

Fin, Fur and Feather



By William J. Robbins Jr.

Without previous warning this note turned up in the morning mail, "Fin, Fur and Feather is going to take a vacation for two weeks to get in a little fishing and wild life study" (Signed) W. J. Robbins Jr.

Since then we have seen neither hide nor hair, fin, fur nor feather of Mr. Robbins.

Most any day now we hope to receive his column by Indian runner, carrier pigeon or smoke signals. Editor

WOODCHUCK HUNTING

No matter what people call him—woodchuck, groundhog, whistle pig or marmot—the little burrowing game animal will face a three-month Pennsylvania season beginning July 1. Daily shooting hours (Sundays excepted) are from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Standard time. The daily bag limit is 5. There is no season limit this year.

Gunners who possess a small bore rifle, particularly those who own a varmint rifle that mounts a telescope, spend many pleasurable hours outdoors hunting woodchucks in the off season.

Beneficial as he is in providing escape cover and protection from severe weather for small animals and birds, the chuck sometimes causes damage to farmers' fields or endangers their livestock through his burrowing activities. Many sportsmen realize this damage element and accordingly help their farmer friends by removing unwanted "pigs" in agricultural areas, meanwhile enjoying their sport.

Unfortunately, groundhog hunting is not so safe as one would assume, judging from casualty figures of recent years. In 1949, the Pennsylvania record shows 6 persons killed and 25 wounded while hunting chucks. In 1950, the score was 4 fatalities and 27 non-fatalities. Last year, it was 4 and 22.

Obviously, some distinctive color, such as a bright, light-reflecting or white cap, at least, should be worn in self-protection by those hunting whistle pigs. And again the time-worn but ever important warning: BE SURE IT'S A WOODCHUCK BEFORE YOU SHOOT. What can be more tragic than a life unnecessarily lost?

VICIOUS DOGS KILL DEER

"Any dog owner who could see a doe deer heavy with fawn torn to pieces and virtually eaten alive would certainly keep his dog confined, if only during the fawning season," so says Game Protector Donald G. Day, Susquehanna County.

Day tells: "Not long ago Frank Hallstead reported that dogs were chasing deer on his farm, in the vicinity of Elkdale. When I arrived Mr. Hallstead related he and his son had heard dogs on the hillside near-by. Knowing dogs were in the habit of chasing deer they rushed out armed with rifles. The deer, a doe was already down, and a volley of shots frightened the dogs away. Flanks chewed almost to the bone and the ribs laid bare, the deer was taken to the barn to be treated for its injuries. The animal was too far gone; it died that night."

BAND TO FIGHT RABIES

On June 2 and 3, wildlife officials from 11 eastern states, including Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, met in Washington to discuss the widespread rabies menace. The conference was called jointly by the U. S. Public Health Service and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reason for the growing concern is clearly shown on a map and state-by-state report issued March 15 of this year by the Research Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry. The report is titled "Incidence of Rabies in the United States, Calendar Year 1951." A glance at the map shows rabies in all states, except New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Delaware, and the District of Columbia, in the east, and Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah in the west. The report tells that, other than humans, 20 species of animals contracted the disease. Even Alaska reported 3 rabid dogs in 1951, and Puerto Rico listed among its victims dogs, cattle, horses, swine, goats, and mongooses.

As evidence that states in the eastern part of our country are beginning to think seriously about rabies control or eradication, those represented at Washington organ-

ized themselves under the name Eastern Rabies Control Council. The purpose was cooperation among the states in combating the widespread, serious menace. The consensus was that eastern states presently don't wish to learn to live with the dangerous and costly disease; it is their desire to rid themselves of it and not suffer because of the inaction of neighboring states.

On his return from the Washington rabies meeting, Tom Frye, Executive Director of the Game Commission, said, "It is evident that the rabies situation is so widespread that we must have complete cooperation, understanding and coordination of effort among the states. That is the only way this always fatal disease will eventually be stamped out."

YEARLY BOUNTY REPORT

During the last fiscal year of the Game Commission, ending May 31, bounty paid out of the game fund on noxious birds and animals totaled \$226, 014. Rewards were paid on the legally submitted skins of weasels, gray foxes and red foxes, and the bodies of great horned owls in that 12-month period. The number of claims paid in the last fiscal year totaled 18,830.

Potter County led the state with \$11,046 in bounty money received. Tioga was close behind, with \$9,570. Bradford received over \$8,000. McKean, Crawford and Somerset got over \$7,000 each. Clearfield, Erie, Warren and Greene received over \$6,000. Jefferson, Lycoming and York Counties got predator bounty in excess of \$5,000.

COYOTE CAUGHT

Game Protector Glenn A. Kitchen formerly of Alderson reports that a full grown male coyote was caught in his district early in April by John Myers, of R.D. 1, Weatherly, Pa. Kitchen says the animal weighed 36 pounds, its stomach contained parts of deer, rabbit and chicken. Trapper Myers was very pleased with his catch, as was the membership of the Hudsondale Rod and Gun Club which sponsored its own predator control program.

