

OWL LAFFS



— BY — A WISE OWL

The geese may be flying north, the robins and blackbirds flitting about and the daffodils blooming, but I'm still waiting for that first sure sign of Spring, and that's when the fellows are late getting to the fire house in the evening and complain of aching backs and stiff muscles from diggin' garden and cleanin' up the yard.

I almost got my face slapped today! I met the wife of an acquaintance of mine from York. I never did know her too well and just for conversation sake, I asked: "Whatever happened to that dizzy red-head your husband used to run around with?" She gave me an icy glare and answered: "I dyed my hair!"

Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is quite as satisfying as an income tax refund.

Which reminds me — Carl told me he calls his girl Income Tax because of her staggering figure.

A couple Senior boys were discussing their coming enlistments, when the one asked: "Why don't you volunteer for submarine duty?" "Because I don't want to be on no ship that sinks on purpose or not on purpose."

One of our down-towners told his wife he was late in getting home because he had his nose to the grindstone all day.

She said: "You better get a grindstone that doesn't get rouge, lipstick and powder all over you."

A man here who was out of work all Winter finally got a job. They have a new baby.

Just heard Bill Enck tell this one on Sunday. "Always keep in mind . . . you can't learn much listening to yourself."

"Papa," called a little Main St. girl from the front door, "there's a man here to see you." "Does he have a bill?" her father asked. "No," replied the child, "he just has an ordinary nose like you."

Just a slight misunderstanding.

If you see a very odd animal hanging around our shop anytime, don't be alarmed. It's a monkey our gang brought back from Philly on Saturday. — — — What a bunch of characters.

At a club dinner the other evening the MC introduced one of the speakers by saying: "Our next guest has an electric personality but unfortunately his transformer is all shot."

A mental patient was about to be released after twenty years of incarceration. He put on his best suit, then decided to shave himself. As he stood in front of the mirror, razor in hand, a nurse, passing by, called a cheery message of, "Good luck, fellow."

As he turned to answer her, the razor caught in the string supporting the mirror and the mirror slipped to the floor. The patient turning around, was now gazing at a black wall.

"Damn it," he said, "just my luck, just as I'm ready to leave here after twenty years, I cut my head off!"

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LANCASTER CO. WHITE FLYER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT APR. 5

Announcement was made of the Lancaster County Championship White Flyer Shoot to be held on the New Holland Rod and Gun Club grounds on Saturday, April 5 starting at 12 noon.

Dr. L. H. Chapney, of Quarryville, is the defending champion.

DATES CHANGED FOR SALUNGA MINSTREL SHOW

The Mothers Club of Salunga will present their Minstrel Show on Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5 in the Maple Grove School.

Weekly Letter By Penna. State Game Commission

Middleburg Game Protector Ray E. Holtzapfel explains the method Howard Hane, Hummels Wharf, Snyder County, used to catch muskrats during the past season.

Holtzapfel says: "Have placed crates of apples in his garage and waited until muskrats started chewing at the crates and carrying away apples. He then set steel traps about the crates and, presto, he had a catch."

"During the past season he caught 4 rats in his garage in one steel trap. The odd thing is that Hane does not live close to muskrat territory. The nearest body of water is the Susquehanna River, which is about one-half mile away."

Rabbits showing Up This Winter
Edward W. Campbell, a Franklin County game protector, says: "These little rabbits that weren't there last small game season are showing up pretty well in places on the snow."

Campbell reports: "We have had more rabbit damage in the orchards of this district than we like to think about. In one orchard the damage was extremely high. By the end of January we had trapped 58 cotton-tails out of this particular orchard. The people who hunted it last fall said there were no rabbits there."

Sportsmen Promote Farmer Safety
Game Protector John R. Hiller of Hopewell, reports that last fall the Bedford County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs had 10,000 safety zone signs printed to be distributed to farmers to post around their buildings.

Hiller said, "This move had a good sportsman-farmer relations aspect. As I drove over Bedford Co. last fall it was pleasant to see safety zone signs posted where previously there were no trespass signs."

