

Free Shooting in Penna. Stressed At Camp and Trail Club 'Doe' Dinner

By JOE PANCOAST

More than 200 sportsmen and sportswomen attended the thirteenth annual "Doe" dinner of the Camp and Trail Club at the Bellevue-Stratford last night.

Dr. William H. Moore, Philadelphia, president of the club and member of the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners, acted as toastmaster. In his address he pointed out the advantages of Pennsylvania's hunting based on the principle of "free shooting" in contrast to that in vogue in several other States where it has ceased to be the sport for all classes.

He also voiced a strong appeal for sportsmen and public-spirited citizens to co-operate and fight for pure streams for the State of Pennsylvania. Moore asserted that the people of this Commonwealth are as much entitled to pure water as they are to pure air.

Adolph Muller, president of the Game Commission, gave a brief outline of the forty-five-year history of Pennsylvania's game system and compared it with that of other States with which he has come in contact. As a case in point he brought out the conditions in British Columbia, where although blessed with marvelous natural resources, the supply of wild life recently has suffered tremendously because of political influence.

"Politics has stepped in and virtually disarmed the game officials of their value," he said.

"The State of Pennsylvania, on the other hand, has been exceptionally fortunate in having men in the Legislature who are interested in hunting and fishing, and who

have helped the Game Commission in framing a Game Code that favors a great majority of sportsmen."

P. G. Platt, State president of the Izaak Walton League of America, also stressed the pollution problem. "The people who daily cross the Schuylkill think that it is water between the two river banks," he said. "If water could only be made to run in a circle instead of straightway from the polluter the problem would cure itself. There is no good reason why one man upstream should be permitted selfishly to pollute the water flowing to the man downstream," he concluded.

The guest speaker of the evening was Judge Harold B. Wells, of Burlington County. His subject was "The Philosophy of Life."

Ernest E. Harwood, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners, urged all sportsmen to work together in an effort to defeat the Copeland Firearms Act soon to come up before Congress.

"This act," said Mr. Harwood, "tends to pass the control of firearms to the National Government.

"The provisions of the act are entirely impractical and work a hardship on the decent citizen and the sportsmen, but not for the criminal.

William L. Finley, sportsman, and explorer for three decades put on the best five reels of film out of 25,000 feet taken recently on his cruise through the north country off Alaska.

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1934 Game Commission *Feb 2*

Pennsylvanians were urged last night to oppose efforts being made in Washington tending to wipe out the State Game Commission through a system of Federal game supervision. This was the burden of an address made by Adolf Muller, president of the State Game Association, before the Camp and Trail Club in the Bellevue-Stratford.

Members attending the club's annual dinner also were addressed by Ernest E. Harwood, secretary of the State Game Commission, and Dr. William H. Moore, president of the club and a member of the commission. Both speakers supported the points made by Mr. Muller.

P. G. Platt, State president of the Izaak Walton League of America, spoke on water pollution and said "the stuff now flowing in the Schuylkill is not water." Motion pictures of bird life in Alaska were exhibited by William L. Finley, ornithologist of note.

Free Library Lecture On Alaska Life Tonight

Bellevue-Stratford Conv. Feb 6-1934
"Alaskan Wild Life and the Kodiak Bear" will be the topic of the illustrated talk this evening at the high school auditorium by William L. Finley, noted author, explorer and naturalist, commencing at 8 o'clock to which the public is invited.

There will be no charge as this will be the free lecture sponsored by the Ladies' Library and Reading Room association. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Mr. Finley, who comes to the borough highly recommended and promises to give an interesting account of his trip through Alaska. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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