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### FLORIN

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bixler, of E-town entertained the following guests at a dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Frey and family, Marlin, Gene, Ruth, Harry and Judy, Mt. Joy; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mumper, Elizabethtown; Mr. John Frye, Mrs. Katie Couch, Florin; Elsie Bixler, Joyce Weaver, E-town; Mrs. Martha Sheaffer and daughter Elaine, Mt. Joy; Janet Seiders, Marvin Helt, Harold Bixler, Elizabethtown, Mr. Melvin Frey and son Edward, Manheim.

Twenty-one of the Women's Work Group of the Church of the Brethren served at the Lancaster General Hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Kaufman and Mrs. I. B. Gladfelter and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bigler and daughters, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barr at Philadelphia on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ballard of Hershey and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCurdy, of Palmyra, were guests of Mrs. Lillian Hamilton and family Sunday.

Pvt. Henry Becker of Camp Atterbury, Ind. is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Eshelman of Columbia, visited the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mumper Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Becker entertained the following to dinner on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Myers and daughter Beverly Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin Jr. and daughter Linda. And these guests to supper, Mr. Ralph Souder and children of Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nye and family of Hummelstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Geibe of Mount Joy.

### Weekly Letter Penna. Game Commission

Many thousands of sportsmen eagerly await the opening of the one-week Pennsylvania bear season. It begins November 16, ends November 21. Daily shooting hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A person hunting as an individual may take one bear; a hunting party of three or more persons may take two bears. Five or more persons hunting together must maintain a big game roster. A legal bear in the Keystone State is an animal more than one year old. For several good reasons it is recommended the hunter look carefully and make sure his intended quarry is a large bear, a real prize.

Pennsylvania is one of the leading black bear states of the nation but, because of unsatisfactory weather in the 1952 season, the bag was only 261. If Nature "cooperates" this season and bear hunters are afforded the opportunity to seek trophies on a light snow, when visibility is good, the '53 kill in the state could reach 500 or more.

Most bear hunting is done in thick cover, where dark clothing sometimes causes an anxious hunter to mistake a human for a bear. Therefore, it appears that, as a common sense safety precaution, bear hunters would be wise to wear fluorescent or other conspicuous clothing that will flash warning to others. Bears have poor eyesight, and bright clothing will not lessen the hunter's chance of getting a trophy.

**Hungry Bears Make The News**

Scarcity of natural forage has caused many black bears in Pennsylvania to go on a rampage the last eight or ten weeks. It is the habit of bears to feed heavily during the fall months in order to fatten up prior to the cold, hibernation months of winter. When the food crop in the wild is inadequate the big carnivores raid bee hives and orchards quite brazenly. They may even kill livestock. At such a time, though bears take on a calm, tame appearance, humans should remain at a respectful, distrustful distance. Ordinarily afraid of humans, black bears sometimes become dangerous in response to over familiarity by man, particularly if they sense someone is interfering with their opportunity to reach food.

Bruins in northern counties have been visiting garbage dumps regularly while people watched, nearby. One bear was reported to have torn off a door of a house, another to have rummaged through the trunk of a car—both in search of food. A hauling 400 pound bear was killed, recently, when he and four others returned once too often to break down apple trees in search of the fruit.

As of October 29th, the Game Commission office, at Harrisburg, received 58 bear damage claims an unusual number since June 1, the start of the fiscal year. They came from 13

### New Brownie Troop Invested Wednesday

Seventeen girls took part in an investiture ceremony to become Brownie Troop No. 170 of Mount Joy. Under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Billow, the ceremony was held Wednesday in the Presbyterian Church. The girls dramatized the Brownie story and sang several songs.

