

Woodlands And Open Lands Closed To All Traffic

As a follow up to the Executive proclamation closing all woodlands, forests and open lands in the State, Conservation Commissioner Harold G. Wilm spelled out some of the "fine points" of the proclamation as it effects the general public.

Dr. Wilm explained that his recommendation to close the woods was based on several factors including detailed conditions reports received from the Department's 14 fire districts. The reports indicated a high burning index for most sections of the state and a high frequency of fire occurrence, especially in the Adirondacks and western New York. In addition, weather reports show a statewide rain deficiency ranging from two to ten inches thru out the state. An additional important factor was that Forest Rangers, local volunteers and state youth camp boys were becoming exhausted by the many fires they have been battling.

The Commissioner said that no rainfall of any consequence is forecast for the immediate future and nothing short of a prolonged drenching rainfall will correct the present hazardous situation.

The major point of the proclamation, the Commissioner emphasized, is to stop all outdoor burning in rural and urban areas of the state outside New York City and Long Island. This includes burning of leaves and trash and all open fires.

Commissioner Wilm said that certain groups of individuals are especially concerned with specific areas of the proclamation. In an attempt to answer as many of the questions affecting these groups as possible, he said:

Hunters—the proclamation closes all game seasons currently open and postpones the opening of any scheduled to open prior to the season, except for waterfowl, lifting of the proclamation. The proclamation provides that waterfowl hunting from boats on bodies of water to which direct access is gained by a road suitable for normal vehicular traffic is permissible.

Dr. Wilm explained that provisions of the proclamation provide that days lost from hunting and trapping may, if practical, be compensated by extending the seasons beyond their regular closing dates by the same number of days lost during the proclamation. In the case of the special archery season now in progress, it may be possible to provide bowhunters with a "quiet woods" archery season, following the close of the big game gunning season.

Because migratory bird seasons including waterfowl and woodcock, are set by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New York State Conservation Department will have to negotiate with the Federal Government for any extension of the migratory bird season.

The Commissioner pointed out that the earliest big game gunning and trapping season for the state does not begin until October 25 and it is hoped that weather conditions will permit the lifting of the proclamation before that date.

Golfers—Golfing at courses located within corporate limits of villages and cities is permitted. Courses outside these limits, private or public, are closed for recreational use under terms of the proclamation.

Campers and hikers—no camping permits for state lands will be issued and campers in the woods prior to the proclamation must come out. Camp owners who are not permanent residents are required to leave and return to their permanent residence during the proclamation period.

Boat owners—recreational use of boats is prohibited except where direct access to a body of

Late Bulletin! News That's Print To Fit

According to Police Chief Fred Middaugh, Firemen have been requested to thoroughly soak down the dump whenever necessary and users of the dump are requested not to set fire to any trash or rubbish that is there or that they may take down there.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Following is a letter and address of A/C Eldon L. Kaple.
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(From The Arctic Circle)

Hi Everybody,
Arrived here at Sonderstrom, Greenland on the 4th of Oct.

The weather has been nice since I arrived. Around 20 to 25 degrees in the day time, and down to 10 degrees at night.

We are situated in a valley, surrounded by high hills of rock, ice and snow. One could walk many miles, and never get any where. The ships come up here only in the summer. The only way out of here, is by aircraft.

We get mail twice a week, and it goes out the same. Sorry that I was unable to see each and everyone of you, before leaving home, but my son, Leon, had his tonsils out on the 2nd of Oct., and just made it home the next day before I had to catch the afternoon train. Would appreciate it, if you would print my address in the paper, if you haven't done so already. Would like to hear from the good citizens of Andover. This is one place that the men count the days in the

God Bless You All,
A/C Eldon L. Kaple

P.S.—Waiting for the Andover News. I forgot to mention the fact, that we don't have any squirrels up here, as there are no trees! Ha (true).

Fort Eustis, Va., Army Pvt. Richard R. Dodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Dodge, Andover, completed a six-week movement control specialist course at The Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Va., Oct. 7.

Dodge entered the Army last May and completed basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. The 18-year-old soldier attended Andover Central High School.

Remodeling Completed

Postmaster Mary A. Burns states the new Screen Line in the Post Office is completed, making lock boxes available to each family as required by Postal Law and Regulations.

