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**HAPPENINGS**  
— of —  
**LONG AGO**

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
March 5, 1924

At a meeting of the borough council, S. R. Snyder asked to do the borough's hauling with two horses and a man at 65c per hour.

The John Rogers Company put on "Springtime", a musical with Mount Joy High School students and alumni taking the parts.

The "American" restaurant was opened by D. R. Stenberg. He serves ice cream, sodas, candies, tobacco and cigars.

A debate was held at the regular meeting of the Literary Society. The subject was "Should the Soldiers' bonus bill be passed?"

The school principal of the school reported receipts of \$149 from the art exhibit held recently by the school. The school also granted permission to the fire company for the use of the east playground for entertaining the county firemen's convention.

Three local men, H. H. Engle, C. H. Herr and I. D. Stehman made application to the state for a charter for a new creamery to be known as the Mount Joy Creamery Company, Inc.

The American Machine and Foundry Company of New York offered 100,000 sickle bars to 100,000 farmers to spread the story of interchangeable blades. The bars were given free to approximately 300 farmers in this vicinity.

The Hershey Olivets defeated the Mount Joy Athletic Association basketball team 28-19. Mt.

Joy's high scorer was Bennett with 8 points. The locals were also defeated by the E. T. Frain Lock Company team 48-20. High scorer for Mount Joy was Hendrix with 8 points.

The Keeley Stove Company defeated Mount Joy on the Columbia Armory floor 30-18. Mateer was high scorer for Mount Joy with ten points.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**  
March 9, 1939

At a card party held by the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Harry Brown won first prize in bridge; Mrs. Burle Schofield, pinocle and Wm. Hendrix, 500.

Five students represented the Mt. Joy High School at the district band festival. They were Betty Newcomer, Dorothy Detwiler, Miriam Shenk, Russell Sumpman and Miss Isabel Cox, director.

The Mount Joy bowling team lost by one pin to the Lancaster Big Five. The locals also lost to Sunbury team 3045-2669.

Groff's Restaurant became Van's Diner which is under the direction of Robert Vanderslice, of Marietta.

Among the eleven Boy Scouts who received the rank of Eagle Scout at the County rally Saturday night at the State Armory at Lancaster were two from Mt. Joy, Clarence Newcomer and Lester Retew.

The Florin United Brethren Church will commemorate its one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the congregation and the first anniversary of the dedication of the Sunday School chapel.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
March 9, 1944

The Red Cross drive started in the Mount Joy-Florin area and set up a goal of \$7,000 for the two.

Borough Council went on record stating that if persons

**Penna. Game Commission Weekly Letter**

**Deer Kill Above Predictions**

As a rule, game protectors' estimates of season game kills are quite conservative. However, the completed count of deer tags received from successful hunters in the 1953 seasons indicate calculations submitted by the officers immediately following those seasons were unusually low.

The tabulation, completed at the Harrisburg office of the Game Commission, shows receipt of 37,384 kill tags for antlered deer and 16,252 for antlerless deer slain in the Keystone State last season.

In all, 53,636 legal male and female deer were reported taken by hunters in Pennsylvania during the 1953 seasons. The 84 bucks killed by bow and arrow hunters in the special two-week archers' season, last October, are included in the antlered deer total.

The break-down of deer slain during the two-day antlerless season last December is: 13,050 females and 3,202 males. This indicates: of every 5.1 antlerless deer slain one was a "button" buck or older male deer that had shed its antlers.

A further separation shows a kill of 31,530 bucks with 3 or more antler points and 5,854 with spike horns 3 or more inches long. The comparison in this case proves to be: one spike buck out of every 6.4 legal antlered deer bagged in the 1953 seasons.

**Bear Kill**

The tabulation of bear kill tags mailed to the Game Commission since the 1953 season has been completed. The final count shows that but 303 legal bruins were taken by hunters during the last season in Pennsylvania.

The bag of bears over one year old in 1952 was 261 in this state. This also was low compared to other recent years, when the average was about 400 legal bears a season.

**Nab After Season Deer Slayers**

Game Protector Charles M. Laird, of Milesburg, recounts: "On Sunday, December 27, 1953, Deputy Wheeland and I were on patrol in Snow Shoe Twp., Center County. Signs in the snow, coupled with gunshots, indicated men were hunting deer. We apprehended four hunters for killing a button buck and a yearling doe in close season.

