



Fred Slater, district game biologist of the New York State Conservation Department, talks "Turkey" to the members of the Andover Rod & Gun Club at their annual banquet. "Jim" Jackson, Chairman of the event (right), pays close attention to these words of wisdom about the wild turkey talk.

## Annual Rod & Gun Club Dinner Is Huge Success

One hundred and three members and guests attended the annual Andover Rod & Gun Club dinner meeting held at the Andover Grange Hall Saturday night, Jan. 13th. This marked one of the largest turn-outs for an annual dinner in the history of the local club.

Kenneth Ordiway, President of the club, called the meeting to order around 7:00 p. m., and lead the group in saluting the flag of our country.

A tasty ham and fresh pork dinner was then served by Andover Grange members with plenty of food, served family style, for everyone.

Following the dinner, tables were cleared away, and the meeting was turned over to James Jackson, Chairman for the evening program.

Guests were then introduced which included Fred Slater, District Game Biologist, N.Y.S., Department of Conservation; Harry Maddren, N.Y.S., District Game Protector; Henry Dunbar, President of Allegany County Sportsmen Federation; Village Trustee, Charles Ruger, representing Andover Village Board, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen publishers of the Andover News.

Harold Rice was then called upon and gave a summary of the accomplishments of the local Rod & Gun Club for the past year which include:

- Sponsorship of 2 fishing contests; Placing trash barrels at Andover Pond recreation area; Stocking of local streams with brown trout; Participation in 4th of July Celebration; Holding of annual Dog Trials; Annual Clam Bake; Four Turkey Shoots and one Turkey Party; A donation to Christmas package fund for "Boys in Vietnam"; Donation of 4 books and subscription to N.Y.S. Conservation Magazine to Andover Free Library in memory of deceased members; and the pick-up of Christmas trees in Andover after the Holidays and then using them for small game cover in rural areas.

It was also announced that a deposit had been made in an interest bearing bank account with the funds ear-marked for Club-house improvements, with all current bills paid up-to-date.

Fred Slater, guest speaker, was then introduced and gave an interesting talk on the New York

## State Wild Turkey Conservation Program

Mr. Slater pointed out that repeated experiments and statistics have proven that the trapping and re-location of natural wild Turkeys is much more successful than attempts at the stocking and releasing of Turkeys raised on a game farm for sportsmen purposes.

The State Biologist stated that, in fact, the wild Turkey population in local areas, can be attributed to Turkey flocks that have migrated across the border from Pennsylvania and have adapted themselves to their new locality.

Mr. Slater then presented a colored film in "Water Resources of New York State", which covered all of the State's watershed areas, existing pollution, and measures of control.

Following the main speaker, the two main goals of the Rod & Gun Club for the ensuing year were announced which are: the sending of two youths to Conservation Camp; and local stream improvement.

Chairman "Jim" Jackson then thanked everyone who assisted and participated in making this annual dinner such a huge success.

The meeting was then closed by Kenny Ordiway, President, with the announcement that the next meeting would be held at the home of "Jim" Jackson on January 26th, at 8:00 p. m.

## Library News

**LIBRARY:**

The following books have been added to the Memorial Collection at Andover Free Library:

- "Careers & Opportunities in Journalism", by Ira Freeman, given in memory of Claire C. Backus by American Legion and Auxiliary Lynch Burgett Post No. 397.
- "In Praise of Vegetables", by Luise Light, given in memory of Irma Lewis, by Mrs. Grace Burger, and Richard Burger.
- "Fieldbook" — Boys Scouts of America, given in memory of Bert Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Herald Ford.
- "New England" — Life, given in memory of Marion Vars by Mr. and Mrs. Everett N. Clair.
- "The Atlantic Shore", by John Hay, given in memory of Marion Vars by: Mrs. Joseph Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hazzard and Robert Joyce.
- "The Origin of English Surnames", by P. H. Reaney, given in memory of Marion Vars by The Andover Free Library.

## Eastern Star Install New Officers

At the regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, Order of Eastern Star, held Monday evening, January 8th, the Officers for the coming year 1968 were installed by R.W. Howard Burdick as installing officer, Past Matron, Alice Clarke as Marshall and Past Matron, Rosemary Wightman as Associate Marshall. The new Officers for 1968 are:

- Bessie Mulconery, Matron
- Everett Clair, Patron
- Iva Sisson, Associate Matron
- Howard Burdick, Associate Patron
- Cora Burdick, Secretary
- Beatrice Whiting, Treasurer
- Elizabeth Clair, Chaplain
- Gail Taylor, Conductress
- Lavonne Ryckman, Associate Conductress
- Althea Phelps, Marshall
- Alberta Rogers, Associate Marshall
- Pearl Mesler, Historian
- Hazel Burgett, Musician
- Vivian Howe, Sentinel
- Lillian Clark, Color Bearer
- Donna Mulholland, Ada
- Doris Baker, Ruth
- Carolyn Emery, Esther
- Kalopy Hames, Martha
- Irene Hann, Electa
- Edith Holmes, Publicity
- Alice Clark, Trustee 3 years
- Mary Burgett, Trustee, 2 years
- Rosemary Wightman, Trustee 1 year

Retiring Worthy Matron, Alice Clarke, entertained her Officers and presented them with gifts and the Officers also presented a gift to the retiring Worthy Marton.

