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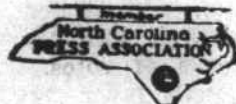
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## Commandments Given For Hunting Safety

When you are hunting safety may save a life, and that life may be your own.

The hunting season will soon get under way in full blast, and it is well to review some of the things of importance which may make it sure that you and your friends can return from your hunting trip without a tragedy.

The Extension Service lists "Ten Commandments of Safety," which are followed by all good hunters:

Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.

Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open, into your auto, camp and home.

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

Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble.

Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.

Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.

Never climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.

Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.

Don't mix gunpowder and alcohol.

## Advertising Pays Off For North Carolina

While the state of North Carolina may have lagged in some phases of progress, particularly education and public health, North Carolina made a progressive move several years ago that has really placed the state in a position of leadership in the travel industry and has helped industrially and commercially.

We refer to the move on the part of the state in setting up an advertising bureau to promote North Carolina in the national spotlight.

Launched 11 years ago, this advertising program has paid off at the rate of \$100 to \$1, according to a report given this week by Bill Sharpe, former newspaper man now head of the State Division of Advertising and News.

Here are figures cited in Mr. Sharpe's report:

The return has come in the form of investments in new industries, agricultural settlers, and in revenue from the travel industry. In gasoline tax revenue alone, said Sharpe, the state today is reaping \$4,000,000 annually more than it would get without an advertising campaign.

Making public figures from a two-year survey of the travel industry, the speaker said North Carolina's third largest industry, in terms of gross income, is derived from travelers, who, in 1947, spent over \$192,000,000 in the state, ranking the travel industry third in the state, ahead of furniture manufacturing with an annual income of \$165,000,000. "Viewed as a Crop," said Sharpe, "the tourist crop is far ahead of their corn or cotton and is out-distanced only by tobacco as a money-maker for this commonwealth."

Other conclusions reached by the survey released include:

Thirty-seven communities in North Carolina with a total population of 124,533 run the travel business as their No. 1 business, and in over half of these there

are no other significant enterprises. In 41 other towns (with population of 57,600), it ranks 2nd or third in furnishing, employment and income. These centers, primary and secondary, are located in counties having a total population of 854,582.

Nearly 6,000,000 out-of-state visitors come to North Carolina in motor vehicles each year, a third of them "transient tourists" on their way to other areas. Nearly 4,000,000 out-of-staters (aside from the 2,000,000 transients) visited North Carolina in 1947, stayed from a few hours to six months, but with an average stay of six days each. They spent from zero to \$30 or more per day each, but averaged \$6 per day, leaving \$36 apiece, or \$144,000,000. With the 2,000,000 transients, the total contribution is \$152,500,000. North Carolinians traveling away from home overnight or longer, on business or pleasure, and out-of-staters traveling in buses, trains, planes, spent another \$40,000,000.

North Carolina has 61,438 rooms available for tourists or travelers, about a third of them in listed hotels, the others in inns, tourist homes, motor courts, cottage colonies, dude ranches, summer cottages.

These rooms can accommodate 137,801 persons. They are occupied an average of 200 times per year (54 per cent occupancy) and the average expenditure for one person occupying a bed in North Carolina for one night is \$7 for all purposes, including transportation, a total from all travelers of \$192,921,400 per year.

From this travel industry the state of North Carolina derives in taxes at least \$15,000,000. Additional revenue accrues to local towns and counties through privilege and other taxes.

Of course that New York bus strike came just at the moment when John Q. Public had an invitation to ride on the political bandwagon. — Greensboro Daily News.

Fresno State College of California rescinds its invitation to Henry Wallace to make a speech on campus. Henry'll probably accept that as evidence of his persecution for righteousness sake, but it will generally be placed to the credit of Fresno's return to consciousness.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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### IF YOU STAND ALONE

If you take your stand for the right and have to stand alone, don't despair. Remember great men in the past have had to stand alone, or almost alone, when they undertook to put down vice and wickedness and upheld truth and righteousness. The enemy may tell you that you are fighting a losing battle, and that you had just as well quit but declare unto him that you have no aim, no desire, no intention of quitting. Tell him that quitters never win, and that winners never quit.

I had rather stand alone and stand right, than stand with a multitude and stand wrong. We know that it may not be popular to take your stand against lots of evils that the world delights in, and that you will be hated, scoffed and scorned at by some people, but you will live on when they are dead and forgotten. Your work will grow and flourish, while the evil that they stood for, and the good that they destroyed, will stand out as a witness against them for time and eternity.

God is always with and for those who give themselves unto Him and go forth to do His will. God on our side means victory, sooner or later, but the devil on the side of those who do wrong, and uphold the wrong means defeat. All evil must come to nought, even if it sometimes seems to flourish for a long period of time. Sin and sinners cannot stand in the light of the judgment, neither can sin and sinners enter the kingdom of heaven.

It doesn't show littleness to stand alone, but greatness, when you stand against wrong and for right. It takes great courage to thus stand, great principles, great aims, great purposes, great faith and a strong and indomitable will. But stand. Show yourself a man. Prove to mankind that you have a backbone. Let them know that cowards are spineless and purposeless; or if they have a purpose it is a wrong purpose and will fail. There is greatness and glory in standing alone when it pleases God, and when it will bless the world. Amen.

## Asking Funds For Oxford Orphanage

Thoughts of the large family at the Oxford Orphanage begin to turn towards the Thanksgiving season when thousands of Masons and other friends annually give generously of their means to the welfare of boys and girls who need and so well deserve them. This is of the utmost importance in these young lives.

The Oxford Orphanage for three-quarters of a century has specialized in every phase of properly rearing orphaned children. Its contribution of more than 6,000 well-equipped and worthy young men and women to good citizenship is a living testimonial to the importance and usefulness of the institution whose sole object is to serve.

The Grand Lodge of Masons owns and operates the Oxford Orphanage, but has never restricted its service to the children of Masons. Eighty percent of the children in the institution are of non-Masonic parentage. At Oxford the question of parentage yields to the need of the child. That is the decisive argument.

The need of Orphanages today for greater support is pressing. They must have more money—or else. You know what that means.

Superintendent Gray is forced by circumstances to stress increased donations this Thanksgiving. The expense of operating the Oxford Orphanage has been growing every year and now is at a peak. When one thinks of the multiplicity of service the institution has to perform, it is enough to open the hearts and purses of benevolent men and women. Here is a partial list of the kinds of service imperatively demanded: shelter, clothing, food, recreation, heat, light

books, school supplies, health programs, athletic equipment, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep of grounds, buildings and equipment, experienced case work, and so on.

There is no economy in neglect. When we do not pay from the heart, often we have to pay "through the nose." Juvenile delinquency is an acute problem of the times. Its prevalence is deplorable. The Orphanage helps materially in the solution of this social problem by rearing and training children who otherwise would not have a chance. If it did no more than this, the Orphanage would justify its existence. As a tax payer and public-spirited citizen you are vitally interested in it.

"Gratitude is a species of justice," said a wise man. Our forebears so interpreted it when America was in the making.

Who is there who should not feel a deep sense of gratitude?

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