

**Who Wants To Pet A Skunk?**

Who would want to pet a skunk? Apparently quite a few people—especially children—decide from time to time that a skunk would make a nice pet, a good neighbor, or at least an intriguing acquaintance, reports the New York State Conservation Department.

But being a close acquaintance of a skunk can be dangerous, for this stripe-backed member of the weasel family has recently become the second most common carrier of rabies in the State.

While only three rabid skunks were reported in New York in 1962, there were 12 in 1963, 33 in 1964, and 66 in 1965. Only among foxes were there more reported cases of rabies last year. Early indications are that reports in 1966 will at least match last year's total.

This situation requires a certain amount of caution from the public, as even a healthy skunk's normal living habits often bring it closer than a fox to human's. A skunk may live in or near populations, and he frequently rummages in garbage cans, or digs on lawn.

And the characteristics of an infected skunk make him even more likely to contact humans—especially children and campers.

Here are some traits of the rabid skunk:

He wanders about in the daytime—unusual in itself, since he normally moves about only at night.

He is very friendly, or very hostile—unusual since he generally ignores people unless they bother him.

He is unsteady on his feet, walks in small circles, and may be paralyzed in his hind quarters.

Of course, not all skunks show any of these characteristics, actually have rabies. These symptoms may be caused by other illnesses, or by injuries.

But it is equally true that a skunk might show no symptoms of rabies even though he is infected. An infected skunk may appear normal during the incubation period of the disease. For this reason even a de-scented skunk in captivity for several months is not necessarily free of rabies.

So, the New York State Conservation Department advises exploring children, late-season campers, and woodland wanderers in general to keep a reasonable distance from skunks—whether they appear friendly, healthy, or in need of assistance.

Keeping a respectful distance from a skunk is more than a way to protect your social acceptability; it's a way to protect your health!

**"The Scout Law In Action"**

A new book will be out September 12—small in size, but large in its potential—that should make more meaningful the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the twelve points of the Scout Law.

Titled "The Scout Law in Action", the book is by Walter MacPee, a 50-year veteran in Scouting who has been a professional leader in the movement 42 years. Since 1953 he has been a member of the staff of "Scouting" Magazine at the National office in New Brunswick, N. J.

Material has been gathered from such diverse sources as Abraham Lincoln, Cicero, John D. Rockefeller, Scouting magazines, as well as from Scoutmasters.

Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, has written the introduction.

"Only when a Scout lives up to Scouting ideals—does his best 'to obey the Scout Law'—says Mr. Brunton, "can he gain the best that the program has to offer him. This part of the Scouting way of life, more than any other, helps make him a citizen of character.

"Scouts will accept the Scout Law as a series of personal goals, when they understand its meaning. They will live the Law, when they understand how to put it into action. Scoutmasters and other Scouters have a basic obligation an opportunity to help boys fully understand the Scout Law."

The Chief Scout Executive said the author "brought together the incidents to give Scouts and Scouters a crystal-clear picture of the various points of the Scout Law in Action."

**Births**

Aug. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sandford, Fillmore, a daughter.

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Aug. 25: To Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDonald, Richburg, a daughter.

Aug. 27: To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, Wellsville, a daughter.

Aug. 27: To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Costello, Whitesville, a son.

Aug. 27: To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jones, Almond, twins, a son and a daughter.

Aug. 28: To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Swarthout, Wellsville, a son.

Aug. 28: To Mr. and Mrs. Robt Parker, Belmont, a daughter.

**Marriages**

July 29: Miss Katherine Louis-Morningstar, Springfield, Ohio, and Howard Palmatier, Wellsville.

Aug. 13: Miss Sandra Mary Stuckey, Orchard Lake, Mich., and Daniel Ray Simons, Wellsville.

Aug. 17: Miss Elaine Joyce Child, Angelica and Terry Duane Baker, Rochester.

Aug. 19: Miss Carol Jean White, Scio and Francis E. Slocum, Allentown.

Aug. 20: Miss Sherry Lee Grastorf, Belmont and Samuel D. Lawn, Cortland.

Aug. 20: Miss Shirley Ann

Chind, Belmont and Joseph Alfred Roneau, Buffalo.

Aug. 25: Miss Elizabeth Kingman Phelan, Almond and Stephen Shepherd Myers, Ellyn, Ill.

**Deaths**

Lyle B. Enor, 52, Little Genes. e. Aug. 23. A brother, a sister, two half-sisters and two half-brothers survive.

Mrs. John J. Sullivan, 71, Angelica, Aug. 24. Her husband survives.

Clarence E. Davis, 72, Belmont, Aug. 24. His widow, two sons and a sister survive.

Wm. L. Sadler, 84, formerly of Alfred, Aug. 25. His widow and three daughters survive.

Stuart L. Warner, 71, Angelica, Aug. 24. His widow and a daughter survive.

Mrs. Lyman Mapes, 80, Friendship, Aug. 27. Her husband, a son and a daughter, survive.

Mrs. Jack L. Lewis, 79, formerly of Bolviar, Aug. 28. A son two brothers and two sisters survive.

Carlo P. Biancuzzo, 60, Belmont, Aug. 29. His widow, four daughters, a son, a brother and three sisters survive.

Aug. 27: Miss Barbara Jo Dickens and Bryan Marshall Caldwell both of Belmont.

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**Study Requested**

A joint meeting of County, Town, Village and business firms was held in the Courthouse, Belmont, New York on Wednesday evening, August 24, 1966. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the somewhat inadequate service of the telephone system in Belmont and the possibility of toll-free service between Wellsville and Belmont. It was generally agreed that, with Belmont being the County Seat and with Wellsville being the largest business community, which has many reasons for telephone calls from attorneys, banks and other businesses, that a more suitable arrangement be made on telephone communication. It, also, appeared from the discussions that there were several instances where the present telephone station equipment located in Belmont would not handle the call load, thereby causing the person calling much lost time. Also, when emergency situations, such as fires, were involved it was felt that the equipment should be adequate to take care of the situation.

A committee was elected to pursue the situation and were representatives as follows: From the County, Col. Ernest M. Monroe,

Chairman of the Buildings Committee; Town of Amity, Supervisor Robert H. McNinch; Village of Belmont, Mayor Nick Codispoti and Businessmen, Howard Hosmer and William Leilus.

As a concerted action, the group decided to request that the New York Telephone Company make a complete study of the service and toll situation, such study to be satisfactory to the requirements of the New York State Public Service Commission and to submit such study in the proper local authorities (County, Town and Village) by November 1, 1966.

Submitted from the office of Manley C. Ackerman, Clerk, Board of Supervisors.

**School Tax Notice**

School Taxes will be received at my home, 8 Pleasant Ave., from September 1st to October 31st.

No fee will be charged for taxes paid in September. For the month of October, the fee will be 2%.

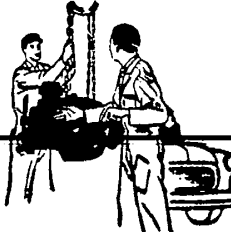
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