

Straight 55 Day Gunning Season On Ducks & Coots

Waterfowl hunters in upstate New York will have a straight 55 day gunning season on ducks and coots, the State Conservation Department announced today.

With the exception of a small area along Lake Champlain, upstate shooters will have from Oct. 15 — Dec. 8 for ducks and coots. A straight 70 day season for geese and brant will run from Oct. 15 — Dec. 23. In addition, a special season for scaup and ringneck only will be held Dec. 24 — Jan. 7.

The Lake Champlain season, which under Federal regulation must coincide with hunting dates in Vermont, will run a straight 55 days on ducks and coots, from Oct. 8 — Dec. 1. A straight 17 day season for geese and brant will be held Oct. 8 — Dec. 16. (The Lake Champlain waterfowl hunting region lies east of the main tracks of the D & L Railroad running from the Canadian border to Whitehall in the Vermont border).

On Long Island and that portion of Westchester County south of the Hutchinson River Parkway, the waterfowl season is, by Federal regulation, the same as Connecticut's. A 50 day split season on ducks and coots will run Oct. 15 — 23 and Nov. 15 — Dec. 23. Geese and brant may be taken during a 70 day split season running Oct. 15 — Nov. 3 and Nov. 19 — Jan. 7.

Long Island shooters will also have a special season on scaup and ringnecks from Dec. 24 — Jan. 7.

Following the pattern of recent years, Long Island hunters will have a special season on scoters, eiders and old-squaws, running Sept. 25 — Jan. 10 in certain coastal waters. (The special season applies to water of Long Island and Block Island Sounds and the waters of Gardiner's Bay lying east of a line from the Long Beach Bay lighthouse to the most easterly point of Ram Head on Shelter Island to the Celar Point light northeast of Sag Harbor). In this area, hunters may pursue and shoot crippled waterfowl from a boat under power within 200 yards of a fixed shooting position. In all other areas where sea ducks may be taken only during the regular season, it is illegal to shoot crippled birds from a boat under power or sail.

Hunting hours for all regular waterfowl seasons will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. This is a half hour earlier than previous seasons and the Conservation Department cautions hunters to be certain of their target in the early morning gloom before pulling the trigger. During the special upstate season on scaup and ringneck, shooting hours will be from sunrise to sunset to protect canvasbacks which may be present during the special season. On Long Island, where canvasbacks do not present this problem, shooting hours begin half an hour before sunrise.

Sea duck hunters are cautioned that gunning hours during the special season on scoters, eiders and old-squaws are from sunrise to sunset.

Bag limits on ducks, other than mergansers, are three per day and six in possession, but no more than two wood ducks or two canvasbacks may be taken per day and no more than four of each in possession is the rule. Mergansers may be taken at the rate of five per day and 10 in possession, of which only one per day and two in possession may be hooded mergansers. The daily bag and possession limits on scoter, eider and old-quaw are seven and 14 respectively.

During the special scaup and ringneck seasons following the regular seasons upstate and on Long Island, five scaup and ringneck are allowed in the daily bag and ten in possession. In the Lake Champlain region, where no special season is scheduled, hunters will have a bonus bag on scaup and ringneck from Nov. 15 — Dec. 1. The Lake Champlain bonus bag

Mrs. H. Wightman

Gertrude Robertie Wightman of R.D. 2, Friendship, wife of Herbert Wightman, died Tuesday, August 30, 1966 at the Jones Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. She was 80.

Born June 30, 1886, in Des Moines, Iowa, she was a daughter of Millard and Ella Belle Johnson Pierce. She was a member of the Allentown Methodist Church and a charter member of Inavale Grange.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. G. Sterling Beach of Rochester, Mrs. Keith Dye of Gloversville, Mrs. Lawrence Corwin of Andover and Mrs. Eldred Monahan of Bolivar; two sons, Theodore of Spencerport and Richard of Andover; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Leonor Wuehrich of Olean; and a brother, Raymond Pierce of KD Friendship.

Funeral services are held this Thursday afternoon at the Schreffler Funeral Home in Bolivar. The Rev. Nelson McCall, pastor of the Richburg First Day Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Dimick Cemetery, Inavale.

Ag-Tech Class of 1916 Hold Alumni Picnic

Six members of the Class of 1916 were honored Sunday during the Annual Alumni Picnic staged at the Lake Lodge facility of State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred.

