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Editorial

by Diane Bliss

Welcome Back! It sure seemed like a short summer and fall has us back in school with new faces scattered around the halls. I hope everyone gets to feeling right at home, as much as some of us would rather have summer vacation for 365 days a year. Then there is the group that was ready to burn the school down last spring, but couldn't wait to get back this year. I guess I should be categorized as one who would have given anything to pick a hill and sit there all day.

Time does funny things to us people and makes us all a little wiser, though. Not long ago, I was saying, between gritted teeth, that there were better things to do than spend well over half a day involved in school. There's so much more, so many greater things to learn and do outside of a classroom's four walls. Little did I know or realize the unique experience and knowledge hidden deep in the cobwebbed corners of the school's too familiar halls. Anyway, everyone seems to be sticking his nose right to the grindstone and this year looks surprisingly promising.

Well, so much for the annual first-of-the-year editorial. Maybe by next week there will be something a little more exciting to read. (It takes me a little time to think up these things.) Why doesn't someone make something happen that will make good writing? Any volunteers?

New Teacher

by Marsha Baker

Among the new faces at A.C.S. this year we have Mr. Richard Nicol. He was born September 27, 1952. The son of John and Ruth Nicol, he has two sisters, Pat and Kathy.

His high school years were spent attending Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo. From there he attended St. Bonaventure University.

Mr. Nicol is teaching one class of seventh grade English, and two classes of English 8 and English 10. He is also coaching Cross Country and J.V. Basketball.

I asked Mr. Nicol how he felt about Andover. His views were: "I really enjoy working in Andover because I like small towns where everyone is close and knows one another. Compared to a bigger city such as Buffalo, Andover, has a slower, more relaxed atmosphere in which to work, grow and know people."

When asked the same question about the school and students, he replied "I am having a very good time getting to know the school system and the students. The students are very friendly and seem to be eager to learn about new things and ideas. It is a tremendous help to have students who want to learn."

Mr. Nicol's favorite hobbies are reading, football, golf, basketball and chess.

To Mr. Nicol we hope that he continues to enjoy Andover.

Senior Interview

by Dale Russell

On May 26, 1956, the first baby of the Allen family was brought into this world. They decided to name his Roy L. Allen. Roy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Allen, reside on Hill Street. Roy has one brother, Steve, and three sisters, Debbie, Sally and Laurie. Roy is presently attending BOCES and majoring in machine shop.

He participated in the class play as he helped with sound effects. After Roy graduates he plans on working.

Senior Class Officers

The Class Officers for the Senior Class of 1974 are:
 President - Michael Bliss
 Vice-President - Shawn McCormick
 Secretary - Sara Pantton
 Treasurer - Vicky Bird

FHA News

Cindy Tomm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tomm of Alfred Station and Sara Pantton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pantton will attend the State Executive Council Meeting of the New York State Association of Future Homemakers of America at the Ramada Inn in Syracuse, New York, September 12 - 14. FHA is the youth organization for secondary school students who are studying or have studied home economics.

Cindy is the State FHA Projects Chairman and Sara is the National, FHA Committee Member. Miss Marjorie Goodrich, Chapter Advisor and Home Economics Teacher at Andover Central School, will accompany them.

The purpose of this meeting is to develop a program and policies for the State Association, make plans for district activities and plan the program for the Annual State FHA meeting, which will be held at Grossingers, New York, April 30 - May 2, 1975.

Cafeteria Menu

Week of September 16 - 20

MONDAY - Beef Barbecue on Bun, Buttered Vegetable, Pudding Milk

TUESDAY - Vegetable Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Fruited Jello, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Spanish Rice, Cabbage Salad, Bread and Butter, No Bake Cookies, Milk

THURSDAY - Mashed Potatoes with Butter, Sliced Meat, Buttered Vegetable, Bread and Butter, Frosted Cake, Milk

FRIDAY - Potato Chips, Baked Fish Sticks, Buttered Vegetable, Bread and Butter, Orange Juice, Milk



Change In Trapping of Fur Bearing Animals

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation James L. Biggame has announced a change in regulations governing the trapping of fur bearing animals including beaver, otter, and fisher. The change offers greater conveniences for trappers.

Until now, a trapper of these animals had to have the pelts tagged by an environmental conservation officer. Under the new regulations, the trapper must fill out the tag request card furnished with his trapping license, indicate the number of tags, that he thinks he will need and mail it to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Each time a beaver, otter or fisher is trapped the tag must be attached to the animal pelt after it has been skinned. If the unskinned carcasses of the animals are to be sold by the trapper they must be tagged before the sale is made. After the animals are tagged the report portion must be filled out and mailed to the Department. Possession of untagged pelts for these furbearers is a violation of the Fish and Wildlife Law.

Cheerleaders

by Sara Pantton

The Cheerleading Squad for this year was chosen at the end of school last year. The Squad consists of ten girls and one alternate. They are:

- Seniors - Sara Pantton, Marsha Baker, Linda Muleonery and Kathy Haskins.
- Sophomore - Marcey Jackson.
- Freshmen - Rhonda Geffers, Beth Barden, Sue Dougherty, Karen Joyce, Marcey Smith, Lori Budge - Alternate.

