

# C. W. Overman Urges Safety With Firearms

## Record Breaking Number of Hunters Expected This Year

A record number of hunters is expected this year according to C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service. With more hunters in the field than ever before, the National Safety Council is campaigning for strict observance of firearms safety.

Safe hunting depends on the common sense, courtesy, and constant vigilance of all those who engage in this sport. Accidents can be reduced if the most common causes for them are avoided.

The most common causes are: use of modern loads in old Damascus-barrel shotguns; failure to keep the safety on until ready to fire; failure of hunters to guard against heavy twigs pulling the trigger and firing accidentally; crossing fences or slippery rocks while carrying a loaded firearm; and failure to recognize—or to wear—bright colored, distinctive clothing designed to prevent a hunter from being mistaken for a deer or other game animal.

Treat your gun as if it were loaded, even when you feel sure it is empty. Keep it empty and whenever possible with the action open except when you are ready to shoot. Always keep the muzzle pointed away from anything you would not want to shoot. A real sportsman will never point an empty gun at another person, nor wrestle or engage in horseplay with anyone holding a gun. Never indulge in alcoholic drinking while hunting.

### COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

Occasionally the Edenton High School has its socials for the high school students. At each of these socials some members of the faculty are present to help control the behavior of the students.

Some desirable practices the students are developing are: Keeping their voices low and their manners quiet.

Loud behavior is a dead give-away that you don't know what to do. The well bred man of the world is a quiet person. He knows he doesn't have to bang a gong to have his personality register. Remember it's what kind

of impression you're making that counts.

There are certain requirements set up by the State Department of Education in North Carolina for students to be eligible to participate in the extra-curricula activities of the school. These requirements are: First, attendance. The participant must be in school 60 per cent of school year. Second, marks or grades. The participant must pass % of the basic courses. The basic courses are English, math, history, science and foreign language.

Since it is a necessity that we fulfill the state requirements, let us try and keep our boys and girls in school so they may enjoy all of the activities that are offered at our school.

The Hornets of Edenton High School will invade the territory of Ahoskie Wednesday, hoping to bring home the bacon.

The Hornets lost their Homecoming Game to the P. W. Moore Lions last week by the score of 20 to 6.

### Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

Jesus is coming again! Indeed, there is much more in the Bible about the second coming of Christ than there is about His first coming. Belief in this truth is presented as the blessed hope of the Christian, a source of comfort, an incentive for holy living. Here is a great certainty for an age of uncertainty—Jesus is surely coming again! And men who know the Bible best say His coming is not far off.

For centuries, Christian scholars have maintained that the second coming of Christ would be immediately preceded by a mass migration of Jews to Palestine. The Jews were driven out of the Holy Land by the Roman Emperor Titus in A. D. 70, almost nineteen centuries ago. In 1946, for the first time since then, they began to return in large numbers. And this, we are told in the Word of God, is a token of the soon return of Jesus.

Writing 83 years ago, in 1869, the great Horatius Bonar listed, from his Bible, some signs that will occur just before the Lord comes again. He included: increase of travel; increase of education; increase of wars; political materialism (communism); error regarding the person and work of Christ; subversion of the cross, blood low men is the blessed hope and ex- and righteousness of Christ; the plac-

ing of man's mind about the Bible; emphasis on religious formalism; increase of spiritualism; world-wide missionary enterprise; world-wide circulation of the Bible; special evangelistic efforts in behalf of the Jews. There was no sign of any of these in 1869—today they exist all around us. And they are to flourish immediately before the second coming of Christ. Signs of His coming multiply.

Morning light breaks in eastern sky, Watch! for the day is drawing nigh;

Jesus is coming soon. Do you believe this? If you really do, it will influence your whole life. It will affect everything you do.

For "every man that hath this hope within him," writes the apostle John, "purifieth himself, even as He is

pure." One of the highest incentives we have for living holy lives before our God and before our fellowmen is the soon return of Jesus. If we love Him, we long to see Him: and want to be found doing His will when he comes for us.

Then, too, belief in the imminent return of Jesus Christ will give you a passion for souls. Do you really believe that Jesus is coming soon? What about those unsaved friends of yours? The time is short. It is urgent that you witness to them—immediately.

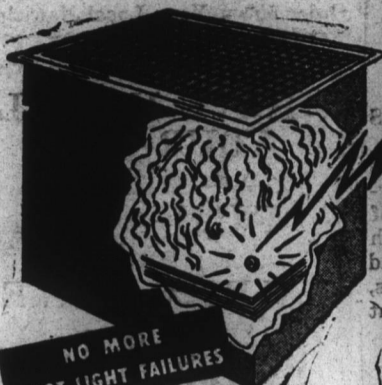
And if you really believe the re-appearance of Jesus is near at hand, your eyes will be turned from the gaudy tinsel and tawdry show of this present evil world and focused on the glorious brilliance of heaven; for Jesus said, "When these things be-

gin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Let me close with two verses of an ancient Scottish song: He is faithful that has promised, and He'll surely come again, To keep His trust wi' me, at what hour I dinna ken; But He bids me still to wait, and ready now to be,

To leave at any moment for my ain countrie.

So I'm watching, aye and singing o' my name as I wait For the sounding o' His footfall this side of the golden gate; For His blood has made me white, and His hand shall dry my e'e When He brings me home forever to my ain countrie.



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