



Lions and Past Masters of Andover Lodge No. 558 A. & A. M., "Don" Thorp, "Red" Allen, and Lion Avery Mead push the last three chairs into place in the Masonic Dining Room after the "clean-up" project was finished following the Annual Girl Scout Breakfast.

Girl Scout Breakfast Is Well Attended

The Annual Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast put on by the Andover Lions Club together with Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., held Sunday, March 16th, was very well attended with over 70 Girls Scouts and their Leaders participating.

A bountiful breakfast consisting of orange juice, pancakes & syrup, sliced ham, scrambled eggs, milk and coffee (for adults) was served from 8:00 until 9:30 by Lions Club Members and Masons who worked together on this well-rewarding Civic Project.

"Red" Allen and "Don" Thorp, Lions Club Co-Chairmen of this event, express their appreciation to "Bob" Tamm of Pine Crest Poultry Farm for the donation of the eggs for this project; the Andover Masonic Lodge for the use of the Masonic Hall; and a special thanks to Lions Avery Mead, Leon McNeill, "Chuck" Dain, Dale Green, Vincent Burrows, "Jim" Bliss, and Ted Manske who prepared and served the breakfast.

Emery Sponsors "Green Thumb" Bill

Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Livonia) has hailed the passage of the Assembly of legislation which he co-sponsored which would expand the income eligibility requirements for senior citizen participants in the State's "Green Thumb" program.

The bill (Assembly No. 1589) now awaits action by the Senate where it is sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson.

Emery, assistant Assembly minority leader, explained that the "Green Thumb" program was initiated last year and provides for the hiring of elderly residents of this State on low incomes who carry out a variety of environmental and beautification projects on state-owned property. "Green Thumb" projects range from construction of barbecue facilities in a state park to the planting of flowers. Persons over 60 years of age who meet present income eligibility standards are paid \$2.10 per hour (minimum wage) and work from 24 to 30 hours a week under the program.

Under the legislation co-sponsored by Emery and passed by the Assembly, income limits would be raised from \$2,482 per year to \$3,100 for an individual living alone and from \$3,530 to \$5,400 for a couple living alone.

"These alterations in income eligibility standards for participation in 'Green Thumb', Assemblyman Emery said, "would expand the program to greater numbers

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

By Paul M. Kelsey

Smelting in New York

Mild weather during January and February made it seem as though smelting might start during March in the Finger Lakes. Coming in like a lion, with seemingly colder weather than mid-winter, March prospects now have changed. It will probably be mid-April before the run gets well underway.

In an effort to simplify the complicated Smelt Order, considerable consolidation was done, and some regulations dropped which were actually more liberal than the smelt themselves would grant. For instance, in all except Owaseo Lake and its tributaries, season dates and hour limits have been removed. They were liberal enough to always insure that the smelt run occur within their limits. It was when the fish ran that determined when fishermen were in the streams anyway.

The problem in Owaseo Lake and tributaries is that the space available for fishermen is so small that it is necessary to ration fishing of all are to have an opportunity. The most important means of rationing in Owaseo, however, is the four quart limit. Elsewhere limits are eight, 10 or "any number," though not necessarily the same as last year, so check before you fill your bucket.

In all except Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and their tributaries, where any size net may be used the dip is still the standard 14 inches in diameter, or 13 by 13 if it is square.

The reason for the popularity of smelt fishing is very simple. As a general rule, 90 percent of fish are caught by 10 percent of the fishermen. This is not the case with smelt. When the run is really on, any novice can quickly become an efficient smelter and return with his limit of these delicious little fish.

Smelt are so easy to catch during the peak of the run, that one of the main reasons for the limit is to protect the fisherman from his own greed, rather than to protect the fish. Though it only takes a few seconds to clean one smelt, it is always surprising how long it takes to clean a bucketful of

two o'clock in the morning. Many smelt have ended in the garbage because of this.

Anyone with boots and bucket, lantern and license, and a smelt net can learn the sport of smelting by standing on the bank and watching for just a few minutes. If there are any questions then the person standing next to you will be glad to answer them. Unlike other fishing, where the successful fisherman may be reluctant to pass on his secrets, nobody hides any secrets about smelting. On a good night, blind dipping in deep holes often may result in a dozen or more fish at a time. Many prefer stalking in clear shallow water and trying to scoop up individuals as smelt work upstream to spawn.

