



Conservationists at Deer Forum held at the Hornell Country Club Saturday — "Jim" Jackson, President of Andover Rod & Gun Club; Alan Mills, Game Protector; Kenny Dunbar, President of Allegany County Federation of Sportsmen; and Herbert Doig, Albany Game Manager. News Photo

### Area Deer Forum Held Saturday

More than 240 local and area Sportsmen crowded the Hornell Country Club Saturday for a Deer Forum that started around ten a. m. and was still in progress at 5 p. m., covering such Hot Topics as "party permits", "quotas", "deer population", "Department Administration and Planning", as well as others.

Local and area hunters from Allegany and Steuben Counties especially protested a letter sent out by State Officials to big-game hunters in City areas inviting them to come to this area to: "Fill your party permit this year with a deer from the shaded area on the map" since this is "where greater harvest of does and fawns are needed". And, as is so often the case when eloquent State Officials and Administrators hold an open forum, the ordinary Layman or Hunter can't find a plausible or reasonable answer as the "bush is so well beaten around and down" that the original question is carefully hidden in the debris!

Sportsmen from this area stated flatly that as a result of this "invitation", Allegany and Steuben Counties were "flooded" with a swarm of "City-Hunters" that did not exhibit "Sportsman-like" conduct and left many dead does and fawns in their wake! This is one reason that they questioned the so-called "deer count" figures given by State Officials based on an "arbitrary formula" derived from statistics furnished by the actual number of legal deer take this past season. And, instead of promising to take the Hunter protests into consideration, it was revealed that the Commission intends to extend the coming Deer Season into a full three weeks instead of the usual two-week period.

As the Forum progressed it was brought out that there was an acute shortage of Game Protectors with no one available in Chemung County, but when it was suggested that Special Game Protectors be appointed, or volunteers be solicited, a State Official stated that the Union representing the employees on duty forbids this type of approach. Their reasons were that they wouldn't be able to bargain for higher wages for their State Employees if low-salaried employees or volunteers were used. In fact, upon direct questioning, it was admitted that the minimum standards had been raised so that an applicant for a game protectors vacancy had to have a minimum of 2-years of College or two years prior service with the commission. In addition to this it is planned to even raise the requirements to applicants to a minimum of 4-years of College credit.

After the meeting was over, the consensus of opinion of the majority of local Sportsmen in attendance was that they would have to look elsewhere than the Conservation Department to get any help

in lowering the quota for the "party-permit" system so that the "deer herd" population would not be completely decimated!

### News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

SP5 Martin L. Howland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Howland of RD Wellsville, has been spending a thirty-day leave with his parents after completing a three-year tour of duty with the Army in Germany.

SP5 and Mrs. Howland left Monday enroute to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he will complete his enlistment with the Army.

Sgt. Thomas E. Ordway's address is: Sgt. Thomas E. Ordway, FR 085-40-4369 436th APSO

Dover, AFB, Del. 19901

### Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burch Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burch of Elm Valley, Andover, R.D., were honored at a dinner given by their children at the Six-S Restaurant at Transit Bridge recently in celebration of the couple's 37th wedding anniversary.

Hosts for the event were: Mr. and Mrs. James Washburn of Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Burch or Whitesville, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Freeland of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. William Shawl of Cuba.

The former Mary Harris of Whitesville, and Carl Burch, were married in Wellsville, March 14, 1934 and have lived in the Andover area for most of their married life.

### Resolutions Of Respect

Andover, New York  
March 12, 1971

Whereas: In infinite wisdom, it has pleased God to remove from us our Sister, Florence Farley, who was a loyal, faithful member for fifty-seven years — having joined Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 March 23, 1914.

Resolved: That, as we are saddened by this loss, we extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Resolved: That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Chapter and a copy to be sent to family.

Beyond the sunset, she has gone  
To rest a little while;

The memory of her loving words,  
The sweetness of her smile

Fall like a benediction soft  
Upon our lonely ways,

How we shall miss her presence here  
Thru' all the coming days.

Committee  
Elizabeth Clair  
Bernice Nobles

### Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to all who sent cards, telephone calls and visitations while I was in the hospital. Also a special thanks to the Ambulance Corps for their promptness and kindness.  
Mikey Carson

### Do You Remember The "Missing Link"?

Do you remember the "missing link" that Fay had uncovered under a stage when looking for horsepower during the "Dash"? That was in 1958.

As in previous years this old minstrel man will again be contributing his "bit" on the ACS stage May 14 and 15 at the Andover Minstrels "do their stuff". The old songs will be heard along with many of the same old faces with a few new additions. This year the "oldies" are returning to help the "funnies". Old times will bring back memories of the many successful shows of the past. Plan to be with us and "live a little".  
Fristies for the Circle — Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30.

### Help! Help! Help!

The Andover Rod & Gun Club will need the help of all available local Sportsmen on Monday, March 29th, to help liberate Trout in local streams.

The Trout and Sportsmen are scheduled to meet each other in front of the Andover Post Office at 11:00 A. M. on Monday, March 29, 1971.



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