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A WISE OWL

The topic of conversation was the severe cold in Korea, when comparisons began and one ex-GI remarked: "It was so cold in China when we were there that the candles froze and we couldn't blow them out." And a buddy exclaimed: "That's nothing, friend, where I was camped, the words came out of my mouths in pieces of ice, and we had to fry them to find out what we were talking about." — That's enough of that!

Sign stuck on a squadron bulletin board by a character who had just been turned down for a three day pass. "In case of fire call the first sergeant—he'll throw a wet blanket on it."

Get a load of this. A teacher back at the high school noticed that the class was not too attentive and quite listless, so to give everybody a chance to take it easy awhile, he said: "If there are 48 states in the Union and a rocket ship could reach from here to the moon in fifty-nine minutes, how old am I?" All but one of the students showed perfectly blank expressions. The alive one answered: "Forty-four." "That's right," exclaimed the startled teacher, "But, how did you know?" "Oh!" explained the student, "My brother's twenty-two and he's only half nuts."

Here's a crazy regulation I read that is most puzzling, it reads—"When two trains approach each other at a grade crossing, they shall both come to a full stop, and neither shall start up until the other has gone." — Somebody's gonna be awful late.

I can't imagine anyone being more sure of himself than the guy that does crossword puzzles with a pen.

Here's the kind of conversations you overhear while passing the movies. Bill: "Do you know what time it is?" John: "Yeah." Bill: "Thanks."

When a friend asked Gary: "After rain falls, when does it get up again?" Gary replied: "In dew time, my boy, in dew time."

In my opinion, the smallest man in history was the sailor who fell asleep on his watch.—It would take more time than that for me, I'd judge a grandfather's clock might do it.

A little fellow on Donegal St., says his Mama told him "we're here to help others." If that is so, he wants to know what the others are here for.—It's a good question.

Which reminds me of a little tyke that told her first grade playmate: "I wouldn't want you to say anything to my folks about it, but I don't think they know very much about bringing up children. Cause they make me go to bed when I'm wide awake, and make me get up when I'm awfully sleepy."

When I asked my spouse if she knew a certain woman, she replied: "Not to speak to. Only to talk about." — Can you beat it?

Met a former native who lives on the west coast now. We were comparing weather, homes, living conditions. Finally I asked: "Is the soil as good as Lancaster County's?" "Good," he exclaimed, "It's too good. Why the first year I planted melons, the way they grew I thought my fortune was made. But I never harvested a one." Quite interested, I asked: "Why was that?" And he explained: "The vines grew so fast in that good soil that they were cut the melons dragging 'em around on the ground." — I believe he exaggerates a bit, don't you?

Earl Shultz, Lancaster, caught a salmon in the river near Columbia that measured 30 inches and weighed 11½ pounds.

Weekly Letter By Penna. State Game Commission

Early Small Game Hunting Returns

In capsule form, here are early season hunting results as gathered from all sections of the Commonwealth: The conduct of hunters was generally improved, but there was still an unreasonable number of cases of shooting in safety zones—within 150 yards of occupied buildings. The number of cottontails taken was about the same as last year, except for an increase in the northeast and a decrease in the southwest. More ringnecks were killed than in 1949, except in the southeast. There were fewer squirrels taken in the southwest, more in the northwest, with other sections about the same as last year. The grouse bag increased generally in eastern counties and was less in the southwest, with other sectors about as in 1949. There was a smaller kill of wild turkeys except in the north-central counties, where results improved considerably. Quail—were taken about as last year, although more showed up in northcentral Pennsylvania. Rabbits, trapped and shot, were bagged in increased numbers, except in the southeast. Duck and geese returns were not as good as for the same period last year.

Bounty On Protected Birds

Despite the findings of researchers and ornithologists to the contrary, many hunters still place all hawks and owls in the predator classification. Every year, particularly in the small game hunting season, many beneficial birds—even little screech owls—are killed indiscriminately and are presented for bounty payment. At present, only two birds, the goshawk and the great horned owl, are bountiable. As a warning to those who might become involved through submitting a protected bird for bounty, this excerpt from the Game Law of Pennsylvania is quoted: It is unlawful for any person to collect or attempt to collect . . . a bounty through the presentation of a skin or a carcass or any part thereof, of any animal or bird upon which no bounty is authorized.

Keep Pennsylvania Green

Hunters and fall vacationers are warned by game officials to use every precaution with fire. Those who enjoy the outdoors must recognize the damage to valuable timber, to necessary water supplies and to desirable wildlife through the ravages of severe forest fires. During the autumn months, periods of drought make our forests unusually susceptible to fire. If Pennsylvania forests are not to be lost to the flame, it will be necessary for everyone to use extreme care with five of any kind in the Commonwealth's woods and fields this fall.

Game Protectors Report On Deer

Game Protector Thomas A. Mosier, Bellefonte, writes: On September 29, 1950 in Benner Township, Centre County, we had a doe deer killed on the highway by an automobile. The unusual part of it was that she was still carrying twin fawns.

Game Protector Claude Kelsey, Troutville, made this report on deer in his district: During September, I noted a large number of deer feeding on the farmers' buckwheat. These deer are in excellent condition and it is only right they should be, considering that they are feeding on choice foods.

