

OWL LAFFS



— BY —
A WISE OWL

Guy Spittler, extensive local junk dealer, (that boost will cost him a cigar), like most of us, sure has his troubles. At a sale last week one of his neighbors bought an heirloom in an old cupboard.

The neighbor asked Guy to take it along home and drop it off when he passed the house. Well, good-natured Guy granted the favor but when he tried to unload that cupboard the lady of the house threatened to break a leg, twist his neck, knock his ears off and a lot of other things that wouldn't look nice in print.

After all that, Guy drove on, took the cupboard home and now has it on his hands. And he hasn't been himself since.

One of our Frosh defined the spinal column as a bunch of bones that run up and down your back keeping you from being legs all the way up to your neck.

Teen agers were discussing their ancestors in class when one young lady remarked to a classmate (to whom she had just refused a date) "I'll have you understand that my grandmother was at the Boston Tea Party." His ego hurt, the boy replied: "Yeah, she was probably one of the first bags that was thrown over the side."

Once upon a time there was a man who always called a spade a spade, until he fell over one he had left lay in the middle of the garage floor.

A Marietta Avenue husband was quietly enjoying Sunday afternoon peace, when his wife, reading the fashion section of the paper, remarked: "Wasp-waists are back in style for spring. They were styled when you were courting me, dear." And absolutely without thought, her hubby answered: "I remember. That's how a lot of us fellows got stung." — — — — — And an utterly lovely Sunday was ruined.

Now here's a modern proposal. The Florin chap asked his girl: "Will you sail with me on the sea of matrimony?" And she sweetly replied: "Yes! As soon as you make a raft of money."

Speaking of matrimony—the ease with which they dispense of it today is shocking and it's even affecting the children's play. One divorcee asked her little girl: "Darling, where's your doll?" The child immediately exclaimed: "Aw, Willy has the doll. We're divorced and I'm awarded five lollypops a week alimony."

In my estimation money may not bring happiness, but most people like enough of it around so they can choose their own misery.

Overheard in the checkers line at the Acme. "Why gripe? You can't take it with you?" Came the reply: "So what? Taxes being what they are, you can't keep it here either!"

My son 7 years old and his friend were enjoying the afternoon painting pictures. My son finished his work and said: "See the fruit I painted?"

His friend eyed it and snorted: "That don't look like fruit to me!" My seven year old explained patiently, "Anybody can paint fruit, I painted the juice!" — — — — — Genius, no less.

I seem to be concentrating on the small fry this week, but they come forth with such wisdom I can't seem to pass it up. Just for instance—A Barbara St. Daddy was showing his six-year-old daughter pictures of when he and mother were married.

Weekly Letter By Penna. State Game Commission

Signs that herald the arrival of spring and new life also fortell the fiery death of many living things in the plant and animal world.

Foresters and wildlife conservationists dread early spring, the period before green growths have replaced dry, inflammable materials on the ground. They know too well the havoc wrought by uncontrolled forest and field fires.

Every year, persons who are careless with grass or brush fires, and smokers who indifferently toss away lighted matches and burning tobacco while outdoors, cause the unnecessary loss of much valuable timber, as well as food and cover for wildlife. In many cases, flames kill nesting birds and their eggs, or they destroy animals too young or too panicked and bewildered to run away, even while escape is possible.

Posters saying "Everybody loses when timber burns," "Break that match" and "Be sure your camp fire is dead out" are familiar to all. Other caution slogans long have warned of the dangers and the losses that accompany wild, running fires. Millions of persons have seen motion pictures or heard lectures on fire prevention, and young and old alike have learned valuable lessons from Smokey The Bear. Still, there will always be the careless or malicious who will set fires in spite of any amount of education and warning. They are the ones that cause sweating, choking fire crews grueling hours of grimy, wearying work.

Pennsylvania has an excellent record in forest fire fighting and control. Of most importance, however, is the prevention of such fires. In these critical times resource conservation is tremendously important. Anyone who would wantonly or negligently burn and kill plant and animal life now is guilty not only of criminal disregard for private and state property, he must be considered actually traitorous, to a degree.

Fox Not Choosy About Fare
Said Lewis H. Estep, Berwick game protector, "On one of the rabbit farms in my district I noticed the farmer had a nice flock of muscovy ducks. Knowing that foxes inhabit a brush patch nearby, I asked the man in January whether foxes ever bothered the ducks. He said they hadn't to the best of his knowledge.

"Later, when the farmer had finished trapping bunnies on the rabbit farm he told me foxes had taken 28 of his ducks within 2 weeks. This makes it appear that the foxes lived on natural fare, rabbits, until the supply was reduced, then switched to ducks."

Rabies Campaign Report
The Game Commission reports satisfactory and steady progress in the areas being treated with poison to stamp out the rabies scourge. The recent change from snow and cold to warm spring weather has advanced the program considerably in the northeastern counties.

The Department of Agriculture recently reported the following 18 positive cases of rabies in counties named the week of March 17 alone: Montgomery County, 7 foxes, 1 cat; Chester, 3 foxes; Susquehanna, one fox, 1 dog; Butler, 1 fox; Bradford 1 cat; Delaware, 1 fox; Lancaster, 1 fox; and Lackawanna, 1 dog.

Excerpts from a Department of Agriculture release dated March 20 read: "There has been a sharp drop in recent weeks in the number of claims for state payment on losses of livestock and poultry killed or injured by uncontrolled dogs and wild foxes.

"Since the Game Commission started a poison campaign against foxes—the killing and injury of livestock and poultry has dropped to lower levels than for many months.