Returns From Hospital

Charles Morris returned to the family home on Franklin street yesterday after two weeks at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where he underwent a serious surgical operation and where for a time little hope was held for his recovery. He was treated by Dr. Charles Perkins who has been highly commended by physicians and laymen for the way he handled the case. Mr. and Mrs. Morris had just arrived here from their home in Huntsville, Alabama, when he was stricken.

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ONLY YESTERDAY

From The Post of ten and twenty years ago this week.

From The Issue Of June 19, 1942

Aircraft Observation Post 672-A, originally maintained at Harveys Lake, will be transferred to new quarters now under construction in Dallas.

A store-room at Lundy's is being remodelled into a shop which will be occupied by Grace Cave.

Bob Feming wins his Navy Wings at Jacksonville.

Enrollment for canning sugar continues at the Borough School.

Fernbrook hermit, who had kept himself from contact with human folk as far as possible, died Tuesday evening at Nesbitt. Frank E. Wesley left a large estate.

Wesley Baer's home on Center Hill Road is damaged by fire.

Chief of Police Walter Covert is awarded a gold badge and a new cap, Joseph MacVeigh making the presentation.

Sergeant Donald Freeman and Corp. Clarence H. Morgan, in the Philippine Theatre of War, are reported missing in action.

The names, birthdays, and home addresses of 250 Back Mountain soldiers are on file at the Post.

Mrs. Charlotte Monk Harkins and Andrew R. Denmon will be married Sunday.

Fred Osborne, employed by the Noxen Tannery for forty years, was buried Thursday afternoon in Orcutt Cemetery.

Fishing licenses, no waiting, Evans Drug Store.

Shirts for Fathers Day, \$1.33.

Want to trade homes? Will swap city property for country property.

Carrots, 2 bunches, 9 cents; Ritz crackers, 21 cents; steak, 39 cents per lb; cheese, 2 lb. loaf, 53 cents; apple butter, large jar, 10 cents.

Barbed wire is released. Expecting shipment of nails, wire, fencing, Gay Murray, Tunkhannock. Ban lifted on guns.

From The Issue Of June 17, 1932

Governor Pinchot asks fishermen to help protect bass.

One of the strongest arguments in favor of consolidation of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township schools is the commencement stories in last week's Post, with forty-one students graduated from the three schools.

Monday is the last day for admission of children to the free tonsil clinic sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis.

SAFETY VALVE

WHY THE LIBRARY AUCTION

Dear Editor:

Why the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction? Is it merely a yearly fund-raising campaign—just to buy more books—paid administrative and maintenance cost—or is it a modern version of the old-fashioned neighborly get-together of folks who came to buy or not to buy, but come they do in great numbers for two whole days of entertainment and fun?

Yes, the Auction is all of these things and much more. It is an American custom which was strongly entrenched long before the American Revolution. Along with house-raising, husking-bees, revival meetings and other simple pleasures, the Auction was an important item of Americana which never failed to brighten the drab lives of many early Americans.

The public library is, most emphatically, an American Institution. Its creation was largely the result of the yearnings of many of our ancestors to learn, and then learn some more.

Most of them were untutored and unlearned. Formal education—such as we take for granted today—was reserved only for the privileged wealthy. For the vast majority of poorer peoples, the Holy Bible was their refuge and their comfort. The more fortunate families might have, not only the Bible, but several volumes of classic literature handed down from family to family, and guarded most zealously by them. For the underprivileged, knowledge was a never-ending quest. Those who could read the printed word borrowed the little stock of books from friends and neighbors. Those who could not read petitioned the services of the reader in the community, and he read to family groups or larger gatherings of neighbors. His position—due to his ability to read—was unique, and he was treated with high respect and deference by those who depended upon this talent he possessed.

Soon—those people who were fortunate to own a few books joined with others who also had books, and there began the humble origin of the public library. Sometimes a borrowed book was accompanied by a small fee, but in most cases one book was exchanged for another. Thus, a larger store of reading material became available to a larger group of people, and as they exhausted their little collection of books they looked in other communities to lend what they had read in order to acquire books new and strange to them.

The public library is the valued heritage of the American people. Generations of persons have benefited from it, and have sought every means to preserve it for generations of persons to come. Both Institutions, the Library and the Auction are symbols of America and its peoples.

Donald Evans

Poet's Corner

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer Thought it scarcely worth his while To waste much time on the old violin, But held it up with a smile. "What am I bidden, good folks?" he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me? A Dollar, a Dollar"; then "Two! Only two? Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice; Going for three—" But no, From the room, far back, a gray-haired man Came forward and picked up the bow; And wiping the dust from the old violin, And tightening the loose strings, He played a melody pure and sweet As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, With a voice that was quiet and low,

Barnyard Notes

SKUNK HOLLER

Dear Mr. Edyter, Pleeze use this. Hit's speshul.

Won ov the citizens from the Holler has ben mad at me fer a spell. His name is Delburt Oss. I misspelt his name.

