



LEARNING HOW--Area wrestlers who participated in the recent Keystone Junior College wrestling school held on the college's campus in La Plume included, seated, left to right, Craig Otto, and Steve Novick, Clarks Summit; Kevin Boham, Shavertown; Jerry Hennebaul, Harvey's

Lake, Andy Pisaneschi, Wapwallopen; second row, Andy Pinter, Dallas; Brian Kane, Glenn Summit; Glenn Williams and Bob Thomas, Mountaintop; Tom Sanders, Clarks Summit; Bob Andes, Mountaintop; Randy Kester, Lake Ariel; Paul Jones, Moscow, and Kevin Matthews.

Field Notes

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY: With our successful spring gopher season a matter of history, Wilson Moore, sportswriter for the Montrose Independent, contributed his part in making local history by bagging a turkey sporting a 3½ and a 9½ inch bear. District Game Protector, Donald Day, Hallstead, Pa.

BRADFORD COUNTY: (Remember) The land, wildlife and air belongs to all people. Some are living and some have died, but most have not yet been born. District Game Protector, William Bower, Troy, Pa.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY: Recently upon stopping in a store to purchase cigarettes, a young man was in the check out line ahead of me and among his purchases were two mouse traps. It seems that the gentleman's wife had purchased a hamster and on the way home from the store the hamster escaped and made its home in the air conditioning system of the vehicle.

Upon seeing me, frustrated shopper turned and implied that I do something to solve his problem. My suggestion was to use a strong aerosol type spray and perhaps the vapor would gas the animal into leaving. After the young man departed, another shopper, who overheard the conversation, had the most fool proof remedy, sell the car. District Game Protector, James Kazakavage, Sunbury, Pa.

BRADFORD COUNTY: The Halstead Brothers have a farm in Ridgebury Township and related the following "true" story to me.

They recently purchased several beef animals at the Athens Livestock Sale. The animals were delivered and released in their pasture. One of the cows immediately got out and started a cross country tour.

The boys searched for her and with the assistance of two-way radios and neighbor's reports tracked her for several miles before losing contact. The area was well searched and they were ready to give up when they received a radio message from the home farm that the cow had just returned following a deer.

They were amazed upon returning to find cow and deer docilely feeding together in the field. Evidence indicated the young deer had been nursing on the cow and she had adopted it. They learned that the cow had recently lost a calf and believe this is the reason for the strange relationship but don't know why they returned. District Game Protector A. Dean Rockwell, Sayre, Penna.

PIKE COUNTY: The strongest instinct for any animal, be it human or any other animal is that of self-preservation. This is usually the case except for spring time when wild animals are raising their young and then the mother will go to almost any lengths to protect her young.

Bears are a primary example of this but turkeys are not usually noted for fighting for their young. Deputy Carl Birtel of Tafton was working on a complaint about dogs chasing deer and happened to flush some turkey poults which went one way and the hen went the other way.

Non-scents

In a flash the hen was back and charged Carl, who was between her and her poults. The hen tried to get at him but he managed to keep her away with a stick as she made three circles around him trying to peck and flog him.

Finally she left having successfully beaten off this two-legged intruder, who had invaded her feeding ground. District Game Protector, Robert Buss, Shohola, Penna.

LUZERNE COUNTY: We are all concerned about the increased amounts of discarded paper, bottles, cans, etc., we see in our travels and much money has been spent learning how to recycle these waste items to something useful. Perhaps we could observe wildlife in our quest for some answers for George Meiss of West Hazleton reported that a bluejay had used three of the plastic six pack holders for next reinforcements.

A close friend, Glen Reakes of Sugarloaf, adopted the CB handle "Houndawg" due to his fondness for raccoon hunting. He had also acquired a descendent skunk of which he was very proud, especially since she had given birth to three cute little critters. He had been handling the young

ones for several weeks and was more than happy to accommodate his sister when she asked him to bring them over to show the kids.

"Houndawg" proudly walked into the house with a little critter in each hand but suddenly realized he had overlooked something - his sister's large dog which came running toward him and barking! "Houndawg's" new CB handle is "Flower." Need I explain further?

I received a phone call from Troop "N" headquarters that Trooper Hess was bringing a turkey to my house on his way while off duty. He stated he had observed the bird lying on the berm of I80 with its head in the air, put a rope around its legs and put it in the trunk.

Fortunately, we slowly opened the trunk, saw the loose rope and located the alert looking turkey in the front of the trunk.

We put it in a large live trap and I returned it to State Game Lands 187 in Oley Valley none the worse for its encounter with an interstate highway vehicle. Thanks to Trooper Hess, the bearded tom turkey is back with his mate. District Game Protector Robert Nolf, Conyngham.

PINKY'S COLUMN

by Pinky O'Neill

I asked the young mother why her family was packing up to leave the campground so soon. There was still a day and a half left to the long holiday weekend.

