



Bruce Smalley (center), Cooperative Extension Agent for the Allegany County 4-H discusses the many strides the 4-H Organization has taken over in the recent years with Lions Ralph Searle (L) and Dan Spangler (R) after presenting a vivid talk to the Andover Lions Club at their last dinner meeting.

Any youngster interested in Outdoor Conservation, Camping or Sports, is urged to "check out" this Organization as it is believed the 4-H Club now has a great deal to offer. Photo by Dale Green

Taxmobile To Be In Wellsville Feb. 12

Additional appearances by the always welcome "Taxmobile" were announced recently by H. B. Mosher, Buffalo District Director of the Internal Revenue Service. The self-contained assistance unit will travel throughout the Buffalo District offering assistance to citizens of numerous small communities during the month of February.

In this area, the "Taxmobile" will be located at the Municipal Building, Main Street, Wellsville on Wednesday, February 12 from 9:00 a. m. - 4:30 p. m.

In addition to this, Mr. Mosher reminds us of the Toll-free Telephone Service throughout the Buffalo District. Your income tax questions will be answered when you call 855-3955 in the local Buffalo calling area; 285-9321 in the local Niagara Falls calling area; 263-6770 in the local Rochester calling area; 473-3365 in the local

Syracuse area or 800-462-1560 from all other areas where a toll call would be required.

This telephone service is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., and Saturdays on February 1 and February 8 from 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. for as long as needed.

Card of Thanks

To the people of the Community: I wish to express my deepest gratitude to everyone for their support and sympathy for me and my family, over the loss of my beloved wife and mother of my children, Sara. Being a very close family, and our tendency for staying within ourselves, we did not realize that we were also close to the community in which we live. It is this knowledge that helps us go on, and with the help of GOD, we can overcome any obstacle and go about our everyday life. GOD bless everyone of you.

JAMES P. ROSE
and Family
Andover, New York

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Is Snatching Salmon Sporting?

Now that the lamprey control program, carried out the last two years in the tributaries of Lake Ontario, has effectively reduced lamprey numbers, the Department's program to establish coho and chinook salmon in the lake is showing the longed for results. With the feasibility of the program proven, and increased hatchery production in the near future, this fishery is going to become an extremely popular one in New York.

Because they are Pacific salmon, they die after coming up the streams to spawn. Once in the streams their feeding is greatly reduced, and soon stops all together. This means that normal fishing methods, using lures or baits, are ineffective in taking them after they have left the lake. As a result, special regulations have been established, permitting them to be taken by snatching from August 15 through December 31. Trout were included in the snatching order, for there is the possibility that an occasional one may be snagged, and this way the innocent fisherman is protected.

I have on my desk a letter from a fisherman who feels that permitting snatching of salmon is sanctioning unsportsmanlike conduct. He further points out that

we regulate against it in the Finger Lakes tributaries. There in fact, a fish not hooked in the mouth must be returned to the water.

Before we condemn snatching salmon, let's look at sportsmanship and see what it is. Good sportsmanship is playing by the accepted rules of the game. The dry fly fisherman on a Catskill stream in June is no more a true sportsman than the sucker fisherman along a stream on a sunny spring day, so long as both are fishing according to the rules. More sophisticated techniques do not make for better sportsmen.

Though the rainbow run from the Finger Lakes may superficially appear to be the same as the salmon run from the Great Lakes, there are some basic differences. The main one is that Pacific salmon have only one spawning run, and upon its completion they die. Rainbow trout, on the other hand, may return to the streams several times to spawn.

Normally coho salmon remain in the lake for about 18 months before returning to spawn. Some precocious males, referred to as "jacks", enter the stream at the end of their first summer. These obviously are smaller and apparently have led some people to believe that these are immature fish which would return the following year if they were not snatched. These younger "jacks" are no different from older males which

come upstream, they also die and are lost if not taken on their upstream migration.

If cohos and chinooks are not taken by fishermen in the streams, they die and are lost, enjoyed only by coons and other scavengers along stream banks and bottoms. About 90 - 95 percent of the fish taken this past season in the streams were taken by snatching. These fish would otherwise never have been recovered.

At this point, there is a great deal of fishing potential for cohos and chinooks not being utilized in the lake before they enter tributaries to spawn. While still in the lake, they are still feeding and offer good sport of the more traditional kind. This is a new fishery, and as yet there is still very limited knowledge about how the average angler can recover them in the lake. As this knowledge is gathered over the next few years, the recreational opportunity will be greatly expanded.

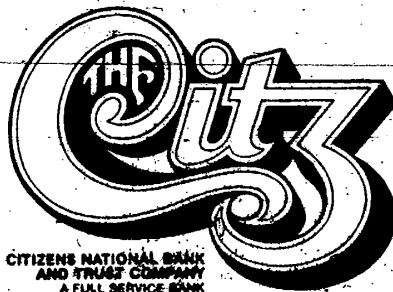
New York's Great Lakes salmonid program is just getting started, and it is hoped that when the salmonid hatchery, to be constructed at the east end of Ontario, is in operation in 1978 or 1979, it will give a boost to both the economy and the fishermen similar to that experienced in Michigan. Brown trout, steelhead and 600,000 lake trout were stocked in 1974 and as space becomes available, it is anticipated that Atlantic Salmon, once native to Ontario, will also be stocked.

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