

# Fin, Fur and Feather

**Deer Season For Archers Ends**  
Kill reports for 73 antlered deer were received in the Game Commission's Harrisburg office shortly after October 22, the close of the bow hunters' exclusive buck season. It is anticipated the total will be much higher when recording is completed.

According to the Department of Revenue 17,329 persons bought a license for the two-week bow and arrow deer hunt in Pennsylvania.

Successful hunters are reminded of the legal requirement their kill be reported promptly.

### Hunting License Sales Mount

In the 1954 Pennsylvania hunting license year, which ended August 31, 1955, residents of the state secured 869,286 licenses; non-residents accounted for 30,827.

The 1953 licenses numbered 859,783 resident; 30,664 non-resident. For the 1952 license the totals were 830,779 and 32,042.

These figures do not truly indicate the number of persons who hunt in Pennsylvania, however. Any citizen of the state who resides upon and regularly and continuously cultivates land for general farm purposes, truck growing, orchards or nurseries, operated on a commercial basis, may hunt or trap thereon without license. Under these conditions a person may also hunt or trap, with the written consent of the owner or lessee, upon lands connected with his own, other than those publicly-owned, without a hunter's license.



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## THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"But, Mrs. Mears, who'd benefit by the proposal that we cut our club budget? In the last analysis, only our husbands!"

### Sportsmen Practice Golden Rule

At this time of year much hunter talk concerns game season prospects and where cottontail rabbits and ring-necked pheasants—called farm game—may be bagged.

In this connection sportsmen's organizations and many individual hunters across Pennsylvania have come to consider the farmer in his true light of host during the small game season. They understand the right-to-hunt anywhere attitude is a carry-over from the "old days", knowing that wildlife is in public ownership but control over the land on which it is hunted is with the farm occupant.

Now, real sportsmen ask the farmer for the privilege of hunting on his property. Their gratitude for enjoyable hours there is expressed in thanks, often in a gift. In short, the picture has changed with the times.

In the early days of the white

man here, wild animals and birds supplied necessary items of food and clothing, as well as meat and pelts for trade. Even until the 1900's hunting for game was, to most persons, a casual matter. The situation is far different today. Many hunters now gun principally for sport and recreation; for them the fruit of the chase is of secondary consideration.

With increased home building, industrial growth and an ever-expanding highway system much land that once provided open hunting has been lost to the sport. Shorter working hours, increased leisure time and ease of travel have resulted in far more hunting pressure than previously.

The Game Commission reminds all hunters that courtesy, consideration and safe shooting provide the ingredients that open, or keep open, the remaining hunting territory in rural areas. Sportsmen practice the Golden Rule while hunting. That is all that is necessary to ensure that the good people on the land will welcome them back in the game season.

### Seasons For Furbearers

The fur bearers of Pennsylvania still have great value in terms of dollar return and outdoor enjoyment, though the market for some wild-caught pelts remains low. It was therefore desirable that the Game Commission consider each species individually before defining fur seasons for the coming license period. This was done in July, not only to decide the number that could be safely harvested and retain sufficient brood stock, but to evaluate their effect on small game. The evaluate certain predaceous species reasons behind the Commission's decision on each of the fur animals follows:

Skunks and Opossums—Extreme-

ly low prevailing prices for the pelt of both these species has resulted in an increase to such an extent that they constitute a definite menace to ground nesting game birds and animals. This, therefore, motivated the Commission's decision to continue the removal of protection from both for an indefinite period.

**Minks**—The population of minks appears to remain steady with the fur value reduced in comparison to past years. It is considered advisable, inasmuch as the interest in taking minks is based primarily upon the value obtained from the fur, that the season should be set in accordance with the primeness of the pelts. The opening date set was reasoned to be the most logical to accommodate fairly trappers in both the upper and lower tiers of the Commonwealth.

**Muskrats**—Population trends in muskrats continue to be favorably reported, leading the Commission to the conclusion that it would be safe to set a season substantially comparable to that of last year. The opening date was established with the belief that the early part of December marks the most advantageous time to begin taking muskrats to secure maximum fur value. The closing date allows this furbearer to be taken up to the period when damaged pelts would be expected to show. Considering all factors, the season established should prove to be most satisfactory for the entire State.

**Beavers**—Reports from practically all sections of the State indicate that the beaver population is about the same as last year. Depreciated fur values continue to be reflected in the lack of interest in trapping. The Commission therefore moved to again extend the season beyond the usual two-week period and declared an open season from February 15 to March 5, 1956, inclusive, a season comparable to that of 1955.

**Otters**—Within their limited range, the otter population has suffered an appreciable decline over

## Payne Speaks At Canadian Dinner

Former Dallas Man On Jubilee Program

Harold Payne, former general manager of Commonwealth Telephone Company but now president of Telephone Utilities of Pennsylvania, a firm which operates several independent telephone companies in western Pennsylvania and one in Canada, was a featured speaker last week at the Golden Jubilee Convention of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association at the Royal Park Hotel, Toronto.

Mr. Payne gave his "Impressions of Operating a Telephone Company on Both Sides of the Border." He is president of the Dunnville, Ontario, Consolidated Telephone Company which he and his associates purchased last spring.

A former director of the First National Bank of Dallas, Mr. Payne was last week elected a director of the First National Bank of Export, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Payne of Loyalville. His wife was the former Charlotte Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Anderson of Harveys Lake.

### TROUBLE SOME

Some people have just conscience enough to make them miserable—it is too strong to let them walk the wrong way in peace.

the past few years. The Commission is desirous to establish others in certain sections of the State where they have existed in the past, which, coupled with the decline in the general population, led to the conclusion that the season for otters should be closed during the 1955 license period.

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