

# Fin, Fur and Feather



## Furbearers Investigate

Perhaps air-conditioned houses attract furred animals in hot weather. Anyway, these two game protectors report unusual invasions of homes in July.

C. R. Kinley, Allegheny County, reported that a Springdale woman, sitting in her dining room watching television, felt something cold touch her ankle. Looking down she saw a weasel investigating with nose and forefeet. She beat a hasty retreat to the kitchen, grabbed a wastebasket and returned to try to place it over the furtive little beast. There ensued a 'round and 'round the vinegar jug chase worthy of Mack Sennett in his heyday. The bold, elusive little animal would peek from behind furniture, then scamper out of reach as the wastebasket was plunked over the spot. Finally, in desperation, the woman propped the kitchen door open. Sweeping and swinging with a tool she could wield, a broom, she finally chased the little predator outside. There it continued to peek at her impishly through the lattice work for some time.

Daniel S. McPeck, Jr., Delaware County, tells his "inside story" this way: "On July 21st, a Media woman talking to a friend over the telephone looked up just in time to see a skunk come out from under the sofa. She dropped the phone and ran out into the street. It was not until local police, assisted by male neighbors, had driven the skunk out of the house (luckily without leaving any odor) that she could be persuaded to re-enter."

## State Allotted Restoration Funds

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced the Pennsylvania Game Commission has been apportioned \$443,960.47 of federal aid for use on wildlife restoration projects within the Commonwealth for the twelve-month period which began July 1 of this year. In the 1952-53 year the amount was \$402,528.13; in 1951-52, the unprecedented sum of \$695,899.70. These monies derive from a federal tax on firearms and ammunition purchased in the United States. They are apportioned on the basis of a state's area and the number of hunting licenses sold by it the preceding year.

Known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Act provides that the United States Government, up to the amount of allocation, will finance 75% of a state's wildlife management projects approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service. In Pennsylvania, the remaining 25% is financed from the Game Fund.

Some \$51,000, or about 11 1/2% of Pennsylvania's Pittman-Robertson allotment for the year will be spent in wildlife research. Studies by the Commission's research division are to determine practical methods for developing wildlife management programs.

Research studies on the list for the 1953-54 year are: white-tailed deer; wild turkey, cottontail rabbit management and the trapping and transfer program; woodcock management; evaluation of present

food and cover work on state game lands; ruffed grouse cycle; bobwhite quail; flushing bar; and others.

The very large portion of the 1953-54 allotment will be expended on approved food and cover developments for wildlife, such items as: development of approximately 1,500,000 acres, which include state game lands, the Allegheny National Forest, flood control sites, rabbit farms, primary game refuges, and other leased areas, and involves clearing of land and planting and care of food strips; planting trees, shrubs and vines; woodland border cuttings and release of food-producing species from competitive tree growth; marsh and waterfowl development by small water impoundments, ditching and waterfowl food plantings; purchase of standing grains and grasses as food and nesting cover for wildlife on private properties where there is a heavy concentration of game; pruning and releasing fruit trees from competitive growths; mapping and planning proposed activities for each improvement area. Repairs will be made, also, to the dam at Lower Woods Pond, on state game lands in Wayne County, for the purpose of providing suitable habitat for wild waterfowl.

Coupled with this, Pittman-Robertson approved wildlife development undertakings on over 1,000,000 acres of Cooperative Farm-Game Projects are: leasing and development of these projects; woodland border cuttings to allow greater production from food-producing shrubs and vines, and planting of trees, shrubs and vines to provide game food and cover for wildlife; purchase of standing grain for winter wildlife foods, and grass strips for nesting cover; planting of food strips at desirable sites; technical guidance to farmers on the application of wildlife practices, such as the establishment of game habitat; establishing wildlife refuges, mowing around them and maintaining refuge wire and signs; and posting safety zones around dwellings on Farm-Game Projects.

**Bear Bites "Measuring" Tree**  
Reasons why wild creatures do certain things are not always understood by man but, as a result of conjecture or legend, a plausible answer is usually given for such acts. Bears, for example, are said to "measure" their growth by clawing or chewing the same tree or outbuilding each year.

A story in point comes from a McKean County game protector, William H. Shirey, who says: "Merle Dickinson, a local sportsman, has a hunting camp near Smethport. Near the camp is a white pine tree. Every year a bear comes to this tree and bites on it. This has happened for the last ten consecutive years. Each time the bite was a little higher until the last two years, when it was at about the same place.