"Most of the farmers are of the opinion that the safety zone signs provided them more protection from careless hunters than did no trespass signs," said Hiller, and he suggested: "Judging from what I observed, this would be a worthwhile project for sportsmen in all 67 counties, to foster."

Wild Mother Takes Over
Ralph Kline, a Game Commission food and cover workman living at Manchester, York County, related the following incident. It suggests that generally approved method of handling young squirrels and raccoons forcibly deposed from their den, if the mother animal is not killed.

Said Kline: "While cutting woodland borders we felled a tree. The hollow part of it, near the top, broke off and a nest of little squirrels was thrown out."

"We put the little fellows in the trunk we had sawed off and placed the nest beside the stump of the tree. The next morning the five babies were gone. We believe the mother moved them to a safe new home."

Rattles Grow Tough In Pa.
Last winter, numerous snakes were reported seen or killed on snow in the Keystone State. Now comes a rash of new stories of rattlesnakes defying cold weather and refusing to hibernate with other reptiles below the frost line.

Game Protector Dean M. Crooks, Bellwood, says: "Along the Blair-Centre County line, about 2:30 p.m. last December 3, James C. Freeman killed a rattlesnake that was just over 3 feet in length that carried 12 rattles. Freeman was driving deer when he heard the familiar buzz. The snake struck once, but seemed sluggish. The temperature was about 70 degrees in the sun, where the snake lay when discovered."

Game Protector Charles F. Keiper, Renova, offers this: "We had some unusually warm weather in Clinton County during the first week of the past deer season. In fact, it was warm enough to bring out a rattlesnake. On December 6, Paul H. Seitsinger, of Wernersville, Pa., killed a large buzztail that carried 9 rattles and a button."

A Philadelphia Deputy Game Protector, David S. Rolston, reports this casually: "In Lycoming County on December 5, 1951, the temperature was 54 at noon. I was sitting on a stone fence when I heard a rattlesnake behind me. I could not move around to locate it because we had a deer drive on at the time."

Two other hunters reported seeing rattlers in the same area in deer season."

Cock Pheasant Protects Own Crowing Area
"When I stocked pheasants in my district recently, an interesting thing happened." This from Game Protector J. P. Eicholtz, Strasburg, Lancaster County.

He continues: "I liberated a cock bird where I knew there were some hens. I had not seen a male pheasant around there for some time. When released from the crate the cock bird did a lot of cackling, ending his flight in a grove of pines. Immediately a native male pheasant lit into the intruder and gave him a trouncing. What a fight!"

HOME TALENT SHOW BY LIONS' CLUB ON MARCH 29
The local Lions Club has announced plans for a talent show to be held Saturday evening, March 29, in the local High school auditorium. Auditions will be held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the school.

John Cyrns, a Dutch underground leader from Holland, will be master of ceremonies for the affair during which three cash prizes will be awarded. They include a first prize of \$50, a second prize of \$25 and a third prize of \$15.

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

You know folks—after deep study and cogitation—I deduct and conclude that if measles and small-pox are catching, then "spending" is likewise. They act just alike. Here comes Sambo into a nice quiet community with a brief case full of mazzama, riding in tax exempt 1952 models, eating good—he sets an example. The local Mayor and the County Supervisors and the Principal over at the school-house, the secretary of the Commercial Club—they are not so slow they catch on. Seeing as how the taxpayers are half asleep, they cook up a new bond issue — and they commence riding around, eating good.

But you know, I am not too gloomy regarding same, I am peeved enough, you understand—I am just not too extra gloomy. It comes about—this feeling, I mean—on account a tax raising venture election here yesterday at Hickory. The school board went to the well with its pitcher once too often.

Here is how it happened. A Citizens Committee mailed a little notice to each voter. It read—at tomorrow's election it is proposed to raise your elementary school tax 48 per cent. It didn't say how to vote—yes or no—it just said, yours truly, Citizens Committee.

