most widely represented by the cottontail. In the northern states and the higher country live the snowshoe rabbits, on the plains the jack rabbits. There is also a Northern hare and a Southern swamp rabbit. And in all these localities where the rabbit thrives, and that means all over the nation, the animal plays an important part in the economic and sport life.

One of the reasons why rabbits are becoming more valuable is that, as the country becomes settled, it becomes increasingly difficult to provide, and protect feathered game. The hunter must have something to hunt, and as wild geese, ducks and grouse become scarcer, more and more gun sights are levelled at the rabbits. Game birds and most big game animals are difficult to raise in sufficient quantities to provide suitable hunting near thickly populated centers. Only in the mountainous and more brushy districts, as a rule, can feathered and

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### Hail the Queen!



Miss Emma Sobo, 17, of Woodside, N. Y., was crowned "Miss Maygar America" at the Hungarian ball given in New York in connection with the National Horse Show.

### Local Sportsmen Elect Officers

Make Plans For Winter Season and Discuss Winter Feeding of Birds; Also Express Appreciation For Co-operation of Head Camp Officers.

Dallas Camp, United Sportsmen at its annual meeting this week elected officers and made plans for the winter season and the coming year. Officers elected were: Ralph Rood, president; J. M. Robinson, vice-president; W. B. Robinson, Jr., secretary, and Warden Kunkle, financial secretary. Committees will be named.

Following the election of officers, committees reported on the work done during the past year. The game committee reported that a goodly number of ring-neck pheasants, Hungarian partridge and several crates of rabbits have been released. Fish have also been stocked in many nearby streams. The club received 500 ring-neck pheasant eggs this year and many of the young birds will be liberated in due time.

The club expressed its appreciation for the co-operation received from the officers of the head camp and plans were made for distributing winter feed for wild birds. This feed is furnished free of charge by the State Game Commission.

### AUXILIARY TO MEET

Shavertown Branch Nesbitt Memorial hospital auxiliary will meet Friday afternoon, December 5, at the home of Mrs. S. P. Frantz, of Chase, instead of at the home of Mrs. Ellen Moylke, of Trucksville, as had been previously announced. Miss Jane Kemer will entertain.

### Dallas Scenes Beautify New Golf Course

Miniature 18-Hole Course At Kingston One of the Finest in the Country.

Miniature reproductions of the countryside surrounding Dallas play an important part in the setting of the new Indoor Country Club, recently opened in the Matheson building in Kingston.

In order to accurately reproduce these scenes, the artist who had charge of the work, spent several days in this vicinity making drawings and sketches of the views he wished to reproduce.

These views include panoramas from the hillsides surrounding Irem Temple Country Club. One in particular shows Harvey's Lake as seen from a distance. All of the work is well executed and gives the impression of depth and beauty.

The club is one of the largest indoor courses in the country and besides having two 18-hole courses has a driving range, ping pong tables and quoits.

### LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MARRIES

Miss Clog Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, of Vernon and Joseph Faux, of Wyoming, were united in marriage Thanksgiving Day at Vernon M. E. church.

Miss Evans is a person of charming personality and a leader in social activities. She has won many friends in Dallas, where she has been enrolled as a student this year.

Before entering Dallas High School, Miss Evans was enrolled in Kingston High School, where she ranked high as a student and activity leader.

Clog's cheery voice and welcome smile will be missed by her fellow-students. On the football field Clog deserves mention as the greatest of cheer leaders and "pep" makers.

Her many friends wish her the success in marriage that she has attained in her other fields of work.

### NEW HOMES PLANNED

Real estate activity in this region is on the increase with much interest being shown by Wyoming Valley residents in establishing homes here. If homes are built here by all who have signified their intention to build next spring, there should be no more talk about depression in the building trades after the season gets underway.

### THANKFULNESS

By Laurence Cragle, Freshman Reporter, Lake Township  
I'm thankful for the day and night,  
Also for the sunshine bright,  
I'm glad that God is guiding me,  
And telling me just what to be.  
For all the rest and for our food,  
I'm thankful that God is so good;  
I'm glad that I have friends so dear,  
I like them all, more every year.

Here's a greeting to you all,  
This bright Thanksgiving Day;  
I hope that all the things you wish,  
Are coming on their way.

### Indoor Golf Wins Shavertown Folk

Charles Humpleby, of Kingston, Opens 9-Hole Course in Da-Nite Building on Main Street, Shavertown.