Children may get the mail by parents consent as well as the parents teaching them the combination.

We appreciate the fine co-operation most patrons have shown us thru the ordeal of remodeling.

Grange News

Andover Grange will meet Wednesday night, October 23rd at 8:30.

Each family attending please bring donuts for refreshments.

water is gained over a road suitable for normal vehicular traffic.

Motorist—vehicular travel is limited to normally used highways and suitable access routes. All woods roads and trails are off limits to vehicles. The Commissioner urged motorists to limit their travel in the forests and woods so as not to hamper activities of fire fighting personnel.

Fishermen—All fishing is prohibited for the duration of the proclamation except from boats on waters where direct access is provided by a road suitable for normal vehicular traffic.

Robert Polmateer Dies Suddenly

Robert Leon Polmateer, of Rochambeau Avenue, Andover, passed away at the Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday, October 16, 1963, following a sudden heart attack suffered the previous day.

He was born in Wellsville Dec. 2, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Polmateer of Wellsville.

He is survived by his wife Mary Elaine Baker, two sons, Dale and Thomas, two daughters, Teresa and Elizabeth Ann. Also by his parents, a brother, Richard Polmateer of Wellsville and three sisters, Mrs. Clifton (Mary) Eaton of Stannards; Mrs. James (Doritha) Watson, Belmont; and Mrs. Edmund (Ruth) Didas of Wayland.

"Bob" was a World War II Veteran and was employed by the Iroquois Gas Co., as a meter reader here in Andover, and surrounding areas. He was married in 1949 and has been residing in Andover for the past twelve years. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning with a prayer service at the Mulholland Funeral Home at 9:30 a. m., followed by Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church at 10:00, with Rev. John R. Shea officiating. Burial will be at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Andover.

Friends may call at the Mulholland Funeral Home between 2-5 and 7-9:30 starting Thursday.

By the way, as a result of our trip to Wellsville last evening, we feel that it is to our readers interest that they are reminded to watch their speed even at night since we saw what was evidently a night radar crew in action between Elm Valley and the new Air-Preheater shop.

Incidentally, it looked to us as if they had it in operation one way when we went down and the other way when we came back or else they just changed the positions and locations of the two cars. 10-4?

We notice that John seems to be going all out on his corner as he now has new aluminum storm doors on both doors to his place in addition to his new sign.

We have noticed that the "Moonlighters" have been very active the last few nights on their project on the front of the Baptist Church.

At the present time the new sidewalk has been completed and the new stone facing has been completed up to the railing. The steps up to the front entrance have been faced and paved with stone and the surface of the railing is now stone covered. With the stone up this high they have also been able to put part of the frame up for the door casing, and hope to get the porch roof on before snow flies.

In stopping and visiting with them the other night they tell us that several of the boys have been working at it part time during the day. They also told us that they heard several comments on their project from people outside of town, with one inquiry coming in as far away as Greenland.

Perhaps if this beautiful weather holds good for a little spell longer they will still be able to bring their ambitious plans to a successful ending before cold weather sets in.

We see that the several times frozen water line up Route 17 to the Bulkainers is being replaced in what seems to be a very efficient type of operation.

The ditch is being dug 2 feet; not 3 feet; not 4 feet; not 5 feet but at least 6 to 7 feet deep and is being skirted around the culvert instead of being run over it.

ALSO, in asking Frank about it, he tells us that galvanized pipe is being put in to replace the plastic pipe which was originally put in.

It sure seems good to see that someone is using good sense, as far as our opinion goes, in getting rid of monkey around any more with the unsuccessful plastic pipe at least where this type of installation is concerned.

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Hospital Notes

Delbert Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clemons was discharged from the Jones Memorial Hospital Thursday, following treatment for a sprained ankle.

Donald Gavin was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Saturday for observation and medical treatment.

Mrs. Decatur Clarke, a surgical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, has returned to her home.

Robert Michael, 16-mo. old son of PR3 and Mrs. Clarence Davis was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Monday night for treatment of a fractured femur of the right leg.

Mrs. Gordon Cartwright was discharged this Thursday from the Genesee Hospital in Rochester and is convalescing at the home of her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duggan, 200 Webster Ave., Rochester.

