

Forthcoming Game News Issue Unusual

The April issue of Pennsylvania Game News is eagerly awaited by many of the outdoor clan. In that number the magazine commemorates its silver anniversary and highlights the Game Commission's programs and accomplishments over the past twenty-five years.

The issue will be dedicated to two former members of the Commission—the late John M. Phillips, of Carrick, and J. Q. Crevling, Esq., of Wilkes-Barre—as well as all salaried employees of the Commission who died in the service of the

ent Game Commission members; photos by divisions, showing and the wildlife organization at present and a picture story that tells how the magazine is produced, both editorially and mechanically.

The anniversary issue will be a valuable source of information to hunters and trappers. It appears that Pennsylvania Game News, long recognized as a leader in its field, has come forth with another unique number that will be kept as a colorful souvenir.

Game Protectors to Help Fish Wardens

Game Commission field personnel directive to lend every assistance possible to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission during the coming busy

Game Protectors will cooperate with the sister agency in its law enforcement program particularly. They will help, also with other Fish Commission programs as requested, consistent with maintenance of their regular duties.

Sportsmen Raise Fund for Woman Injured in Hunt

In the "doe" season of last December, Mrs. Mable Fenstermacher. of R. D. 2, Titusville, went with her schoolboy son to hunt deer on the family property. During the hunt of 19 persons and injured 87. several deer milled around Mrs. necessary to amputate the wounded as club, one and two; etc. leg above the knee.

Medical and hospital expenses der which a high percentage of the

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were burdensome to the Fenstermaker family. In view of the circumstances the Pine Creek Sportsmen's Club of Warren County started a fund-raising campaign. Money received from sportsmen's clubs and generous individuals will be used to purchase the expensive artificial leg needed by the unfortunate woman. Mother of five children, Mrs. Fenstermacker has reportedly been most generous in her attitude about the unfortunate incident.

Early this month it was reported contributions to the aid fund totaled over \$400.

Annual Hunter Casualty Report

Pennsylvania's latest hunting cas-In make-up the anniversary issue ualty figures, compiled by the Game will be informative as well as his- Commission, show deaths due to torical. Some features of particular sporting guns totaled 34 in 1953. interest will be: Pictures and in- In the 12-month period woundings formation on 25 well-known mam- numbered 509. Such shootings covmals and 25 well-known birds found ered the hunting of predators as in Pennsylvania; an article on hunt- well as wild game. They included ing, 25 years ago; answers to 25 all persons so shot whether in an game law questions often asked; open or close game season. Conpresent programs and policies of ditions under which the shooting the Game Commission; and one field mishaps occurred were broken down note from each of the last 25 years. more completely in this report than The April issue of Game News ever before. The game authorities will carry: A group picture of pres- study this unpretty side of an otherwise pleasurable, beneficial sport to learn the causes behind the human naming every salaried employee of shootings. In so doing they hope to find better methods of prevention.

> 'hunting accidents" are not includ- nual crop of one raccoon in spite ed in this report. Heart failure while hunting is an example. It full meal may be about 1/2 pound might claim a victim during a per- of fish but it may be an equivalent iod of overexertion at home or at work. Similarly an auto crash victim could be involved in an accident on any road trip.

A study of the record reveals the needlessness of most of the hunting casualties. Here are a few examples: Five hunters fatally shot themselves and 79 injured them- his political symbol, the raccoon, to selves by gunfire while hunting. its 1952 Hall of Fame-its remarkhave received their annual spring (One of them was killed while hunting in close season).

> There were no hunter gun deaths in the 1953 bear season, but in the deer seasons there were nine. Humans killed in small game seasons totaled 14, while 411 were wounded. The hunting of unprotected species, such as crows and foxes, accounted for two fatals and two non-fatals. In pursuit of furbearers, one person couragingly, the number of persons was eight, and the number of those wounded was 32.

Shotguns of hunters killed 15 persons in the Keystone State last year, wounded 415 Rifles took the lives

Causes of hunter-gun casualties Fenstermacker in wooded territory. include: Shot in mistake for game, A man who was unaware of the 11 fatals, 17 non-fatals; did not see woman's presence shot at one of victim in line of fire, nine and 195; His bullet struck the gun placed in dangerous position, woman in the right leg. Quick as- four and 56; hunter slipped and fell sistance by the shooter and hos- (with safety off), four and 27; acpital attention quite possibly saved cidental discharge of gun in hands the victim's life. Even so it was of hunter, two and 31; using gun

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Raccoon

Raccoon, pirate, pet, predator, prize or pest. So varied are the relationships between men and raccoons that you may take your choice for a single designation. Teddy Roosevelt built his Bull Moose party about a wild animal. This being an election year we found Senator Kefauver following his example and using the coon skin cap as campaign symbol. The fate of the Senator's ambitions matters little to the coon who seems able to survive dogs, traps, civilization, fire, hunters and almost anything. Even the rage of college boys for coon skin coats did not wipe the animals out of their range over our whole coun-

When a country boy in his early spring wanderings finds what look like the prints made by little 2 x 4 inch hands in the mud along the creek he has a hunch that the coons have come out of hibernation. If he is a careful observer he looks for one track with four toes instead of five and if he finds one he knows he has found a track of a woodchuck rather than a coon.

