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Bill Drake, Game Biologist from the State of Vermont Fish & Game Department, (right) is shown loading the Cannon for the "Cannon Net" in the foreground that is used for trapping Wild Turkeys. Alan Mills, State Game Protector, District 2, is holding the base of the Cannon that is driven into the ground at about the angle displayed in the picture. When the Wild Turkeys get in front of the net, the Game Biologist who is camouflaged nearby, uses an electric system to fire the Cannon which shoots the net over the Turkeys.

## Rod & Gun Club Hosts Guest Speaker

The Andover Rod & Gun Club was honored by an out-of-State Game Conservationist that was a guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting held at the Andover Grange Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 20th.

Bill Drake, Game Biologist from the State of Vermont, presented an interesting illustrated talk on his wild Turkey Trapping and Transferring Program that he is currently participating in.

Bill, who was formerly employed by the State of Pennsylvania in the same capacity, explained the Habitats, movement, and population growth of the wild Turkey along with the natural migration of the species from the Southern part of Pennsylvania, Northward into the Southern Tier area of N. Y. State.

He explained that the trapping and transferring of Turkey broods from one place to another was only speeding up this natural migration of Wild Turkeys, and was making this attractive sport possible for many new hunting areas.

It was also explained that this type of program was the only feasible one, since Turkeys raised in captivity and then released will not use the wild habitat for nesting and reproduction that is necessary to increase the Wild Turkey population.

Mr. Drake also explained that the few Wild Turkeys that are taken in his "Trapping and Transferring Program" are not materially harming the total Turkey population in this area since there is only so much range to support the Wild Turkey flocks.

He stated that a survey was made of the 17 Wild Turkeys that had been trapped, transferred, and released in 1969 along the Vermont - New York border, and it was found that these birds had nested this past spring and had started the reproduction cycle.

Mr. Drake also stated that the Vermont Conservation Department was very appreciative of the co-operation afforded by the State of New York Conservation Department and Rod and Gun Club which made this program feasible.

The Vermont Biologist demonstrated the equipment used in the

trapping program and explained how it was used so that no physical harm was caused to the birds that were trapped.

He also stated that New York Conservationists were welcome in his State to transfer any wild game from his State to New York if they so desired thru a reciprocal agreement and said that this is the "true spirit of Game Conservation."

Alan Mills, New York State Game Protector, District 2, then reported that he had investigated cases where 14 deer had been killed by dogs or had to be destroyed so far this year and stated that it was a terrible sight to see a deer so tortured that it had been "skinned alive" by "so-called" pet dogs that are allowed to roam free. In one case he said that the only hide remaining on one deer he had to destroy was on its throat and neck as dogs had completely torn the hide and skin off this poor tortured animal in every other part of its body.

He went on to say that any dogs caught chasing or attacking deer by any member of his Department or a Police Department, can be shot on the spot since it is a violation of State Laws and Regulations. It is also called to the attention of all dog owners that there is a quarantine still in effect in Allegany County which prohibits dogs from being at large unless under the owners direct control.

Mr. Mills also explained the game laws and regulations which control the trapping of beaver correcting the errors made in the latest Game Syllabus.

In Rod and Gun Club action taken during the meeting, members voted to send two boys to attend the Conservation Camp from funds furnished by the local Rod and Gun Club. Paul Ordiway was appointed as Chairman of this Committee with Ronnie Kemp, Wayne Grant, and Howard Freeland other members of the Committee to assist him. It was suggested that if this Committee could figure out a way to raise more money, it would be desirable to send as many young men to this camp as possible.

After the conclusion of the meeting, a tasty lunch was served by the Lady Members of the Club.

In spite of the freeze, Florida expects to produce one of its largest orange crops this year.



Guests at the Head Table for the Annual Blue and Gold Dinner along with the Cub Scout Den Mothers. Seated, left to right:—Mrs. Ralph A. Allen, Joe Recio, Jesse Shaw, John Atwell, Rev. Floyd Aldrich, Frank Cahill, Harold Huffcut; back row, standing — Mrs. Joe Recio, Mrs. Kay Shaw, Mrs. Dan Manion, Mrs. Pat Carson, and Mrs. Frank Cahill.

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## Cub Scouts Hold Blue & Gold Banquet

Cub Scout Pack 77, sponsored by the Andover Masonic Lodge

No. 558, F. & A. M., held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th at the Andover Central School Cafeteria.

The Webelos Den held the opening ceremony with Rev. Floyd Aldrich giving the invocation. A tasty Smorgasbord dinner was then served buffet-style which had been prepared by the Mothers of the Cub Scouts present.

Following the dinner, a Puppet Show was put on by Den 2 under the guidance of Mrs. Pat Carson, Den Mother, and Kelly Shaw, Den Chief.

Jesse Shaw then presented Wolf Awards to the following Scouts: a Candlelight Ceremony: Eric MacMichael, Brett Grossman, Leonard Grossman, Jay Jackson, Chris Brown, Tim Stephens and John Gavin.

Gold Arrows were presented to Jay Jackson, Donald Perry, Chris

Brown, Tim Stephens and John Gavin.

