

Fin, Fur and Feather



Band Records of Ducks Released in State

Continuing the program of rearing, leg banding and releasing ducklings, the Game Commission liberated 7104 of the fowl in suitable Pennsylvania areas in the spring and early summer of 1953. The program is based on the expectation that released waterfowl that elude gunners and natural enemies enroute to southern wintering grounds will return to liberation areas to rear broods, thus increasing the number of ducks in this state. Though it is impossible to obtain records on the flight habits and survival of all ducks liberated, band returns do provide information from which the authorities can improve the project.

It is interesting to know the distance and direction traveled by some of the ducks released in 1953. Late in January of this year the record looked like this: 893 bands returned from ducks shot or located in Pennsylvania (258 of these were checked during banding operations at Pymatuning Refuge after the close of the 1953 gunning season. These ducks survived their first waterfowl season and represent potential breeding stock for 1954).

Reports on 23 of the banded birds came from New York State; 20 from the Province of Ontario; 11 from Michigan; 5 each from New Jersey, Virginia and North Carolina; 4 from Maryland; 3 from Minnesota; 2 from Indiana and Tennessee; and 1 each from Massachusetts, Delaware, Province of Quebec, West Virginia and Ohio. The total return was 978, or 13.7% of those liberated in '53.

Band returns from ducks released by the Commission in 1952, received during the 1953 waterfowl season and until late January this year, totaled 33. Of these 28 came from this state. One each was returned from Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Michigan and the Province of Ontario. Recent month band returns from ducks liberated by the Commission in 1951 numbered 7. Four were from Pennsylvania. One was received from each of the states of Delaware, New York and Minnesota.

These records indicate that ducks released one and two years prior to the receipt of band reports returned as per blue print to increase the supply of native ducks for Pennsylvania hunters.

Poet's Corner

IT ISN'T THE CHURCH — IT'S YOU

If you want to have the kind of a church,
Like the kind of a church you'd like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike,
You will only find what you left behind,
There is really nothing new,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church,
It isn't the church — it's you.

When everything seems to be going wrong,
And trouble seems everywhere brewing,
When prayer meetings, young peoples groups and all
Seem simmering slowly stewing,
Just take a look at yourself and say,
What's the use of being blue?
Are you doing your bit to make things hit,
It isn't the church — it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,
That things go as well as they do,
When we think of the little—the very small little
And do very little but fuss,
Are we bearing our share of the burdens we bear,
It isn't the church — it's us.

If you want to have the kind of a church,
Like the kind of a church you'd like,
We sit and stand round and complain of what's done,
We add to the work of the few,
Put off your guile, put on your best smile,
And hike, my brother, just hike,
To the work in hand that has to be done,
To the work of saving a few,
It isn't the church that is wrong, my friend,
It isn't the church — it's you.
M. L. Scovell

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SAFETY VALVE

SHEEP ARE PROFITABLE

Dear Editor:
Many times in the past year this question has been asked in various ways: "Is there any money in Sheep?" It is a fair question and the answer is "Yes."

That could be the end of the story. We can, however, enlarge on it.
Since the early twenties, sheep, unit for unit, have probably been as profitable as any other line of livestock . . . beef cattle, dairy cattle or hogs. Depending, of course, on the location, markets and personal likes and dislikes.

In the northeastern part of the United States we believe there is a place on most farms for a flock of sheep. And they should pay well for the feed and care they demand. A flock of from twenty to fifty ewes would probably constitute the proper size for the usual farm of from 100 to 250 acres.

Some folks might reason as they do about medicine, "if a little is good, more would be better" and can get into trouble unless sheep became the main livestock interest on the farm.

Then the question: "How about dogs?" Over a period of ten years, near a town, we have had only one dog experience and that was quickly settled by a good gunner.

What breed? The breed of your choice. They all have their good qualities.

We have Dorsets because they are good mothers; produce excellent market lambs, either Hot House or regular market.

The ewes are also hardy, usually do a good job up to ten or twelve years.

But other breeds do a fine job and can be profitable if properly managed.

Farms that have hilly pastures and good water are ideal for sheep. Think seriously about a flock if you have a farm in northeastern Pennsylvania, New York or New England.

Charles S. Hemenway,
Manager
Hillside Farms, Inc.

SEWING CLASS SUCCESS

Dear Editor:
The success of the Shavertown Sewing Group is due in part to the very nice publicity in the Dallas Post. The group has a very high completion record and will meet again beginning April 28th for a series devoted to making children's clothes. Thank you very much for your personal as well as professional interest in this matter.