Spending is "epidemic" across the land—from old Spentdown-on-the-Big River to Oshkosh to Ta-toosh to Corpus Christie. But there is a cure—a citizens committee worked like a charm here at Hickory, yesterday.

Yours with the low down. JIMMIE

NATIONAL ROSE SHOW AT HERSHEY IN SEPTEMBER

Amateur rose growers, whether possessors of one rose bush or a thousand, will have the opportunity to compete for prizes during the National Rose Show, sponsored by the Penn-Jersey District of the American Rose Society, at the Hershey Community Building September 19 and 20, says the State Department of Commerce.

The competition is open to amateur rose growers whether they are members of the American Rose Society or not. Commercial rose growers are also being invited to send in special displays but these will not be in competition with the amateur exhibitors.

Mr. George W. Dick, of Shillington, show chairman, said there will be 10,000 square feet of display space available in the Hershey Community Building. In addition to the floral arrangements, commercial products which are used in rose and home gardening will be shown.

MANHEIM SENIORS WILL PRESENT A PLAY HERE

A cast of 25 students at the Manheim Central High school has been chosen for the Senior play to be held April 17-19, in the Mount Joy High school auditorium.

The play will be held here because the auditorium at Manheim Central is not yet completed, and the old auditorium is not adequate for presentation of the play, it was announced. The presentation will be "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Those In Service

San Marcos Air Force Base, Texas, March 15—Private Ralph M. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Snyder, of Mount Joy, is presently assigned at San Marcos Air Force Base, Texas, the home of the Air Force's liaison and helicopter pilot training schools.

Pvt. Snyder reported to San Marcos on March 6.

Brief News From The Dailies For Quick Reading

Mrs. George Hall has been named official Court House nurse at Lancaster.

An hour after 483 cases of whiskey valued at \$40,000 was stolen, it was recovered minus 62 cases.

An antique automobile show is being planned by the Lancaster Red Rose Antique Auto Club for the latter part of May.

Lebanon had its second destructive fire in 17 days. \$400,000 worth of foodstuffs was destroyed at the Sterling Wholesale Corp. Sunday.

At Lacey Spring, Va., a big tractor-trailer truck failed to make a curve at the foot of a hill, ran thru a house and didn't harm three people asleep on the second floor.

THE AUTO RACING SEASON OPENS AT READING APRIL 6

Already record thunder is predicted for the opening of the Eastern AAA big car auto racing season at the Reading Fairgrounds, Sunday, April 6th.

Speed salesman Sam Nunis announces the early flow of signed entry papers, along with many requests for seats, indicating there may be new marks for attendance as well as ace competitors. The streamlined and speedy Reading Fairgrounds' half-mile track is currently being made ready for the opener.

Racemaster Nunis, who annually presents the first AAA events here, as well as other inaugural races elsewhere, reports that entry papers for April 6 have been forwarded to the nation's leading drivers. Among those expected to thrill the opening day throng is Wild Bill Schindler, leading AAA record buster in 1951.

33 COUNTY STREAMS STOCKED WITH 1,350 BROOK TROUT

State Fish Warden Robert Bielo, announced that he will supervise the stocking of three county streams with 1,350 brook trout today.

He said the trout will arrive from the State Fish Hatchery at Humsdale, Cumberland County at the Marietta Post Office at 10:30 a.m. for this area. Bielo said he will stock the Donegal Springs Branch, Donegal Creek and Glad-felter's Run.

Coming Events!

Friday, April 4 — at the Legion Home, Easter Smoker by Post No. 185 Club of Mt. Joy American Legion.

WITNESSED QUO VADIS

Last week the Latin classes of Mount Joy High School attended a showing of the motion picture Quo Vadis in Lancaster. They were accompanied by Miss Catharine G. Zeller, Latin teacher.

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MONDAY — TUESDAY, MARCH 31 - APRIL 1
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WEDNESDAY — THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - 3
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