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Editorial

by Teresa Polmateer

Well, this is it! As I sit trying to put my feelings down on paper, I realize how difficult it is. This is my last editorial. It's been quite an opportunity to use Hi-Herald to vent my feelings.

Being editor has been difficult. What with trying to get the assignments in on time, including my own editorial, and calling meetings with no one showing up, it's been quite a year. Also, an enjoyable one at times.

In just a little while I will be a graduate of Andover Central School. I am scared, but as my brother said to me on the phone the other day, "Just stand there, smile, and everything will be fine."

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me this year with ideas for editorials. I wish next year's editor, associate editor and sports editor luck and fun because my associate editor, sports editor and I had quite a share of it this year.

Teresa Polmateer Girl Athlete

Five female athletes from Allegany, Steuben and Livingston Counties were guests of honor at a dinner sponsored by the Hornell Evening Tribune on Thursday, June 13 at the Big Elms in Hornell. Other people attending the event were girls and coaches from area schools. Each of the five honored guests received a special plaque.

Andover Central was represented by its own girl athlete, Teresa Polmateer, a senior, and the "Girl of the Year". This recognition for girl athlete is a first. Congratulations, Teresa!

Student Council News

Last Wednesday, June 12, the school underwent a change in student government. After an Assembly in the auditorium, during

National FHA Meeting At Chicago

Future Homemakers of America will hold their Annual National Meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, July 15-18. Some two thousand youth delegates, representing a national membership of half-a-million home economics students from all fifty State, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Island, will be accompanied by five hundred home economics educators who serve as their State and Chapter Advisors.

The Andover FHA has the double honor of having a State Officer, Cindy Tomm, and a National Committee Member, Sara Panton. These two girls are now working to raise the money to attend. They would appreciate any help or donations offered. Cindy and Sara will be accompanied by Miss Goodrich, State and Chapter Advisor of FHA.

Revolving around the theme (SEARCH), the meeting will focus on the use of human and material resources in improving self, developing an understanding of others, and exploring job and career opportunities. This is a meeting of youth, for youth, planned and presided over by the youth. There will also be time for sight-seeing in Chicago including visits to such famous landmarks as Grand Park, Field Museum, Adler Planetarium and the Shedd Aquarium.

which the candidates, Mike Bliss and his running mate on the ticket, Shawn McCormick, and Sara Panton and her running mate, Gary Barden, expressed their platforms the students returned to homeroom and voted. The winners were Sara and Gary, President and Vice-President respectively.

I hope they can keep Student Council alive as have Cindy Baren and Chad Grossman, our retiring leaders.



Dr. Roger F. Rowe, left, and Rep. James F. Hastings congratulate Debra L. Wayne of Andover, R.D. 2, one of two students who tied for first honors out of a class of 1,100 at Alfred State College. Mrs. Wayne and one other student compiled a straight (A) average this year, marking the first time in the history of the college that such a tie has occurred. Congressman Hastings was the guest speaker at the exercises.

The following local residents also received degrees at the exercises: Jeffrey L. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conner L. Stephens, R.D. 1, Alfred Station, Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Liberal Arts; Robert W. Tomm, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Tomm, Sr., of Alfred Station, Bachelor of Science, majoring in Business Administration; David N. Bellantone, of N. Main St., Andover, Master of Fine Arts, majoring in Glass Art; Carl V. Stockwell, 51 Grove Street, Andover, Bachelor of Fine Arts, majoring in Art and Design.

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

By Paul M. Kelsey

FROGS

Did you know that June 16 marked the opening of another hunting season? If you didn't, you weren't alone. It is surprising how few people are aware that in New York, frogs are a protected animal with regular hunting and fishing seasons which run from June 16 through the end of September. This protection carries them past the mating season when they are particularly concentrated and vulnerable.

One of the most memorable days of my outdoor life occurred some 35 years ago in a canoe trip with my father when he introduced me to frogging. Fortunately it was during the season, for I know it never occurred to me at that time that there might be a season on something as lowly as a frog. We were paddling up Brown's Tract Inlet from Raquette Lake under the warm September sun. Frogs were making the most of the late warm days before cold weather settled in for good, and were resting along the bank or on the lily pads.

Dad rigged up a little piece of red flannel on a small hook and, using his fly rod, we dangled this in front of the frogs. I don't know whether they thought it was good to eat or whether it was like waving a red flag in front of a bull; but whatever the cause, they would strike at it. We took turns, one paddling, and one frogging, and by the time we reached the carry across to Eighth Lake, we had our lunch accounted for.