Mrs. Emma Henyan was admitted to the Genung Nursing Home in Canisteo last Thursday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howland are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, October 11, 1963 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland are the paternal grandparents and Mrs. Vincent Joyce is the maternal grandparent.

OES Notice

The Masonic Temple will be open Saturday, October 19th from 1 to 3 P. M., to receive contributions for the fair booths. Please do not forget the candy booth.

Inducted Into Armed Forces

The following registrants of Local Board No. 71, Belmont, N. Y., have been inducted into the Army and left for Fort Dix, N. J. October 3, 1963:

Duane E. McGraw, Whitesville
Douglas F. Potter, Bolivar
Terrance M. Yencer, Swain

A black bear estimated to weigh about 300 pounds has been seen on the lower Main St., in Belmont and in the area near Transit, the past week.

debris remaining from the old Silk Mill is now being in the process of being hauled away.

Sure will be a big improvement. Maybe this means that another house will be going up here.

Andover Firemen Have Busy Week

Our local Fire Department has had a rather busy week, mostly due to the extreme dry conditions that prevail throughout the entire State.

Monday the 7th at 4:20 p. m., they were called out for a rubbish fire at Gus O'Dell's in East Valley.

Tuesday, around 4:00 p. m.—a rubbish fire at Carl Burch's on the South Hill Road.

Wednesday—QUIET!
Thursday—(Very Busy)!—Fourteen Firemen responded to a Forest Fire call up Indian Creek way which they battled for around 7 hours. (This fire wasn't completely put out until Monday as it returned several times in between with Firemen being called out both Sunday and Monday at this place.)

Friday—Around Noon answered a call at Norbert Lynch's along Route 17. At 4:00 p. m. were called for 2 fires at Indian Creek which were about a half mile apart and took around one and a half hours to extinguish. No sooner had the boys nicely started on their way to this last fire when at 4:10 p. m., a fire was reported at the Village Reservoir which took about half an hour to put out.

Saturday—QUIET!
Sunday—Again called out for flare up of fire in Indian Creek and also were called at 6:30 p. m. on a grass fire at Dan Lynch's.

Monday—9:00 a. m. last call on the stubborn woods fire in Indian Creek.

Tuesday—With all the above exercise, seven Firemen still went to Almond for Mutual Aid Drill.

Scout News

Cub Scout News

The Cub Scout Dens have been selected as follows: Please note the place and time of your Den Meeting.

DEN 1 — Den Mothers: Mrs. Willis Poole and Mrs. George Morris. First meeting at Mrs. Poole's home on Monday, Oct. 21 at 4:00 p. m. Byron Cerrillo, Danny Dodge, Michael Jackson, Tom MacMichael, Donald Morris, Michael Poole, Daniel Stade and Edward Wilson.

DEN 2 — Den Mothers: Mrs. Philip MacMichael and Mrs. Donald Petrie. First meeting at Mrs. MacMichael's home on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a. m. Brian Cannon, David Dodge, James Mac Michael, Larry Nevel, Douglas Petrie, Tom Wallace and Dana Williams.

DEN 3 — Den Mothers: Mrs. Lawrence Corwin and Mrs. Robert Baker. First meeting at Mrs. Baker's home on Monday, Oct. 21 at 4:00 p. m. David Baker, Donald Baker, Gary Briggs, Roger Godown, Ronald Godown, Donald Lang, Pat Mulconery and Mike Pantoni.

DEN 4 — Den Mothers: Mrs. Thomas Kittell and Mrs. Charles Pantoni. First meeting at Mrs. Kittell home on Saturday, Oct. 26 Fred Baker, Dennis Burrows, James Dean, David Gallagher, Billy Geer, Robert Kittell, Philip Pelton and Steve Phelps.

Library News

These books and records have been given the Andover Free Library in memory of Thelma Hackett from Andover friends:

"A Field Guide To The Birds" by Roger Tary Peterson
"Birds of America", by T. Gilbert Pearson

Two records, "Near You" and "Always", by Roger Williams, also given by Andover friends.

Other titles to be announced later.

Masonic Notice

The regular Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening, October 21st at 8 p. m. All Master-Masons welcome.