

## THE HUNTER and POSTED LAND! An Editorial

Small game hunting has been underway in upstate New York since the first part of October, but when Deer Season opens up on Monday, November 20th it will hit its peak. Scattered shooting heard on hilltop woodlands has been a reminder of things to come, but grouse and squirrel hunting in wood and brushlots has created little conflict between the hunter and the landowner.

The better the hunting possibilities, the more apt a visiting hunter is to find posters when he arrives. Very seldom is this a case of the owner wanting to save the hunting for himself, rather it is because better hunting areas draw more hunters. In our day of super highways and more leisure time, hunters need no longer confine their efforts to their immediate neighborhood. There isn't a prime small game hunting area in the State that isn't within an hour's drive of some metropolitan area and its throng of eager hunters.

The most common reasons for posting all relate to the hunter or his conduct: (1) Unsportsmanlike conduct; (2) More and more hunters coming onto their land without first asking permission; (3) Protection of the landowner's family and property; and (4) Increasing number of hunters afield.

For a decade and a half the Conservation Law has prohibited the discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of a house or farm building actually in use. If all hunters had demonstrated common courtesy and firearms safety in the past, this law would never have gotten into the books. The fact that it still is a major item of concern to many landowners casts a dark shadow over the hunt fraternity, even though most conduct themselves as gentlemen.

Many hunters apparently feel that once they have put down their money for a hunting license they can hunt anywhere they want to. The hunting license grants you only the privilege to hunting; it has nothing to do with entry onto land for the purpose of hunting. Take a careful look at the bottom of the folder handed out with your license and you will find the words: "A license to hunt, trap or fish does not give the holder any right to go on private property without permission of the land owner, and, it is illegal to refuse to show your license to any person on request." The right to go on private land and hunt is something the hunter must work out with the landowner.

This is not the problem that many hunters feel it is. Most sportsmen who take the time to contact the landowner for permission find that they are welcome even on posted land. The clear implication is that landowners are not against hunters but like to know who is on their land. Not only does this give the landowner some control over the number of hunters who use his property, but it gives him a chance to point out areas where there are unharvested crops, new seeding or some other thing he would like the hunters to avoid. Nobody knows the land better than the man who works it, and often he can give some good tips as to where the best hunting will be found.

Personal contact between hunter and landowner will also reduce many thoughtless unsportsmanlike acts which occur. Most people would not think of throwing trash and beer cans on their neighbor's lawn, but land of an unknown person doesn't get the same consideration. The person-to-person contact of asking permission to hunt puts the landowner in the class with other friends and neighbors, creating a more thoughtful attitude and action.

There are those who feel the days of free public hunting are numbered; that hunting will soon be limited to those who own or lease land, are members of hunting clubs or who do their hunting on shooting preserves.

If this is to be avoided, today's hunters must remember that hunting is a privilege not a right. The only way to perpetuate free public hunting is through courteous behavior toward the landowner, his family and his personal holdings.

## Town Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The Tenth Monthly Meeting was called to order at 1 PM October 12, 1978 at the Town Hall in Andover New York. Those Present: Howard Burdick, Harry Kemp, Erwin Lewis, Merle Dibble, James Haugh, Edna Baker, Reginald Sootheran, James Burd and Gladys Fox.

A motion by Merle Dibble and seconded by Erwin Lewis to accept the September 14, 1978 meeting and the Federal Revenue Sharing Hearing on September 25, 1978 as read. Carried.

A letter was read from the Allegany County Office of Civil Defense, Belmont, New York, concerning the letter they received from the Corps of Engineers requesting a dam inspection unit to the Town of Andover. If the dam failed, persons downstream could be affected. DEC informed the Supervisor that if high water exists, they must provide around the clock surveillance of the dam.

On September 15, 1978, Robert Coulter and Arthur Button accompanied Supervisor Howard Burdick to the Pond Site and took pictures. Robert Coulter, County Director of Disaster Coordinator, replied to the DEC this finding that there is no potential hazard. It does not appear that unless unusually heavy rains occur over a period of hours that a problem will be created. In view of this, this Office - CD does not feel that any action on our part is necessary at the time. Attach Letter.

Howard Burdick, Supervisor, reported on the County Legislators Meeting he attended that the County help Andover repair the Andover Dam. That Andover had a dam that they could repair as long as they are in the Dam Building Business.

The Legislators from District 5 in which Andover is located to investigate cost of restoration and report to the County.

A motion by Merle Dibble and seconded by Harry Kemp, to have the Public Hearing on adopting the Budget for 1979 on November 9, 1978 at 1 PM, at the Town Hall in Andover, N. Y.

The Highway Vouchers were audited with a Balance September 15, 1978 \$12,122.23 Deposits 140.00 Paid Out 5,946.74 Balance Oct. 13, 1978 6,315.49

The General Vouchers were audited with a Balance September 15, 1978 \$4,192.69 Deposited 4,349.52 Paid Out 4,144.36 Balance Oct. 13, 1978 4,397.27

A motion by Erwin Lewis and seconded by Merle Dibble to adjourn until November 9, 1978 for the Public Hearing and Adopting the 1979 Budget at 1 PM November 9, 1978 at 1:00 at the Town Hall in Andover, New York. Carried.

GLADYS FOX, Clerk

## Allegany County Fire Control Report For Oct.

From Allegany County Fire Control, 82 East Greenwood Street, Andover, New York, for the month of October, 1978.

