

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 21 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 Conservaton 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.

News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week beginning October 11, 1974, as follows:

Saturday, October 12, 1974 — Mr. Emery will be attending the annual Livingston County Farm Bureau meeting at the York Town Hall — 7:00 p. m.

Sunday, October 13, 1974 — From 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m., he will be in Dansville at a reception in honor of long time friends Norm and Florence Chapman, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

In the evening — between 5 & 9:00 p. m. — he will be in Lima attending a steak dinner and rally at the Lima Country Club sponsored by the Lima Republicans.

Wednesday, October 16, 1974 — At 10:00 a. m., Mr. Emery will be in Allegany County attending a meeting of school administrators at the Andrew F. Haynes Occupational Center. There will be a discussion period on new state aid provisions relative to specialized needs and handicapped students.

Thursday, October 17, 1974 — There will be an Inter-County Legislative meeting in Wellsville, Allegany County, comprised of legislators and supervisors from the Western New York area. Assemblyman Emery will be attending the meeting during the day and in the evening will travel to Canandaigua, Ontario County, to take part in a Political Forum where candidates will address the gathering and field questions from the audience. The forum begins at 7:00 p. m., and will be held at the Wood Library in Canandaigua.



50 YEARS AGO

October 3, 1924

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Former Andover man tells of the largest religious convention ever held at the capitol in Washington, D. C. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Margaret Dean, Wil J. Dean, former Andover boy, now in Philadelphia, Pa., gave a fine description of his visit to Washington, D. C., at the time of the Holy Name Convention. He saw a man in the crowd who looked familiar and found him to be John Lynch of Wellsville, and a former South Hill boy like himself. He saw he had a badge of the Buffalo Diocese, so he spoke to him. The program was forgotten for a few minutes of home talk, both feeling it a strange happening that in that crowd from many states two from our "neck of the woods" should stand together.

Herbert P. Bundy died September 20, 1924 after a severe illness of four weeks. He was born in Andover, May 7, 1844, he married Henrietta Fummer in 1868, who with one daughter, Mrs. Benjamin (Roxie) Brundage, survive. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Baptist Church with burial in Valley Brook Cemetery.

W. D. Hazard of the Proctor District, near Wellsville, died at Ovid, N. Y., September 25, 1924. He was born June 15, 1855, and in 1879 married Francoeda Perry, who died seven years ago. Survivors are two sons Bergie and Royce; three daughters, Mrs. L. B. Jones and Mrs. O. L. Smith of Wellsville and Mrs. Fred Stebbins of Andover; three brothers Byron, Frank and Orren and one sister, Mrs. Lyda Rice of Andover. Funeral services were held Sunday at the home with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Tickets from our School — The Seniors have received a lot of excellent candy which they are selling every night at 2:30 in both the lower and upper halls.

The Beta Mu held their second initiation of the year September



The General Post recently disclosed that all of us in Ulster County have known for months that the grocery bill, as well as every other bill, is the major topic of conversation with dinner table. What can Washington do to curb these rising prices?

J. K. — New Paltz

Our government must take some hard economic medicine. The Congress will have to exercise a substantial degree of self-control so that we at the federal level will stop bleeding by the huge deficits that create inflation. The time has come to stop kidding ourselves. Nothing is "free," it all has to be paid for either in direct taxes or in the indirect tax called inflation. The latter tax is particularly vicious, as it falls hardest on the poor and the poor. Clearly, the time has come for the American people to insist on economy in government, and for the Congress to police its own spending habits.

Senator Henry Jackson recently returned from a trip to Communist China with the recommendation that we, in effect, cut formal diplomatic relations with the government of Taiwan. How do you view his recommendation?

E. B. — Genesee

It is the Chinese Communists who insist, as a condition of diplomatic relations, that we sever our historic relationship with Taiwan. I do believe that we should maintain contact with major Communist powers like China. But why should we do these things on Communist terms? Economically, the Taiwanese are far stronger than mainland China, and, therefore, are far more logical trading partners for the United States. I see nothing to be gained, and much to be lost, in repudiating friends of long standing by summarily capitulating to Communist demands.

Turkey has announced that it would resume the production of opium poppies—the major source of the heroin which until two or three years ago was sold on the streets of New York. How can we bring pressure on Turkey to reverse its decision?

M. J. — Manhattan

The Senate took some very effective action recently when it adopted an amendment to a military appropriations bill that Senator Mondale and I introduced. At the present time we are providing substantial economic aid to Turkey. We are also helping them purchase military equipment by selling some equipment at reduced prices and giving other equipment outright. Our legislation states that this type of aid will be cut off on January 1, 1975, unless, by that time, Turkey has either reinstated a ban or taken effective safeguards that will assure that legally grown opium does not find its way into illegal channels.

23. The candidates were Robert Lynch, Albert Rogers and Louis Joyce.

The Kappa Zeta held their first initiation at the school building last Thursday night. Refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all. The Beta Mu were also present.

Miss Ella B. Wright entertained the Delta Rho Club at the home of Mrs. William Woodruff last Friday evening.

There will be a meeting of the ladies Auxiliary of the Thomas M. Lynch American Legion Post. Tuesday evening, October 6 at the G.A.R. Hall.

Solo is to have electricity for lighting and power purposes. The Genesee Power Company's line is being extended to that village from Belmont.

Miss Anna Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joyce, and Mark S. Lorie of Arkport were united in marriage Wednesday at 9 a. m., at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Clifford Burdick attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Arminda Byers in Alfred last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fanton of Voorhees Hill entertained September 28 in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Church of Proctor District. Nineteen of the immediate family were present to celebrate the happy event.

South Hill — Considerable work is being done at the Village Springs on the Dean farm. A large cement dam is now under construction.

Archie Kemp of Andover, was

over West Greenwood Hill Saturday selling peaches.

Lane School District — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wittie and son, Richard went to Fillmore last Friday, returning Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary Cady of Penn Yan was a guest of her uncle, A. M. Wood the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAndrew and sons, Howard and Richard were guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Bernard Murray of Hornell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark of Gowanda, were visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, Sunday. Other callers at the Clark home were: Miss Moon of West Union, Mrs. Fred Potter and granddaughter, Miss Ratsh of Hornell.

A. M. Wood was a business caller in Wellsville, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg and daughter, Loretta, returned home from Ohio, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Howland and Mrs. Edward Cadie passed Monday guests of Mrs. D. Driscoll of Wellsville.

Miss Florence Cocoman returned home Monday from Buffalo where she has been spending a few days.

Charles Downer and Ronald Gibbs left Sunday for Rochester where they will take up their studies October 1st.

Miss Irene Dougherty was a Hornell visitor, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hann, Mrs. Merle of Puffer Siding, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Hann and son,

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