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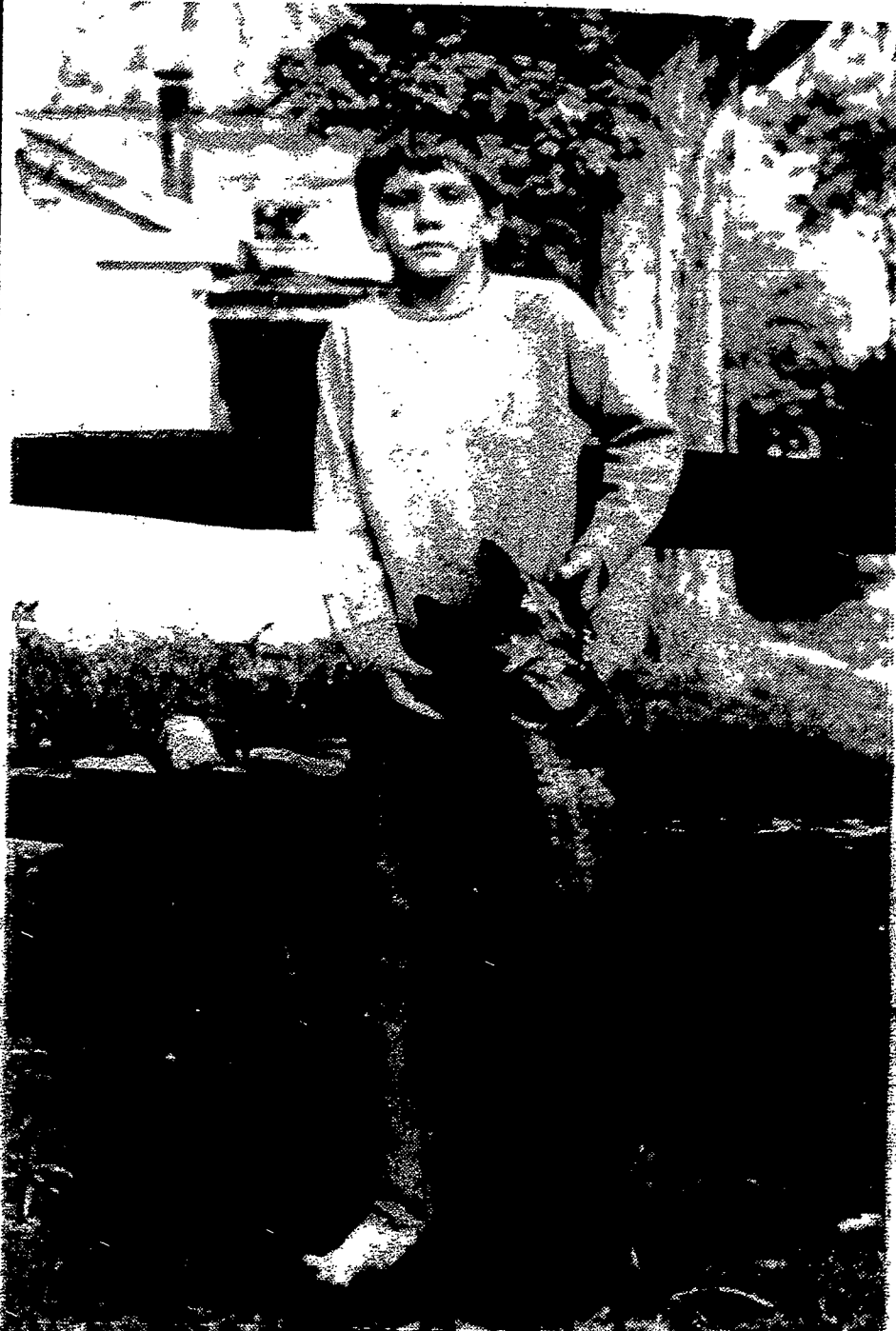
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## ...Where The Fish Are



Mike VanRy of Orwell with a 38-inch Salmon. Keep abreast of all the fishing news...subscribe to the Banner Times, special Fishermen's rate, see box on page five.

## Election Race Heats Up

As November 5 approaches, the race for seats in the Town of Richland is heating up.

The Republican incumbents face nearly a full slate of Democratic opponents this year.

Positions up for election this year include county legislator, town supervisor, two councilmen's seats on the town board, town justice, highway superintendent, assessor, and town clerk.

A background of most of the candidates vying for this position follows.

### Gerald Gallagher

Gerlad Gallagher, 7285 Port Street, Pulaski is seeking re-election as Richland Town Justice as a Republican candidate. Justice Gallagher has eight years experience as Town Justice, having been elected in 1977 and 1981. Mr. Gallagher is also Village Justice. He was appointed in 1978 to fill the unexpired term of Justice Richard Miller and has been re-elected to that position in 1980 and 1984.

Justice Gallagher is a thirty-five year resident of Pulaski, following his marriage to the former Jacqueline Spath of this village. Their three children - Larry, Edward and Shonnie were all born here and attended Pulaski schools. Larry lost his life in the Vietnam conflict in 1968 and was honored by the local AmVet Chapter naming their Post after him. Edward and Shonnie and their respective families live in the Pulaski area.

Justice Gallagher attended Onondaga Community College as an Accounting major, and has been employed as an accountant by Pulaski Sales and Service since 1968. A Navy veteran of World War II, he is a member of the Pulaski Masonic Lodge, and past president and treasurer of the Pulaski Service Club.

Prior to accepting the challenge of Town of Richland Justice, Justice Gallagher did extensive research on courts, visiting several area Justice Courts. Since being elected, he has attended numerous courses on Judicial procedure and law.

If re-elected on November 5, 1985, Justice Gallagher states that he will continue to be fair, conscientious, and judge each and every case on its individual merits.

