

"TREATS FOR TOTS" — FUN FOR ALL YOUTHS!

An Editorial

Last year it was very gratifying to see that Andover Central School Students were capable of showing good judgement in their treatment of Hallowe'en.

To the best of our knowledge, the Village Streets were kept clean all evening, thereby eliminating the possibility and danger of any motorist being injured or having their autos damaged from this source.

We also credit the parents and grown-ups for contributing their share towards making it the most quiet and damage free Hallowe'en here in many years.

Of course, there was the usual amount of window soaping and hi-jinks that is normally considered part of Hallowe'en.

This year we would again like to see this exemplary type of conduct shown by both the children and parents as well as the rest of the grown-ups.

We certainly can't see where any useful purpose can be served or strength of character developed in young people of today if parents allow half or two-thirds grown children to roam the streets with large paper bags collecting their loot in a door-to-door canvass under the threat of "Tricks or Treats"! To us, this appears as a modified type of blackmail because the gist of the expression is that if you don't give me a treat I'll pull a dirty trick on you!

How much better it sounds to have a "Treat for Tots" expression for the tiny kids to use when they are all dressed up in their Hallowe'en costumes and go to pay their neighbors a brief call to show off their finery, and of course accept a hand-out if offered.

Last year the Chamber of Commerce and members of the American Legion got together and put on a program for all local school children which was climaxed with a dance at the Legion Home. This was well attended with everyone appearing to have a good time.

This year, because Hallowe'en comes on Monday night, the Teen' Age Dance sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and organized by the A.C.S. Student Council will be held Friday night, October 28th in the High School Gym.

Then on Monday night, there will be the usual Costume Parade starting at the Legion Park at 7:00 p. m., followed by the annual bonfire after which cider and donuts will be served by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The success of these ventures will be strictly up to the Students of Andover Central School! It has resulted from their suggestions and good behaviour in the past — and they will be reaping the harvest!

Let's hope that the interest shown by the adults in making this possible won't be in vain!

NRA HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.
2. I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.
3. I will obey all game laws and regulations, and will insist that my companions do likewise.
4. I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship and hunting skills which assure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
5. I will support conservation efforts which can assure good hunting for future generations of Americans.
6. I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

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50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 27, 1916

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Miss Grace E. Burdick and Charles J. Nevol, both of Andover were united in marriage Saturday, October 28th by Rev. Chas. Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson were their attendants.

James Dougherty, 42, died Sunday, October 22nd. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Mary J. Brundage, 57, died Thursday, October 19th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Groff of Canisteo.

Miss Mary Joyce and John Burns were united in marriage Monday, October 26th.

Harold Brainard has received the appointment as rural mail carrier on Route No. 3, Andover. He will begin his work Nov. 1st.

M. F. and R. C. Baker of Salamanca spent Monday and Tuesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Edgar Baker, Allison Baker and Oliver Baker were in Hornell last week building an oil rig.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing left Tuesday for New York City where she will enter the German Hospital for a three years course in nursing.

Mrs. Flora Palmer of Meadville, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. C. S. Parker. Mrs. Palmer taught school in Andover thirty years ago.

Harold Dawson returned last Tuesday from Buffalo where he has been in the employ of the Buick Motor Co.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1926

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Charles C. Burdick, 63, died at his home on Greenwood St., Friday Oct. 8th.

Charles A. Bines, 43, died Saturday, October 9th. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knox died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John E. Cannon. Three sons and two daughters survive.

Mrs. Harriet Scribner and son, Clifton of Wellsville are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Caffery of W. Greenwood.

Mrs. James Guinn is visiting her son, Raymond and wife at Port Jervis and will also visit in New York City before returning home.

Miss Mary Boyd is the delegate from Anna W. McArthur Chapter OES, to the Grand Lodge Session in New York City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard have returned to their home at Friendship after a week's visit with Andover relatives.

Miss Ellen Driscoll of the Buffalo Hospital is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll this week.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 16, 193

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Thomas J. Joyce, 76, died at the family home on South Hill Friday, October 9th. A daughter and five sons survive. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

Charles C. Burdick, 80, died at his home in Elm Valley Wednesday, October 14th.

Forty Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Burdick of Railroad Valley, helped them celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary at their home Monday, October 12th.

Miss Elsie M. Miller of Ulysses, Pa., and Lytle S. Church of Voorhees Hill, were united in marriage Sunday, October 11th by Rev. E. J. Cory.

Mrs. Jennie Baker died at her home on Baker St., Wednesday, October 14th.

A thin coating of snow greeted Andover early risers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trowbridge and son of Pulaski were visitors of his sister, Mrs. Frank Halsey and family of Davis Hill, Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Carr is attending the OES Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City this week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Grenolds of Westerly, R. I., are visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Vars.



By J. Murdoch Dawley Professor of Political Science, State University of Fredonia

Are you subject to too many units of local government? Should they be consolidated, abolished, or given additional protection? Is local government the most important government that we have because it is so close to the people and responsive to their needs? The 1967 State Constitutional Convention will wrestle with these and related problems.