As keerful as I am with spellin' I slipped. If I had a misspelt sumwon else's name hit wud have ben alrite, fer everwon knows I aim to be keereet. But not Delburt Oss. Delburt is a unusual sensitiv citizen, who wants to be an artust. Ever little thing gits him all upso.

Delburt at first wanted to whup me, but he is bilt like a peenut so he cudn't do that, fer wich I am grateful. Then he wudn't speak to me. Next he went around the Holler claimin' he was goin' to brake me if hit tuk him ferever.

Hit cut me to the quik to hurt Delburt, and hit stung me to the bone wen he begun a-makin' all them threts. So, finly, I went over to his shed and apolygized. Delburt, I sed, I am sorry I misspelt your name, but hit cud have happened to any won.

Hit mabe cud have, Delburt sed, but I kaint afford in my perfushun to have my name kicked around. My name is my fame.

I kin see that, I agreed, but you know I didn't misspel yore name deliberut. Tel you wot I will do. I will rite a speshul kolyum about you fer nashun-wide 'cornsumpshun., a-correct' my mistake and a-makin' the name ov Delburt Oss famus over the U.S.A.

That hit home fer Delburt, and we shuck hands: I shore was ree-leeved, fer I didn't know if he keered fer publicity. Most folks air retycunt about havin' there names plunked in the paper.

So that everwon will know how sensitiv a artust Delburt Oss is (and

I wunt his heer newspaper to be blamed keerful in handlin' his name frum now on) I will tell you ov a little incydent wich tuck place a few years back. Air Sunday schul teacher rote Delburt's name wrong on the blackboard, and Delburt pointed hit out to him. Now air Sunday schul teacher prides hisself on bein' an rpurt on the Bible and never bein' rong. He claimed he had speld Delburt's name rite and thet he cud prove hit by the Bible.

But Delbert sed he ot to know if his own name was spelt rite or not, and if the teacher wudn't change hit Delburt sed he wud levee the class and never cum back. The teacher made the mistake of sayin' Delburt shud be sead and not heered, so Delburt up and left. But he was worried, fer air teacher's reputashun fer knowin' the Bible is knowed thruout the Holler. I just kaint believe thet all these heer years I have misspelt my own name inkeereet, Delburt sed.

Two years later to the Holler's grate reeief, the teacher called Delburt back to Sunday schul. I am wrong, he sed. I have red the Bible over and over and I kaint find your name anywhar in hit, so I will have to take your word for hit. Hit is more blessed to fergive than to hold a gruge, the teacher sed, so cum back to Sunday schul for th sake of your immortol sole.

Everwon in the Holler was plum tickled, fer we knowed Delburt wud have gone rite smack into perdishun afore he wud have give in. I hope no won ever agin misspels his name and endangers his immortol sole air his perfushun reputashun. I have spelt his name keereet in this heer kolyum, but so there will be no doubts I will give hit both ways. The wrong spellin' is DELBERT OSS.

The rite spellin' is DELBURT OSS.

Rev. George Roberts Resigns To Take Presbyterian Position

Rev. George A. Roberts, former pastor of Trucksville Methodist Church and more recently pastor of West Nanticoke-Slocum Methodist churches, has resigned from the Methodist ministry and will become assistant pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Scranton.

Rev. Roberts will assist Rev. Dr. Peter K. Emmons in pastoral work, and will also have supervision of the Young Adult program of the Scranton church.

Rev. Roberts, who was pastor at Wyoming from 1948 until his transfer to West Nanticoke by the Wyoming Annual Conference in

May, is a native of Johnson City, N. Y. He is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and of Boston University where he received his MA degree.

His wife, the former Fannie Hilbert of Kingston, is also a graduate of Boston University and was a former Kingston school teacher. They have four children, Patricia Ann, a student nurse at Nesbitt Hospital, Nancy Lorraine, a senior at Wyoming High School; Donald Wesley, a freshman and George Carl, a seventh grade student.

Said, "What am I bid for the old violin," And he held it up with the bow. "A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make it three, Three thousand once, three thousand, twice, And going, and gone," said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried: "We do not quite understand What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply: "The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune, And battered and scarred with sin, Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, Much like the old violin. A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine; A game—and he travels on. He is "going" once, and "going" twice, He's "going" and almost "gone". But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd Can never quite understand The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought By the touch of the Master's hand.

—Myra Brooks Welch

Window Broken

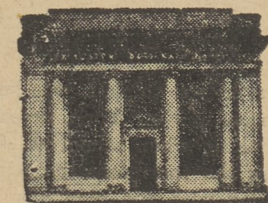
The large show window at Howard Isaacs Show Room, Trucksville, was shattered Tuesday night by a rock. The supposition is that the rock was thrown by a passing truck.



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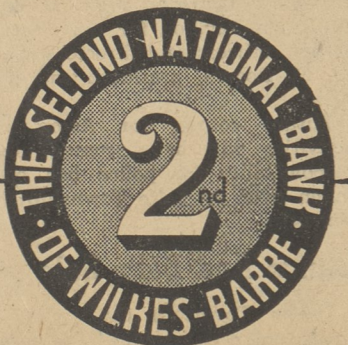
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