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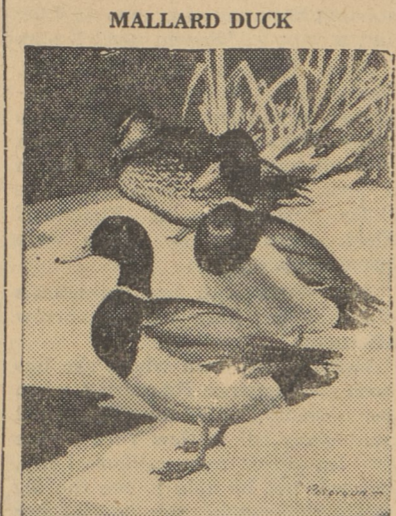
Mrs. Harvey Sink, Harris Hill Road Trucksville is a patient at the General Hospital.
Mrs. Herman Monroe of Stafford Street Trucksville has been confined to her home for the past four weeks because of illness.
Fred Anderson Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, is a patient at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital after having suffered a heart attack Sunday evening at his home.
Mrs. Fred Handley, Main Street, Shavertown, has returned from Long Island where she spent a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Edmondson, Merrick.

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Milton Altemus of Hazeltine Street, Shavertown, recently received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army after having served two years in England. He is now employed by the Sordoni Construction Company.
Captain Howard Young, Maple Street, Shavertown, is in Texas at advanced officers' training school for three months.



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Mallard Duck

If census takers could count every duck in North America, it is likely that they would find more Mallards than any other kind. There are tame ones on farms and wild ones living in most parts of the continent.

Wild Mallards spend their summers from Alaska to Greenland and south as far as California and Virginia. In the winter, they live in the southern half of the United States, and down into Mexico and Central America.

With the change of seasons, great flocks of them take to the air. They make good time on their journeys, says the National Wildlife Federation, because they can fly up to sixty miles an hour.

While beating their strong wings, they watch for pools or lakes of fresh water where they can live and find food. In the water they get mosquito larvae, insects, snails, and shellfish. Around the edges they feed on the seeds and stems of plants.

Among the weeds and bushes near the water, the Mallards build nests of leaves and grass, with linings of dark gray down. When her nesting place is ready, the female lays from six to thirteen large eggs. The eggs may be light greenish or gray-brown.

After she sits on them for 26 to 28 days, the eggs hatch. The baby ducklings, covered with soft yellow down, quickly learn to walk and swim.

As they grow, the young birds begin to look more and more like their parents. The females are mostly brown, with marks of black. They have dull yellow bills and feet.

The males have green heads and necks, white collars, and purple-brown breasts. They are light gray underneath and darker on their backs, with a touch of blue in their wings. Their bills are yellow and their legs and feet are orange.

Mallards grow to be about 28 inches long. They weigh between 3 1/2 and 4 pounds. The females are slightly smaller than the males. According to the National Wildlife Federation, they are among our most valuable wild ducks.

Interesting information on other wildlife species can be obtained by writing to the National Wildlife Federation, Washington 10, D. C.

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**LOCAL MINISTER GROWS
HAMSTERS FOR SCIENCE**

Raising hamsters, a new and novel hobby, is beginning to take hold in the Back Mountain area. Rev. R. W. Edmondson, is an enthusiastic fancier.

The hamster is the small animal over which a great deal of interest has been created in the last few years, for it is proving itself to be a wonderful pet as well as a laboratory animal. The Golden Hamster is a native of Syria, having been brought to this country in 1938.

Rev. Edmondson says: Hamsters are of friendly disposition and fully grown are not over six inches in length. The fur is soft and short, and the skin is very loose, so much so that folds at least two inches deep can be pulled out from the body. The eyes are black, sparkling and prominent. Perhaps the most interesting thing about the hamster is its cheek pouches in which it can put a large amount of food. These pouches extend backward half the length of its body.

An adequate "home" for the hamster is a cage eight inches high, ten inches wide, and twenty inches long, according to Rev. Edmondson. The front should have an opening at least three inches wide covered by one-half inch hardware cloth to provide light and fresh air; it also affords opportunity to watch the hamster at work and play.

The cage may be made of wood with all joints very tight; more satisfactory cages may also be made from sheet metal or aluminum. A small jar or glass should be fastened inside the cage and secured fast. This may be used for water for the hamster which require very little. Inside the glass or jar should be forced a piece of hardware cloth which the little ones use as a ladder if they fall in.

The bottom of the cage may be covered with shavings or any type of clean absorbent litter, and should be replaced once a week. Because of its clean habits and lack of odor the hamster may be kept anywhere in the house. While adult males may be kept together it is advisable to keep adult females in separate cages.

It is a very simple thing to feed hamsters. They will eat table scraps and will thrive on dog rations or rabbit pellets. Due to the fact that they are not exposed to sunshine, green leafy vegetables are necessary to furnish certain vitamins. A hamster will not overeat, but will store his food away; neither will it eat food of any kind that is spoiled. An animal given enough green feed will live indefinitely without water.

The hamster is the fastest breeding animal known to man, and may be used for breeding when two months of age. From the time of breeding to date of birth is sixteen days, and there will usually be

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**PRIVATE MAZER SAYS HE
KNOWS WHERE THE CROWS
COME FROM FOR FOX BAIT**
Pvt. Bernard Mazer, Indiantown Gap, answers the query in last week's Dallas Post, "Where are the crows coming from for the poisoned bait, and how is the Game Commission killing them?"
Mazer snipped a clipping from the February 29th issue of the Tomahawk, news organ for the military reservation, and sent it to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mazer, of Lehman.
Indiantown Gap is playing a major role in Pennsylvania's current war on rabid foxes. Thomas D. Frye, Harrisburg, disclosed that marksmen from his office have been killing crows for bait, bagging as high as 500 in two nights in the region.
"One night", says Frye, "we bagged seventy-three just in one valley. We waited for the crows to gather on their favorite roost, and then gave them both barrels."

Wesleyan Circle Meets
Wesleyan Circle of the Shavertown Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Elsie Pritchard, Marion Katakinski presided and Charlotte Remley led devotions. The circle is selling Dorothy K. Worth's Easter candy and anyone wishing to purchase it can get in touch with any member of the circle.
Mrs. Walter Cook gave a chapter of the study book, "We Americans, North and South." Those present were: Mrs. Betty Brace, Mrs. Clara Brown, Mrs. Erma Eicke, Mrs. Hazel Honeywell, Mrs. Shirley Jones, Mrs. Charlotte Remley, Mrs. Betty Lamereaux, Mrs. Katherine Newhart, Mrs. Dorothy Pope, Mrs. Gerry Pope, Mrs. Marion Katakinski, Mrs. Thelma Rood, Mrs. Walter Cook, and the hostess, Mrs. Elsie Pritchard.

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