"There's just too much noise. My two children couldn't nap and there was commotion all last night," she said sadly.

"And the language being used by the campers around us makes my husband and me feel uncomfortable with our small children," admitted the concerned mother. When I asked her about changing sites, she said, "We'd love to, but everything is filled, even the overflow area. We'll just have to come back when it's not so busy. We do like the campground."

Most campgrounds are filled to the brim Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day Weekend. Many people with as many different lifestyles will be camping that last fling before school starts and the routine sets in. That's why camping courtesy will have to be practiced even more during the holidays than at any other time.

Each campground gives out a set of regulations for the campers to follow. Please take a few moments to read them yourself and to your children. It could save some embarrassing moments later.

Campground owners will not take the responsibility for lost or stolen articles. Although adults are usually careful about trespassing on the next campsite, children don't always realize the importance of this. The adjacent site, located so close to theirs, is inviting to youngsters, and they think they should be allowed to play where they want.

A brief explanation of how each site is compared to a family's home usually helps the child to understand.

Trespassing on property not belonging to the campground is also a no-no. The boundary lines are generally marked and should be respected. That's what your ticket entitles you to, not someone's backyard! Boring residents have been harassed with bags of garbage, soda cans, cut down trees, and stolen articles. Would you like it if you lived there?

Profile

Manny Gordon

by Paul Canevari

Within the last ten years and especially the last few, no single area person has achieved such public acceptance and acclaim as our own District Forester Manny Gordon. Manny, whose name is synonymous to his slogan "ENJOY ENJOY" and have become household words throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania, has celebrated his 43rd year in forestry. With that in mind I asked him what major change has occurred in forestry during those 43 years. Without hesitation Manny replied that without a doubt there has been more interest generated toward conservation and forest conservation in particular in the last few years than there has been at any time in his 43 years with the Department. He felt that this sudden upswing in interest has taken place because of public awareness towards our great outdoors and conservation over what it used to be years ago.

He went on to say that during World War II he was in charge of twenty eight prisoner of war forestry camps in Europe where he saw first hand how particular and careful the people were with their natural resources, stating that we used to waste more than they had. He often wondered if we in the United States would ever have the same feeling for conservation as they did there, going on to state that he's happy to say that we do. He feels that one word and one word only has done it, and that has been ecology, the relationship of all living things to their environment. He gives the youth of today credit for bringing on this great awareness in this country.

Keeping along these lines, I asked Manny what his philosophy was concerning public awareness and education. He replied that with the aid of radio, T.V. and the press he is able to reach so much more people today. His philosophy when doing commercials or news releases is more or less of a soft sell nature. He feels people are tired of the old fashion "don't do this and don't do that", whereas you get the same results and still get your message across in a softer more meaningful manner. He commented that the news media of Pennsylvania have been tremendous in getting the message across to the public, who in turn have been tremendously cooperative in following through and carrying out these messages.

Without even having to ask my next question concerning his early life and what spurred his interest in this field,

Manny went on to say, contrary to what the public visualize as a forester, he was not raised in a "Daniel Boone" atmosphere. In fact he was born in the small town of Marcus Hook, Pa. At that time there were very few trees in that area and only one very small forest area that Manny can recall playing in as a child. Even though the environment was not that conducive as far as stirring an interest in someone in forestry, Manny admired Gifford Pinchot, who was twice governor of Pennsylvania and one of the first formally trained foresters in the United States. It was through his admiration of Pinchot that got Manny first interested in forestry. In fact it was Manny's initial resolution to enshrine Gov. Pinchot's mansion as a public landmark to be used for public conservation education, that first got the ball rolling in that direction.

After graduating from high school he was accepted as a Forestry Major at Penn State where he received his bachelors in forestry. After graduating he worked as a junior forester with the CCC camps, building roads, camping sites and trails. He served as Assistant District Forester for the Petersburg, Williamsport, Norris-town and the Caledonia Park area. Finally in 1939 he came to Scranton as the District Forester. It's interesting to note that Manny has served longer as District Forester for our area than all the previous District Foresters combined, in fact he is the oldest from the standpoint of service in the state.

When the second world war broke out, Manny, as stated before, was drafted as a private and later was in charge of 28 forestry prisoner of war camps, where he made sure that the German prisoners of war were cutting according to forest principles. He says they must have done a fairly good job because when they were finished the French government gave them a citation for actually improving the forest.

Manny feels that the future outlook of Pennsylvania forests is tremendous. He stated that few people realize that 65 percent of the state is forested. He always felt that Pennsylvania had everything, from our immense forest areas, scenic vistas, parks, and camping areas. Not to mention being able to reap the rewards economically from our forests because of careful and professional forestry techniques. He feels there is no reason that with proper forest management, we can have our

forestry cake and eat it too. We can have all these ecology benefits and at the same time we can have forest economics.

