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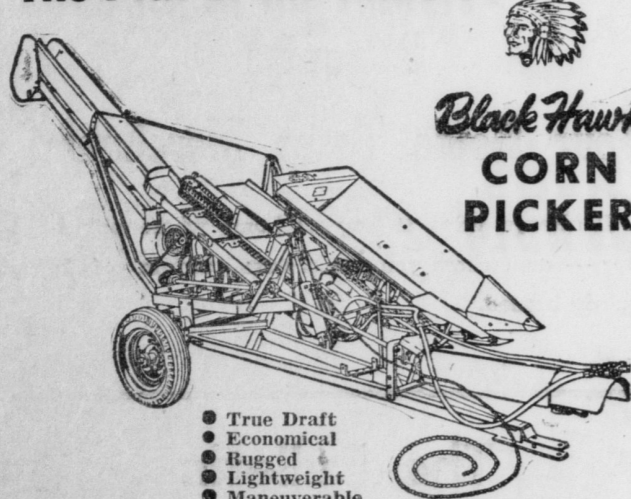
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**Weekly Letter
Penna. Game
Commission**

Modern-day Robinhoods will go afield in the first of Pennsylvania's 1953 deer seasons. Hunting hours are 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, except on Sunday. The season ends at 5 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 24. This will be the third state-wide special bow season in the Commonwealth. Legal bucks will be those with 2 or more points to one antler or with an antler 3 or more inches long without points, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

The bow hunter is required to own and wear a "regular" 1953 hunting license and a special archery license. The latter costing \$2.00, may be purchased only at the Department of Revenue, Harrisburg. The same special archery license permits the holder to hunt legal game in the state's two archery preserves. One is in Sullivan County, near Central, the other is in Forest County, near Kellettsville.

In Pennsylvania's first separate bow and arrow season for male deer, in 1951, 5542 archery licenses were issued and 33 legal bucks were reported slain by bowmen. Last year, 8446 licenses were issued and 24 horned deer were reported taken by the bow and arrow method. If the history of the growth of the sport in other states is any indication, many additional archers will seek bucks this October in the Keystone State.

A large percentage of bow hunters question they will see a legal target in range, or have the ability to bring it down once sighted. Many say being out in the invigorating autumn days among colorful foliage is repayment enough. It is the fervent hope of avid bowmen, however, that ground conditions will be damp, so that they may realize the added thrill of stealthily stalking their quarry within striking range. In the 1952 bow season conditions underfoot were so crackling dry it was impossible to use this method successfully.

The so-called duck season opens at 12:00 noon, October 15. The federally-set waterfowl regulations and those on other migratory game birds are not broadcast generally, as are those governing small and large game hunting. Therefore the following reminders.

Waterfowl hunters in this state are required to have a 1953 Pennsylvania hunting license and a migratory bird hunting stamp to hunt ducks, geese, coots and brandt. The \$2 federal stamp is available at post offices. This stamp is not required in hunting sora, gallinules, woodcock, Wilson's or jacksnipe or doves.

Sunday hunting for migratory fowl or other wild game is not allowed in Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 31, woodcock and migratory waterfowl, through then in season, may not be hunted before 9 a. m., the opening hour of the small season.

This year, except the first day of season and Oct. 31, the daily starting time is one-half hour before sunrise, as formerly. But the closing time has been extended to sunset, one hour later than last year.

The season on ducks, geese and coots runs from October 15 to December 12, inclusive. On brandt the two-week season is October 15 to October 29, inclusive.

The two-week season on Wilson's or jacksnipe extends from October 2 to 16, inclusive. Hunting hours are the same as for ducks. The daily limit is 8, the possession limit 8.

The woodcock season extends from Oct. 2 to November 10, inclusive. The daily bag is 4, and 8 are allowed in possession after the first day. Hours are the same as for ducks, with a 9 a. m. starting time on October 31.

The daily bag limit of ducks will be 4 this year, with a possession limit of 8. One wood duck may be included in the daily limit of 4 ducks, but only one may be in possession.

These limits do not include mergansers. The season on American and red-breasted mergansers pairs with that on ducks, with a daily and possession limit of 25. For hooded

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**Smallest Potato
Crop Forecast**

Harrisburg, Oct. 1 — Potato growers of Pennsylvania suffered a decline of 1,200,000 bushels or six percent in their 1953 crop during the dry and hot weather the last three weeks in August, the State Department of Agriculture announced following Federal-State surveys. Rain of early September aided growth of tubers in some late planted fields, but the State

estimate of 13,200,000 bushels as of September 1 is for the smallest crop ever grown in Pennsylvania, the Department said.

A potato crop of this size, if realized, will be eight percent below last years and about two-thirds of the 1942-51 average production of 19,466,000 bushels. Except in Potter county where many potatoes are grown for State seed certification, crop conditions was reported as poor, especially in

the western part of the State. In the northwest early Cobblers were about half a crop. In northeastern counties the set was light and tubers small.

Throughout the central and western counties heat and drought ripened the potato crop prematurely. Some reported Cobblers were a failure. Vines dried early and rapidly in the important Leigh-Northampton area. Some fields were so far advanced that rains would not be beneficial. In the 29 states where late

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The daily limit on geese has per day. This season's possession been reduced by 1 bird, or 2 limit, however, is 4, one more than in '52. A hunter may not have more than 2 geese (snow geese excepted) in a straight or mixed bag a day, or 4 in possession after the first day.