FIRES	
Industrial	0
Mercantile	0
Dwellings	11
Chimney Fires	5
Farm Bldgs.	1
Motor Vehicle	0
Oil Field	0
Grass & Brush	2
Pennsylvania Calls	5
Miscellaneous Fires	14
Total Calls	57
Accidents	6
MUTUAL AID	
In County	12
Out of County	1
Total Calls	14
Radio Checks	38
Siren Tests	111
Vehicle Practice	13
Vehicle Maintenance	18
AMBULANCE CALLS	

## Glenn L. Webster

Glenn L. Webster of Ellisburg Pa., died Tuesday, November 14, 1978 at his home.

He was born April 11, 1899 in Ellisburg, a son of William J. and Mary Gilliland Webster. He had resided in Ellisburg all his life.

He was a retired farmer and a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William (Yvonne) Gavitt of Stannards; two grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Clayton Burger of Andover.

Friends were received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m., at the Mason T. Dye Funeral Home in Wellsville. Funeral services were held Friday at 1:30 p. m., at the funeral home with the Rev. Ivan Smoker, pastor of the Yorks Corners Mennonite Church, officiating.

Burial was in Genesee Cemetery in Genesee, Pa.



Fred Brown is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. John Richardson, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

William Richardson a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Richard Fuller a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Friday.

Mrs. Ethel Carlineo was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Friday.

Mrs. Bruce Lehman, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Thursday.

Ronald Pease, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Monday.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jackson and Betty Jackson of Andover are parents of a son, Jeremy Dean, born Thursday, November 15, 1978 at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson are maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Madison are paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jackson are maternal great-grandparents, Mrs. Pearl Sortor is the paternal great-grandmother and Walter Upstake of Greenwood, is the maternal great-grandfather.

## Area Resident Appointed Special Agent

H. Stanley Rassler, Manager of the Rochester Agency, Prudential Insurance Company of America has announced the appointment of Patricia Pratt of Seio, as a Special Agent.

Ms. Pratt is currently involved in a training program specializing in personal and business life insurance planning.

Ms. Pratt is the mother of five sons and resides on Vandermark Road in Seio.

She will be joining her husband Joe, in the sales and service of Prudential Insurance in Allegany County area. They will maintain an office in their home on Vandermark Road, Seio.

Alfred	14
Ammond	5
Andover	17
Angelia	8
Belfast	12
Bolivar	8
Fillmore	19
Friendship	13
Genesee	2
Houghton	10
Richburg	4
Rushford	9
Shinglehouse	5
Total Calls	128
False Alarms	4
Lost Persons	1
Cleaning Chimneys	8
Road Washdown	1
Miscellaneous Calls	1386
Total Calls for the Month	1773

## Legion Observes Veterans Day In Local Ceremony

Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397, The American Legion, observed the Traditional Veterans Day in simple services held at the Andover Central School on Saturday, November 11, 1978.

The program consisted of Andover Central School Band Director Mrs. Nancy Potter, and Debbie Gilbert playing "America" in a Trumpet Duet for the Advancement of the Colors; Post Commander Frank McCormick then introduced Legionnaire Richard Witte, Chaplain, who led the group in prayer; Commander McCormick then greeted the Assembly and in turn introduced Past Army Commander and Retired Army Major Ralph "Red" Allen as guest speaker.

Mayor Allen, who had been called as a substitute speaker due to the inability of the guest speaker to appear, gave a brief talk on the meaning of "Armistice Day" which is presently named "Veterans Day." He also warned those present that their "Freedom" and "Heritage" were slowly eroding or being given away by their elected representatives in Congress and cited the giving away of the Panama Canal by our current President and Congress members. He also cited the many Government controls, directives and order, that are being issued to Citizens and Businessmen even to telling Employers whom they have to hire.

During the Ceremony, the audience composed of World War I; World War II; Korean, and Vietnam Veterans; Members of the 98th Training Division, U. S. Army Reserve; Members of Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 Legion and Auxiliary; and one Gold Star Mother, joined together to observe the playing of The Star Spangled Banner by Mrs. Nancy Potter and Debbie Gilbert.

Commander McCormick then expressed his appreciation to all those who participated in the observance and observed that it was too bad that more members of the Community didn't turn out for the ceremony.

## Bob Reed To Be Guest Soloist At Andover C & M A Church Dec. 3

Gospel singer, Bob Reed, will be guest soloist in sacred concert Sunday, December 3, at 7:30 P. M., at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Rochambeau Ave Andover.

Prior to his commitment to Jesus Christ, Bob was leader of his own rock band, The Creations. After his encounter with Jesus, he attended both Baptist Bible College and Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. It was while at CBC that he was tenor soloist for the ABC broadcast Revival time, heard on over 600 stations.

Later he became field representative for Brooklyn Teen Challenge and associate director for Teen Challenge of Little Rock, Arkansas. Most recently, he founded and directed a soul winning coffee house, The Turning Point, in Binghamton, New York. While there, he was also associate pastor at First Assembly of God.

His testimony has been featured in Power Life and Decision magazines, and on "Unshackled" from Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago Illinois. Then in 1975, he appeared on PTL Television in Charlotte N. C. Bob has a lovely wife, Leannita and they have two children, David, age six, and Candra, age five.

His first album entitled "Thank You Lord" was recorded in Dallas, Texas and has a variety of songs with which hopefully will both encourage and make Jesus more real in each believer's heart. This recording will be available at the concert.

All are welcome to a sermon in song and a time to praise the Lord together!

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