

# OUTDOORS

WITH OUR SPORTSMEN

## Gun Safety

judging from the sale of hunt-licenses this season, more hunters are tramping the woods fields than ever before—and chances are that old bugaboo—carelessness with firearms—will be more prevalent than ever before, too.

Below we are listing some precautions which every good hunter should practice them? We hope so. Probably the first rule is: "Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun." Not many days pass without a news article does not tell someone being killed with an "loaded" gun.

The playboy type of hunter who would be so thoughtless as to point his gun at a fellow hunter violating every good rule of sportsmanship. That's the unpardonable sin of shooting ethics. Never indulge in horseplay with firearms.

You should never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first. Never climb a tree or sit on a branch with a loaded gun. When you are resting in the fields or woods, always lay your gun down and unloading it first, and with the muzzle pointing away from everybody.

In crossing fences, windfalls, other obstacles, never do it with a gun in hand. One slip could mean tragedy. If you have a companion, one of you should go over the fence while the other holds the gun. If you are alone, pass your gun through the fence and lay it on the ground above you, muzzle pointing away.

Before loading your gun, after unloading, always make sure the barrel and actions are free from obstructions. Foreign matter in the chamber causes most bursted guns than any other factors.

There are many more cautions that could be listed, but perhaps two basic rules, if followed, will prevent many accidents: WATCH THAT MUZZLE AND TREAT EVERY GUN WITH THE RESPECT DUE A LOADED GUN. Let's don't have any accidents among our sports hunters this season!

**ATTENTION, VETS!**

If you possess a machine gun, machine pistol, or any firearm capable of firing more than one shot with one continuous pull of the trigger, the National Firearms Act requires that it be registered with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Failure to comply may result in a fine and (or) imprisonment. For full details contact the nearest Alcohol Tax Office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue or write to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington 25, D. C.

**Take Time . . .**

Work—It is the price of success.  
 Think—It is the source of power.  
 Play—It is the secret of perpetual youth.  
 Read—It is the fountain of wisdom.  
 Be friendly—It is the road of happiness.  
 Go on a dream—It is hitching your wagon to a star.  
 Look around—It is too short a day to be selfish.  
 Laugh—It is the music of life.

# Sports Scene Shifts To Basketball As Practice Starts For 1947-48 Schedule

## 300 Bowling Games Tougher Than Hole In One Or No-Hitter

Which is more difficult to do—make a hole in one, roll a 300 game, or pitch a no-hitter?

Jimmy Powers, N. Y. Daily News sports editor, leans towards the bowler. Says Jimmy:

"A hole in one is 99 per cent luck. Even a poorly hit ball can bounce off a tree or rock and roll into the cup. A pitcher has eight other players to help him pull down line drives or convert hits into put-outs. But the bowler is on his own. He cannot waste four balls to get rid of a tough hitter. He has to put in 12 perfect bull's eye pocket hits without a break. When ABC records show only one perfect game out of 500,000 lines bowled, there's your answer."

## Two Ecustans Bag Deer In Forest

Among the successful hunters in the Pisgah Deer Hunt were two Ecustans, Dr. H. W. Sigmon of Research and Wayne Conn of the Electrical Shop.

Dr. Sigmon bagged a 146 lb. buck while Conn brought in one weighing 113 pounds. E. B. Meixell, father of Boyd B. Meixell of the Pulp Mill, is credited with one of the largest ones caught during the hunt, an 183 pound buck.

Left-over scraps from remodeling jobs may be used. Small, odd shapes will make favorite blocks for the baby, when sanded, painted, and decorated.

## Both Teams To Sport New Uniforms For Coming Season

Basketballs are in the air these winter afternoons at the Camp Sapphire gymnasium as the two Ecusta teams whip themselves into shape for the coming season.

The teams are going through gruelling conditioning drills for the several pre-Christmas contests on schedule. The first definitely scheduled game for the boys is against Brevard college at the college on Thursday night, December 11. In all probability the Ecusta girls will also have a game that night, but the opponent has not been definitely lined up. The boys are practicing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and the girls on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first doubleheader that is assured will be played Tuesday night, December 16, against the Martel teams at Brevard college court. Other games are being arranged and a full schedule will likely be announced in the December Echo.

With only one or two exceptions, the fast-stepping girls' club will have every player back from last year's crack team that went to the finals in the Four-States Tournament in Asheville. To supplement this list of returnees, several new girls are bidding for starting positions. Among the newcomers is Jean Whitesides, who starred with Mills River high school's team last winter.

Girls present for the first practice Tuesday were: Florence Snyder, Mary Alice Jones, Evelyn Morrow, Jean Whitesides, Alma Allman, Millie O'Dell, Mary Bracken, Lucille Gossett, Argyle Wells, Wanda Nelson, Charlotte

## Sarah Models New Girls' Uniforms



Sarah Avery captain of the girls' basketball team last year, models one of the attractive new uniforms the girl will have for the coming season. The boys will also sport new togs for the 1947-48 season that opens soon.

Barnwell, Dixie Whitaker, and Sarah Avery.

The boys who started practice this week should be in good condition for their first game when December 11 rolls around. Last season the boys had a fighting, hustling club that lost several games by very close margins. One or two strong additions this season could very well be the difference in winning some of the close games which were lost last season.

Attractive new uniforms have been ordered for both teams and the appearance of our two teams on basketball courts in this section will certainly be a credit to our companies.

A pail of water in a room freshly painted will help remove the paint odor.

## ABC Bowling Certificate For Ecusta League

### AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

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OFFICIAL LEAGUE SANCTION

Issued to the **ECUSTA MEN'S INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TEN PIN LG., BREVARD, N. CAROLINA**      ABC Sanction No. 4898

Sanctioned through the Western N.C. Ten Pin Bowling Association for Season Ending on the date its schedule is completed prior to July 31, 1948.

This certifies that the above-named league is affiliated with the AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS, entitling the members thereof to all its services. They are eligible to compete in any sanctioned league or tournament during the 1947-1948 season and are eligible to receive high score recognition.

It is understood that:

- No more than 7 days may elapse before the ABC is notified after a 298, 299, 300 or other record score is bowled.
- High score report and original score sheet must reach ABC office within 30 days.
- No member of an unsanctioned league may bowl in this league.
- A competent foul judge must be on duty during all league games.
- Only ABC regulation pins shall be used in this league.
- All other ABC requirements must be strictly observed by league officials and members.

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

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Is your league treasurer bonded? Separate application for bond must be filed. No additional fees are required.

This is the certificate from the American Bowling Congress which has been presented to the Ecusta Departmental League to show that our league has been given the sanction and ap-

proval of the ABC body. To be affiliated with this national organization carries with it certain obligations which make for better bowling leagues all over the country. Our league is one of 26,000 successfully operating under ABC sanction,