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Gun Training Offers Hunting Safety | crony, but by reliving the excitement

Increased interest shown by of his own early hunting experiencyoungsters in guns and hunting es through those of his pupils, and brings out the necessity for fire- having the satisfaction of teaching arms education. Records show the safe and mannerly conduct afield, incidence of gunfire casualties among he is amply repaid.

youngsters decreases to practically In past years, during September zero among those taught safe shoot- and October, many a Pennsylvania troduced the course in the schools ing procedures prior to their first sportsmen's organization has gener- of New Hampshire, where it has hunting trip. The prospect is, how- ously assumed the responsibility of caught hold rapidly. He is available ever, that many youthful nimrods teaching boys and girls safe gun to sportsmen's clubs, high schools, will go out for wild game this fall handling and has provided shooting unaccompanied and without previ- on a range under expert guidance. groups with his gun safety pro-The basic course is sometimes fol- grams. ous gun safety training.

It is encouraging to note that the lowed by field trips, when safe and Polecats Move To Town number of men who take their own courteous hunting practices are boy or the son of a neighbor on taught under natural conditions. Exhunting trips increases each year. perienced sportsmen are quite wil-At the end of the day the adult's ing to lend a hand at instructing game bag may not be so full as if novice shooters. The beginner can he had accompanied a shooting always locate a club range or other there

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Through many high school assembly programs before small game season students are taught the rudiments of proper gun handling and the dangers of reckless shooting. In such programs tens of thousands of teen-agers are taught or reminded that guns improperly used or handled can cause pain or sorrow as well as bring thrills and recreation. It is important the beginner have

safe spot where he may do his prac-

proper instruction and supervision This year, for the first time in Pennsylvania, the Sporting Arms and Manufacturer's Institute offers a gun safety training course through its representative, James Dee. Dee who resides at Highland Village Camp Hill, Pa., is the man who in-

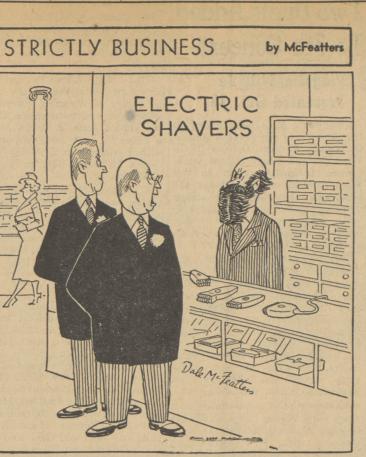
service organizations and civic

Game Protector A. J. Ziros Greene County, says many skunks have moved from the country into the town of Carmichaels and have taken over garages and outbuildings The postmaster of Carmichaels

told this story to the officers. " was sitting in my easy chair on the lawn one night not long ago reading a newspaper. I felt a tickling and scratching on my bare feet. Thinking it was one of my cats I paid no attention. When the animal climbed on my lap and started rolling around, it seemed time to glance down. I did—and took off. So did the "kitten," a baby skunk." Importance Of Hunting And **Trapping To Industry**

Pennsylvania Industrial and Construction Exposition will be held September 20 to 25, inclusive, in the State Farm Show Building at Harrisburg. Governor John S. Fine said this about the Exposition: "It will be to our State's manufacturing segment what our world-renowned Farm Shaw has been to our notable agricultural pursuits. I entertain the great belief that this important project will enlist the enthusiastic support and cooperative participation of all our State's business firms and corporations, from the largest to the smallest, from the basic heavy ndustry producers to our transporation giants."

Exposition visitors will experience "change of pace" at seeing the ame Commission's wildlife exhibit there, among heavy machines and ecently developed engineering and cientific devices. People are beginning to comprehend, however, the economic impact of hunting and trapping on industries and trades. Actually, hunting itself is big business in the Keystone State where on the basis of man hours afield and hunters per square mile, probably more hunters and fur takers pursue their sport than in any other State. As an indication, a conservative estimate of money spent each year by a million Pennsylvania sportsmen in pursuit of wildlife is one-quarter of a billion dollars. Expenditures by these outdoors nen, and women, go not only for the purchase of guns, ammunition,



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hunters' paradise Pennsylvania of- from wild-caught pelts in the Comfers. Also, though fur values have monwealth. The estimated value in been comparatively low in recent 1953 was \$1,500,000.

years, the State's fur industry, gar-ment manufacturers and taxider- of monies spent on hunting and fishmists realized considerable profit ing in the United States. (Pennsyl-

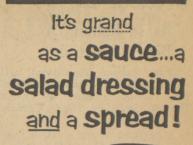


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having the highest number of license buyers, therefore her share of the nationwide expenditure is great.) Said the survey, in part: "The sportsman business (hunting and fishing nationally is over \$9 billion annually . . . It is nearly 50% more than the total business of all gasoline filling stations. It is almost three times the amount paid to dealers in farm equipment . . . The total spent on sportsmen's dogs alone totaled around \$875,000,000 over the nation. That alone exceeds by a wide margin the amount the public paid at the gate to see baseball, football and hockey games horse races and prize fights." These amazing statistics are considered conservative.

vania regularly ranks among states |

Yes, the wildlife exhibit at the Exposition, appearing among such recent scientific and engineering achievements as the new solar en ergy battery and the interplanetary clock, may seem to supply a frontier or nature touch. Nevertheless and obscure though the effects may be, hunting and trapping in Pennsylvania contribute much to a wide variety of industries and trades. Expenditures for them have a considerable bearing on the economy of our state and nation.



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