Traditionally and legally, local governmental units are the creations of the state government and entirely subject to the latter's authority. In the early days each unit was established by separate statute. Later the legislature passed general laws designating governmental structure, authority, and financial and other limitations and restrictions. A common pattern was mandated for all units at a particular level. For instance, all counties had to use the supervisor type of government, with administrative officers elected, and with no chief executive.

Subsequently, there arose a desire on the part of individual cities or counties to make changes or to adopt new patterns which seemed especially relevant to their own situations. In answer to this demand the device of "home rule" began to make its appearance. This is generally defined as the authority given to a government unit to draft and adopt its own charter and fundamental law, relating to the form of government, the selection of its officials, techniques of its operation, and the extent of its authority. This latter must, of course, be within the limits set by the state.

Home rule was first made available to cities, and later to other governmental units. In some instances it was rather fragmentary. On the way to home rule some states established optional forms of government. New York State allowed a county to choose any one of four rather specific and quite different forms.

In an attempt to cut through the maze of some of these difficulties a new Home Rule Amendment was added to the State Constitution in 1963. It is entitled "Bill of Rights for Local Governments." It is too complicated and technical to summarize here, but it does increase the scope of authority which local governments have in determining their own structure and their own operations. One part applies to counties and another gives somewhat lesser authority to cities, villages, and towns.

This new article might seem to settle the matter of state-local relations and of home rule but helpful though it is, it raises new questions and leaves some old ones unanswered. One knotty problem is that of financial relationships. Shall present state limitations on taxing and debt-incurring power be continued, or should the concept of home rule include local discretion in this matter as well as in others? There is strong support for both extremes, as well as for intermediate positions.

Perhaps the most difficult problem concerns the guarantee that the present article gives for the continuance of existing units. A great deal is heard concerning the need for reducing the number of local units by consolidation and then granting meaningful home rule to what its proponents describe as units of "meaningful, jurisdictional size." Opponents just as hotly insist that present protection of the existence of all local units be continued.

The Constitution continues to use the phrase "the property, affairs, or government of any local government." Can affairs of gov-

Letter To The Editor

Royersford, Pa.
Oct. 19, 1966

Dear Editors, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Inclosed find one year's subscription to Andover News. We look forward each week and enjoy reading our old hometown newspaper.

Inclosed find death notice of my brother, John McDonough, son of the late Wm. and Anne McDonough of Dyke St., Andover, N. Y. We thought perhaps you might use it as Jack was well known in Andover.

Wishing you all good luck and thanking you for the pleasure we find each week in your paper.

Sincerely,
Ellen Feely

McDonough — John C., Spanish American War Veteran, aged 92 years. Past President of Lodge 329 Bkn., Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen, died Sept. 26, 1966. Beloved husband of the late Mary Dorothy McDonough, Margaret (nee Barrett); loving father of Finnegan, William H., Louise Fitzgerald and Florence Bauerle; dear brother of Nell Feely, Mary Gilfillan, William and James; also survived by six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was from Thomas M. Quinn & Sons Funeral Home, at 35-20 Broadway, L. I. City, on Friday with a 9 a. m. Requiem Mass at St. Francis of Assisi R. C. Church at 9:30 a. m. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Conservation Hints For Deer Hunters

So you're determined to get your first deer this season? You may get it, warns your Conservation Department, and then suddenly discover that you don't know what to do next.

To help hunters who are successful for the first time this year the Department has prepared a few tips.

The most important one is to prepare for a successful hunt before you start out. Take a heavy old blanket to leave in your car and have a rope and a good hunting knife along on your hunt.

As soon as your deer is down fill out the tag and detach one portion according to the instructions received with your big game license. Then field dress your deer. An experienced hunter in your party can demonstrate or help you. After the deer is dressed, you can drag the deer to your car with your rope.

But even when you reach your car, you must avoid a mistake that could ruin your hunt. A deer taken on a party permit must be exposed, while a deer taken on a regular license may be put in a trunk.

If you put the carcass in the trunk, however, be sure to leave the door open. The meat will spoil quickly in a closed space. If you put it on the hood, insulate the deer with two layers of heavy blanket or the motor heat will spoil the meat.

You can avoid these problems by using your rope to tie the carcass on the top of your car. To tie the carcass firmly, open your car doors. Tie the deer, passing the rope through the open doors. When you close the doors, the deer will be held in place.

So you've finally ready for the trip home with plenty of venison for the family larder. But are you an expert at cutting up the meat? If you aren't the Conservation Department suggests having a butcher do the job.

ernment in the state of New York be neatly divided between those which are of statewide interest and those which are local? Present Constitutional provisions seem to assume that they can be, though there is much sentiment to the contrary.

This description only scratches the surface of a problem which must be faced by the Constitutional Convention and to which answers must be found. It might also be noted that those answers which seem satisfactory to the big cities, may not be satisfactory to the semi-urban and rural areas. Here, indeed, will be an opportunity for genuine statesmanship.