

Dallas Is A Happy Hunting Ground For Young Trappers

By Max Dreher

Trapping in Dallas has always interested me very much. I guess it is because I live here and am familiar with the terrain, especially the woods.

What surprises me is that some people are under the impression that there isn't much wild life worth trapping around here. Well, maybe such animals as silver fox, and beaver are not numerous, but there are quite a few muskrats, minks, red foxes, grey foxes, coons, skunks and opossums.

Last Tuesday I was talking with Howard Garbutt 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Garbutt of Center Hill Road. He is quite a successful trapper. He told me that he does most of his trapping right in Dallas and Dallas Township and is quite successful when the conditions for trapping are favorable.

I found out that the number of muskrats Howard caught last year far exceeded any of his other animal catches. "Last year," he said, my trapping partner, Mel Thomas, and I had a line of 43 traps and caught 59 muskrats, five skunks, and six weasels. The muskrat pelts ranged in value from \$2.50 to \$3.00 each. Skunks brought about \$2.50, and we got \$3.00 each for weasel, including the bounty, when we sold to an honest firm such as Belt Butler in New York.

Of course the price paid for each pelt depends upon its quality and size. I asked Howard how the trapping is this year, which started on November 1 for skunk and on December 1 for muskrat. He

said that it isn't so good. He has only caught eight muskrats so far, but I gathered from what he said that it will improve considerably as soon as the ice freezes solid. There is also the factor that there might have been too many trapped last year. The price for muskrat pelts this season ranges from \$1.75 to \$2.00 and is not so high as last year.

Howard says he hasn't put out all of his traps but when all 38 are out his line stretches for about four miles. Most of them are set for muskrat but he also has a couple of Number 4's set for fox. He and his trapping partner started together at the opening of this year's season. His former trapping partner is in the army.

While I was at his house talking with him, his partner called up and said something had happened to one of their fox traps. The trap was gone, either dragged away by a fox or stolen. That's one difficulty in trapping; traps are often stolen by trap thieves who make a business out of it.

Concerning other animals trapped in this vicinity, Howard said that he has the most success in trapping skunk by using a "dead-fall." The first animal he ever trapped was a skunk and it proved embarrassing in many ways. Opossums, foxes, bobcats, coons and minks are all trapped by the use of steel traps. So far this year they don't seem to be so numerous, but don't forget the season isn't over yet.

Emily Hazeltine Is Laid At Rest

The funeral of Mrs. Emily Hazeltine, 68, of Trucksville, who died last Saturday night at the home of her daughter Mr. John Griffiths of Wilkes-Barre, was held Tuesday afternoon from the Woolbert Funeral Home in Shavertown with services in charge of Rev. George Roberts of Trucksville and Rev. J. Roland Crompton of Kingston.

Until a year ago Mrs. Hazeltine had lived in Trucksville all her adult life. Born in Monroe Township, Wyoming County, she was the daughter of the late A. M. and Sara Phoenix Woolbert. She was a great granddaughter of Matthew Phoenix who cleared the wilderness in the Noxen region and was 107 years old when he died at Carverton.

Mrs. Hazeltine attended Monroe Township Schools when they were known as the "Academy" and came to Trucksville with her family when she was a young woman. Her husband preceded her in death 20 years ago. Outside of her home, Mrs. Hazeltine found her chief interest in the church. She was active in the Ladies Aid Society and the Reynolds Bible Class of Trucksville Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Ralph, Trucksville; two daughters, Mrs. Griffiths, Wilkes-Barre and Mrs. Albert Thompson Jr., Irvington, N. J.; five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Warden, Trucksville, and Mrs. Eunice Norris, Jackson Township, and five brothers, Archie Woolbert, Trucksville; Samuel and Dorman Woolbert, Shavertown; Addison Woolbert, Dallas and Guy Woolbert, Forty Fort.

Pallbearers were: Bruce Long, Joseph Schooley, Boyd Atherholt, Harold Yorkes, Lewis Roushey and Frank Anstett.

Interment was in the family plot beside her husband in Trucksville Cemetery.

Mrs. A. Neyhard Dies; Ex-Squire

Mrs. Anna C. Neyhard, 69, former justice of the peace of Dallas Township, died Monday morning at 6 in the home of her son, Frank Neyhard, Jr., at Fernbrook.

Her term as a justice of the peace expired last January and for the past ten months she had been ill. Mrs. Neyhard was elected to the office, when her name was placed on the ballot after her husband died while seeking reelection to the post.

She had lived in Fernbrook for the past 27 years. She was a member of the Ladies' Aid of the Primitive Methodist Church and was active in many projects for community betterment.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 with services in the home of her son, Frank, Rev. Russell W. Edmondson of Plains Primitive Methodist Church and Rev. George Smith of Second Reformed Church, Wilkes-Barre, will officiate. Interment will be in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Surviving are her children, Harriet and Frank of Fernbrook; Mrs. Arthur Lloyd, Raritan, N. J., two grandsons, King and Frank; a sister Catherine, and two brothers, Conrad and George Miller, all of Wilkes-Barre.

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Feb. 13 (Tues.)	Dallas Twp. at Lehman	Laketon at Kingston Twp.	Harter at Dallas Borough
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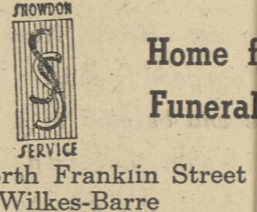
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