"In their hunting operations two of the men acted as drivers, two as watchers—just as if the deer season were in full swing. The two deer were shot on the fourth drive.

"Three of the lawbreakers were from the town of Snow Shoe, the fourth was from Philadelphia. All but one Snow Shoe man paid their fines. He was committed to the Centre County Jail."

**Northampton Co. Rabbits Are Tough**

Game Protector Harold W. Wiggins, Nazareth, Pa., swears a cottontail rabbit in his bailiwick proved even more vicious than one that reportedly spat in a hound's eye. In proof of his claim he says, "One morning one of my trappers opened a bunny. While resetting the trap he noticed something inside it. Investigating, he found it to be a dead weasel."

**Beaver County Sportsmen Had Busy Season**

Game Protector J. B. McGregor, of Beaver, Pa., says "Looking over some of the accomplishments of the Beaver County sportsmen during the year

**Lions Sell 700 Brooms**

Approximately seven hundred brooms were sold in Mount Joy, Florin and vicinity during the county-wide Lion sponsored broom sale held Saturday. The Mount Joy Lions Club, which was canvassing the town for the second straight year with brooms, sold approximately 350 brooms and 140 whisk brooms.

In Florin, the new Lions Club sold approximately 336 brooms in Florin and surrounding areas. They also sold several whisk brooms.

Officers and members of both clubs wish to express their gratitude to all the people who purchased brooms. Proceeds from the sale go to the blind association. If any person were missed during the sale and still wish to purchase either a large broom or a whisk broom, a purchase may still be made. In Mt. Joy, call Arthur Sprecher, 3-4193 and in Florin, call John Hess, 3-6045.

**Aircraft-Marine Entertains Lions**

Aircraft-Marine Product, as a part of their program of developing community interest, entertained the Florin Lions Club. Irvin Gerber, who is a member of the Florin Lions and plant manager of the local plant, was in charge of the educational part of the program for the evening. He explained the growth of the local manufacturing plant after which Lion Gerber introduced Chuck Shelley, training director for the company, who gave a brief presentation of the history and development of Aircraft-Marine Products.

Two films were shown, depicting the use of the product which the company manufactures. The members and guests then made a tour of the local plant where they could see the product being processed. The meeting was held Monday evening, March 8.

**Gable Qualifies For Record Club**

Norman H. Gable, of Newcomers Motors, Inc., Mount Joy, has qualified as a member of the Chevrolet Parts Managers' Record Club in recognition of the efficient operation of his department in the local dealership.

Mr. Gable received a certificate and lapel pin from the Chevrolet Motor Division for his meritorious accomplishments. This presentation was made at the club's annual banquet, held in Bloomsburg on Friday, February 26.

Membership in the exclusive Record Club was granted only to parts managers who met Chevrolet's required standards in the performance of their duties during the past year, according to John A. Hough, parts and accessories manager of the Harrisburg Zone.

**HAMBONERS TO SING**

The Salunga Mothers Club will hold a Spelling Bee in the Salunga School Friday evening, March 12, 8:00 p. m. There will be two spelling classes and one information class.

The Hamboners will furnish the entertainment for the affair.

of 1953 I find they planted 5000 Scotch pines, 1200 red pines, 250 chestnut seedlings, 50 walnut seedlings and 400 multiflora rose bushes for game cover.

"They also planted 29 game food plots on farmers' land and eliminated 277 foxes, 884 crows and 355 water snakes. Nearly 100 farms were posted with club-provided safety zone signs. In addition there were projects carried out to better hunter-farmer relations, and improvements were made to food and cover conditions for wildlife."

**Predacious Domestic Cat**

In January, Game Protector John H. Doebling, of East Stroudsburg, answered the call of a Monroe County farmer who complained a wild house cat was killing rabbits.

Said Doebling, "When the farmer looked for his fox traps with which to catch the game killer he found the cat's nest in an old barn. The traps hung, prophetically, above it. In the nest were the carcasses of seven partially-eaten cottontails, bringing the cat's known killings to ten in a period of one week. The feline, when caught, was found to be a large tom."

**LOCAL WOMAN IS 87**  
Mrs. Katie Drace celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday on Monday, March 8. She received cards, gifts and flowers. She lives with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Derr, Marietta Ave.

**4-H ROLLER SKATING PARTY MARCH 17**  
A roller skating party will be held next Wednesday evening, March 17 at the Rocky Springs Roller Skating Rink by the combined 4-H county councils of boys and girls.

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