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Trappers Wanted

By: **Todd Strohecker, PTA Vice President - East**

**Be Responsible!
 Be Respectful!
 Be Ethical!**

I recently had the opportunity to sift through some old Pennsylvania Trappers Association publications and convention programs with the intent of finding interesting historical material to use on our Facebook page. I came across this piece in the rendezvous program held in Confluence, PA in 1963. Fifty four years later, much of this is still spot on.

Pennsylvania can use many additional trappers and so can you Mr. Citizen and Mr. Sportsmen. The trapping of wild fur animals is one of the oldest arts of mankind, the fur trade, one of the oldest industries. Please do not forget the great value of these two important facts lest we lose what is rightfully ours. The trapper and the art of trapping contribute greatly to the economy of our Country, our state and our communities. Also trapping of predator-type animals contribute greatly to the success of small game hunting by eliminating many predators that would otherwise prey on the species of game birds and animals desired by the small game hunters.

Trapping is the best method of selective control of predators. Trapping is also

the method used by Game and Wildlife Commissions as an aid to their restocking of game birds and animals. Since trapping has its many good aspects Conservation Groups strongly recommend the art for active youngsters.

To become a successful trapper as person must be a very active-type individual who is deeply interested in wildlife, honest and by nature have a great amount of determination. A true trapper, one who has learned the art of trapping, is always active and interested in other Organizations such as Sportsmen's Clubs, Conservation Groups, Boy Scouts and many Civic Groups.

The trapper also contributes towards the "Sportsmen's Dollar" just as the Hunter and Fisherman does. Since most trappers hunt small game and fish, they buy both licenses. Trappers also buy guns and ammunition for hunting and use on the trap line: consequently the trapper is paying more taxes which go into the Pittman-Robertson Fund and find their way back to the sportsmen on

a percentage basis.

Business men also benefit by the trapping of wild fur animals and predators. A trapper will use quantities of items such as; nails, staples, wax, wax paper, canvas and canvas products, peatmoss, gloves, boots, knives, hammers and hatchets and many other items which will find their way into the trap basket of the trapper. These items are usually purchased at local stores. Also, gas, tires and oil are bought for the auto used on the trap line.

Though the prices received for raw furs today is low compared to that of a few years ago, the trapper will still earn some money for his many hours of trapping. He will use this hard-earned money for such things as home improvements, home appliances, school supplies for his children, loan payments, medical expenses, clothing for his family and many other needed items for the home and family, this spending is usually done locally.

Yes, Mr. Citizen and Mr. Sportsmen, many more trappers are needed and desired. Therefore support the trapper and encourage the youngsters to learn the art of trapping, its good business for you, your Country, your state and your own community. Join a trappers organization and be an active member. Help us Perpetuate the Nations oldest industry "The Fur Trade" by buying, selling, and wearing American Produced Furs.

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