

THE HUNTER and POSTED LAND

An Editorial

Small game hunting has been underway in upstate New York since October 1, but when cottontail and pheasant seasons open in the western agricultural counties on October 15 it will hit its peak. Scattered shooting heard on hilltop woodlands has been a reminder of things to come, but grouse and squirrel hunting in wood and brushlots has created little conflict between the hunter and the landowner.

The better the hunting possibilities, the more apt a visiting hunter is to find posters when he arrives. Very seldom is this a case of the owner wanting to save the hunting for himself, rather it is because better hunting areas draw more hunters. In our day of super highways and more leisure time, hunters need no longer confine their efforts to their immediate neighborhood. There isn't a prime small game hunting area in the State that isn't within an hour's drive of some metropolitan area and its throng of eager hunters.

The most common reasons for posting all relate to the hunter or his conduct; (1) Unsportsmanlike conduct; (2) More and more hunters coming onto their land without first asking permission; (3) Protection of the landowner's family and property; and (4) Increasing number of hunters afield.

For a decade and a half the Conservation Law has prohibited the discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of a house or farm building actually in use. If all hunters had demonstrated common courtesy and firearms safety in the past, this law would never have gotten into the books. The fact that it still is a major item of concern to many landowners cast a dark shadow over the hunt fraternity, even though most conduct themselves as gentlemen.

Many hunters apparently feel that once they have put down their money for a hunting license they can hunt anywhere they want. The hunting license grants you only the privilege of hunting; it has nothing to do with entry onto land for the purpose of hunting. Take a careful look at the bottom of your hunting license and you will find the words "NOT A PERMIT TO TRESPASS". The right to go on private land and hunt is something the hunter must work out with the landowner.

This is not the problem that many hunters feel it is. Most sportsmen who take the time to contact the landowner for permission find that they are welcome even on posted land. The clear implication is that landowners are not against hunters but like to know who is on their land. Not only does this give the landowner some control over the number of hunters who use his property, but it gives him a chance to point out areas where there are unharvested crops, new seeding or some other thing he would like the hunters to avoid. Nobody knows the land better than the man who works it, and often he can give some good tips as to where the best hunting will be found.

Personal contact between hunter and landowner will also reduce many thoughtless unsportsmanlike acts which occur. Most people would not think of throwing trash and beer cans on their neighbor's lawn, but land of an unknown person doesn't get the same consideration. The person-to-person contact of asking permission to hunt puts the landowner in the class with other friends and neighbors, creating a more thoughtful attitude and action.

There are those who feel the days of free public hunting are numbered; that hunting will soon be limited to those who own or lease land, are members of hunting clubs or who do their hunting on shooting preserves.

If this is to be avoided, today's hunters must remember that hunting is a privilege not a right. The only way to perpetuate free public hunting is through courteous behavior toward the landowner, his family and his personal holdings.



50 YEARS AGO

September 28, 1923

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Andover Odd Fellows I.O.O.F. No. 786, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their organization in Andover on October 16th. A program is being arranged and a pinochle tournament enjoyed.

Two Andover boys were seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday night. Herman and Darwin Lehman were taken to the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, suffering from a fractured leg and internal injuries when their machine was struck by an unidentified machine on the Almond Road near Goff Bridge.

The Annual County Convention of the W.C.T.U. is to be held in Fillmore, October 2nd. Mrs. Francis Teasdale and Mrs. R. A. Pease are the delegates to represent the Andover Union.

Arling C. Briggs and Mrs. Gertrude M. Joyce were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse, September 22 by the Rev. R. E. McGowan. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum were their attendants.

Tidbits from our school: The Beta Mu initiation was held at the school house Monday evening. The candidates were Gerald Hann and Dalton Wereley.

The Kapa Zeta Girls held their first meeting September 25 and officers were elected: Alice Smith, President; Louise Folsing, Secretary and Dorothy Dean, Treasurer.

In the Modern History Class officers were: Nathalie Shepard, President; Arthur Downer, Secretary and Mary McPetridge, Treasurer.

The first meeting of the Athletic Association the officers elected were: Nathalie Shepard, President; Vice-President, John Faisant; Sara Bettinger, Secretary and Miss Elizabeth Latimer, Treasurer.

The Andover Chamber of Commerce with B. S. Brundage, President met Thursday evening with a banquet served by the Rebekah ladies in the I.O.O.F. Hall with over forty representatives. A fine community spirit was evident and a willingness to do all they could to advance interest in Andover. Speeches were made by J. E. Cannon, W. F. O'Connell, A. D. Fuller and J. Harvey Backus. One of the fine features of the gathering was the singing of old songs familiar to all, led by J. P. Cannon.

Potato digging on South Hill is in full swing this week but few are going to market from this area.

Mrs. Flora Bess of Davis Hill, is visiting at the home of Milford Crandall of Independence for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brundage and Mr. and Mrs. Swink were Sunday guests of their sister, Mrs. Goff of Canisteo.

Miss Loretta Harrington came home Friday from Geneseo and Miss Rose Harrington from Wellsville to spend the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Garvin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rundell of West LaFayette, Ohio, spent from Monday through Wednesday visiting Andover friends. Mr. Rundell will be remembered as the Superintendent of the Andover Stamping Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Richardson returned Wednesday from a week's trip to Buffalo and Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Prest of Bath were Sunday guests of Andover friends.