Raccoons breed in February just after coming out of their hibernation. In 63 days two to six young are born of the union and both parents take part in the success of the little family which may remain as a group through the first winter. By the first winter a young coon may have reached a weight of 12 pounds. Two hundred acres of suit-Some casualties incorrectly called able woodland should yield an anof the normal accident of nature. A in cravfish, insects, sweet corn or vegetables. We hope this clown of our neighborhood never vanishes off our home range. If he does we will move to his just for the fun of it. Without prejudice for or against Senator Kefauver's political future the National Wildlife Federation of Washington, D. C. this year elects able popular wildlife stamp series.

> shootings took place destroy alibis citing "accidental" causes. Investigations showed that many of the persons shot were in open fields or open woodland at times when visibility was good.

When all is said, the principal causes of hunting casualties are still was killed, two were injured. Dis- in the human frailty class-greed for game, lack of firearms knowledge killed hunting the lowly woodchuck and reckless handling of sporting guns. (There were no human casualties due to bow and arrow hunting in 1953).

Unfortunately, there will always be human casualties in the hunting sport. Even so, the high hunting casualty record of 1953 will serve urges, and impulses under stress, call for emotional control. The problem is how to bring about this restraint so that most persons, at least, will not handle or shoot guns carelessly or stupidly, therefore dangerously.

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

From the Issue of March 31, 1944

Harold, six-weeks old son of Mr. is gaining strength in an iron lung these lean cuts than before. at Nesbitt Hospital.

Lt. Stewart Yorks, Trucksville, wins air medal. Fred Schutz receives word that

missing over France. their golden wedding.

Italy; Ernest King, Italy; Joe Belavage, Italy; Elwood Renshaw, Kansas; Charles Metzgar, Edgewood Arsenal; John Fink, Texas; Johnny Garbutt, Texas; Elmer Phillips, Pensacola; Odel Henson, Martha's Vineyard; George Lamoreaux. California: Darrell Loomis, Florida.

Married: Mary Jane Post, Trucksville, to Albert L. Morse, New Cas-Isabel Smith, Beaumont, to Ralph Taylor, in Los Angeles.

Reynold Deater of Harveys Lake, is in hospital in Italy. George Traver, Beaumont, dies

ard, Dallas, wins first prize in chil- extension poultryman. dren's vocal contest at Edwardsville

From the Issue of March 30, 1934

Eugene Lazarus replaces James Besecker on Dallas Borough School Arch Austin is a candidate among

ive others for superintendent of Wyoming County Schools.

peach buds. Eggs, 2 doz. 39c; mayonnaise, 15c per pint jar; fluted cocoanut bars, 11c per lb.; butter, 3 lbs. for 79c confectioners sugar, 4 lbs. for 25c; jelly eggs, 3 lbs. for 25c.

Lake Fire Auxiliary Plans May-Day Dance

Committee members for the May-Day dance planned by Daniel C. Roberts Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, met Tuesday evening at tools and equipment, such as porch

Mrs. Edward Jackson and Mrs. Robert Payne are chairman and co- ment specialist. has charge of publicity; Mrs. Ste- in the size that is nearest your bust phen Hartman, prizes; Mrs. Calvin measurement, recommends Margery McHose, tickets; Mrs. John Stenger, Bessom, Penn State extension cloth-

FARM TOPICS

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture

Potato Acreage Down-Herbert McFeely, Penn State extension marketing specialist, reports that potato growers' intention to plant indicate a reduction of 7 per cent in potato acreage for the late and intermediate states for 1954

Protect Plants-Damping-off results in more failures of vegetable plants in the seedbed than any other factor. Formaldehyde is effective in sterilizing small lots of soil to kill the fungi.

Feed Steers Cheaply—Cattle feeders planning to graze yearling steers on good pasture next summer should not feed much grain this winter. Winter them largely on good roughage, consisting of highquality hay and grass-legume or corn silage.

Girdle Pulpwood Trees—Chemical girdling is a new way of loosening the bark on trees cut for pulpwood production. Walter Simonds, Penn State extension forester, says the treatment consists of a 6- to 12inch sap peeled girdle, about waist high around the tree, which is painted liberally with a solution of sodium arsenite.

