## Fin, Fur and Feather

Study Chemical, Brush Control Results

Recently, more than 200 men from over the United States and Canada attended the Right-of-Way Chemical Brush Control Conference at The Pennsylvania State University. They represented highway departments, forest and wildlife conservation agencies, utility companies, companies manufacturing chemicals, and companies whose crews keep rights-of-way clear of high vegetation. Members of the Game Commission's research staff were in

The highlight of the conference was a field trip to inspect the threemile strip of 200-foot right-of-way crossing State Game Lands near Philipsburg. This 75-acre test area demonstrates the results of five different treatments for brush control, the express purpose of which was to determine their relative values for wildlife. The experiment is in its third year, under the direction of Dr. William C. Bramble, The Pennsylvania State University. Cooperating in this study are the Pennsylvania Game Commission, The Pennsylvania Electric Company, the American Chemical Paint Company, The DuPont Chemical Company, and the Asplundh Tree Expert

The consensus of opinion following the sessions was that selective basal spraying would produce the maximum of game food and cover, and yet be the cheapest method of brush control in the long run. Also, this selective method eliminates the unsightly brown lines produced by blanket foliage spraying and the resultant indiscriminate destruction of game food and cover plants.

Should this method of brush treatment by chemicals prove out to the satisfaction of the utility companies and be put into use on the thousands of acres involved in the network of utility lines in Pennsylvania the benefits to wildlife in wooded areas would be tremendous. Commonplace Called Remarkable

This account is from Game Protector Robert H. Sphar, Philipsburg, made me realize how many

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## Farm Topics

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture

shade, such as a fence row full of erly lubricate, service the air cleanbrush, trees, or sunflowers, is the best kind of shade for pullets on range in hot weather. If natural shade is not available, pile brush or other material on poles supported

by stakes driven in the ground. Hardware Disease - Take special precautions against dropping nails or other bits of metal around livestock and poultry yards, reminds Joseph McCurdy, Penn State exten-

Centre County, who says: "It often nature's wonders we observe daily a crop that is smaller than last takes someone else to call our at- that others may see rarely or once year's but above the average of the tention to wonders we see every in a lifetime. At the end of the trip day and take for granted. Last we counted the wildlife we had month my dad visited me. Early seen. There were two red foxes, two flowers are cut affects their staying one morning he accompanied me to skunks, one coon, three grouse with quality in flower shows. check my fox sets on State Game broods, one wild turkey with young, Lands No. 60. Seeing wildlife there, at least a dozen deer, and three lit takes 42 elephant tusks to day after day, is commonplace to rabbits. Adding excitement to the make a ton of ivory. (Who wants It was my dad's remark that trip, I killed two rattlesnakes."

sion agricultural engineer. can easily result when these materials are picked up with feed and get in the digestive tract of the

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A Good "Cow Man"-Natural cow instinct, love of animals, and ability to get along with cows help to make the difference between a good dairyman and one that is only average, declares Herbert Gilmore, Penn State extension dairy science spe-

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