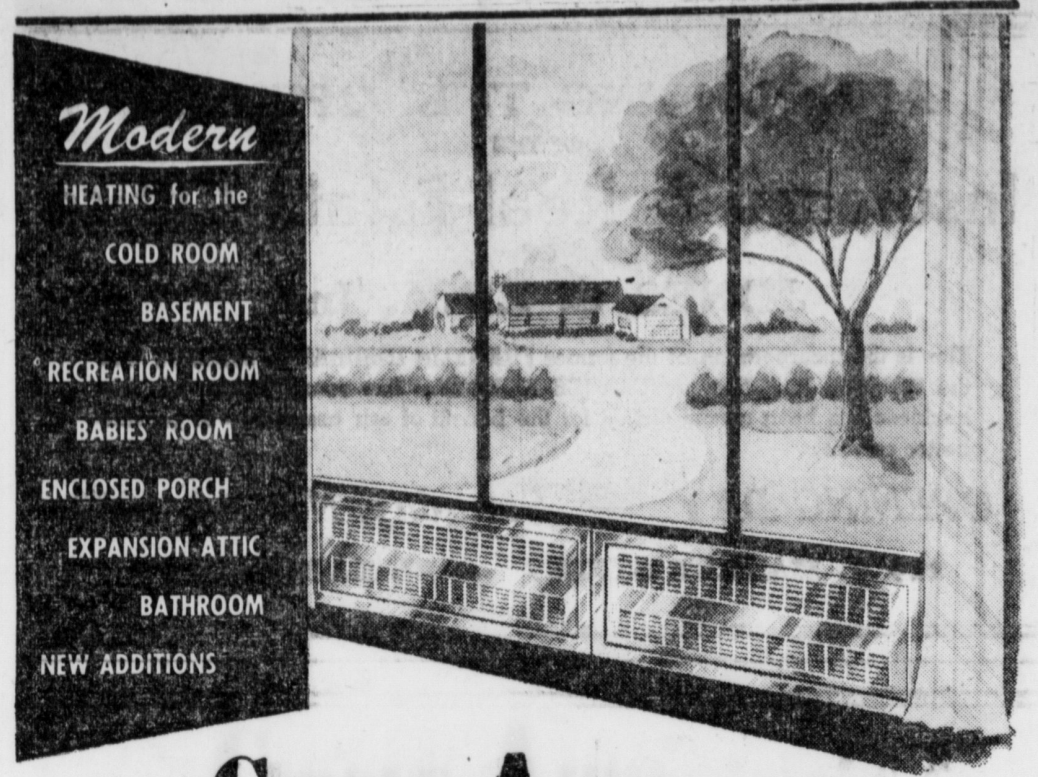
Parents of the girls were guests of the ceremony and following the program, refreshments were served. Mrs. R. M. Thome is the new chairman of the committee and her new members are Mrs. Bruce Greiner, Mrs. Robert McGinley, Mrs. Edward Brown and Mrs. Burton Shupp. The new troop of third graders is sponsored by the Walter S. Ebersole Post 185 American Legion Auxiliary.

The girls of the troop are Lois Anderson, Cleon Brandt, Sharon Copenhaver; Lora Lee Foley, Lillian Good, Jean Hartman, Judith Kipple, Sandra Kretzing, Barbara McGinley, Cora McCowen, Barbara Olson, Mary Ellen O'Conner, Helen Rutt, Georgianne Schneider, Nancy Schlosser, Sally Ann Ulrich and Fern Wolgemuth. Mrs. Billow's assistants are Mrs. Ray Helwig and Mrs. Frank Hassinger.

By far the heaviest damage was to bee hives. All but three of the claims covered such destruction. Of these three, two involved sheep and the other a Holstein calf. The largest claim was for \$195, paid for 3 Dorset sheep and 5 Dorset lambs. Bear damage has increased noticeably since September 1st.

**Winter Food Outlook For Game Discouraging**

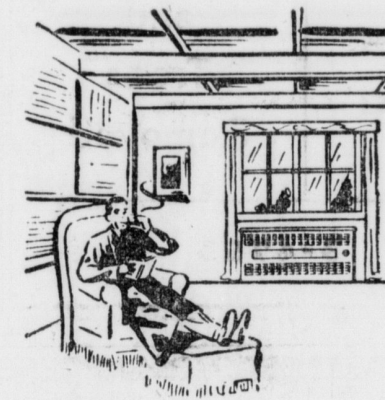
This recent report by Game Protector William J. Carpenter, Mt. Jewett, McKean County, is typical of those received from various officers in the northern counties. Says Carpenter, an experienced woodsman: "The outlook for winter game food is not good in my district. There are few beechnuts, acorns and cherries. Bears seem to be more plentiful than usual. They have done considerable damage to bee hives of late."



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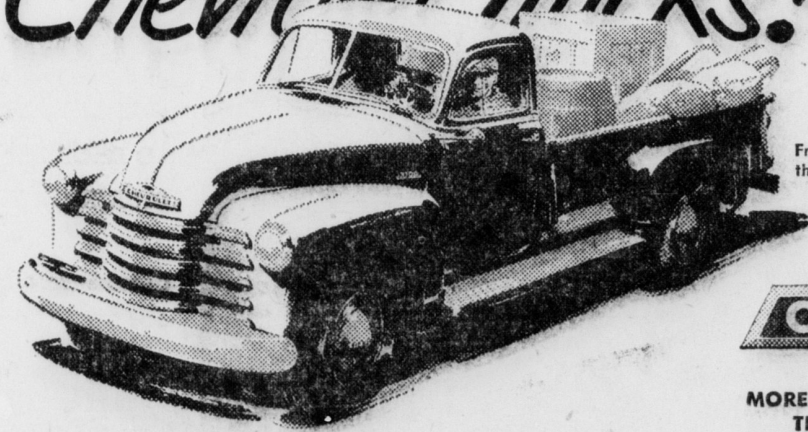
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