Sincerely,
Ruth Darbie

THANKS

March 1, 1954.

Dear Editor:
I would like to offer my sincere personal thanks to you for the wonderful cooperation I received during our recent Mothers' March on polio. You can't imagine how thrilled I am at our success and if it hadn't been for you and all our other area chairmen we surely would have fallen far short of our goal. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Joan Bigelow
Chairman,
Mothers' March

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ONLY YESTERDAY

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

From Issue of March 3, 1944

John Place, Mehoopany, is fatally injured when he plunges from a slate roof at Ruggles Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, Noxen, have six sons in the service. Pvt. Henry Brucher, Carverton, dies of wounds in New Guinea.

Lehman Township high school girls head basketball league for undefeated season.

WAC recruiting office will open in Dallas.

In the Outpost: Robert Wallace, Italy; Ted Schwartz, at sea; Frank Billings, APO, San Francisco; Tommy Evans, Italy; Herman Brislin, North Africa; Robert Montross, England; Joe Lyne, Camp Pickett; Robert G. Pogar, Los Angeles; Bill Carroll, Wisconsin; Edward Fielding, Camp Blanding; Larry Yeager, Georgia; Ed Tutak, Ohio; Kenneth Kocher, Shreveport.

Geraldine Millard, Beaumont, becomes the bride of Floyd Root, Beaumont.

Lettuce, 2 large heads 15c; eggs, 35c per doz.; rolled oats, 19c large carton; pork loin, 25c per lb., 4 pts.; franks, 35c; bread, 2 loaves 17c. Stamps AS, BS, CS now valid.

Arden Husted, Idetown, dies at 65.

From Issue of March 2, 1934

Thirty degrees below zero recorded in Dallas, following deepest snowfall of the year, and record cold in February. Pikes Creek reports 40 below.

Mrs. Elizabeth Metscavage, 60, is found dead in a snowbank near her home in Alderson.

Old-timers recall that twenty years ago, 1914, two lumbermen froze to death, sheltering behind a fallen tree trunk from a blizzard, in vicinity of Noxen. They were Jerry Sheen and Joseph Kelly.

A seaplane dock for Harveys Lake is planned by Homer H. Mallow.

C. F. Goeringer, Orange, loses his barn by fire. Thirty-three cows and nine horses are saved.

Eggs, 21c per doz.; fancy shrimp, 2 cans 25c; mackerel fillets, 2 for 9c; heavy bath towels, 18c; butter, 3 lbs. for 83c; veal roast, 19c per lb.; 20 oz. loaf or bread, 9c.

St. Patrick's Tea

Parents of children in the first grade at Dallas-Franklin Township School will have a St. Patrick's Day Tea March 11, 2:30-3:30 in the school cafeteria. Mrs. William Joos, chairman of hospitality, will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Roberts and Mrs. William Larmouth.

ROGER BABSON Gives

Four Reasons For Confidence

While so many forecasters for 1954 are discouraging, I give four more reasons why I cannot be so fearful as are many economic writers. Take a look at them and have faith in your country and your future.

More Money and More People

In the first place, people have money to buy. I repeat what I have said before—"the top 50% of our families have readily convertible savings amounting to a staggering \$97 billions." 95% of all families probably have more money in savings accounts than ever before. It is true that installment debts on cars, refrigerators, and television sets have increased during the past twelve months; but these are now being reduced. Moreover, money invested in these durables cannot be written off as "gone." Homes are always a good investment. So long as one is employed, money invested in a home may be as good a reserve as cash in a bank. In short, potential buying power never was greater.

Second, our swiftly rising population—with a record four million births in 1953—is creating a vast number of new wants that must be satisfied. Ten years from now we may have forty million more in our population than we did at the end of World War II. Take all the wants and needs of one individual and multiply by forty million and you will get some idea of what a staggering impact the increase in population alone can have on our economy for some time to come, provided it is of good character. Population alone is not enough; people must have good habits, sound faith, and useful intelligence.

Liberalized Republican Thinking
Third, the liberalizing of the thinking of our present Administration should help hold our economy high. For example, it has reversed itself on its hard money policy; credit has been eased. Tax relief for both the individual and business is already under way. This Administration is prepared to go further with higher minimum wages, reasonable aid to the farmer, useful public works projects, and broader social security benefits.

Fourth, the millions of warning words and the current skepticism of the future may furnish a considerable element of psychological strength. There is little question but what skepticism has kept many a businessman and consumer from overstepping with regard to future commitments. The pessimistic forecasts may themselves prevent real trouble.