One of the most recent innovations in the line of sports in this region is the new Da-Nite golf course, which was opened Saturday by Charles B. Humpleby, in the Da-Nite building on Main street, Shavertown.

This miniature nine-hole golf course, is the first course of its kind to be opened in the back mountain region, and judging from the interest shown since its opening, it is going to be one of the most popular spots in this region for many months to come.

The course is cleverly laid out and every hole is a tricky one to play. Not only does it furnish entertainment and amusement for the spectators, but it also tests the skill of the player.

Mr. Humpleby has announced that the course will be open all day Thanksgiving and that it will be open during the evening as well.

### CONTEST CLOSED

The Curtis Publishing Co. contest, which is an annual event, was brought to a close. The students of Lehman high school sold 139 subscriptions; thus earning a bonus, which the company offers for a ten per cent increase in previous subscriptions. The school received a check for \$102 for their share.

The losing group entertained the winning group at a banquet. Mr. George B. Hunter, a representative of the Curtis Publishing Co., presented the school with a very expensive book on "Wild Animals." For the past ten years Mr. Hunter has been working with students of Lehman high school.

### SCOUTS MEET

On Wednesday afternoon, 33 Girl Scouts, of Troop No. 7, met in Dallas Borough High School to learn new songs and practice signaling, in addition to the scout work.

At present the troop is composed of the following girls: Alice Baer, Faith Beehler, Judith Beehler, May Cooper, Elsie Culp, Margaret Culp, Helen Czuleger, Alice Davies, Catherine Davis, Alberta Himmier, Helen Himmier, Ruth Hull, Thelma Ide, Helen Jeter, Elsie Johnston, Dorothy Jones, Ruth Kintz, Clementine Lawrence, Valeria Lawrence, and Le Grand, Theta Meade, Elizabeth Monk, Eleanor Murphy, Doris Roberts, Dorothy Schmassman, Doris Schmol, Marion Scott, Verna Sheppelman, Peggy Shindel, Madge Space, Evelyn Temple, Roberta Van Campen, Veronica Wallo, Alice Weaver, June Williams, Mary Zelenak.

### Promoted



James Rolph, Jr., for more than 20 years mayor of San Francisco, was elected governor of California by the largest majority ever given a gubernatorial candidate.

### Editor Said His "Silly Remarks" Deserved "Oblivion"; 'Twas the Gettysburg Address!

The following article which will be of interest to all admirers of Abraham Lincoln and students of history, is taken from this week's issue of The Publishers' Auxiliary and is re-printed here in full. The headlines were written by the editor of the Auxiliary.—Editor.

Sometimes newspapers guess wrong or otherwise make mistakes. But it would seem that the all-time champion editorial wrong-guesser and mistake-maker was a certain Pennsylvania newspaper back in 1863, as witness the following facts:

One November day in that year a tall, giant man stood on the scene of a great battle and in a high-pitched thin voice made a three-minute speech, which began like this: "Forescore and seven years ago our Fathers brought forth upon this continent, etc." The next day the Pennsylvania paper aforementioned reported the fact that he had spoken and concluded with these words: "We pass over the silly remarks of the President; for the credit of the nation we are willing that the veil of oblivion be dropped over them and that they shall no more be repeated or thought of." The "silly" remarks which were to have the "veil of oblivion dropped over them" were the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

But this newspaper was not the only one which failed to realize at the time that Abraham Lincoln had uttered on the battlefield of Gettysburg one of the world's greatest literary and oratorical masterpieces. The way in which others either ignored it or "played it down" is told in the chapter "The World Little Noted But Long Remembered" in Dr. William E. Barton's book, "Lincoln at Gettysburg," published recently by the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis, which reads in part as follows:

"What did the newspapers have to say about it at the time? For the most part the larger ones said nothing. Their comments were reserved for the great oration that had been delivered by Everett. Horace Greely made no editorial comment in the Tribune, and neither did James Gordon Bennett in the Herald, or Henry J. Raymond in the Times. Later, both Greely and Raymond admired it, but apparently they saw nothing in it until others called their attention to it. Thurlow Weed, of the Albany Journal, one of the most astute editors in his day, made no comment on the address, nor did Joseph Medill, of the Chicago Tribune. Some papers, of political faith opposed to that of the President, openly charged that he had desecrated the graves of Union soldiers by making a stump speech in the National cemetery. One of the nearest important newspapers, the Patriot and Union, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, said:

"The President succeeded on this occasion because he acted without sense and without constraint in a panorama that was gotten up more for the benefit of his party than for the glory of the nation and the honor of the dead. . . . We pass over the silly remarks of the President; for the credit of the nation we are willing that the veil of oblivion shall be dropped over them, and that they shall no more be repeated or thought of."