"Dickinson has been watching to learn when the bear does his 'measuring.' The time seems to be about the 9th or 10th of June."

## Grange Officers

Jackson Grange will elect officers September 19.

## SAFETY VALVE

### APPRECIATES HELP

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate your printing the following in your paper:

On Friday night about 10 o'clock a fire was discovered in the woods on Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company property which joins my land and upon investigation I found that if immediate action was not taken vast damage would result.

After one fire company arrived on the scene and found the fire was in the deep forest they refused the use of their pump and hose with the explanation that the hose would get dirty or might be damaged.

The Lehman Fire Company was called and very willingly came to the assistance of the citizens who were trying to prevent the fire from spreading. They used all their equipment without any question of it being soiled or damaged. Even with their assistance it was after 2 a.m. before the fire was out.

As I have thirty-five acres of timberland which joins that which was burning I am very grateful for their efforts.

Ziba L. Smith

## SNOWBALL'S KIRABBIT DIES BEFORE OPENING EYES ON SIXTH DAY

Snowball's kirabbit died when it was six days old, before it ever opened its eyes. Mrs. Tom Hughes, Trucksville, found it at 2 a.m., stark and stiff, with Snowball hopefully nosing and licking it to restore life. Snowball was inconsolable for several days, but has now accepted the fact that rabbits don't belong to cats.

Nobody will ever know quite how she got it in the first place, the residents of Trucksville being about equally divided in their beliefs. One faction held that Snowball stepped outside to welcome her usual litter of kittens, and came home with a baby rabbit; the other faction is equally convinced that it was a genuine Kirabbit, and that Snowball's blessed event occurred in the bureau drawer where she was found purring contentedly over the oddity early in the morning of August 17th.

## Delivered In Car Dies In Hospital

Carl Basil Pahler, the second baby to be born in front of Dr. H. A. Brown's office at Lehman in two months, lived only one day after being admitted with his mother, Mrs. George Pahler, to Nesbitt Hospital early Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Pahler were on their way from Hunlock Creek to the hospital when they realized they could never make it.

Dr. Brown delivered the baby. The infant was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery Saturday afternoon following services held at the Alfred Bronson Funeral Home by Rev. LaVerne Proctor.

Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Masters, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Whitesell, reside in Sweet Valley.

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## ONLY YESTERDAY

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

From The Issue of Sept. 10, 1943

Dallas Township will enlarge its athletic field.

Dallas Borough has 126 in service.

First to purchase war bond number three are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson A. Cease, parents of the first local boy killed in World War II.

Elizabeth Lance French, well known artist, dies at Chase, aged 66. Lambert Bowman, 78, dies at Mooretown.

In the Outpost: William Stritzinger, APO San Francisco; William Templin, Kansas City; Walt Lewin, Sumpter, S. C.; Clayton Cairl, Amherst; Andy Kaskus, Norfolk; Kenneth Kocher, Texas; Earl Williams, Savannah; Eric Weber, N. Y.; Lewis Rogers, San Francisco; Francis Polachek, Fort Bliss; Fred Schobert, Camp Gordon; Bill Dierolf, Desert training center; Alfred Roman, England; Larry Yeager, Florida; Evan Evans, San Diego; Foster Sutton, Miss.

Ellen Tretheway is engaged to James Agnew.

Mrs. John Williams is married to Ralph H. Paul.

Margarine, white, 4 points per pound; citrus marmalade, 2 lb. jar 29c rankfurters, 33c per lb., 6 points; rolled oats, large pkg. 19c; cake flour, large box, 18c chocolate iced layer cakes 45c potatoes 49c per peck. Use Y-Z stamps for meat.

August Walters enlists in Seabees; Glenn Schmolli is promoted to corporal; James Agnew is with the military police in Florida.

Harry Ohlman says if folks in Dallas want to keep the high school band in their school they better vote for him for school director.

From The Issue Of Sept. 8, 1933  
Jackson Guernsey of Shavertown completes circle tour of United States by bus and bicycle, 8,000 miles in all.

Free Methodists have delegates from seven states at Camp Meeting. Russell Honeywell, victim of a traffic accident in Johnson City, dies at forty.