Five of the six 50-year graduates returning to the campus are from Allegany County. They include Mrs. Bessie J. Thayer of 53 Prospect St., Cuba; Almon A. Thayer of Fillmore; Mrs. Grace E. Vossler of Wellsville RFD 3; Mrs. Irving Palmer of Alfred Station; and Floyd Saunders of Richburg. The sixth class member present was Mrs. Homer Bailor of Groveland.

A large cake with the inscription "Congratulations Class of 1916" was made for the occasion and the Golden Anniversary grads were also given special certificates in leather-covers to commemorate the event.

The certificates were presented by Milo E. Van Hall, Dean of Student Academic Programs at the college and president of the Alfred State Tech Alumni Association.

Dean Van Hall welcomed the more than 60 persons attending the picnic and explained various phases of the alumni program at the college as well as new developments taking place during the school's current \$30 million expansion.

Others addressing the group were Horace W. Koch, Alumni Scholarship Fund Director, and Vincent Petrie of Almond, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Mr. Petrie is in charge of arrangements for the picnic which is held annually on the last Sunday in August.

Firemen's Notice

The regular monthly meeting of Andover Fire Company will be held Tuesday evening, September 6th at 8 p. m., at the Fire Hall.

will include, in addition to regular limits, two scaup and ringneck in the daily bag and four in possession.

Bag limits on geese remain at two per day and four in possession. For brant it is six per day and six in possession. For coots the daily bag and possession limit are ten and 20, respectively.

As aids in identification of the various waterfowl species, which is necessary for "species management" to succeed, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service color booklet, "Ducks at a Distance", are available from the Superintendent of Documents for 25c. A black and white flyer, "Know Your Ducks" as well as Tables of Sunrise and Sunset may be obtained at no charge from all Main and Regional Offices of the New York State Conservation Department.

News That's Print To Fit

Yep, this week they finally made it! The homework assignments that is. We received them in the mail Friday—and they appear on the Hi Herald page of this week's issue.

In looking the copy over, we noticed the names of several teachers which we are unfamiliar with — and assume that perhaps they are among several of the new teachers that will commence their duties at ACS this semester.

However, since the Public Relations Department at the School apparently hasn't deemed it appropos to release the names, pictures or biography sketches of the new teachers to us, it appears as if our readers will have to find a copy of the Hornell Evening Tribune earlier this week to find out these facts and information.

Perhaps the above remarks may sound a little strange to the general public, so we will elucidate a little further. To begin with, one has to understand the general policies of daily and weekly newspapers.

New names and faces of people that appear in front of the public are NEWS. In the hometown weekly paper — they are usually Front Page News. However, in the neighboring daily papers — they usually appear on the suburban pages.

But, when it comes to long lists of names as collectors for fund drives, home-room assignments etc., as a rule, the daily papers don't have the time to wade thru them — or the space available to print them. So, if they are sent to them — they end up in file 15. (After all, it is only a small percentage of their total readers that are involved.)

With the weekly newspaper it's different. To the hometown Editor, (who is usually part-owner, publisher, proof-reader — and what have you), the general feeling is that things like this should be handled as a public service — so takes the time and trouble to print it.

However, in handling things like this — he also expects to be handed the whole stick! Not just the dirty end of it — but also the clean end as well.

Thus, despite the fact that he is expected to have the hide of a "rhino" (rhinoceros — see, we really can spell it), he is apt to view some communications with rather a jaundiced eye — especially after he has already seen the "meat" in a daily paper — and all that he is served up is "the fat". And, after turning all four cheeks, things of this nature — could possibly wind up in the "held" box — or even file 13. 10-4?

We recently ran across an item from the "Clark, S.D., Courier" that fits in rather well with our Editorial this week and goes like this: "The community that aspires greatness and achieves its goal — is one where every resident considers himself the head of that community. I am the community in which I choose to live. I am the generating factor for the progress that community makes. I am responsible for the conditions that exist in that community. I surrender that responsibility only when I assume similar responsibilities in another locality where I might elect to make my future home."

Thus, despite the fact that "the" bitter pill of truth" might be a "little hard to swallow" at times, it is YOU — the Taxpayers and Voters that elected the Village Board Members to serve YOU — in the manner that YOU want them to. If they fail to pay attention to your requests or desires, it is up to YOU to find out why.

And, of course, the best place to find out an answer to your questions is at a regular Village Board Meeting — which normally convenes the second Tuesday evening of every month at 8:00 p. m.

Noel E. Spicer

Noel E. Spicer, son of Grant and Henrietta Fish Spicer, died Friday morning, August 26, 1963.

