

Jimmie Is Thirteen

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Transue gave a wienie roast for their foster-son, Jimmie Loney, on his thirteenth birthday last Friday. Jimmie and his older brother Jack, fifteen, have been with the Transue's in the Kunkle area for several months, and enjoy life in the country enthusiastically.

Rainbow In The Sky

Many residents of Dallas were enchanted Tuesday night at 7 by the sight of a full rainbow during a light shower, one of the most beautiful ever seen in this area. A number of subscribers phoned in about the rainbow Wednesday morning, the first to register being Mrs. Francis Girvan.

Lake Supervisors Plan Two-Way Radio Set-up

Laketon supervisors, Carl Swanson, Walter Hoover and Howard Platt, met Saturday evening at the Fire House to accept bids for RCA two-way radio for installation on

the police cruiser car, ambulance, and fire truck and fire-house. Equipment will cost \$3,000, but will speed service immeasurably. Heretofore Mrs. Edgar Hughes has had to call all over the Lake area when necessary to get in touch with Chief Hughes in an emergency.

Fin, Fur and Feather



1954 Hunting License Required September 1st

The Game Commission reminds hunters that the current hunting license period expired August 31. Beginning September 1, and until the end of next August, a 1954 hunting license must be owned and worn in the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild birds or animals in this State.

The Department of Revenue advises 1954 hunting licenses have been shipped to all issuing agents. They should be available anywhere in the State as of September 1.

Any person applying for the Special Archery License required for October bow and arrow season on antlered deer must first own a 1954 Pennsylvania hunting license.

Archery license applications are obtainable from all hunting license issuing agents, but each application must be sent with the \$2.00 fee to the Department of Revenue at Harrisburg—the only agency empowered to issue such licenses.

Quail Population Increase Noted

Many observers have commented on the considerable increase of quail this spring and summer over much of Pennsylvania.

The State's Bobwhite population is presently the highest since the severe winter of 1935-36, when all but a small percentage of these birds perished. Recent mild winters, an improved strain of quail and closure of the season last year to allow a build-up are reasons game authorities give for the heartening come-back of the bird. The following reports, received from game protectors last month, are typical:

Edgar M. Borger, Venango County: "The quail population is definitely on the increase in this area. The call of the Bobwhite can be heard now in many sections where it has not sounded for several years. I have seen coveys of young birds raised in the wild this year."

Homer Thrush, Cumberland County: "Numerous reports have been received from farmers relative to the

increase of quail in my district. Several farmers reported these birds were on their farms for the first time in 18 years."

Leon P. Keiser, Superintendent of the State Wild Turkey Farm, in Lycoming County, tells that early this summer a workman found a pair of quail with 13 young in a hayfield on the farm. So far as is known no quail have been released within 10 miles of that locality in many years.

Food And Cover Workmen And Sustainance For Game

A food-producing practice employed on State Game Lands in the interest of wildlife is here described by Albert J. Kriesfski, a Pike County game protector, who says: "In the past two winters the Commission's food and cover corps in the Wayne and Pike County areas has been engaged in the release and pruning of apple trees."

"Woods workers and hunters evidently threw away apple cores on State Game Lands No. 183, where trees growing from the seeds are in heavy timber. Some of the apple trees there are very old, and new ones growing nearby were forty feet in height. They stretched up, competing for sunlight, taller as a bamboo pole and with no apparent chance for fruiting."

"Our food and cover crew sawed off the tops, shaped the apple trees and opened the forest around them. While these trees are not pretty in form they are bearing such heavy crops it is necessary to prop up the limbs. The apples may not be top grade or the best varieties, but it's food in quantity wildlife needs in winter months."

The San Juan Rabbit

On February 10, this year, the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued a regulation forbidding the importation of any live wild rabbit, hare or rodent into the Commonwealth from areas known to be infested with dangerous transmissible diseases. This eliminated cottontail rabbit shipments from customary western state sources. However, the Department did not ban importation of a special breed of rabbit from the San Juan Islands, located in Puget Sound off the west coast of Washington. (A \$1 fee is required with each importation permit request to the Department.) The reason was the Washington State Department of Health has had no reports of bubonic plague or other serious diseases transmissible from rabbits to man from these islands in recent years.

In this connection a thought-provoking article titled "The San Juan Rabbit" appears in the September issue of Pennsylvania Game News. The author is Roger M. Latham, Chief of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Research Division. The animal's history, its possibly undesirable features and the dangers of promiscuously introducing any wild species are thoroughly discussed. The article points out the destructive as well as the desirable traits of this large-size rabbit of European origin.

Latham closes his article with: "Research personnel are watching several of these San Juan releases closely. Within the next few years they hope to decide whether this new game animal should be encouraged or rigidly controlled. Let us hope that this introduction will not turn out to be a biological blunder."

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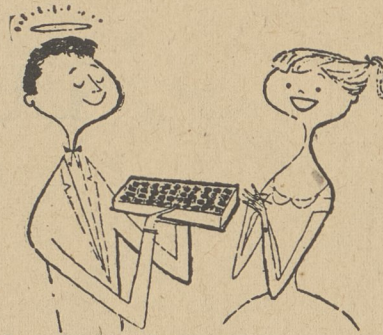
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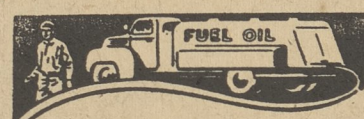
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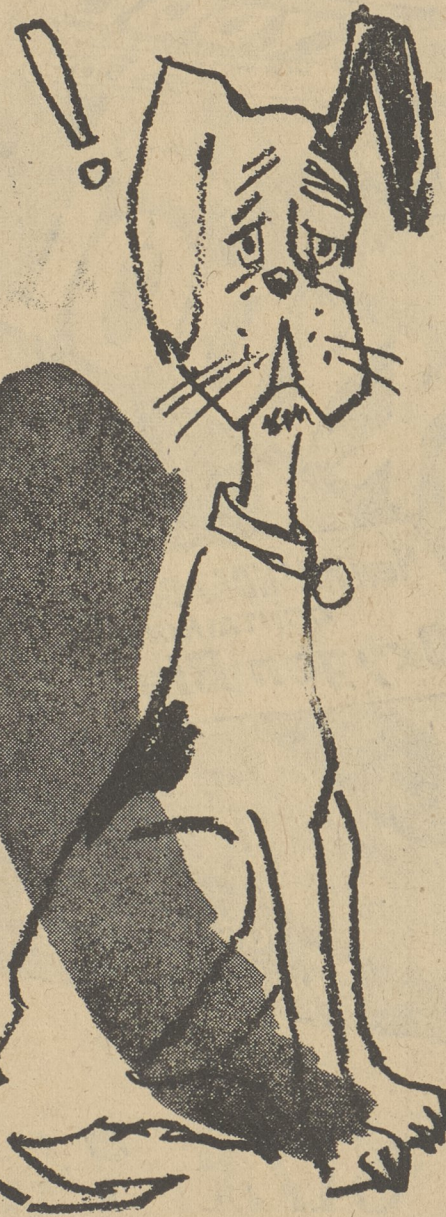
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