



Miss Connie Lee Meyn

Graduates From Clara Maass Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

At the graduation exercises held Friday, September 9th, for the Clara Maass Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Belleville, New Jersey, among those graduating was Miss Connie Lee Meyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meyn of 26 Second Street, Andover, N. Y. This colorful ceremony, marking the completion of three years of intensive study for twenty-two members of the Class of 1966 and their emergence as full-fledged graduate nurses, was held in St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Montclair, New Jersey.

The commencement address was delivered by the Rev. William M. Stieves, Executive Chaplain, Atlantic District Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Pins were awarded by Miss Evelyn H. Hamilton R.N., A.B., Director of School of Nursing and the presentation of Class and Diplomas by Mr. Albin H. Oberg, M.H.A., F.A.C.H.A., Executive Director.

Following the exercises, a reception was tendered the graduates, their families and friends in the Parish House by the ladies of the Hospital Guild.

The School of Nursing at Clara Maass Hospital is one of the oldest in the State of New Jersey having

been established in 1893. The hospital is named for Clara Louise Maass the nursing heroine who was a graduate of this first class and who gave her life in the experiments to conquer Yellow Fever.

The Allegany County occupation center at Belmont opened for the first time Wednesday. Pupils are all counted at their home schools but the center's enrollment to date is 250.

Alfred-Almond and Andover Central Schools report the highest enrollments in school history while other Allegany County schools are about normal. There are 616 students enrolled in the Andover Central School and this is an increase of 24 over last year. The gain in pupils is well distributed throughout the grades.

Dates Claimed:

- Oct. 11 — Methodist Turkey Dinner.
- Oct. 6 - 7 — United Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale.

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Former Andover Man Elected To Board Of Trustees

Robert G. Smith, Executive Assistant to Colgate University President Vincent M. Barnett, Jr., was elected Secretary of the University's Board of Trustees at its September meeting.

Clarence J. Myers, Chairman of the Board, announced that Mr. Smith will assume his duties immediately. He replaces Kenneth B. O'Brien, Jr., who resigned from Colgate to become Dean of the College at Franklin and Marshall College.

A native of Andover, Smith came to Colgate in 1959 as an instructor in English and was promoted to assistant professor in 1961.

He has headed the University's Office of Public Information since September, 1963, and was appointed Executive Assistant to the President in June, 1966, following Mr. O'Brien's resignation.

Conservation Department Reports On Game Take

More than three-and-a-half million game birds and mammals were taken during New York's 1965-66 small game season, the State Conservation Department has announced.

The Department's annual small game take survey shows that an estimated 372,000 hunters actually took to the field during the open seasons on the major small game species—from October 1965 through March 1966. The average hunter who went afield took about ten pieces of game.

For the first time in three years the small game season was not disrupted by drought-caused closures of woodlands. This lack of interruption probably influenced increases in both the number of hunters who secured licenses and in those who actually took to the field.

According to Ralph B. Colson, Chief of the Bureau of Game, a total of 511,692 small game licenses was issued. This was an increase of 21,586 over the previous year. The estimated number of hunters in the field was about 19,000 higher than the 1964-65 season estimate.

The Department's survey indi-

cated that most failures of licensed hunters to go afield during the major seasons were caused by illness or lack of time. Some intended only to hunt "varmints" — on which the Department collects no figures — during the summer. Others were non-residents or aliens who had to purchase small game licenses before they could secure big game or archery licenses.

Mr. Colson stated that about one-fourth of all licensed small game hunters generally fail to take to the field for one reason or another.

Increases and declines in take were moderate in all categories except goose, brant and varying hare.

The combined goose and brant take dropped by 59.4 per cent. Conservation Department biologists attributed the reduced take of geese to earlier-than-normal nesting in the north, with consequent early flights south — flights that preceded most of the hunting season. The reduced brant kill probably was due to erratic flight patterns and to poor hunting weather on Long Island.

The varying hare take was down by 36 per cent, and there were 36.9 per cent fewer hunters afield seeking this species. An increase in tapeworm cysts in the North Country — which accounts for most of the State's production of varying hare — probably discouraged hunters and accounted for the reduced take.

Increased takes were reported in these categories:

- Cottontail rabbits, 1,248,004 from last year's 1,225,275;
- ruffed grouse, 532,507 from 509,268;
- foxes, 48,227 from 47,563;
- and wild turkeys, 1,393 from 1,018.

Mr. Colson pointed out that the State's ruffed grouse take was again about half a million as it has been for the past four years. This again places New York among the nation's leading grouse hunting state.

Declines in take were reported for:

- Squirrels, 745,995 from 780,600;
- pheasants, 479,152 from 427,683;
- ducks and coots, 221,077 from 252,927;
- varying hare, 191,893 from 299,830;
- raccoon, 190,436 from 205,557;
- and grouse and brants, 16,323 from 40,159.

During the 1965-66 season, the Department collected information

on the membership in fish and game clubs of New York State residents who held small game licenses. This information was last collected in 1958-59, when 115,218 club members — 23.5 per cent of all licensees — held small game licenses. During this past season, 102,820 hunter — 21.2 per cent of all licensees — were club members.

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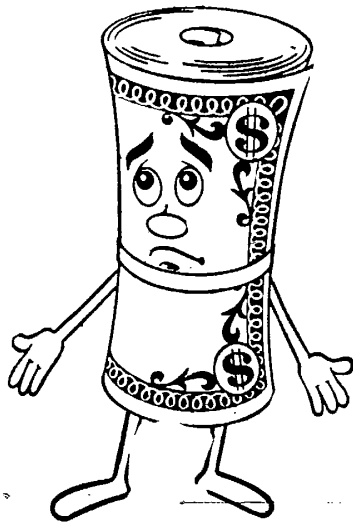
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