### Joseph Benesch

Joe Benesch, who is the Democratic candidate for Town Justice, was born in Syracuse. His parents later moved to Mexico, where they owned and operated the New Family Bakery for 20 years before retiring.

He became interested in taxidermy as a young boy and received his diploma from the Northwestern School of Taxidermy in Chicago. Later he



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took additional courses in Taxidermy at the Rice Creek Field Station in Oswego.

Benesch graduated from Mexico Academy and Central Schools, then entered the United States Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. While there, he set the all-time post record for physical training. He attended Drill Sergeants Leadership Academy and received seven letters of commendation for "Outstanding Performance". After attaining his Honorable Discharge, he began his civilian employment with two environmental engineering firms at Nine Mile, which entailed collecting various environmental data. Benesch has also worked for the New York State Department of Transportation before resigning to become a part-time student at SUNY-Oswego and to embark upon his desire to own and operate his own business.

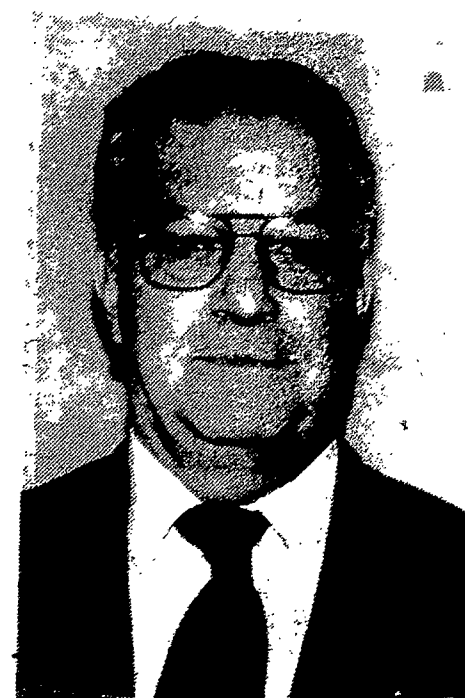
Currently, he owns the Sportsman Den located in Port Ontario, and Joe's Pizza.

Mr. Benesch currently holds State and Federal Firearms Licenses, is a New York State Licensed Taxidermist, N.Y. State Licensed Guide and a N.Y. State Hunter Safety Instructor. He is a member of various organizations some of which include Pulaski Chamber of Commerce, New York State Outdoor Guides Association and Salmon River Ducks Unlimited.

Since announcing his candidacy, Benesch has maintained that "the most important part of my experience is dealing with people, and people must be treated as individuals. As Town Justice, I'll apply the law fairly and honestly for all." He continues to state that his desire to become Richland Town Justice will fulfill his ambition for civic duty to his community.

### Robert Gibbs

Robert Gibbs, the Democratic candidate for highway superin-



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tendent, was born in Lacona. He attended Sandy Creek Central School, and soon embarked upon a career as a mechanic, which he has done most of his life.

Mr. Gibbs served three years in World War II, primarily working in the motor pool and driving heavy equipment. He later moved to California, where he lived for 13 years.

In 1963, he moved back to New York, and began working for the Town of Richland Highway Department. He also has worked for Borello Trucking, Watertown, building roads and blacktopping.

Gibbs presently is employed by Blounts Lumber Company in Lacona. He resides in Richland, with his wife, Beatrice. He attends the Calvary Baptist Church, Richland and is a non-drinker and non-smoker. He and his wife have been foster parents of over 60 children in the past 12 years.

His hobbies include auto racing, fishing, carpentry, hunting and reading.

### Cliff Sherman

Cliff Sherman, the incumbent Town of Richland Highway Superintendent, has announced his candidacy for re-election to that two-year post.

Sherman was appointed to this position in 1975 and has successfully been re-elected five times.

During his tenure as Highway Superintendent, the Town of Richland has rebuilt or resurfaced approximately 90 miles of highway, replaced four major bridges, purchased four new snowplows, a snow blower, bulldozer, grader and four trucks with no appreciable increase in taxes.

Cliff and his wife, Lillian, are life long residents of the Town of Richland and reside on Lake Road at Port Ontario. He is a member of the American Legion, VFW, has served a combined total of 34 years

## Board Questioned At Meeting

An irate landowner appeared at the regular monthly meeting of the Richland Town Board to inquire how the zoning enforcement officer, Harlan Goodsell, does his job.

Mr. Ed Delaney, who had received notices of violation concerning a swimming pool and a utility shed, argued that he felt that "the United States Constitution guarantees my right to the full enjoyment and use of my property." Apparently, Mr. Delaney had failed to get the necessary permits before constructing the pool and shed.

Town Attorney Norman Seiter, Jr., responded that "the courts have ruled that zoning is a proper exercise if handled properly."

Town Supervisor Arthur Hilliker noted that the distances in the zoning law are being revised.

Delaney continued that he felt that his violations were relatively minor, and that he didn't feel that anything was being done about people with worse violations.

Hilliker agreed that there was "lots of room for improvement", and that the board, in revising the zoning ordinances, would welcome any kind of help we can get."

Delaney responded that he wished the zoning enforcement officer would "take care of the elephants, then the mosquitoes," to which Hilliker replied, "I agree with you 100 percent."

The matter of Delaney's violations were resolved that night.

A motion approving the salaries of elected officials in the 1985-86 tentative budget was approved.

A request to post a "Children at Play" sign on the Wart Road was approved.

The board voted to advertise for a public hearing, on the preliminary budget, to be held November 4 at the regular monthly meeting.

It was noted that Zoning Officer Goodsell would be on vacation from October 12 through October 28, and Town Clerk Paul Mahaffy Sr., will handle zoning applications with Hilliker assisting if necessary.