

Gov. Rockefeller Urges Voting Age From 21 to 18

Governor Rockefeller, in a Special Message to the Legislature Monday, urged again that it give the first of two required approvals to a pending constitutional amendment that would reduce the voting age minimum from 21 to 18.

Declaring that "by every relevant standard", young men and women are "ready and willing to assume the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship by age 18", the Governor added:

"There are over 900,000 young people in New York State within the 18 to 20 year old age bracket. They compose one of the best educated groups in all history. Approximately 67 percent of these young people have graduated from high school. Furthermore, each year two-thirds of these graduates go on to receive the benefits of a higher education."

The Governor also pointed out that a majority of the 18 to 21 year olds are employed and pay taxes; nearly 20 percent of all young people are married and have assumed family responsibilities before they are 21, and young men from age 18 are subject to the military draft.

"Finally," they desire an ability to assume the responsibilities of citizenship by their active concern for and participation in social and humanitarian causes.

Four states have minimum voting ages less than that in New York State and eight others are contemplating or pursuing action to lower the minimum, the Governor said.

Aerial Survey Counted 300,000 Geese

One of the most dramatic affirmations of winter's end occurs every spring in the western part of the State when huge flocks of geese pause in their northern migration. This year Conservation Department biologists report that this welcome invasion by Canada geese is at an all-time high.

Almost 300,000 geese were counted in an aerial survey flown on April 10. This flight count was made by the same two skilled pilots who conduct the New York State portion of North American Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey under the auspices of the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Pilot-biologist John Schempp and pilot-observer Ed Maunton, both of the Conservation Department's Bureau of Aviation, have flown all the waterfowl counts since their inception in 1948. They tallied 295,223 geese in the spring count compared to approximately 200,000 last year, which was itself about double the number that had been counted in previous years.

The figures are even more startling when it is considered that the mid-winter survey counted 673,000 Canada geese in the Atlantic Flyway, so probably half the total flyway population of geese was in New York State on April 10.

This unusually high population will begin to taper off during the next week or 10 days as the big honkers continue their northern migration. As their name indicates, most nest in Canadian territories, although some nest in New York and some winter over in our open waters where the food supply is adequate.

The record counts of geese offer gunners hopes of another good season in the fall. In the meantime, the big birds offer interesting viewing for bird watchers and other nature lovers, particularly in the Oak Orchard and Montezuma Refuge areas.

Appreciation

I wish to express sincere thanks to my relatives, friends and neighbors for the lovely cards, gifts, flowers, visitations, transportation and other acts of kindness while I was a patient in the hospital. Special thanks to Rev. Minarcik and Rev. Winter for their visits and prayers. All were greatly appreciated.

Guy Tacker

Allegany County SPCA Be Kind To Animal Week 12 OUT OF 1247

Andover has a population of 1247, according to Rand McNally (1962 figures), but only 1 person out of each 100 is a member of Allegany County SPCA. That is, total Andover membership in this worthwhile organization is 12. What a pity there is not at least 1 junior member (50c), so it could be said that a population of 1247 has produced 12 members — and 1/8!

Joking aside, undoubtedly local people have not been made sufficiently aware of the services performed by their county humane society. Throughout the past year, by efforts either of the Alfred or Wellsville SPCA agent, homes

have been found for at least a dozen Andover animals. (Kittens are counted by the batch, at that rather than singly!)

It should be emphasized that it is MEMBERSHIP money which enables this to be done. It pays for food, lodging and advertising of homeless creatures, during all time SPCA is trying to find suitable homes.

As of now, the Society has 351 members. Its goal is to acquire 150 new ones during May. The project to be launched on May 4, beginning of National "Be Kind

To Animals Week." The county will be divided into 10 areas, each to supply (it is hoped) 15 new members or more.

Send your \$1 to SPCA President, 85 North Main, Alfred 14802 and please do not forget to include your name and address. Or, if you work in Alfred, drop the dollar off at The Box of Books (open until 6).

Best of all, if a table can be set up downtown and manned (probably by women) on some beautiful day in May, dues can be taken there. Any volunteers?

Belfast (pop. 799) already has 27 adult and 10 junior SPCA members; can Andover do less? 25 more, and you have it made!

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We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for all the flowers, and donations, Andover Fire Co., for the Ambulance Service. Rev. Gerald Wolter, Dr. Comstock, Jr., and nurses of the Jones Memorial Hospital.

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Social Security Announce New Schedule

A new schedule for neighborhood service by a social security representative was announced today by L. J. Dalmonte, manager of the Ocean Social Security District Office.

The new schedule affecting Wellsville area residents becomes effective May 1. Neighborhood service will be on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, at the Wellsville Post Office, from 10:30 A. M. to Noon

and 1:30 P. M. to 3:00 P. M. In explaining the change, Dalmonte said the representative will be available for a longer period of time, thus making it possible to handle a larger number of cases.

Dalmonte emphasized that anyone who has social security business to conduct can always stop at or phone the District Office in Ocean, 152 North Union Street. This office is open Monday through Thursday until 5:00 P. M. and on Friday until 7:00 P. M.

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