40 YEARS AGO

September 22, 1933

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The formal inauguration of Dr. Paul E. Titsworth as President of Alfred University has been set for October 20. Dean J. Nelson Norwood is the chairman of the committee and Burton B. Crandall, Dr. M. J. Holmes, A. E. Champlain, Dean Dora K. Degen, Dr. J. Wesley Muller and C. Loomis A. Allen, Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303

ALBANY
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by Alex Rankin

A legislative reform group has turned up an interesting fact: Eight of the state's 210 Senators and Assemblymen have not signed up for the lucrative 1968 state legislative pension plan.

The deadline for signing into the plan was July 1, and according to the Co-Equal Citizens Committee for Legislative Reform in Albany, the following legislators have apparently decided that pension reform should be taken personally, not just for the other guy:

Senators Gordon J. DeHond of Rochester and Mary Anne Krupsak of Canajoharie and Assemblymen Bruce F. Caputo of Yonkers, John B. Daly of Niagara County, Fred G. Field of Albany, Thomas R. Frey of Rochester, and Rosemary Gunning of Queens.

But if the Co-Equal Committee wants to reform anything, perhaps it better start with itself. The

committee said Assemblyman William C. Knights of Knowlesville failed to sign up for the pension plan.

That may have been because he died during the 1973 session.

Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz is holding hearings again, this time to hear testimony by "outraged owners of above ground swimming pools" concerning rotting supports, rusting seams and vague and meaningless guarantees.

Some of the pools actually came apart with explosive force, said Lefkowitz, releasing thousands of gallons of water without warning. In one such incident in Cheektowaga, he said, four swimmers were taken to the hospital.

Lefkowitz wants to introduce legislation in 1974 to regulate the sale and construction of pools.

observed their 82nd anniversary at the local I.O.O.F. Hall, Wednesday night. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Marie Hammond, Noble Grand; Roxie Shaff, Vice Grand; Grace Wagner, Recording Secretary; Nora Higby, Financial Secretary; Vinnie Vickers, Treasurer; Laura Witter, Trustee for three years.

Thomas B. Burdick, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, estimates that 490 families are now receiving aid in Allegany County.

Mrs. Frank D. Young, 65 passed away at her home in Greenwood, September 14, 1933. Two daughters, a son and a nephew survive. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. (Miss Grace Young, who is our Greenwood News correspondent, is one of the daughter's).

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Teribury of Greenwood, have moved from the Krusen house to the Fred Miner house on Church Hill. The Krusen home has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Mathews.

E. Claire Greene, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Greene, D.D., entered George Washington University Medical School at Washington, D. C., this Monday for the first year of his medical course. Mr. Greene graduated in the Class of 1933 at Alfred University.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis welcomed a 7 1/2 pound son, September 15th.

Work on the new residence of Attorney Mira Diffin on the corner of East Avenue and Center Street, is nearing completion.

Mrs. R. E. Dean, Mrs. A. D. Fuller, Mrs. James Lynch, Mrs. Max Richardson, Mrs. John Joyce and Miss Alice Fisher were hostesses at a card party in the Andover Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Caple invited the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church to a farewell party at her home on Main Street, Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Sarah Earley who is leaving Andover to live with her sister at Scio.

Faculty of Andover High School for 1933-34 are: Robert B. Hardy Principal; Wallace Clarke, Science; Harold Huffcut, Mathematics; Gretchen Trenkle, Language; Annette Clifford, English; Mildred Faemen, Commercial; Catherine Joyce, History and English; Mary Jo Russ, Music; Margaret Kellee, 8th Grade; Edith Paine, 7th; Ruth Baker, 6th; Ruby Jordan, 5th; Harriet Schwarzenbach, 4th; Margaret Beeman, 3rd; Dorothy McLaughlin 2nd and Marie Alvord, 1st.

At a meeting of the Senior Class Ruth Farwell was elected President; Helen L. Vickers, Vice President; Margaret Powers, Secretary and Helen Pope, Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family of Davis Hill were visitors of her parents in Smethport, Pa., Sunday.

Mrs. William Woodruff, daughter, Joan, Mrs. Florence Martin and daughter, Pauline and Helen, were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vincent at Alfred Station.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson of Hornell were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Updyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ruger, Mrs. A. L. Jones, motored to Whitesville Tuesday and called on their sister Mrs. Samuel Deming.

Mrs. Arling Baker, Mrs. A. M. Wood, Mrs. Richard Harder and Miss Margaret Wood motored to Olean, Wednesday.

30 YEARS AGO

September 16, 1943

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The date for the closing of the schools to help the local farmers harvest their potato crops has been set by the Board of Education as October 2 through October 12 — Columbus Day.

The Annual Outing and Bake of the Andover Fire Department will be held at the Pingrey Hill School, September 26. Committee in charge is William C. Snyder, George Wereley, Ray O'Laughlin, Lewis Howe and Arthur Kemp. Committee in charge of tickets: Orville Whitaker, Charles Holt, George Sackett, Francis Vickers, Hamilton Ordway and Eugene Butler.

Andover Firemen were called to Rexville, Wednesday, where the St. Mary's Hall was destroyed by fire. The firemen succeeded in saving adjoining buildings which were threatened by the blaze.

The first frost to visit this area did considerable damage to corn and buckwheat, also the potato crop. The low in Andover was 29 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Barrett of Wellsville are parents of a son born, September 12 at the Tullar Maternity Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Corwin welcomed a son, born September 12th at the Tullar Maternity Hospital in Wellsville.

Richard Judson Hann, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hann, died September 9. He is also survived by a sister, two brothers and his two grandmothers. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

A card received by Floyd Vars from E. D. Baker in Canada states that Ralph Shaff arrived back in camp O.K. that is was wet and

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