

Weekly Letter Penna. Game Commission

Since the opening of the timberdoodle season, October 2nd, hunting for woodcock has been about half the normal amount, statewide, according to late October reports. Drought conditions have affected the behavior of the woodcock, and the absence of flight has lessened the hunter interest. The result has been a light kill, so far. The season closes November 10.

Waterfowl. The so-called duck season opened, October 15 with fair shooting. As with the woodcock, most of the shooting and the greatest success occurred in the northern part of the state, principally the northwest and northeast.

In the northwest, the duck kill was comparable to that of 1952 in the same period. There was an exceptionally good bag of Canadian geese in the Pymatung Refuge vicinity. Waterfowl hunting success in southern counties, in the early part of the season, was less than in northern counties.

The wood duck kill was reported high in the northern corners of the state. Native ducks bore the brunt of the early day shooting. Duck and goose flights from the north had not yet materialized to provide the great number of winged targets that will later arrive in the state.

Archery Season
The 1953 bow and arrow hunters' deer season, which ended October 24, chalked up more buck kills than either of the two previous ones. In fact according to archers' reports made to the Game Commission, the number of legal antlered deer taken by bowmen in the two-week 1953 season equalled that of the 1951 and 1952 seasons together, or 57, as of October 28th. Undoubtedly, there will be a few more reported.

Director Lauds Hunters
During recent weeks, 10,600 bow and arrow deer hunters, some 15,000 woodcock and dove hunters and about 40,000 waterfowl hunters have been afield during a period when fields and forests presented a mounting fire hazard. Yet, not one single fire was attributed to a hunter during this time.

Logan J. Bennett, Executive Director of the Game Commission, commends hunters for this fire safety record. He says, however, that if conditions become dry again a continuation of this fine record could be a goal for hunters for the remainder of the hunting season.

Deer Cause Excitement
Datelined October 24, an Associated Press item in the Pittsburgh Press told how a Pittsburgh man bagged five deer with his auto along the Ohio River Boulevard in the "Smoky City."

The driver of the car said 6 deer ran from a wooded area into the path of his moving vehicle. In turning his car to miss the lead deer the autoist crashed into the remaining five — a buck, a doe and three fawns — killing them.

Near Philadelphia, a day later, a deer "proved a discourteous visitor and caused hundreds of dollars worth of property damage during a three-mile chase before police finally trapped it," the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The newspaper said, further: "During the rampage the deer crashed into a garage, wrecked the front end of an automobile, leveled several hedges and saplings, and destroyed flower gardens in South Ardmore, Brookline and Chatham Village."

South Dakota Takes Unusual Step To Solve Deer Problem
The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks has taken the most logical step toward remedying the acute deer problem existing in the Black Hills area, according to the Wildlife Management Institute. The Department has issued licenses entitling sportsmen to bag two deer of any age or either sex in November.

The Wildlife Management Institute says: "Because South Dakota has too few deer hunters, even this liberal-sounding season may fail to bring a satisfactory harvest. For many years it has been well known that range destruction and herd

starvation were prevalent in the Black Hills. No wildlife resource can be managed beneficially by merely disregarding it; stable crops of game are assured only through realistic programs.

Although the South Dakota Commissioners may be criticized by a few local people who, like others in many states, unceasingly refuse to consider the game animal problems objectively, they are to be commended for their action."

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If any doubts remain that Pennsylvania is outstripping all the other states in the Nation in the growth of its industrial capacity, they should be settled by a recent release of the United States Census. This report on manufacturers' expenditures for new plants and equipment shows that the private industry of our Commonwealth continued the record of expansion which the Census has been reporting since 1949. In 1952, the State Planning Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce points out, the manufacturing establishments of our State spent \$929,378,000 for new structures, additions to their plants, and new machinery and equipment. In every category Pennsylvania led the Nation in plant expansion. Its manufacturers installed more new machinery than those of any other state and spent far

more for new structure and plant expansion than those of any other state. Except in the case of Ohio, Pennsylvania's lead in all types of expenditure for increased industrial capacity is measured in hundreds of millions of dollars. As to Ohio, the second state, Pennsylvania is ahead in total expenditure by 182 million dollars, leads in expenditure for new structures by 77 million dollars, and leads in expenditure for new machinery by 105 million dollars.

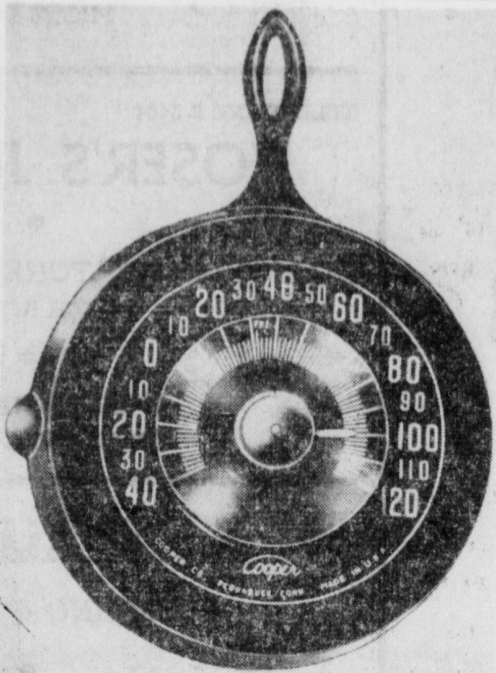
A few comparisons will indicate how far the growth of Pa's industrial capacity exceeds that in other states. The total expenditures for that purpose in 1952 were more than twice this for all six states in New England and exceed those of the three Pacific states, Washington, Oregon and California - by 247 million dollars. Expenditures for industrial growth in Pennsylvania exceed those in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas combined by more than 17 million dollars and exceed

the expansion in Illinois or Michigan by more than 300 million dollars. It has been generally believed here in the East that industrial growth in California is proceeding at a rate that will soon leave the older eastern states far behind. The Census record tells a different story. Last year plant expansion in Pennsylvania was more than twice that in the State of California.

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HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO SEE FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY
The Mount Joy High School band will visit the West Chester State Teachers' College Friday evening when they will see the West Chester-Millersville football game. The band is being given the trip by the Mount Joy High School Band Club. Since the senior play is the same evening, the thirteen seniors will be guests at a hockey game at a future date.

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