Today's Health News

Published by the American Medical Association

"How do you pick a good hospital? Often, you don't. You usually wait until an emergency arises before you think about the quality and cost of hospital care. Then, the doctor quickly makes the decision for you. However, if you do have the time to shop around, there are criteria by which you can identify a superior hospital or spot a poor one. Accreditation, autopsy percentages, special services, and personnel-patient ratios may be new words, but necessary ones, when it comes to the final judgment. The following hospital administrators, physicians, health-care consumer advocates, and nurses explain how these considerations can help you choose the best hospital."

Joseph V. Terenzio, J.D., executive vice-president of the United Hospital Fund of New York and a former hospital administrator: "The first thing he would want to know about a hospital is whether it is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals."

While the commission's standards are "merely minimum" he cautions, any hospital failing to meet these standards "certainly" one that I would stay away from."

John C. Babes, administrator of Montclair Hospital, Montclair, New Jersey: "The way to get the best hospital is to fill the hospital with patients and ask for their autopsy percentages. Then, take

the hospital with the highest percentage." This grim-sounding but valid method, Imhoff points out, rests on the fact that the higher the autopsy percentage, the greater the degree of inquisitiveness there is among the professional staff.

Phillip N. Sawyer, M.D., cardiovascular surgeon, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York: "Ascertain if it's a volunteer hospital operating on a nonprofit basis. 'Profit hospitals are not necessarily bad,' he admits, 'but you can pretty well assume that a nonprofit hospital will provide a social service to the community which is not profit-oriented, and that's fine.'"

George Alfano, director and administrator of the Leob Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York: "In a good hospital there should be a ratio of one R.N. (registered nurse) to every five or six on-the-job personnel; the ratio of personnel to patients should also be at least one to six. 'Check the night and evening nursing pattern,' she advises. Many patients, just because it is night, tend to have more symptoms than during the daytime. The ratio then should be at least one R.N. for every 10 to 15 patients."

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Commissioner Biggame stated, "The cooperation of trappers is necessary for setting biologically sound trapping and hunting seasons and is an important tool in good wildlife management on the whole. This pelt tagging regulation is about the only workable method available to the Bureau of Wildlife to determine the annual harvest of these valuable furbearers," he continued. Official tagging of beaver pelts was first initiated in New York State in the early 1930's when trapping season were reopened for beaver. There was fear that trapping would exterminate the beaver populations once again. Since then the annual beaver take has been increasing steadily and exceeded 12,000 during the 1972-73 trapping season according to the official pelt tag report.

The 1974-75 Hunting-Trapping-Fishing Guide states that traps may not be set in the Northern Zone from September 10 through October 24 or in Southern Zone between September 10 and October 28. The exceptions to these seasons closed to trapping are as follows:

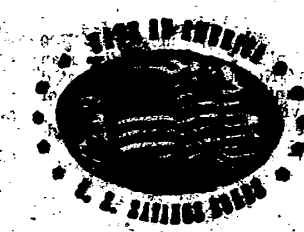
- (1) Bobcat and coyotes may be trapped at any time in Clinton, St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, Fulton, Hamilton, Essex, Warren, Oswego, Franklin, Oneida, Saratoga and Washington Counties.
- (2) Traps may be set for taking foxes in any county of the State.
- (3) Owners of land or lessees of land and any member of their immediate families, actually occupying such lands, may set traps for taking unprotected wildlife.

Unprotected wildlife under the Fish and Wildlife Law are red and gray foxes, opossums, weasels, coyotes and bobcats. The section pertaining to unprotected wildlife was unintentionally omitted from the 1974-75 Hunting-Trapping-Fishing Guide.

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IS IGNORANCE AN EXCUSE?

It takes more than 100 volumes, each one huge, to describe what the American law is today. Viewing this mass of material, you may well quaver at the thought that every person is presumed to know the law — that ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Is that true? Are you really supposed to know everything in those books?

No — not in any absolute sense. For one thing, you cannot fairly be expected to know about laws that are totally unrelated to your own activities. A New York pedestrian, crossing Broadway, need not be aware of the jay-walking rules in Pasadena.

Furthermore, your ignorance of the law may be an excuse if you are accused of a crime that requires a specific guilty intent. Consider this case:

A landlady, noticing ink stains on the rug in a boarder's room, took possession of his radio. She planned to hold it until he paid for the damage to the rug. But he promptly retaliated by having her arrested on a charge of theft.

In court, the landlady pleaded ignorance of the law, saying she had honestly thought she had a right to take the radio. And the court decided she could not be convicted of theft, because she lacked the specific guilty intent called for in that crime.

Still, the rule that ignorance is no excuse does apply in the vast majority of cases. Our whole system of criminal justice would fall apart if the excuse of ignorance — so easy to claim, so hard to disprove — were to be generally accepted.

For example, imagine the chaos if every motorist who had been caught speeding could escape punishment by saying:

"I did go fast, Your Honor, but I didn't realize that speeding was against the law."

True, the ignorance rule may be hard on the occasional individual who really did not know he was breaking the law. There is some harshness in punishing a person who, as one judge put it, "stumbles over an edict in the dark."

But for the sake of practical law enforcement, some unfairness cannot be avoided. Said Oliver Wendell Holmes:

"Justice to the individual is outweighed by larger interests on the other side of the scale."