Game Protector Sam B. Reed, Fine Grove Mills, reports: I have noted there are a good many fawn deer this fall. Some of them are still spotted and very small for this time of the year, which would indicate some fawns were born very late.

OLD TIMERS ASSOCIATION HELD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Mt. Joy Oldtimers Association held its semi-annual meeting Monday night with Benjamin Groff presiding. It was decided to hold the annual banquet on Tuesday, May 29 at the Mt. Joy American Legion Post No. 185.

DEER INJURED IN TRYING TO JUMP OVER A FENCE

A six point buck deer seriously injured itself while attempting to jump a wire fence at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, and was subsequently destroyed by Deputy Game Protector Jacob Nagel, Jr., Elizabethtown RI, Saturday, Game Protector John M. Haverstick reported. Haverstick said the meat was given to the Zion Orphanage Home at Florin.

Luther J. Lawver, a student at E'town College has been assigned a charge to preach at the Methodist Church, Parkersburg.

Donegal Airport News

Commercial Course Flyer Robert Brenner and Instructor John Hawthorne made a cross country trip to Johnstown on Sunday.

Ironic note for those who drive to Philadelphia—The quickest way to fly to Philly is to fly over the city, land at Camden Central Airport, take a bus or taxi over the bridge, and quick and easy you're there.

Bruce Robinson, David Nauman and Phares Landis flew to Bloomsburg Municipal Airport on Sunday afternoon.

A recent early morning visitor, was pilot James Baker of Hanover, Pa. He landed here enroute to Massachusetts where he expected to trade his Cub on a Cessna. He was glad for hot coffee and the loan of a pair of gloves, as the Cub had a loose window and his cabin heater was not operating.

Ones "radius of action" surely is increased by the use of the small airplane, for instance, our local flyers will go to Lancaster, Harrisburg or York for a cup of coffee, to Allentown or Philadelphia for breakfast or up to 600 miles or more for a one daycross-country trip.

There is considerable interest in the reactivation of the Civil Air Patrol. Lt. James Thomas of Lancaster is organizing, and has enrolled several members from among the local pilots. This organization did much valuable flying during World War II, in submarine patrol, search for missing military aircraft within the United States and other valuable services. In the event of war the Civil Air Patrol will be of vital service in the home defense.

SPORTSMEN NOMINATE OFFICERS—CONTEST ENDS

Monday evening the Mount Joy Sportsmen's Association met in its regular session at the Fire House.

At the nomination of officers Elwood Martin was slated as president; vice president, Earl Wolfe and Paul Diffenderfer; recording secretary, Alvin Koser; assistant, Marshall Dussinger; financial secretary, Harold Etsell; assistant, Edward Pennell; treasurer, Lloyd Myers; directors, Paul Diffenderfer and Christ Miller.

Mr. George Bowers showed the film "Realms of the Wild".

The association has a membership of 347 persons. Fish committee reported 37 trout and 280 bass were raised and stocked in nearby streams, also that the fish contest will close November 30. Prizes for the largest fish caught will be awarded at that time.

LOST TO COLUMBIA IN A CLOSE GAME MONDAY

Mount Joy Legion County Leaguers lost its opening basket ball game of the season to Columbia, last year's champs Monday night by the close score of 59-55. Mt. Joy lead at half time 26-17 but Columbia finished strong scoring 24 points in the third period. Score:

Table with columns for player names and scores for Mt. Joy and Columbia.

DEER STUNNED BY AUTO REVIVES AND FLEES JAM

A buck deer, believed to have been killed when hit by an automobile on Route 441, west of Bainbridge, one evening last week, revived and disappeared while motorists awaited the arrival of a game warden.

HUNTER FINED FOR FIRING INTO A SQUIRREL'S NEST

George W. Myers, of Middletown, while hunting in West Donegal township last Wednesday, was caught shooting into a squirrel's nest and was fined \$10 by Game Protector Robert McKain.

HARRY G. FISHER, COLUMBIA, PAID \$45 FOR HUNTING IN EAST DONEGAL TWP.

Harry G. Fisher, Columbia, paid \$45 for hunting in East Donegal twp. He had no license and shot within 150 feet of an occupied building.

MARSH GEMBERLING INKS CONTRACT WITH ROCKETS

Marsh Gemberling, a six foot four inch, 210 pound center, from town, came to terms with the Lancaster Rockets. This will be the third season that the local ace will perform with the Lancaster team, associated with the Eastern Professional Basketball League.

Gemberling began his basketball career at Mt. Joy High School and then spent three years in the Army Air Corps. While in the service he played with the Smyrna Army Air Base squad, one of the best in the country at that time. Marsh holds what is believed to be a service scoring record, when he racked up 71 points in one contest.

Following his tour of duty with Uncle Sam, Gemberling entered Lebanon Valley College and led the Dutchmen's quintet in scoring in his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years, averaging around 300 points per season.

After graduation, he joined the Baltimore Bullets in the NBA, went to the Scranton Miners in the American circuit and then came to Lancaster at mid-season of 1948-49. Last year with the Rockets, he dropped in a total of 250 counters. Gemberling's athletic talents are not limited to the court. This past baseball season, he helped pitch the New Bern, North Carolina team to the Coastal Plain League pennant. He chalked up a respectable 15-9 record on the mound.

Other League Scores

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