Prevent Farm Fires-Every year farm property worth at least \$90,-000,000 is lost by fire. Most of this loss could be prevented, Penn State extension agricultural engineers point out. Defective chimneys and careless handling and improper use of combustible materials rank high as causes of farm fires during the heating season.

Feed Brood Sows-Proper feeding and management are of great importance in the second half of the gestation period for sows bred for early spring farrowing, reminds Dwight Younkin, Penn State extension livestock specialist. Feed wellbalanced rations.

Sow Reliable Oats-Spring oats varieties recommended for 1954, according to Elmer Pifer, Penn State extension agronomist, are Clinton 59, Clinton 11, Clinton 11-25, Craig, Ajax, and Zephyr. Ajax and Zephyr are not recommended where lodging is a problem.

Decide Rearing Program-Whether to raise chickens in confinement or on range must be decided by the poultryman after careful consideration of the advantages and disadvantages, reminds Robert Lauffer, Penn State extension poultry spe-

Grow Meat-Type Hog — Thomas King, Penn State extension livestock specialist, says the meat-type hog is one with a higher percentage of the carcass in the lean cutshams, loins, bacons, and shoulders -and a lower percentage of the carcass in fat. With lard prices and Mrs. Robert Hislop, Jr. Dallas, down, butchers must get more for

Early Pullets Pay-Those earlyhatched pullets are the ones which will produce the high-priced eggs, reminds Robert Lauffer, Penn State his nephew, Sgt. Alfred Maury, is extension poultry specialist. To produce large eggs in quantity during Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright mark the high-priced months, July-December, chicks must be started in In the Outpost: Tommy Evans, December, January and February.

Use Heat Lamp — Use of some kind of heat lamp to keep baby pigs warm is becoming a common practice on most farms, reports Dwight Younkin, Penn State extension livestock specialist. Swine growers know that they can keep more pigs alive if they get some additional heat during those first critical hours of a pig's life.

Provide Ample Space—A better job of brooding will result if the poultryman considers the relationship of size of brooding quarters and floor space per chick, number Shiela Ann, six year old daugh- of chicks in the brood, and season, ter of Mr. and Mrs. William Arch- says F. H. Leuschner, Penn State

> Apple Sales Increase—A study of 12 Pittsburgh self - service supermarkets, in which the Pennsylvania State University cooperated, showed 5-pound bags increased sales by two-thirds more than when apples were offered only in bulk.

Host to Dairy Scientists - The Pennsylvania State University will be host to the 49th annual meeting Unseasonably cold weather harms of the American Dairy Science Association June 22 to 24.

Home Topics

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture

Where to Store-Luggage needs to be stored in a dry place. Outdoor the home of Mrs. Anna Stenger to furniture, also need a dry spot for storage, according to Doris Conklin, Penn State extension home manage-

chairman. Mrs. Richard Williams Altering Patterns—Buy patterns decorations; Mrs. Malcolm Nelson, ing specialist. If alterations are president, housing; Mrs. Payne, en- necessary, it is easier to alter the



Barnyard Notes



The shrill piping of Spring Peepers from the swale across from the Barn sends a thrill through my being that was not evident when

I never liked the Peepers. They made me lonesome; but now their chorus of voices—like miniature flutes made from wheat straws-bring wistful memories of other Springs when life surged through young bodies and there was a restless desire to seek

I recall how my father loved the Peepers, though I could never understand why. Now I know. They are the eternal voice of Life itself, of springs that will always return in spite of atom bombs, political turmoil and man himself . . . the everlasting promise that life is good: that the little packet of seeds I hold in my hand will not forever remain shriveled pellets of dry dust, but will burst into fragile beauty or life-giving food with the coming of soft rains on

If spring failed to make the great circle and return just once, what a catastrophe would settle on this globe! How the Hydrogen and Atom bombs would shrink to their relative size in this great scheme of things!

At fifty-two, I think I know why my father loved the Peepers and understood the promise of their delightful chorus. But like the song of the Cardinal from the tallest Elm, the quiver of Aspen leaves in the gentlest breeze, the busy journey of the ants interrupted by our footsteps on the grass-most of us never consider the promise nor stop to determine from whence it comes.

For more than fifty springs I have heard the Peepers; but only accidentally did I ever make an intimate acquaintance with one of this Lilliputian choir. Great moments, it seems to me, sometimes happen that way-accidentally, and in the most outlandish places. It was by accident in a Motor Court that I met Senator Harry Byrd. It was by accident on an early summer evening a few years ago that I met a solitary Peeper—though not a forlorn one—on a raspberry cane amid the tangle of brambles at the edge of our garden. At that thrilling moment he was perched there in the rays of my flashlight; his throat distended like transparent bubble gum, thimble size, and piping his heart out!