George T. Kirkendall assumes duties of Dallas postmaster. Dallas makes 240% gain in collection of delinquent taxes.

A fast declining birth-rate is cause for concern.

Butter, 2 lbs. for 49c; spices, all varieties, 5c. per can; cherries, large can, 19c baked beans, 6 cans for 25c jelly, two glasses 15c; bread 6c. per loaf.

Largest reptile in the U. S. is the alligator.

## Roger Babson Says:

### Protecting Your Family

Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 10— I have been rather disturbed to meet some old friends here who have lost their husbands and are disappointed with the way his estate has been divided. The husband left no Will, and the needy heirs did not get the money. It didn't seem quite fair to leave the same amount to a son who is in good financial condition as one left to a daughter who had had polio. I have already urged the necessity of everyone making a Will under proper legal advice; but I now also urge the use of a local bank for Trust Funds.

### Protecting Your Widow

Instead of leaving all or one-third of your estate to your wife outright, leave her portion in Trust with instructions to this effect. "My wife is to receive the income and also to receive some of the principal if, in the Bank's opinion, she at any time needs extra money. When she dies the Bank will distribute the remaining property to my children." Your wife would be of advanced age. She has never bought and sold securities, collected income from investments or filled out income tax returns. By such a Trust the property would then be happier and safer.

When you die your widow will be pestered by people who want to borrow. Some of these may be relatives and friends who would be hard to turn down if the money is left outright. If however, the money is left in Trust, she can honestly say to these people, "I am sorry; but all my money is in Trust, and I cannot do what you want." This may be a Godsend to all the relatives, as well as to her. If the relative or friend is really entitled to the money, there are other places to borrow.

### Protecting Your Daughter

Another reason for leaving property in Trust, especially for a married daughter, is to make sure that at her death, or in case of re-marriage, your grandchildren will some day receive the property. It is very hard for a young wife to refuse her husband if she has money in her own right; but if it is in Trust, her husband cannot lose it and yet would not be offended. Then you can be assured that your grandchildren will receive the property eventually, instead of, perhaps, some persons you have never known.

Your Will could direct that your daughter receive certain income for life, and at the daughter's death, after the children reach a certain age, the property be divided among your daughter's children. Or you may be the owner of a business which you would like to leave to a young son. If so, why don't you leave the business in Trust jointly with the bank and your son? The income could be payable to your wife for life, after paying a fair salary to your son; and at her death, the business go to the son at a certain age. You, of course, would give the two Trustees ample powers to meet all unforeseen changes that may arise.

### Remember Estate Taxes

The Federal estate tax can be lessened by leaving property in Trust and eliminating a "second" tax. For instance, if you leave your entire estate outright to your wife or daughter, the Federal estate tax at your death would be considerable and, if she dies more than five years later, leaving to a child all your property, her estate must pay a second Federal tax. This second tax could be avoided by leaving your property in Trust, without a "general power of appointment" with the income payable to your wife and/or daughter for life and then going to the grandchildren.

The above tax saving can be accomplished by "splitting" your entire estate while living or by leaving it so that only half would be taxed at your death, and the other half at your wife's or daughter's death. Then the Federal estate tax would be very much less. In this case, instead of one Trust for your wife, there would be two. For one of these your wife could hold a "general power of appointment." Then only one of those Trusts would be taxed at her death—namely, the one as to which she held a "general power of appointment." The other Trust, though the property in it would be taxed at her husband's death, would escape tax at her death. In closing let me say I am not a lawyer. I got these general ideas from George L. White, Attorney for and Trust Officer of the Newton-Waltham Bank of Newton, Massachusetts, with which bank I have formed Trusts for my wife, daughter and grandchildren.

### STATE POLICE SAY:

Following too closely, is the fault of many operators, and the cause of a great number of accidents. Whether the roads be wet or dry, we should keep our vehicles at a distance that would enable us to stop, in the event of an emergency, without running into the rear of the vehicle ahead of us.

## Barnyard Notes

The late Morgan Wilcox for many years a Councilman of Dallas Borough would be disturbed over the shabby treatment presently being accorded the memory of his great hero, Jim Thorpe.

Morgan, an all-American at Syracuse University during the hey day of the Carlisle Indians, played against Jim and delighted during the rest of his life to recount incidents from those days and especially to tell the story of the famous hidden ball play as perfected by Thorpe, and as practiced against the team from Syracuse.