He was born Sept. 5, 1889 in Whitesville, where he lived most of his life except for seven years when he lived with his brother, Robert E. and Mrs. Spicer preceding the last three years in Andover he lived at the Fred Smith home, where he died.

He was a carpenter by trade, but roofing was his specialty.

He is survived by four brothers, Robert E. Spicer, Andover, Ray Spicer, Hornell, William Spicer, Scio, and Merle Spicer, Whitesville; two sisters, Florence Beach of Largo, Fla., and Stella Ludlow of Zephyrhills, Fla.

Funeral and committal services were held at the Wildman Funeral Home, Sunday, August 28, 1966 with Rev. Hurley S. Warren of Almond officiating. Burial was in the Whitesville Rural Cemetery.



Harold D. Babcock

Appointed Asst. Director Wellsville Vocational Training Division

Harold D. Babcock, former director of special services at Wellsville Central School, has been appointed assistant director of the new Wellsville Vocational Training Division of State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred.

Mr. Babcock's appointment was announced today by Dr. David H. Huntington, Alfred State Tech president. He said Mr. Babcock has already started his duties with the school to assist in getting the facilities ready for an October opening.

As assistant director, Mr. Babcock will work closely with Professor Donald F. Jones, a member of the Alfred State College faculty since 1955 and director of the new Wellsville Vocational Division.

A resident of 279 West State St., Wellsville, Mr. Babcock is a native of Friendship and has held teaching and other positions at Allegany County schools for several years.

Mr. Babcock came to Wellsville Central School in 1946 and was head of the Social Studies Department until 1951 when he became director of guidance. For the past 10 years he has served as director of special services at the school.

From 1939 to 1943, Mr. Babcock was head of the History Department and vice principal at Alfred-Almond Central School, while for five years prior to this, he was a Social Studies teacher at the former Alfred High School.

Mr. Babcock received his A.B. degree from Salem College, in Salem, W. Va., in 1933 and went on to earn his M.A. in 1940 at Cornell University. He has also completed 30 additional credit hours of graduate study at Alfred University.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Babcock is a past president and secretary of the Wellsville Exchange Club, a member of the Wellsville Consolidated Board of Health and a trustee and chairman of the Religious Education Committee of the First Congregational Church in Wellsville. He has also served as a member of the Guidance Advisory Committee of Alfred State College since 1956.

Mr. Babcock was a sergeant in the Army from 1943 to 1946. Following his discharge, he worked as a civilian employee (administrative assistant) for the federal government in Utica for a year.

Mr. Babcock is married to the former Helen Jones of Arkport. They have two children, a son, Daniel, 13, and a daughter, Carol, 15.

The new two-year Wellsville Vocational Center is the first of its type to be established as part of the State University of New York.

Detailed information about course offerings and requirements is available from the admissions office at Alfred State Tech.

Library News

NOTICE — Andover Free Library will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 5th.



Paul Westbrook was a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital over the week-end.

Linda Mulconery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mulconery returned home Tuesday from the Jones Memorial Hospital where she underwent tonsillectomy.

Ellis Horsfall, a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital has returned to his home.

John W. Cannon is a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Lydia Kenyon entered the Cuba Nursing Home in Cuba, N. Y., Wednesday, by ambulance.

Legion Auxiliary Installation Of Officers

Installation of Officers of the Lynch-Burgett Post, No. 397 American Legion Auxiliary will be held Wednesday evening, September 7th at the Legion Home with Mrs. Mae Treusdell County Chairman, installing officer.

Preceding the meeting a Ham Dinner will be served at the Andover Restaurant.

Reservations should be turned in to Lois Wheaton, Unit President by Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Those who haven't brought their wrapped White Elephant for Auction, please do so at this time.

Also, 1966-67 Dues are due.

Grange News

West Greenwood Grange

The regular meeting of the West Greenwood Grange will be held Saturday evening, September 3 at the West Greenwood Grange Hall.

At this time their will be Election of Officers.

Refreshments will be cake and jello.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. George Glass (Corrine Alvord) of Scio, are the parents of a son, born Monday August 29, 1966 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord, Center St., are the maternal grandparents.

If you aren't interested in whether; law and order is maintained; your homes and business places are safe from burglars; your personal safety as well as your children's is safe-guarded on the Village Streets — just let things keep on sliding the way they are.

If you are interested in all of these as well as how your Tax Dollars for Police Protection are being spent — and the results that are being achieved — the time to do something about it is NOW! And the sooner the better — before things get entirely out of hand.

Don't Drive After Drinking!