The Chicago Times and the Register in Lincoln's own home town of Springfield, and other partisan newspapers were equally caustic and equally unjust. Whatever is to be said of the Gettysburg speech, it certainly was not a political harangue.

But if the editors of the leading newspapers of America did not discover that the Gettysburg Address was a notable production, who did discover it?

The first favorable comment I have found was not an editorial judgement, but the enthusiastic comment of a reporter, and it was used next day in the Chicago Tribune. The present editors of that paper are unable to learn who was the author of the single sen-

cago Tribune and the Chicago Times had reporters present. The Times of November 21st, reserving its bitter criticism for a special editorial, had tence of commendation. Both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Times had reporters present. The Times of November 21st, reserving its bitter criticism for a special editorial, had tence of commendation. Both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Times had reporters present.

Our special telegraphic reporter furnished a detailed account of the inauguration of the National cemetery at Gettysburg. President Lincoln made a few remarks upon the occasion.

The Tribune's correspondent apparently could not obtain the wire in Gettysburg for a long account, but rode across to Harrisburg, writing as he rode, and his story appeared a day later, as did of the Times. But the Tribune correspondent wired from Gettysburg one sentence which appeared the day following the delivery of the address and may have been the first favorable comment published:

"The dedicatory remarks by President Lincoln will live among the annals of man."

This, I judge to have been the earliest printed expression of appreciation of the address; but it can not take rank as a mature and discriminating judgment.

Not reckoning the Chicago Tribune reporter's single sentence as an editorial comment, so far as I can learn, the first editorial comment which showed a discriminating appreciation of the Gettysburg Address as literature, appeared in the Springfield Republican. It might have been written by the editor Samuel Bowles, but it more likely to have been the production of the pen of a member of the staff, Dr. J. G. Holland. Doctor Holland, in his "Life of Lincoln," gave only a single sentence by way of comment on the Gettysburg Address, but what was said was essentially the same as it appeared in this editorial. It had no caption, but its emphasis was on the literary merit of the address.

"Surpassingly fine as Mr. Everett's oration was in the Gettysburg consecration, the rhetorical honors of the occasion were won by President Lincoln. His little speech is a perfect gem; deep in feeling, compact in thought and expression, and tasteful and elegant in every word and comma. Then it has the merit of unexpectedness in its verbal perfection and beauty. We had grown so accustomed to homely and imperfect phrase in his productions that we had come to think it was the law of his utterance. But this shows he can talk handsomely as well as act sensibly. Turn back and read it over, it will repay study as a model speech. Strong feelings and a large brain were its parents—a little painstaking its accoucher."

Two other eastern newspapers gave prompt recognition to the fine quality of Lincoln's speech. The Providence Journal said:

"We know not where to look for a more admirable speech than the brief one which the President made at the close of Mr. Everett's oration. It is often said that the hardest thing in the world is to make a five-minute's speech. But could the most elaborate and splendid oration be more beautiful, more touching, more inspiring, than those thrilling words of the President? They had, in our humble judgment, the charm and power of the very highest eloquence."

The Evening Bulletin, of Philadelphia, said:

"The President's brief speech of dedication is most happily expressed. It is warm, earnest, unaffected, and touching. Thousands who would not read the long, elaborate oration of Mr. Everett will read the President's few words, and not many will do it without a moistening of the eye and a swelling of the heart."

Neither the Detroit Free Press, an anti-administration organ, nor the Advertiser and Tribune, a strong supporter of Lincoln, had any report of the paragraph. The accounts when published were abbreviated. But on Monday, November twenty-third, the Detroit Advertiser and Tribune said in its leading editorial:

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## Thanksgiving

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.—Psalms 16:6.

We give thanks, O Lord, for the pleasant places, the goodly heritage. We are the heir to all the ages. Other men have labored and we enter into their labors. All the resources of industry, of science, of art, of literature, are at our command.

We give thanks for the opportunities that thus have come to us; the opportunities to have happy homes illumined with friendship and love, suffused with the myriad sides of culture; the opportunities to do useful work, to contribute our part to the complex fabric of civilization, to serve the present age.

We give thanks for the great adventure of living, with all its risks of joy and sorrow. If happiness be our portion, may we accept it with joyous hearts; if sorrow, may we find strength to fulfill our obligation with courage, knowing that, in so doing, happiness will break through.