"To date, rabies has appeared in 16 counties—Up to March 20 the number of cases of rabies identified by the Department of Agriculture since January 1 totaled 148. Of these, 23 were found in dogs, 5 in cats, 31 in cattle, 83 in foxes, and there were 4 sheep, 1 pig and 1 raccoon.

"Montgomery County has had forty cases including 31 foxes, Chester note which read: "Please call and see my husband. It's his head. He's had it off and on all day today and yesterday and today he's sitting with it in his hands between his knees."

Got your trout flies all tied and your equipment all ship-shape? It won't be long now!

28 cases of which 21 were foxes. Other counties had the following totals for all species of animals: Bradford 6, Butler 3, Crawford 1, Delaware 8, Indiana 2, Lackawanna 1, Lancaster 2, Luzerne 14 (including 10 foxes), Lycoming 1, Somerset 3, Susquehanna 22 (including 14 cattle), Venango 1, Wyoming 14, and Wayne 2."

A spokesman for the Department of Agriculture reported that the voluntary vaccination of dogs (anti-rabies vaccine) has increased tremendously in recent weeks.

Dogs Undo Owners' Precautions
It was recently reported that in Sullivan County, where game protectors are placing poison to kill rabid foxes, there was such a run on dog collars it became almost impossible to find a dealer with one in stock. An unusual number of dogs wearing bright new collars were observed tied in yards, but there were, also, numerous dogs running about dragging a length of rope.

Evidently, many persons who recognized the need to tie up their pets failed to check with the resourcefulness of a canine. The dogs, it would seem, became so fretful under restraint they chewed through tie ropes to regain their former freedom.

Winter Kind To Wildlife
Pennsylvania fortunately did not suffer the deep snows and late storms that plagued some other states this past winter. As a result, her wildlife has come through the critical months with little loss and in good condition, it is generally reported.

FOUR SENIORS REPORT ON LECTURE THEY HEARD FRIDAY
On Friday afternoon, March 28th, four girls from the senior class of Mount Joy High School attended a Civil Defense lecture sponsored by the Women's Republican Club of Lancaster. It was held on E. Orange Street, Lancaster. The four girls attending were Nancy Ashenberger, Polly Brooks, Verla Sullenberger, and Jane Wisegarver. There were students there representing nearly every school in the county. The speaker was Dr. Richard Gerstell, who is State Director of Civil Defense.

Dr. Gerstell explained the effects of the Atomic Bomb, and the results of the tests in Bikini and in the West. He said that heat and blast cause the direct damage, but flying glass accounts for most of the accidents. The A-Bomb itself cannot cause fires, because after the heat comes and starts a fire, the blast comes three seconds later and blows it out. Therefore the fires after an A-Bomb attack are caused mostly by houses falling on stoves and by short circuits in wires. Dr. Gerstell also told how you should protect yourself if there were an A-Bomb attack.

Besides explaining the affects that rumors about the A-Bomb have on us. He said people hear something and believe it without stopping to reason whether or not it is possible. He used biological warfare as an example. It seems scientists found food poison extract from food can be utilized and one ounce of it can kill 840,000,000 mice. Then somebody figured that pound for pound that would be 220,000,000 people (More than the population of the United States.) This started the rumor that a new weapon had been discovered which could wipe out the whole United States in one day with one ounce of it. Dr. Gerstell explained how foolish this was. He said that dividing one ounce of that poison among everybody in the United States would be like dividing one aspirin among that many people.

Those In Service
On His Way Home
Word was received that Raymond T. Harple, Manheim R2, docked at San Francisco on Sunday. He was with the Marines in Korea. Sgt. Harple was among six Lancaster County boys who returned home.

Won Bowling Honor's
Cpl. Marlin Frey, who is stationed at the Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas and who was captain of the 3707 Keglers, was presented and congratulated by CO Col. William Feallock II with the team trophy as the winners of the 1951-52 season in the 3700th BMAG bowling league.

Cpl. Frey is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Frey, Columbia Ave.

Coming Events!
Friday, April 4 — at the Legion Home, Easter Smoker by Post No. 185 Club of Mt. Joy American Legion.
April 3 and 4—the Junior Class of M. J. H. S. will present "The Fighting Littles, in the high school auditorium.

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

Now, today, with the ink just about dry on your last check in favor of the Tax-man-paying up the last installment on 1951—is a good time to rub some salt in the wounds of the nice people of the land ere they forget the late unpleasantness. Something has gotta be done or March 15, 1953—one year hence—will be even more painful. And in between times the County and the State and your own Town will be looking you over with a sharp eye to see if there is a nickel or dime's worth of excess fat on your bones that could be whittled off.

What is next, is not easy to deduct. But one thing—sure as the little apples are in the bottom of the barrel—there are more proposed tax novelties in the offing, like a service charge for the use of a sewage system, which is yours in the first place—you paid for it. Our need today is a citizens committee. It could call upon the Major, the County officers, the Governor—lay down the law. Then, in due course, if nothing happened, and expenses continued to soar, take a leaf from the book of the old "Vigilantes"—let the Committee chairman carry a rope in the crook of his elbow.

And after a little local practice, the Committee could, with rope still in hand, take off for that loose and free spending Capitol of this, our once thrifty land, or we will wake up a gone-gosling.

Yours with the low down,
JIMMIE

WHAT A CROWD
As 11,173 spectators looked on, the Harlem Globetrotters defeated a team of College All-Stars at Hershey Monday night 59 to 53.

The old ferry boats that have crossed the Delaware river at Philadelphia for many years have gone out of business.

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