

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Moose River Wilderness Deer Hunt

Harland Knight of Jacksonville, N. Y., received his 50-year Grange Certificate in September. Morris J. Halladay, Secretary of New York State Grange, presented Mr. Knight with a Golden Sheaf Certificate and a pin for 50 years of membership in the Grange at a supper meeting recently of Ulysses Grange 419. Mr. Knight joined the Grange in Greenwood and was Master here. He has also served as Master of Ulysses Grange and District Deputy of Tompkins County six years. Mr. Knight is agent for the National Grange Mutual Insurance Co., of Keene, N. H., and is also Director of the Finger Lakes Cooperative Insurance Co., the former Patrons Relief Association.

Douglas Cornell was reelected a director of Otsego County Conservation at a meeting in Bath last Monday evening.

The Mobile X-Ray Unit of Southern Tier TB Respiratory Diseases Association Inc., was at Greenwood Central School Wednesday morning, from 8 - 9 A. M.

Hartsville Grange installed officers of three Granges Saturday night at West Greenwood Grange Hall, including Hartsville, West Union and West Greenwood Granges. John Coats of Andover was installed Master of the West Greenwood Grange. Francis Acker of Greenwood was one of the Hartsville Installing Team.

The Election Board: Genevieve Williamson, chairman; Lana Rogers, Bernice Osmin and Eloise Holt were at the Masonic Hall for Voter Registration Friday, October 3 from Noon to 10 P. M. and Saturday, October 4 from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. There is permanent registration so they recorded 15 new voters of those reaching 21 and new residents. Election is November 4 from 6 A. M. to 9 P. M.

The Annual Firemen's Auction is Saturday, October 11, beginning at 7 P. M. Ronald Putman is chairman. There is always a good supply of produce and household articles. Come out and have a good time.

Mrs. Alvin Teribury and Mrs. Everett Osmin were volunteer workers at the Bethesda Snack Bar Thursday afternoon. A clinic was held at the hospital.

Pam and Tim Heckman spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. Everett Osmin and the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. George Puffer at Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Reed Sampson of Niagara Falls were week-end guests of his aunt, Mrs. Osmin.

Sunday, Mrs. Everett Osmin was hostess for a family dinner. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Puffer of Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Sampson of Niagara Falls and Seymour Heckman and family.

The sophomore Class, with their Advisor Ronald Edginton, sponsored a dance at the Greenwood Central School Friday night. Music was by John and the Friars and the good attendance netted the class \$114.00.

Members of the School Band are selling Bee Line clothes.

Mrs. Jeanne Cornell was substitute Nurse-Teacher at Greenwood Central School Monday thru Wednesday. The clinic scheduled for last week was postponed due to sickness of the doctor. Mrs. Charity McCormick, Nurse-Teacher, went to Rochester with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Paul McCormick, Sr., who had ear surgery.

Mrs. Seymour Heckman entered the Bethesda Hospital in North Hornell for surgery last Monday.

Robert Lounsberry of West Greenwood, was a patient at the James Memorial Hospital in Wellsboro for a week, returning home September 29.

George McCaffery of West

Hunters wishing some real wilderness hunting this fall have the opportunity in the Moose River Wilderness Area of the southern Adirondacks. For the fifth year special licenses for this area are available to hunters to take an antlerless deer in addition to any other deer allowed. The wilderness hunt is authorized under Section 226 of the Conservation Law which permits the Conservation Department to set such regulations when its investigations show that the range is being overbrowsed.

"Overbrowsed" to the wildlife biologist means that the deer are eating the food plants faster than the plants are growing, and that starvation during a long winter with deep snow is a real possibility. That, in short, means too many deer for the available winter range.

"Overbrowsed" to the sportsmen often conjures up an entirely different picture. The transition to "too many deer" follows logically enough, but from this he often visualizes a deer behind every bush.

A-deer-behind-every-bush is not the situation at all, in fact the wildlife biologists that know the area best place the population at about 20 deer per square mile, a figure easily exceeded by most of the better deer range in both the Catskills and western counties.

The difference goes back to

Greenwood, was a patient at the Bethesda Hospital in North Hornell, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bangs (Penelope Cole) of the Hartsville Rd., are parents of a son, born Monday September 29 at the Bethesda Hospital. They are both former teachers at Greenwood Central School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Watson of Pittsburgh, Pa., were guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Redmond of Hornell, last week-end. They were all Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Redmond at West Greenwood.

Mrs. Claude Daggett and daughter, Miss Charlotte Daggett of Delevan, came Friday night and were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lamphier.