Silver Arrows were presented to Jay Jackson, 3; Donald Perry, 2; Chris Brown, 1; and John Gavin, 1. Webelos Activity Badges were presented by Webelos Leader John Atwell to the following lads:

Aquanaut — James Grossman, Harold Barber, Leonard Grossman, and Kevin Baker.

Athlete — John Maples, Brian Ennis, Scott Wilson, Del Jackson, Harold Barber, Leonard Grossman, Jesse Shaw, Jr., Robert Gruber and Kevin Baker.

Craftsman — James Grossman, Outdoorsman — Eugene Hurlburt, James Grossman, and Jesse Shaw, Jr.

Sportsman — Scott Wilson, Harold Barber, Leonard Grossman and Carl Schrader.

The highest rank in Cub Scouting was achieved by Eugene Hurlburt, with Scoutmaster John Murray welcoming him into Troop 42.

Den Chief Certificates were presented to the following Scouts by the Den Mothers: Kay Shaw, Den 2; James Jackson, Den 1; Ricky Cahill, Den 4.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. and Mrs.

Ralph Allen, Publishers of the Andover News, for their support in covering the local Pack news during the year.

Joe Recio, field executive of the Genesee District, Seneca Council BSA, presented the Scouter's Award and Key to John Atwell.

A skit was presented by Den 1 and Den 4, under the supervision of Mrs. Dan Manion and Mrs. Jesse Shaw, Den Mothers, and Ricky Cahill, Den Chief.

Year Pins were presented to all of the Cub Scouts by the Den Mothers and Harold Huffcut, Committee Chairman.

Danny Slade and Andy Gram, Eagle Scouts from Troop 42, showed colored slides and explained their trip to the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho this past summer.

Guests at the Banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Recio and family, Rev. Floyd Aldrich, Frank Cahill, retiring Cub-Master and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen.

Frank Cahill then presented a gift to Jesse Shaw, new Cub-Master.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Webelos Den.

## News That's Print To Fit

Well Folks, here we are again — despite the cold and chill factor — along Main St., and although the sun is shining brightly — at noon the thermometer had only gone up to 10 above! Here it is, almost the end of February, and the last two nights it has been down, below zero!

Thru the courtesy of the "Boys down at the Pump Station", here are the recorded temperatures for the past week: Thursday, the 19th — L 6, H 46; 20th — L 10, H 16; 21st — L 5, H 23; 22nd — L 23, H 47; 23rd — L 13, H 28; 24th — L 13, H 43; 25th — L 6 below H 38; and today, the 26th, so far — L 16 below, H 10.

And, of course, despite the few days that it thawed, there is still plenty of snow on the ground — and according to people that have tapped their sugar bush, there is so much snow in the woods that it is really going to hinder the maple syrup producers.

With all of the snow on the ground in the fields and woods — without much let-up since December — the deer herds in this area have really been having a rough time.

Elsewhere in the paper we have already reported that Alan Mills, N. Y. State Game Protector, District 2, has investigated cases where 14 deer have been killed or destroyed by dogs in this area

and goodness knows how many more have been killed or crippled that haven't been reported. In the deep snow, a deer when it is singled out by a pack of dogs, is pretty much at their mercy — and it is too bad that we can't abide by the quarantine that is still in effect in Allegany County and keep their dogs at home. Of course, people run the risk of having their dogs destroyed if they are allowed to run loose — but this doesn't help the defenseless deer — are chewed on or skinned alive by these "so-called pet dogs."

While talking about deer, reminding us that during those few warm days we saw and counted at least 25 in one herd just West of the overpass on Route 17 and according to people that we have talked to, as many as 100 deer have been counted between Andover and Wellsville on the South slopes of the woods on the North side of Route 17.

Then, as a late "News Flash" we investigated the report of a "tired deer" on Greenwood Street this noon. It seems that a deer which apparently had a broken front leg wanted to "get away from it all" and crashed thru the glass of a storm door, snapped the casement latch off a bedroom door in the Eberle home, and then proceeded to "four the bedroom before exiting back thru the broken storm door.

Either the sleeping facilities didn't meet the standards that the deer wanted, or else "Tiger", the

family's pet French Poodle that got shut in the bedroom during the commotion, scared it away as the last it was seen was when it took off towards the reservoir — limping and bleeding from cuts sustained from the broken glass.

The accident was reported to Gary Brown, Andover Police Officer, but as we go to press we haven't been able to find out whether he was able to catch up with the wounded animal and put it out of its misery, or if it is still wandering around.

We understand from School Authorities that some of the ACS Students have come up with some real cute and attractive posters on the drug problem that is mounting by leaps and bounds across the country.

It might be a good idea for all parents to view these posters — and then discuss the drug problems and hazards with their children since we know it is a big problem in some schools not very far away from here — like only around 2 miles away!

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCormick, (Charity Howland), are parents of a son, Paul Michael, born Wednesday, February 19, at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Cornwall. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. McCormick are the paternal grandparents.

Keep on Buying Savings Bonds