Morg seldom missed an opportunity to tell us about the great athletes of the past and especially about Thorpe when he stopped in once a year to renew his subscription.

We thought about him the other day and how he would have enjoyed a story we ran across the other day: "Where Are Your Indians?" from the book "They Make Me Laugh," by Sam Molen.

Morg would have enjoyed it and would have topped it with a story of his own about Jim. My father-in-law, the late Harry Zeiser, would likewise remember this story for he, too, remembered Jim Thorpe during his Lafayette days.

Lafayette College had invited sight unseen, the famous Carlisle Indians to compete in a dual track meet as a crowning touch to an alumni day celebration. The whole town of Easton was a fever of excitement as the day of the great meet dawned.

An hour before the train was due, Coach Bruce, as a self-appointed reception committee of one, went to the station to greet the Carlisle team. He expected a tribe of wild Indians swarming all over Easton.

When the train pulled in, Bruce ran up and down the platform, frantically searching for the Indian tribe. All he saw were a couple of men who followed a big, broad-shouldered fellow with a slouch hat pulled over his eyes and a whip of straw between his teeth.

This was Pop Warner, the Carlisle coach. Angrily Bruce rushed up to Warner and cried: "Where are your Indians?"

"They'll be along," drawled Warner. "I don't like to be bothering you," he said, "but I would like to know when your Indians are going to get here?"

"Son," replied Warner, "don't you fret now. My five men will be along in a little while."

"Listen, Pop," Bruce screamed, "did you say five?" I had to go all over Easton raising subscriptions to meet your demand for a guarantee. We've advertised far and wide. I have 46 athletes primed for a 14-event program, and you bring along five Indians. What kind of farce are you trying to stage?"

Pop pulled a thick wad of bills out of his pocket. "Want to make a little bet?"

Bruce rushed out of the room. But that afternoon he sat shuddering while five Indians systematically slaughtered his collection of 46 athletes. Event after event the Indians captured.

Only one Carlisle athlete, Jim Thorpe, appeared to fail. He ran second in the 100-yard dash. That made him angry. So he went on to win the pole-vault, high-jump, shot-put and broad jump.

How Morg Wilcox would have enjoyed topping that story.

## CAMERA TOPICS

By T. T. Holden



Bird photos like this Grolflex prize-winner by Bob Doty of Dayton, Ohio, are possible in your own backyard.

### CLOSE-UP BIRD PICTURES

Spring is here and once again everyone is getting the urge to go outdoors. For amateur photographers, this means more and more nature pictures. Although it's fun once in a while, you don't have to go hiking miles in the country for good shots—you can get them right in your backyard.

I'm speaking of bird pictures specifically. Here's a way to get some of the best bird pictures you've ever pasted in your album. With cardboard, scotch tape, and paint, make a reasonably good facsimile of your camera. Drive a long stake or pole into the ground near your backyard birdhouse or near a spot where the birds habitually perch, and nail a platform to the top of it upon which you can place the fake camera. Leave it there long enough for the birds to get used to it. A good coat of black paint should protect the cardboard from the weather. You might put out feed

for the birds to attract them habitually to a spot in front of the camera. After they have ceased to be afraid of the fake camera, substitute the real one, fasten a thin, strong string to the shutter release, and lead it to a hidden spot where you can watch and release the shutter at the appropriate time. When you see the picture you want, pull the string, and you've got it. Since the bird will probably be in motion, use the fastest shutter speed your camera will allow. All camera adjustments, such as focus and lens opening, must be pre-set.

Of course, you must be sure to anchor the camera in some way so that when you pull the string you do not pull the camera off the platform. One solution would be to cut the platform to the exact size and shape of your camera and put sides on it so your camera fits down into it snugly.

### HAVE A SAFER VACATION TOO



Whether you plan to go away or stay around home, use these common sense suggestions for a safer, enjoyable vacation.

- Always swim with others not alone. Do not dive into unfamiliar water or go bathing immediately after eating.
- Get your suntan gradually, as a severe sunburn can easily spoil your vacation.
- When boating, don't show off or rock the boat. Non-swimmers should stay out of boats unless life jackets are available.
- Shun too much or too strenuous play that causes over-exertion.
- Limit sports activity according to your physical condition, age and the heat of the day.

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