The daily and possession limit on brandt is 6 and 6, double last year's limits. There is no open season this year on snow geese or swans.

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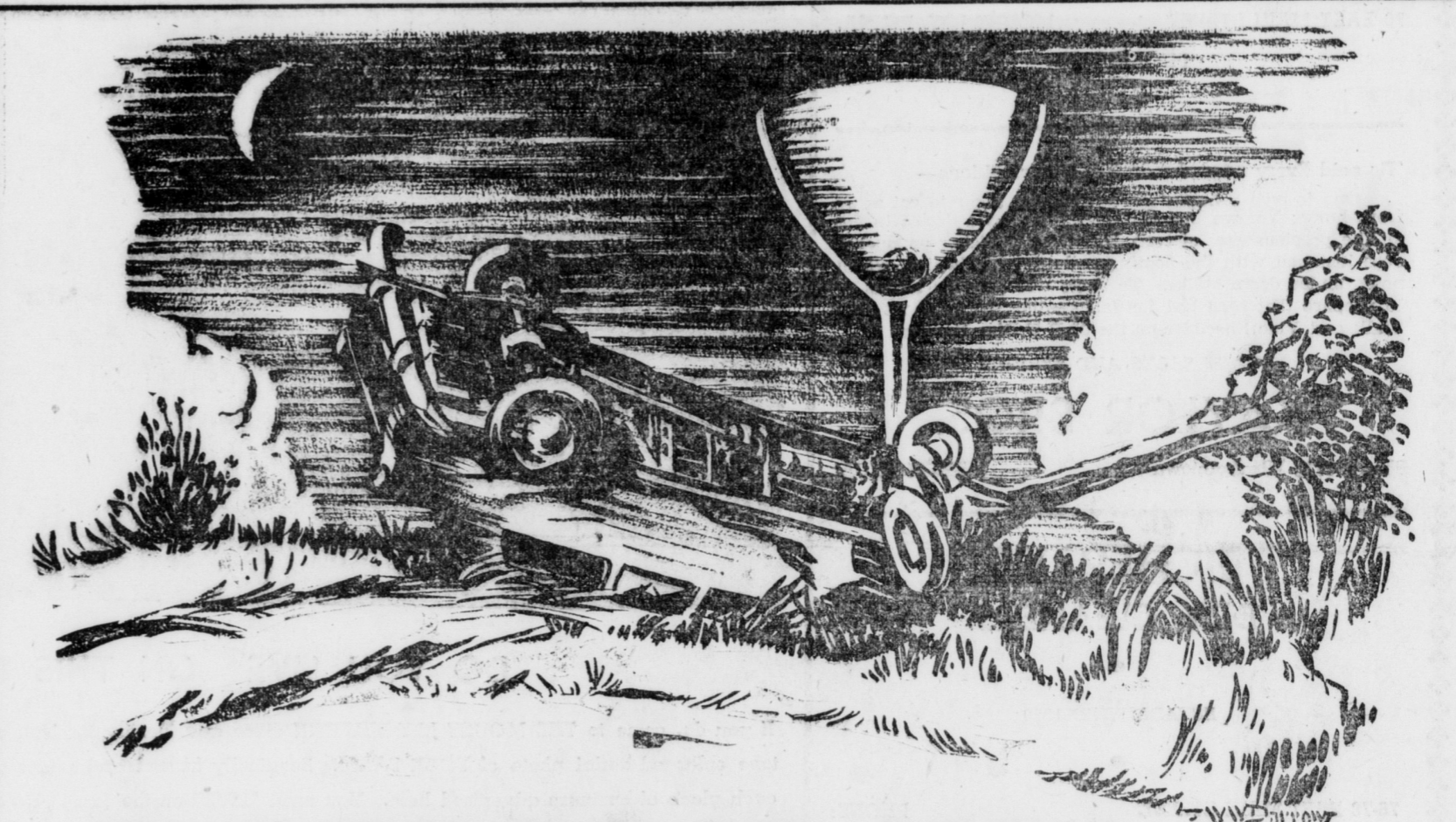
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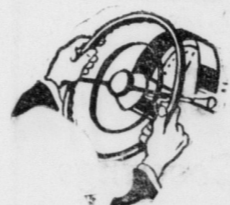
The party's over—Bottoms Up! Let's get going! For thousands of men and women—children and pedestrians, too—that has been the beginning of the end. On the highway at night, where the road curved and the hazy driver drove straight ahead, there was another "Bottoms Up!" and the end of the last drive.

It's hard to convince a person who has had a few drinks that he shouldn't drive. Alcoholic stimulation engenders a false confidence in his ability. In reality, his reactions have slowed down, his perception and judgment lowered—driving alertness gone. In a later stage the road blurs, lights blind as he fights drowsiness, loses control.

Seldom is he endangering his life alone. He is also endangering the lives of those traveling with him and others on the streets and highways. In 35 states 166,179 drivers lost their licenses in 1952 for drinking and driving. Thirty-five per cent of all revocations are brought against drinking drivers.

If you have been drinking, either let someone else drive, leave your car and call a taxi, or stay where you are until your senses clear. Stay off the road!

Don't kid yourself into a "Bottoms Up" drive—it can be fatal!



SLOW DOWN—LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS!

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