Smelt are close relatives of trout and salmon, with their ancestral home in the salt water of the Atlantic. Ages ago they found their way up the St. Lawrence River and into Lake Champlain where they adapted themselves to freshwater. In the Finger Lakes they are relative newcomers, having been stocked by the Conservation Department between 1917 and 1930. By 1942, they had become well enough established to permit open smelt-dipping seasons.

Early rains of April, after the snow water has gone from the hills, usually start smelt on their spawning run from the deep water of the lakes to the gravel of the streams. Moving into streams after dark, they spawn in depressions in the streambed or behind obstructions where they can find a little protection from the main current of the stream.

A 7.5 inch female may lay as many as 25,000 eggs, while one only two inches larger may lay twice that. Egg settle to the bottom and adhere to whatever they touch first, remaining there until they hatch several weeks later.

After spawning, smelt scatter throughout the lake below the thermocline. Being dispersed, instead of schooled near the bottom, as are alewives, they are not heavily preyed upon by lake trout.

of low income elderly without significantly altering the program's basic purpose of providing meaningful work opportunities for those living on a small or fixed income.

Emery noted that there is increasing support for the "Green Thumb" program and he predicted that funds will be available in the 1975-76 proposed budget for continuation of the program.

The Governor has said that fed-

eral funds may be sought, and State Environmental Commissioner Owen Reid has stated several times that he is strongly in favor of this project.

Blessed Sacrament Parish News

Blessed Sacrament Parish Women are making plans to serve Homemade Chili, Sloppy Joe's, do-

Schedule of Some of the Main Events of 3rd Maple Festival

APRIL 5 - 6 — Andover, New York

Parade — Saturday — 10 A. M.

Pancake Dinners — 8 a. m. - 6 p. m. — both days

Flea Markets Galore

Food Concessions — on grounds and downtown

Antique Machinery Displays

Sugar Shack Operation — both days

Helicopter Rides (weather permitting) — both days

Radio-Controlled Model Airplane Show — both days

Kiddie Carnival and Pony Rides

Dealer Displays

Maple Queen Contest — Saturday

Continuous Entertainment On Stage — both days

Country-Western Music Jamboree — both days

(Recording Artist — "Dick" Rifenburg & his Ridge Runners)

Friday Night Youth Dance

Music By "MAX" from Rochester

Saturday Night Round & Square Dance

Music By "THE MOONLIGHTERS"

Hobbyists Displays and Demonstrations

Honey & Maple Product Sales & Displays

Model Steam Engines — Displays & Demonstrations

Coins and Guns Displays

Motorcycle & New Car Displays

1st U.S. Artillery & Battery Marching

Many, Many Other Displays & etc.

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THAT'S A FACT

HOOP-LA!

A FORM OF BASKETBALL, OLLAMALITZLI, WAS PLAYED BY THE ANCIENT AZTECS. THE PLAYER WHO SCORED A BASKET WAS ENTITLED TO THE CLOTHES WORN BY THE SPECTATORS! THE CAPTAIN OF THE LOSING TEAM OFTEN FORFEITED HIS HEAD!

HAVE YOUR CAKE...

...AND EAT IT TOO! WHAT WE MEAN IS, ONCE YOU'VE ENROLLED IN THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN, YOU CAN PAY GROCERY BILLS, AUTO REPAIR COSTS, VACATION EXPENSES CONFIDENT THAT U.S. SAVINGS BONDS ARE BUILDING YOU A NEST EGG WHILE YOU'RE MEETING CURRENT EXPENSES!



HEAR! HEAR!

SNAKES HAVE NO EXTERNAL EARS. HOW DO THEY HEAR? THEY "TUNE IN" ON SOUND WITH THEIR FANGS!

nuts, coffee and pop during the Maple Festival in their Parish Hall.

A beautiful afghan, maple syrup and a decorated cake have been donated by parishioners and will be on display at Vars Pharmacy.

The Rev. Joseph Welmer, pastor and the Parish Council members are trying to up-date the Parish Census Records. Any baptised Catholic in the area not contacted, may call 478-5900 for further in-

formation. Carl Atwell and Avery R. Mead served as Co-Chairmen for the Catholic Charities Appeal and any worker not having turned in their report, please leave it the Rectory by Sunday, March 30.

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