

No Closed Season On Safety With Firearms



The hunting season, eagerly awaited by devotees of the outdoors, is well underway by November. Although taking to the field or wood with gun and dog means pleasure to the outdoorsman, it is often turned into tragedy and grief by the occurrence of an unfortunate accident which most likely could have been prevented.

The National Safety Council calls attention to three causes which lead to almost two-thirds of the accidents reported during the hunting season in this country. These are: Human beings in the line of fire, mistaking people for game, and hunting with the safety catch off the firearms piece.

The following suggested safety practices have been born out of the experiences of wise and careful hunters. Put them down in your memory as basic rules of firearms safety.

Treat every piece of firearms with the respect due a loaded gun. This is Rule No. 1 in gun safety.

In the field always travel with the safety catch on. Keep the barrel pointed toward the

ground or if carried on the shoulder, pointed skyward.

Be entirely certain of your target. Never shoot at a noise. Before you pull the trigger, be sure other hunters are not in the range of fire.

Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.

Don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.

Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first and put the ammunition out of reach of others.

Unload and "break down" gun when carrying to and from the field.

"Break" gun before climbing fences, stone walls or jumping ditches. Unload gun before getting into a boat.

Never point a gun at anyone. Avoid horseplay.

Do not lean on a gun or use it as a cane or support. Obey state laws by avoiding alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

Store firearms unloaded and "broken down" along with ammunition under lock and key.

Johnson Serves NCRC Group

For the sixth consecutive term, Recreation Director Ralph Johnson is serving as a member of the Advisory Committee of the North Carolina Recreation Commission. The appointment, made by Governor Luther Hodges in September, lasts through July 1, 1959.

The Advisory Committee of the NCRC is made up of 30 outstanding citizens who represent a cross section of many of the varied aspects of recreation interest in North Carolina.

The Committee helps the NCRC to keep abreast of developments in the special recreation interests in the State, and enables it to apply concentrated information and experience on local programs of recreation.

The NCRC functions under an act of the State Legislature. It was the world's first such State agency to be organized. More than 20 states have followed—in varying degree—this pattern of state-supported advisory assistance to local recreation agencies.

Help someone up the hill and you will find yourself closer to the top.

PLANT PHOTOGRAPHER

Heavens Or Highways: He Likes To Travel

A two-dollar box camera and an assortment of materials from which to build airplane models kindled an interest which has blossomed into a life of adventure for Charles Clark of the Industrial Relations department.

Ever since early childhood, the young Gastonian has nurtured what he prefers to call "an instinct" for picture-taking and travel.

"A fixed-lens, 127 roll-film camera and model airplane materials were the first equipment for my combination hobby," he recalls.

By the time Charles was a freshman at Gastonia High School, he had collected enough materials to set up a photo lab at his 2037 South Pine street home. And soon thereafter, he was the proud owner of a press camera which helped to make him a popular figure at weddings and other events in the neighborhood.

Long before this, he had been constructing airplane models, just so he could take pictures of them.

FROM high school to Firestone, it's been a winding road, with many an interesting side stop.

His introduction to textiles came as a trainee in a local plant during his high school days. There, he was acquainted with all the basic operations of cotton manufacturing, from the opening room process through winding. His experience also included work in quality control.

A high school diploma earned, Charles yielded to the call of adventure and joined the Air Force. While attending aircraft and engine mechanics school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, he pursued his photographic hobby in the afternoons and on weekends.

The service assignment ended, he returned to Gastonia and completed a nine-month course at Evans Business College, and was off again for Texas. Back in Wichita Falls, he took a job as technical writer and reporter for Rhinehart's Oil News, with daily and weekly editions for investors and other business people in the oil industry.

A FEW months later he came back to Gastonia and took additional courses at Evans, before accepting a job as an assistant supervisor at a local electrical parts manufacturing plant.

After more than a year there, he turned full attention to his camera. From that time until he came to Firestone, he specialized in news and portrait photography, being employed at different times by two local studios.