Sgt. Gary Chaffee flew from Elmira to Pontiac, Mich., Friday to visit his brother, Duane Chaffee before reporting for duty Monday, October 6th at SAC Base at Great Falls, Montana. Sgt. Chaffee had spent a month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaffee, enroute from 18 months on the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edginton entertained his parents from Geneva over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bates of Troupsburg, called on Miss Grace Young and Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Rogers and son, Jerome, were in Wellsboro on business, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anzello visited their family at Bradford, Pa., over the week-end.

those key words, "too many deer for the available winter range". During a mild or ordinary winter, such as we have had the last five years, deer concentrate in about one third of the area, leaving the rest virtually untouched. If the snow that will not support a deer is deeper than two feet, the deer will be concentrated in only 10 percent of the range. The location of these concentration areas is always the same for they are dependent on the conifers which reduce the snow depths and wind movement. It is these areas where the overbrowsing exists, elsewhere the winter deer food is abundant.

All deer taken from the Moose River Area during the past four seasons have been checked by Conservation Department personnel and three things point to trouble if more deer are not removed. First, approximately one half the yearling bucks did not produce legal antlers three inches long. This is virtually nonexistent in the properly balanced deer herd in the southern tier. The reason that the antlers didn't grow was simply that during the previous winter the deer were undernourished.

The second alarming fact revealed was that during the last two years there were not as many yearlings in the age composition studies of the total kill as the reproductive studies of the older does showed they had produced. This is because starvation was already removing fawns during the last two relatively mild winters. Their smaller size and energy reserves means that they are the first to go.

The third alarming fact revealed was that even the 404 deer removed last year did not equal the fawn production. The herd, and its troubles, are still growing.

Last year the location of each deer kill was plotted from hunter reports and it was found that 84 percent were within one mile of a road, leaving extensive areas virtually un hunted. It is into these hinterlands that the Department would like to see more hunters penetrate. It is into this hinterland that the deer disappear when the hunting herds leave the road.

Since the Moose River Plains is a wintering area for deer from miles around, many of them aren't even in the area till late in the season. Unlike most deer hunting, the rate of kill increased during the latter half of the season last year as snow and cold winds started driving the deer into the lowlands.

To obtain one of the 15,000 special licenses hunters must submit an application which may be obtained from any license issuing agent. The application must be postmarked not later than November 25 and be accompanied by a postal money order, cashier's check or certified money order for one dollar. The envelope should be marked "Wilderness Tract". After November 10 these special licenses will also be issued at either of the two gates to the Moose River Area.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Walker of Minot, N. D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Lee, to Sgt. David E. Ordway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ordway of Main Street, Andover.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Ryan High School and of the Sisters of St. Francis School of Nursing, is employed by St. Joseph Hospital, Minot.

Her fiance, a graduate of Andover Central School is a member of the United States Air Force stationed at Minot Air Force Base. The wedding is expected to take place this winter.



Rev. Floyd Aldrich performs 50-year marriage rites for Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perry. Photo by Wittie

An open house given by their children held Sunday September 21st to honor the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perry of Andover.

Marie Iva Perry (nee Ordway) and Harold Levern Perry were united in marriage in Portville, N. Y., on September 17, 1919. At that time their witnesses were Belle Van Sickles and Ella Bedford, who have since passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry are parents of eight children: Robert Perry of Allentown; Mrs. Catherine Philipson of Andover; Mrs. Aletha Hahn of Andover; Mrs. Marena Routh of Randleman, N. Carolina; Mrs. Norma Burrows of Andover; Mrs. Phyllis Grimes and Kenneth Perry of Westons Mills; and Keith Perry of Silver Creek, N. Y. They also have 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The couple was first honored by the renewal of their wedding vows at the First Baptist Church at 12:20 p. m., with Rev. Floyd Aldrich officiating. Their attendants were their oldest son, Robert Perry of Allentown, N. Y., and oldest daughter, Mrs. Catherine Philipson of Andover, N. Y. Mrs. Perry was given away by their youngest son, Keith Perry of Silver Creek, N. Y. Ushers were Wayne Grant and Danny Grant, grandsons of the couple.

Mrs. Perry wore a long-sleeved coat ensemble of black and white design with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

Their five daughters wore pink rose corsages; the daughters-in-laws corsages of variegated carnations and the granddaughters wore mum corsages.

The open house followed at the Grange Hall in Andover at 1:00 p. m. Hostesses were Ione Perry and Pearl Perry, daughters-in-law, Dawn Burrows, a grand daughter and Sharri Grant, granddaughter-in-law. Attending the guest book was Phyllis Grimes, a granddaughter.

The white, four tiered cake, made by Mrs. Dora Kibbe of Andover, was decorated with miniature wedding bells, yellow and white flowers and topped with a large white wedding bell with 50 in gold letters. The tiers were separated by pillars of white. The cake was served by Jean Perry, a daughter-in-law from Allentown, N. Y.

Guests attended from Rochester, Silver Creek, Allentown, Westons Mills, Bolivar, Wellsboro, N. Y., Randleman, N. Carolina, Bradford, Pa., Mt. Jewett, Pa., Bath, N. Y., Savona, N. Y., Bradford, N. Y., Newfield, N. Y., Fairless Hills, Pa., Wellsboro, Pa., Camp LeJeune, N. Carolina and Andover.

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