

THE HUNTER and POSTED LAND

An Editorial

Small game hunting will get underway in upstate New York on October 1 — but when cottontail and pheasant seasons open in the western agricultural counties on October 17, it will hit its peak. Scattered shooting heard on hilltop woodlands will be 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; (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 casts 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 hunter 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

February 25, 1927

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Clayton F. Mead, 37, of Hornell, was crushed between two cars near the V N Tower at 10:20, Wednesday evening, February, and died one hour later at the St. James Mercy Hospital. Mr. Mead was born and raised in Andover and went to Hornell twelve years ago, where he was employed by the Erie. He is survived by his wife; three children, Inez and Harold (twins), and Edith at home; his father, Menzo Mead of Andover; three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Briggs of Andover, Mrs. C. L. Montgomery and Mrs. Buron Vaughn, both of Hornell; three brothers, Robert of Hornell and Clarence and LeRoy of Andover. Burial was in Hornell Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. Frances C. Erwin of Hornell, died February 18 at the St. James Mercy Hospital. She is survived by two sons, Raymond and Cyril and one daughter, Kathryn, all at home and one brother, William F. O'Connell of Andover. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. Hildred S. Rogers died February 24 at his home on Rochambeau Avenue. Hildred is the son of Ames and the late Harriett F. Rogers, born in Greenwood, N. Y., on March 12, 1898. His mother died in 1913. He married Gladys M. Lobdell, March 11, 1922, who survives with a two year old daughter, Mildred Jean; and his father, Ames. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

The following have earned Preliminary Certificates as a result of January Regents Examination: Gladys Whitney, Naomi Sticker, Helen Joyce, Virgil Slaght, Oliver Kemp and Burrell Cole.

More than ten inches of snow fell in Andover Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Cymboline Hammell, who recently graduated from the George Washington Hospital in Washington, D. C., as a trained nurse has, successfully passed the R.N. examination in the District of Columbia.

Supt. Levi Tubbs of Salamanca a former Principal of Andover High School, gave the welcoming address at a reception given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Harding of the First Baptist Church in Salamanca. Miss Amelia Tubbs' name appeared on the program in a vocal solo.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet next Wednesday, March 2 at the home of Mrs. R. V. Akin, with Mrs. Akin and Mrs. S. P. Taylor, hostesses.

A number of Andover people attended the card party at the Lyceum in Wellsville, Monday evening. Miss Florence Coe of Andover, was awarded one of the prizes.

Mrs. William Swain died at her home near Belvidere, February 8, after a long illness. Mrs. Swain was born in Pennsylvania in 1861, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown and married William Swain in Andover in 1881. Her husband three sons and four daughters survive.

The early Robins seen and heard on South Hill last week were short-lived in the bad weather of Sunday.

Anthony Dougherty of South Hill took advantage of the sleighing by drawing lime from Andover the first of the week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Colgrove of Young Hickory died Sunday a. m. He leaves his parents and one sister.

Ray R. Clark died at his home in Pleasant Valley, near Bath. Funeral services were held at the Murray Funeral Home in Hornell with burial in Bennetts Creek Cemetery. He was a brother of L. D. Clark of Greenwood.

Mrs. Charles Howland and son Clifford, motored to Hornell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snyder and family were in Hornell on business, Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth McDonough of Belmont was a guest of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonough, Sunday.

Mrs. William Hammell and daughter, Miss Onodie and Miss

Pansy Walden were Hornell visitors Wednesday.

The regular meeting of the Literary Society was called to order by President Clifford Howland. Those on the program were: Marguerite Perry, Naomi Sticker, Hazel Plummer, Eleanor DeRemer, Doris Church, Bernadine Hann, Viola Clark, Virginia Millsbaugh, Winona Early, Edna Barrett, Elizabeth Baker, Elwood Williams, Norma Martin, Margaret Folsing, Eva Rennells, Mary Yeager, Gladys Whitney. A vote of thanks was given Miss Baker; Miss Smith and the orchestra and Fanny Perry and the others for helping to make the play "The Little Clodhopper" a success.

March 4, 1927

Members of the Albany County Newspaper Publishers Association and their guests of the Albany County anniversary luncheon at the "Hill Coffee Shop" were the fourteen publishers in the County were gathered February 25 in honor of Frank A. Crumb, a printer for fifty years. J. Harvey Backus, as spokesman for the Association, presented Mr. Crumb, on behalf of the members of the Albany County Publishers Association, a beautiful Hamilton watch encased in white gold. On its back was engraved Mr. Crumb's initials and upon the inside cover was inscribed F. A. Crumb 1927, Fifty Years a Printer, presented by Members of Albany County Publishers Association.

Marion Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dean of Andover, died February 27. She was born October 12, 1917. She is survived by her parents; one sister, Doris; two brothers, Edward and Donald. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

A letter from T. J. Gilbert at Ithaca, describes the Odd Fellows Home, owned by Grand Lodge IOOF.