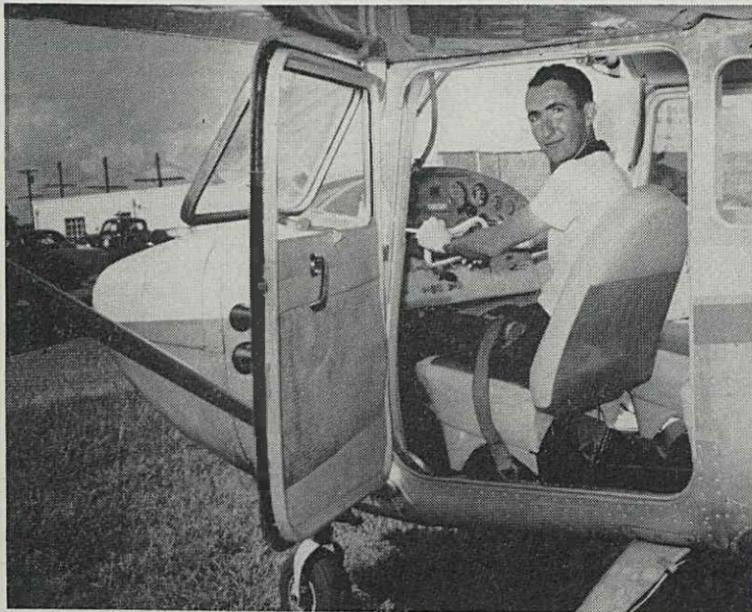
Since 1949 he has been flying airplanes as a pastime. Licensed in 1952 as a solo pilot, he became a charter member of the Gas-

tonia Flying Club that year. At present he is qualified to fly single engine craft up to 450 horsepower.

AVERAGE time spent aloft is about eight hours a week. This takes him from local points to as far away as Miami on weekends.

Charles sometimes trades the heavens for the highways of earth. In recent years he has traveled by automobile coast-to-coast five times. Of these, three tours each covered 43 states. On his last jaunt, made in 1955, he rolled past 21,000 miles in the United States, touching portions of Canada and Mexico as well.

He joined the Industrial Relations department September 1, as Firestone News and plant photographer. As a member of Victory Baptist Church, Charles is active in the youth programs. He is vice president of the young peoples' training union and a past Secretary of the church.



This single engine Cessna 172 is a favorite craft of the plant photographer. He also flies a 230-horsepower Cessna 182.



"THE SPIRIT OF FIRESTONE" was an outstanding exhibit at the "Variety in Autumn" standard flower show in October. Mrs. Harold Mercer supplied the red roses and Mrs. W. R. Turner, Sr., arranged the component parts to symbolize the Company. Among elements symbolic of Firestone were: The urn, representing the earth, from which all Company products are made; red roses, bespeaking the universal nature of the Company's operations; miniature Firestone tires, for strength and endurance, and the sculptured bust of Diana, suggestive of the Company slogan "Best Today—Still Better Tomorrow."

Physician Advises On The Asian Flu

If you come down with chills and run a high fever and you feel something awful — maybe you have Asian flu and then again, maybe not.

Dr. W. B. Parks, plant physician, calls attention to this warning from a special committee of the American Medical Association, which points out that when a new disease is widespread, any illness with similar symptoms is likely to get the brand.

Dr. Parks says that the AMA takes laboratory tests to accurately determine the Asian flu diagnosis.

In any case, the illness—although no hayride—is generally not dangerous and is not apt to run more than a few days.

Firestone employees desiring it have been inoculated against Asian flu. But for those of you who will not have availed your-

selves of the protection, and for the small number who may be the unfortunate ones regardless of precautions, keep in mind some basic rules—in event of attacks of flu.

THE American National Red Cross has these suggestions:

Call a physician. Follow his instructions.

Stay in bed until fever has disappeared.

Drink plenty of fluids while fever is on. Not less than one quart a day is a minimum.

Switch to a soft diet.

Keep away from persons who have colds and other communicable diseases.

Take cooling baths, or use cold compresses on head, but avoid chilling.

Rest for two or three days after the fever is gone.

Your Company—And You

A young man who works for a certain company (let's call it Nonpareil Industries, Inc.), greeted an acquaintance on the way to the post office the other day.

"I see in the paper that you're now with Nonpareil Industries."

"Yes, I am Nonpareil Industries," came the seemingly boastful reply.

But when you stop to think about it, that wasn't too much an overstatement after all. It had come from a man who had learned the importance of his individual contribution to the company that employed him.

This incident goes to point up the truth that you are your company, regardless of what your job may be. Even though your job may seem insignificant, you are as much a part of your company as anyone else—from top management on down the line.

Because you are your company, you are in a real sense responsible for public attitude toward it. Wherever you go, you are representing your company, whether making a good impression or a bad one.

The reputation of your employer is vitally important to you. So much so that it can mean the difference between success or failure in business.

In a lot of instances you will be the only person that some people will ever know from your company. When you meet people on the street, at the grocery, or wherever else you might go, the impressions they get from you pretty well determine their impression of your company.