That is the way Peepers have perched and the way they have sung their exuberant song since the first vertebrates made their epic change from life in the water to existence on land. This millionth son of the millionth son of those first primitive forms still follows the same dim urge to sing—and does it lustily.

There are some creatures it seems to me that are the quintessence of "cute." A chickadee is one of them, a chipmunk is another, but a tree frog-Spring Peeper to you, is the epitome of all of

So small that he can rest comfortably on your thumb nail—it would take 10 or 15 of them to weigh an ounce—he is nevertheless perfectly formed. He is one of America's smallest amphibians; one of Nature's tiniest vertebrate animals . . . a perfect frog and no bird or insect as some illinformed erringly suppose.

Across his chestnut brown back there is a pronounced diagonal X running from left shoulder to right hip and from left hip to right shoulder. It is this cross that has led scientists to give him his Crusader's name-Hyla crucifer, in Latin or in English, The Cross Bearer—an appropriate one I think for one who arrives so early with his message of spring.

His delicate toes and fingers end in little round discs which secrete at his wish a sticky substance which permits him to cling to twigs, stubble, reeds, a sturdy straw or even glass. It is by this means that some species of tree frogs later in summer cling to tree branches high above our heads and trill their songs that are sometimes mistaken for a locust's, which are far more shrill.

But it is in his changing coloring that the diminutive spring Peeper would drive the Hazle Bishop people to distraction, though he uses it to avoid being seen in preference to standing out like the belle of the ball. He has the chameleon ability to change his color to match his background, and can do it in less than twenty minutes, a power that would drive the cosmetics manufacturer crazy. Three brownish Peepers, one resting on a fern, another on a purple crocus and another on a clod of brown earth, can, within half an hour, match their individual surroundings so that the casual eye of a boy or the searching eye of a muskrat or circling hawk would be unable to discover them.

In fact with the exception of frost and freezing temperatures, a hawk, a muskrat or some similar natural enemy, is about the only thing that can quiet their resonant Anvil Chorus. They have no fear of artificial light nor of an automobile motor's purring. The one I observed on that early summer evening, poured forth a torrent of high shrill notes, revealed as he was in the beams of my flashlight.

How such a small creature can make so much noise is explained by Roland Rood in a delightful article, "Those Spring Peepers" in this month's Coronet magazine.

"In the throat region is a thin air sac which communicates with the mouth cavity through tiny openings. When the Peeper is about to sing, the throat sac becomes enlarged like a translucent bubble, serving as a small but effective resonance chamber.

'The high pitched sound produced is so penetrating that this little tenth-ounce midget can be heard for half a mile. Thus, if our voice were in the same proportion to our size as the tiny Spring Peeper's, a man weighing 160 pounds could be heard 12,800 miles

The thin membrane beneath the throat swells out until it seems almost large enough to balloon the little chap off his perch.

The Little Cross Bearer lays its eggs in ponds or marshy places during April. Each egg has a little globe of jelly to hold it to a stone or water plant. The tadpoles are small and delicate and more precocious than most frog youngsters for they often leave the water while the tail is still quite long. In summer they may be found among the leaves and moss along the margin of a pond where they hunt with zeal for mosquitoes and gnats. The voice of the mature Peeper may be heard among the shrubs and vines or in trees and meadows during late summer and until November.

But like all amphibians, they cannot control their body temperature and as soon as it becomes cold the little creatures hibernate to sleep beneath moss and leaves. But as sure as spring comes with its eternal promise, their bodies warmed by the everlasting sun, they will hop unerringly toward water led on by the instincts of a million years to bring us the first news of spring.

LIQUID WALL-PAPER NOW ON THE MARKET

Back Mountain Lumber Company will handle the new liquid wall-paper, Applikay, Super-Kemtone's answer to home decorators who prefer textured and figured wallpapers to a plain background.

William Moss, Sherwin-Williams, was host at a Hotel Sterling demonstration March 9, when representatives from the press, radio and television were delighted with the ease of application, and impressed by its speedy drying. The new product was featured in the March 12 Pillar to Post.

The material, iridescent and manufactured in several colors, is applied to a plain surface with a double roller.

MARCH LION SHEATHES TREES IN ICE. TRIMS ROCKS WITH ICICLES

March 30 saw Back Mountain trees sheathed in ice after a freezing rain, March 31 rock ledges trimmed with icicles, so March fulfilled tradition by going out like a lion after coming in like a boisterous lamb at a temperature of 65.

Musical Memories

A program called "Musical Memories," in which children of the community will take part in pantomime, will be given by the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church early in May at Westmoreland High School. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Edyth Kromelbein and Mrs. Hilde Bayer.

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