The regular meeting of the Literary Society, February 25, was called to order by President Clifford Howland. After a short business meeting, Gertrude O'Connell, Chairman of the Program Committee, took charge of the program. The following people took part: Guy Nye, Gertrude Jackson, Raymond O'Boyle, Virgil Slaght, Mary Gavin, Mary Branch, Frances Brundage, Dorothea Snyder, Raymond Huggins, Harold Bixby. A play, ATill's vs Mary June, was presented and the following took part: Claire Greene, Louise Harrison, Lloyd Gee, Priscella MacDougald, Ima Williams, Edward Chandall, Cecilia O'Connell Ague, Lynch, Mildred Seely and Louie McAndrew.

At a meeting of the French II Class Wednesday afternoon it was decided to form a club to be known as "Le Cercle Francais". The following officers were elected: President, Gertrude O'Connell, Vice President, Louis Joyce; Secretary and Treasurer, Clifford Howland. Faculty Advisor, Leola Baker. A committee of the following was appointed to draw up the constitution: Robert Lynch, Rose Dawson and Frances Brundage. The Club being formed for practice in the use of the French language as well as the study of the country and customs.

The thermometer reached the Zero Mark Wednesday morning. But we have no kick coming as February was a dandy month and so far March is behaving herself remarkably well.

The 20th Anniversary of the Organization of Andover Grange No. 1098 was celebrated in their rooms February 23. Guests were present from Greenwood and Alfred. There are six Charter Members, who are still members of the local Grange. Mrs. Agnes Langworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Emma Robinson and J. M. Hartman. They were all present and gave interesting accounts concerning the organization of the Grange in 1907. History, humorous happenings, good of the Grange & Memorials. The House Committee served their usual grand supper and all enjoyed the beautiful 20th Anniversary Birthdays Cake baked by Mrs. Charles Robinson.

John Lynch, age 70, died February 28 at the home of Mortimer Lanphear in Railroad Valley. Jack passed his first few years in a Children's Home in New York City coming to Andover in early life. He was employed by the Erie Railroad and for forty years he has worked on the farm for Mr. Lanphear where he has lived ever since. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

The Elm Valley Ladies Aid was recently re-organized with Mrs.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

TAX CUTS LONG OVERDUE

News from Albany this week of state leaders finally agreeing to reduce the state's high tax burdens is good news indeed. It is news that is long overdue. Now we must carefully decide which taxes should be cut.

In making this decision, I first point to the severe weather of the past winter which highlighted the need for repealing the state sales tax on home heating fuels. Home heating fuels are a necessity not

I do not recall the reasons those who at the hearings conducted by the head of the Assembly Taxation Task Force on Taxation and the State's Economy. Business leaders noted that New York's tax on incomes above \$25,000 is more out of line with the national average than taxes on other New Yorkers.

This causes companies difficulties in luring the best middle management personnel to New York based offices, and it gives upper level management a personal reason for moving their companies and all of its jobs outside of New York's borders. Obviously, the tax structure is hindering our efforts to expand job opportunities through a re-building of a solid industrial base.

Lastly, I note that there is an absolute need to ease the tax burdens of the lower and middle workers and small businesses. Both are the backbone of this state and they have seen their incomes become ravaged by inflation and the nickel and diming efforts of one nuisance tax upon another. Each day these individuals and employers are finding it more difficult to survive economically.

These are just three of the tax laws which I think should be changed. There are many more I could name, but I think they accurately portray my feelings on where tax cuts should be directed. The tax laws of New York State are a major element in shaping the future of this state. In this time of soaring prices and high unemployment, the tax laws should be fashioned as part of an overall plan to ease the consumer cost of essential items and to stimulate the expansion of job opportunities in our state.

Nellie Mead as President, Mrs. Inez Hopkins Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer. The next meeting will be held at the President's home March 10. With a thirteen dinner at Noon.

"Chuckles", a play sponsored by the Masons and Eastern Stars, realized \$100. Those taking part in the play were: Kathryn O'Donnell, Bernice Mead, Carl Childs, Clarence Mead, Avery Mead, John Lever, Dr. John Common, Maggie Mullen, Ralph Williams, Viva Blackburn, Louise Folsing, Fanny Perry and Guy Wood. The Orchestra consisted of Minnie Clair pianist; Francis Vickers, Dan Farwell, Ralph Williams, Willie and Gordon Pease, Robert Common and Malcolm Brundage and vocal solo by Winona Early and Harold Lehman.

Mrs. Lizzie Sweet Walsh died at her home in Wellsville February 28. She was the daughter of the late George and Nora Livermore Greene, born September 16, 1868. She married Edgar A. Sweet Nov 2, 1887, who died in 1904. Later she married Myron H. Welsh who died June 30, 1926. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Fanny Sweet and Mrs. John Dickson of Wellsville, one son Lebbeus George Sweet of New York City; one sister Mrs. H. H. Stoner of Barborton, Ohio. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodruff were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Eugene Shaw of Alfred Station.

Specials at the F. L. Bloss Corner Grocery Store this week: Fancy June Cheese - 35c lb., Maxwell House Coffee 55c lb., Grapefruit 2 for 25c, Japanese Tea 30c for 1/2 lb., June Quality Ice Cream 50c a quart, Green Vegetables.

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