



FIELD NOTES

Quite a Goal

CLARION—During the spring turkey season I checked a 67-year-old hunter by the name of David Stevenson Jr. from Vandergrift. After a lengthy discussion with this man, I knew I was talking to a true sportsman. Mr. Stevenson reported taking more than 70 turkeys in his lifetime, including the royal slam of the top five North American wild turkey species. After accomplishing that amazing task, he now is aspiring to harvest a turkey in each one of our designated wildlife management units.

—WCO JESSE N. BISH, CORSICA



Worth a Try

SOMERSET—I set a trap for a nuisance bear and baited it with various sweets, but three nights in a row the bear managed to eat all of the bait, set off the trap door and back out, leaving me with an empty locked trap with no bait. I thought that if I left a hot cup of coffee and a newspaper perhaps the bear might stay in the trap next time.

—WCO NATHANIEL KIMMEL, BOSWELL

Pitching In

Thank you to the members of Pennsylvania Wildlife Habitat Unlimited who came out to the original tract of SGL 87 to work on old apple trees near Curry Run. In a few hours the group managed to prune 20 trees and daylight 25 more, making brushpiles for wildlife cover in the process.

—LMO COLLEEN M. SHANNON,
GRAMPIAN

Had the Right Recipe

HUNTINGDON—I was trying to trap a bear that had been repeatedly breaking into a shed for bird seed. I was using everything I could think of to get it into the trap—doughnuts, whoopee pies, anything sweet, but it just wasn't taking the bait. After a week of nothing, I was sitting at breakfast eating some bacon when it hit me. I took my wife's electric skillet (which she did not know about) and cooked some bacon right out by the trap. I put the bacon in it and the next day caught a 470-pound bear.

—WCO RICHARD MACKLEM II, HESSTON

Could Be

MERCER—The students of Mercer Elementary had yet another reason to enjoy recess last spring. A wild turkey nested on the fringe of a neighboring woodlot. The children were all curious as to why the turkey selected this academic site. My conclusion is that even turkeys want the best possible education for their offspring.

—DEPUTY MARSHALL B. NYCH,
NEW WILMINGTON