Comparing 1954 With 1929

During the past few weeks I have been reading the newspapers and magazine articles published in 1928-1929, preceding the last depression. I find very few warnings. Herbert Hoover had just been elected President and he had chosen an able "businessman's" Cabinet. In fact, directly after his election the stock market shot up 20 points. Nearly all the business and financial prophets were then bullish. Hence, people were not then on their guard. Yet, they should have been warned before it was too late. If warnings had been given in 1929 as it has now been given, the great 1930-33 declines in building, textiles, clothing, leather, and automobiles would not have been so severe.

Recall Your History

After every war, our country has had a letdown. This was true after World War I. Earlier, the same pattern had followed the Spanish-American War. An even more severe reaction set in after the Civil War. Yet, most economists say that it is now nearly ten years since World War II and we have had no readjustment of our continued prosperity.

But, is World War II at an end? Or, may we now be in World War III? What is the economic difference between a "hot war" and a "cold war?" I do not pretend to know all the answers, but I do ask these pertinent questions. After every period of inefficiency, waste, and unrighteousness, there must always be unemployment to punish us for our sins. But has this time come yet? Business and employment for the first half of 1954 could still be at a high level. So take courage! The "boom" may not continue, but the future is still bright for families who will work hard and use any idle time to study and to build up physical and spiritual health.

... and I quote:

The easiest way to get into trouble is to be right at the wrong time.

The reason why a Russian laborer finds work so painless is that his nerve has been removed.

Women would make swell umpires. They'd never think a man was safe when he was out.

Nothing takes the starch out of a man like a diet.

Barnyard Notes

I have just spent a delightful evening with "Time For Poetry," a teacher's anthology, published by Scott, Foresman and Company, and given to Myra last Saturday by Tom Gauntlett.

It is edited by May Hill Arbuthnot who has done a masterful job. I envy the youngsters in schools where the Administration has placed this volume in their teachers' hands.

I am grateful to Tom, the representative of Scott, Foresman and Company in this area, and our Goss Manor neighbor, for having placed this anthology within my reach. I doubt if he was aware that it would pack so much pleasure between its covers for this reader.

Since nothing gives me more fun than dogs and kids, or helps me to forget the Atom Bomb and the Income Tax more readily, let me quote a few of the poems about them.

BINGO HAS AN ENEMY

Bingo is kind and friendly
A gentleman right to the core,
But he can't bear rats
And he hates all cats
And the fuzzy brown dog next door.

There's a nice little girl who lives there,
But they glare at us more and more;
So we never can call,
And the cause of it all
Is the fuzzy brown dog next door.

Bingo is limping a little
And one of his ears is sore,
He's rather a fright,
But, oh, what a sight
Is the fuzzy brown dog next door!

from Gay Go Up by Rose Fyleman

PUPPY AND I

I met a man as I went walking;
We got talking,
Man and I.
"Where are you going to, Man? I said
(I said to the man as he went by).
"Down to the village, to get some bread.
Will you come with me?" "No, not I."

I met a Horse as I went walking;
We got talking,
Horse and I.
"Where are you going to, Horse, today?"
(I said to the Horse as he went by).
"Down to the village to get some hay.
Will you come with me?" "No, not I."

I met a Woman as I went walking;
We got talking,
Woman and I.
"Where are you going to, Woman, so early?"
(I said to the Woman as she went by).
"Down to the village to get some barley.
Will you come with me?" "No, not I."

I met some Rabbits as I went walking;
We got talking;
Rabbits and I.
"Where are you going in your brown fur coat?"
(I said to the Rabbits as they went by).
"Down to the village to get some oats.
Will you come with us?" "No, not I."

I met a Puppy as I went walking;
We got talking
Puppy and I.
"Where are you going this nice fine day?"
(I said to the Puppy as he went by).
"Up in the hills to roll and play."
"I'll come with you, Puppy," said I.

taken from When We Were Very Young by A. A. Milne

TWO IN BED

When my brother Tommy
Sleeps in bed with me,
He doubles up
And makes
himself
exactly
like
a
V

And 'cause the bed is not so wide,
A part of him is on my side.
Abram Bunn Ross

MICE

I think mice
Are rather nice.

Their tails are long,
Their faces small
They haven't any
Chins at all.

Their ears are pink,
Their teeth are white,

They run about
The house at night.

They nibble things
They shouldn't touch

And no one seems
To like them much

But I think mice
Are nice.

from Fifty-One New Rhymes by Rose Fyleman

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