

Barre hunters nab coyotes

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Our photo from 1926 shows three hunters who were successful in killing three coyotes from a pack that had devastated flocks of sheep for two years. The men from left to right are: Lewis McLean, Adam Nowatchik and George Hall all of Barre. They were credited for their excellent marksmanship in bringing down these three. The following article clipped from a newspaper is dated March 29, 1926.

"Spurred on by the success of three Barre farmers who killed three of the sheep-killing coyote pack of the Tonawanda swamp district and became the first hunters to receive \$300 each for their work Saturday, hundreds of hunters and nine state troopers scoured the vicinity of Root and Drake Islands Sunday in search of other members of the coyote pack.

While many hunters secured excellent shots at "Old Renegade", a timber wolf leader of the coyote pack, and his mate, who escaped after Leon Burr of Barre Center wounded the pack leader, many believe



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that the pair were all that existed in that locality until Saturday when Adam Nowatchik, George Hall

and Lewis McLean, Barre muckland farmers and hunters, each turned over to Sheriff Ross Hollenbeck a coyote killed Saturday morning as they hunted together on the farm of Adam Sheeler on the Old Oak Orchard state highway just north of the Orleans-Genesee county line in the town of Barre, on Root Island, in the Tonawanda swamp tract.

"Old Renegade" and others of the pack are still at large being hunted by men and dogs. Many expressed surprise that so many coyotes were located in one pack as the five that were running together when three were killed."

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