With the carry completed, we built a fire on the shore and fried the frog legs and munched on chocolate bars. I have eaten at a good many classier banquets since that September day, but none has remained as vividly impressed on my memory as those frog legs on

the shore of Eighth Lake. Most frogging for legs is done early in the seasons when frogs are most abundant. It doesn't take many frog leg enthusiasts to thin out the population of the local beaver pond to the point that it doesn't pay, but in more remote ponds and streams, late frogging is still possible.

Here in the north, large, eating-size frogs of our warmer wetlands are not common. Here and there in choice waters one can hear the chug-arum of the bull frog, but ours are primarily the abundant leopard and pickerel frogs. Because of this, probably more frogs end up in the bait pail than in the dinner pail. Another advantage they have as bait is that in most waters where one would want to fish with frogs they can be found along the shore with a little diligent searching.

Frogs are one of the easiest baits to keep alive. If they are kept cool and moist, they will thrive for an extended period. A little water in the bottom of the bait bucket and some loose grass will do the job very well.

Frogs may be fished either deep or on the surface. In their adult stage they must breathe air, so they will drown if they are held under water too long by sinkers. An unweighted frog that is free to come to the surface to breathe can be lively bait for a long time. Even those may stay under water for extended periods of time of their own choice.

Though most frogs are probably taken in connection with fishing, reading the Environmental Conservation Law it looks as though they came in through the backdoor. They are specifically included in the definition of small game in

Veterans News

James M. Hooker, Director of the Buffalo Veterans Administration Regional Office has announced the timetable for payment of increases to some 2.5 million Service Disabled Veterans and dependents of Veterans who died of Service-Connected Disabilities.

A new law (Public Law 93-295) signed by the President May 31 increased disability compensation payments to veterans by 15 to 18 per cent, and dependency and indemnity compensation for widows and children by about 17 per cent. The statute made the increased retroactive to last May 1.

A separate retroactive check covering the increases for the months of May and June will be sent by VA to the Veterans and dependents by Mid-July.

Mr. Hooker said the regular monthly checks due next on July 1 will be paid at the old rate, but the new increases will be reflected in checks received August 1 and thereafter.

VA officials emphasized that no application or inquiry will be necessary to receive the increased amounts. The increases, they said, will be made by the agency automatically for all veterans and dependents.

The new law boosts payments to veterans rated 10 to 50 per cent disabled by VA by 15 per cent, and those rated 60 to 100 per cent disabled to 18 per cent.

The monthly payments to single veterans with 10 per cent disabilities goes up from \$28 to \$32. For

Section 11-0103, and under small game seasons June 16 through September 30 is established. Then in describing the manner in which they may be taken as small game it says frogs (may also be taken by spearing catching with the hands or by the use of a club or hook.)

When taken with gun or long bow, a hunting license is required. If any other means is used, any person who can legally fish, may take them. This means that the small boy with agile fingers can get into this sport just as well as anyone else.

veterans rated 100 percent disabled under VA's general schedule the monthly sum is increased from \$495 to \$584, and for the most severely disabled veterans the maximum monthly amount is jumped from \$1,232 to \$1,454.

Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated 50 per cent or more receive additional allowance if they have dependents. These added allowances are also increased under the new law by 15 per cent.

If there are any questions you can contact James McLaughlin, Hornell City Building, Hornell, New York.

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TEST YOUR ENVIRONMENT I.Q.

-- Agriculture --

NEW YORK (ED) - Everyone wants to protect our environment, but unless we know the issues, we can't act. This farm facts quiz will test your ecology-understanding.

QUESTIONS:

1. The average American spends about 40% of his expendable income for food. (T) (F)
2. As long as he has adequate rainfall, the farmer can grow abundant crops. (T) (F)
3. American farm productivity has more than doubled since 1910. (T) (F)
4. Insect pests have finally been brought under control. (T) (F)
5. Efficient crop production has an effect on meat prices. (T) (F)
6. There is still no federal control of agricultural pesticides. (T) (F)

ANSWERS:

1. (F) We spend about 15 1/2% of our income for food. The West German spends 45%; the Russian, 56%.
2. (F) Without the help of pesticides, the farmer would lose much of his crop to the many agricultural

pests ... and food prices would increase because crop yield would decrease.

3. (T) The same amount of acres harvested in 1910 to feed 80 million Americans now feeds some 200 million.

4. (F) About 600 species are still considered to be serious threats to human health or food production.

5. (T) Efficiently produced animal feed (corn soybeans) helps hold down beef and poultry prices.

6. (F) Every pesticide that moves in interstate commerce must be registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. To obtain this registration a manufacturer must spend an average of six million dollars over a period of six years to fulfill all safety requirements of the government.

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