- "The Kennebec River", by Louise Rich, and "The Book of Horses", by Glenn Balch, given in memory of Marion Vars by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tuttle and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Tuttle

Other books added to the Andover Free Library are:

- "Canadian Entry", by Hanson
- "Right and Wrong", by Weiss
- "Your Bible", by Cassels
- "My Way Was North", by Dufresne
- "Gods' Graves and Scholars", by Ceram
- "Rise of Russia", by Wallace
- "Where Eagles Dare", by MacLean
- "No Laughing Matter", by Wilson
- "The Reluctant Medium", by Davies

## News That's Print To Fil

Well, our spell of cold weather finally broke this past week-end — but we don't know as the change was any improvement. Saturday night when we came out of the Annual Rod & Gun Club Meeting — what do you suppose we were greeted with? If you were around this area, you already know that it was: freezing rain — on it's way up from that there "sunny Southland (?)". And boy was it slippery! In fact, some of the sidewalks around town are still a glare of ice.

Then too, we have heard several comments about sections of Route 17 (like towards Greenwood) not being sanded — and they all end up with saying: "Why don't you say something in the paper about it?" Well, now we've said something about it! Now, why don't you do something about it if you don't like the road conditions? Like writing a short "Letter to the Editor" about your complaint and signing it?

We do have a couple of "Letters to the Editor" this week, and we commend the people for writing in and stating their opinions. This is a start in the right direction against firearm registration for rifles and shot-guns — but we need a lot more of them, before we can say that we are representing many sportsmen — instead of just a few! How about it fellers? After all, it's all up to you!

Speaking of sportsmen, reminds us of hunting — and that reminds us of dogs — which in turn reminds us of dog-lovers. Which naturally leads us up to the question: "where in tom hill are all the dog-lovers in Andover"? (We know the expression goes: "where in Sam hill — but Sam is out 'bunny hunting' — so we had to use tom!)

When you stop to think about it — that really makes a "dog-gone" good question, doesn't it Joan? Yep, here are aver 100 dogs — mostly right in Andover — that dog owners do not love enough to buy Fido a new dog license!

If they don't even want to buy them a license — what are they keeping them for? To annoy their neighbors? To let loose so they can chase cars? Maybe chew up someone's pet "Tabby"?

In the Army we had a few A.W. O.L.'s which meant Absent With Out Leave ( and sometimes used in a different sense, like A Wolf On the Loose).

Now, we have over 100 people in Andover that belong to the "keepers' klub" of D.W.O.L.'s. (Dors With Out Licenses)!

If you love your canine "Mutt", You'd better hurry up!

Buy a dog-tag — for him!

Which also reminds us — that we have had several reports of dogs running in packs — out in the country. One pack included a police dog, an other, two beagles, with a small collie. And do you know what they were followin'— Yep! DEER TRACKS! And do you know what the law says about that?

As we recall, it goes something like this: any marauding dogs that are seen chasing deer — can be shot on the spot! So, if you are letting your "best friend" run loose all day — and he doesn't come home for his "doggy-bone" — or at all! Perhaps you conscience will make you wonder: And wonder! And wonder!

## OFS Notice

The regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at the Masonic Temple on Monday, January 22 at 8 p. m. The committee for the evening is Beatrice Whiting, Pearl, Mesler and Mildred Rogers.

The ladies of the Eastern Star served the And-Well Producers Dinner on Saturday, January 13. There were 125 served. Mrs. Cora Burdick was in charge of the kitchen and Mrs. Hazel Burgett the dining room.



Andover, N. Y.  
Jan. 12, 1968

Dear Sir:

In regard to a notice in your Andover Newspaper about the Gun Control Law and the Registration of Shot-Guns and Rifles. — I think it is a very silly idea — as you say, why don't they register the blunt instruments as well as guns — it would make just as much sense!

Clubs, Knives, Crow-bars, Hammers, and Sledges — only to mention a few — are in my opinion, just as much of a killing instrument and just as dangerous as a shot-gun or rifle is used for the purpose of killing someone!

Take the case of those beloved people of Buck Settlement; Leon Roe and his wife, Mary, who were beaten to death by his son.

Did he use a shot-gun or a rifle to commit that crime? No! Instead, it was a stick of firewood — a blunt instrument — to kill both of those old people. His own Father and Step-Mother!

I did not know this boy, Calvin Roe, but I did know all of the others. Leon Roe was Superintendent of the Buck Settlement Church for many years and carried many medals, while Mrs. Roe was Secretary of the Church. (I used to attend their Church — and the Rev. Adolphus Smith was my Sunday School Teacher.)

Where is anyone going to have any protection against criminals — if they take our guns — or force the registering of shot-guns and rifles?

Would that decrease the Criminals? No! It would only increase them — and they would be in their glory.

In my opinion, there would be more crime than ever before. These criminals are going to have all the guns they want — and any make of gun or rifle — come hell or high water!

That's my opinion!

Very Sincerely Yours,  
Clarence L. Appleton  
P.O. Box 728  
Andover, N. Y. 14806

Dear Editor: —

I have mailed the following letter to the Village Board of Andover:

"I own a Main-Street Residence. I have lived in Andover for 10 years and paid taxes for 5 years.

I encourage the Village Board to review and take whatever steps necessary for snow removal ordinances to be either updated or established for Main Street and all Village side streets.

The conditions which have developed during the past few weeks are unbearable. It's time we met our responsibilities now that we have equipment and men to meet them with?

Very truly yours  
Ronald G. Taylor



Word has been received in Andover that Mrs. Robert Spicer is a patient in the Clearwater Hospital, ill with pneumonia. Her address is:

Mrs. Robert Spicer  
Marton Plant Hospital  
Room 501  
Clearwater, Florida.

John E. Baker was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital Tuesday and underwent surgery this morning (Thursday).

Mrs. Betty Hargrave, a patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to her home last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Billings is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.