In the numerous talks he gives, he often uses the example that one acre of young vigorous trees will produce four tons of oxygen per acre per year, enough for the oxygen needs of 18 people per year, but at the same time that one acre will also grow four tons of wood per acre per year. And once again by using good old common sense and proper management, there is no reason why we can't have both for many, many years to come. He also feels that the future of forestry and related job opportunities are also growing, emphasizing that any young girl or boy who is interested in forestry or a related field should not hesitate in carrying out that interest.

I finally asked him the inevitable question, how he came up with his now famous ENJOY ENJOY. With a smile he replied that one day he and Forester Tony Santoli were coming home from a meeting out near Wyalusing and loving the area of Wyalusing Rocks for its scenic beauty, as well as history, since this was the place Marie Antoinette was supposed to come before she lost her head, he couldn't help but look out over the beautiful countryside and say it was too bad more people can't enjoy, enjoy this wonderful area. The thought then occurred to him that just maybe that slogan could be used in his radio and T.V. spots. The rest is history.

What does the future hold for Manny Gordon? Well, being with the department for 43 years, Manny has more than once thought about retirement but confesses that every time he gets ready to retire, some kid yells ENJOY ENJOY and he puts it off a little longer. And truly Manny does ENJOY ENJOY his work. His philosophy, both past and present is that a forester can't just live among the trees, he has to be a well rounded person, able to communicate with the public.

Upon Manny's retirement, Northeastern Pennsylvania will not only be losing a District Forester, but a man who genuinely cares for our area forests as well as its people. In turn it must be gratifying to him to know that the people have responded both in interest and in love to a special kind of man. Manny Gordon is truly a man for all seasons.

Camping courtesies

Some campers get upset because campgrounds will not allow minibikes and motor cycles around the area. This is not to discriminate against those who prefer this less expensive way to travel. In most places you can take your cycle to your site or park it at a special area. But riding around the roads within the camping area is prohibited...mainly because of noise and small children playing. Bike and cycle trails are becoming more popular at vacation spots. Check with the campground when making reservations concerning this policy if you're a cyclist.

Unfortunately, some campers think "absolutely no firearms or fireworks to be displayed or used in campground" does not apply to air rifles, sling shots, or firecrackers. However, I've seen "good" customers asked to leave because they disobeyed this rule.

Pennsylvania state campgrounds do not allow pets, but generally private ones will allow them "on leash." The camper should, however, be aware of cleaning up after the animal and not letting the pet be chained to the picnic table while going out for the day.

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Look around for a young camper that would be willing to "pet sit" and earn some extra cash for the day. The child would probably enjoy taking the dog for an occasional walk, feed and pet it a couple times while you're away.

Children and bathrooms can be disastrous! Don't let young ones go alone and give the older ones instructions on short showers, picking up dropped paper, using trash cans, crawling under toilet stalls, using toilet paper rolls for decoration, etc. Let them know you'll be checking on them if they don't return in a reasonable time. Then do it.

Remember, you wouldn't want your kids to mess up a neighbor's bathroom...why this one? Also, children do not instinctively know what's right or wrong. They must be reminded constantly.

I could go on and on with other do's and don'ts and you could add some of your own. But my wish is not to turn

you off to the joys of the outdoors, rather to make them more pleasurable. If each of us is a "defensive" camper rather than an "offensive" one, we'll all enjoy our camping experiences and have fond memories.

Send your favorite camping courtesies and ideas to: Pinky O'Neil, Campground Association of Pennsylvania, RD 1, Box 39, Winfield, Pa. 17889. If they are used in publication, you will receive a free weekend of camping at a Pennsylvania campground, courtesy of CAP.

KT Rec. sponsors events

The Kingston Township recreation staff is sponsoring activities throughout the summer until Aug. 17. More than 100 children have registered and the invitation remains open to all children between the ages of 5 and 14.

Field trips are taken each week. The children have already been to the Nay Aug Park Zoo and The Avoca Airport. They plan to tour the Children's Museum in Kingston on July 21, stopping for lunch at Kirby Park.

Other events that have taken place are the pet show and 4-H Orientation Day. An ambulance and firetruck demonstration was put on by the Kingston Township Municipal crew on Tuesday, July 19.

The film "King Midas" was shown inside the Trucksville Elementary School. On Friday, July 22, the following movies will be shown: "Pigskin Capers," Marx Bros.; "This Is War," Marx

Bros.; "Sons of the Desert," Laurel and Hardy.

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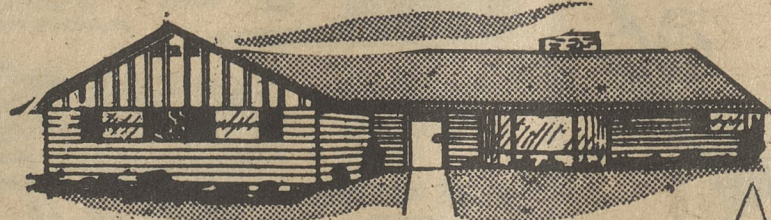
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