

Hunting Safety

By N. C. Medical Society

For many North Carolinians, cold weather means time to take the rifle off the shelf, bundle up and go hunting. But along with all the fun and adventure, there is danger if you're not careful.

A pre-season physical is always a good idea to determine if you're in shape for a strenuous hunting season. Several states reported last year that three times as many hunters die from heart attacks as gunshot wounds. An eye exam is also a wise idea, since many of those hunters who were injured from gunshots were thought to be "prey" as they crept through the woods in search of game. If you wear glasses, get industrial strength glasses for hunting. They will protect your eyes from limbs and underbrush as well as from any stray or ricochet bullets.

The North Carolina Medical Society passes along these suggestions to ensure you a happy hunting season:

— Wear bright or reflective clothing; blaze orange is the most effective color. Although you may be more conspicuous to game if you wear bright clothing, you will also be more noticeable to other hunters.

— AIM before you shoot. It sounds silly but judging where your bullet will strike will help prevent accidents. Don't shoot at hard, flat surfaces — they cause the bullet to ricochet and actually travel farther than you had intended.

— Keep the safety catch on until you are ready to fire. This will prevent a possible injury should you trip or fall. Also, practice firing the gun before your first trip of the season.

Make sure that the barrel of your gun is clean and clear of any obstructions. A clogged barrel may burst when the rifle is fired.

Keep guns away from children and adults who do not know how to operate them. Allowing an unexperienced person to tamper with a loaded rifle is asking for trouble.

— Carry a first-aid kit with you on all your hunting trips. Should any mishap occur, minor or otherwise, the kit will provide aid for the victim until he can reach a hospital.

— As with any sport, exercise to get in shape prior to the beginning of the season.

Communication

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Dear Mr. Vining:

The news lately has been very much about the comments of a Mr. Garvin, of the EXXON Corporation. It appears Mr. Garvin is laying the woes of the country directly in the lap of the Government and the American worker.

Big Business continually speaks of America falling behind in technological advances throughout the world and tells us the faults lies with repressive restrictions of the Government being imposed on Industry and decreasing productivity of the American Worker.

I seem to recall each Presidential Candidate campaigning for office telling us we have to have Tax Credits for Industry to enable them to modernize their plants, thereby increasing productivity, jobs, tax revenues, and in general increasing the overall economy of the Nation.

But! After receiving the Tax Credits, Investment Credits, Tax Write-Offs, Increased Depreciation, and the list goes on and on. Industry has consistently FAILED TO MODERNIZE their production facilities, invest in the research necessary to upgrade their technology, yet, Industry cries out the INVENTIVE GENIUS of America has died on the vine and the American worker and the Government is to blame.

All the while Industry cries out for Government subsidy to enable them to do research to develop new products and techniques. They want your Tax Dollars to be spent to improve their facilities at no expense to them, so you are going to pay more tax dollars to enable them to charge you more for what you have already paid for many times over.

Our institutions of learning and military are trainers of workers for industry, primarily funded by the general public. But, when and where is industry when it comes to furnishing support for the institutions of learning and military, from which come the workers, industry so readily uses????

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Bird Club To Show "The Living Coast"

"The Living Coast", a moving film on the coastal waters of North Carolina, will be the feature of the Tryon Bird and Nature Club's Christmas meeting at 10 a.m. this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. Following the meeting, to which all members of the community are invited, Christmas refreshments will be served.

The year 1980 was designated "The Year Of The Coast" by President Carter on the recommendation of a number of environmental organizations to alert the public to the destruction of the ecological balance of life in our coastal waters by bulldozing, overuse and commercial projects.

The film, produced as part of the program of "The Year of the Coast" by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, depicts at close range the great variety of interdependent life in the coastal waters — at the tidal borders of the beaches, back in the protecting dunes, in estuarine areas and in the tidal swamps and salt marshes of interior inland waters. A sound commentary accompanies the film and identifies the varying forms of life in these biological communities. — Reporter

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