

Eight North Carolinians Are Expected To Be Killed While Hunting This Year

Eight North Carolinians are expected to die from gunshot wounds during the current hunting season, according to Wildlife Resources Commission hunter safety specialist Bill Hamnett. One non-fatal accident has already been reported this year Hamnett says, and seven more will occur if past records are repeated this year.

Hamnett is supervising the Wildlife Commission's new volunteer hunter safety training program, which so far has available 259 certified volunteer hunter safety instructors.

Wildlife Commission records show 23 fatalities in the last three hunting seasons. There were 25 non-fatal accidents in the same period, making an average of 16 hunting accidents each year.

One Goldsboro dove hunter has already been hospitalized with self-inflicted shotgun wounds.

Hamnett states, "There is no such thing as the typical hunting accident but from our records we can pretty well predict what will happen. The most common type of accident occurs when an experienced hunter stumbles, falls, and shoots his hunting companion or himself."

Eleven cases of persons killed or wounded when a hunter stumbled and fell were reported during the three-year period.

This year Hamnett expects three of the shooters to be under 21 years of age, and seven of the victims to be minors. Five wounds, he says, will be self-inflicted, and here the younger hunters stand the best chance of becoming part of the statistics. Four will be minors, and only one victim an adult.

What is the most dangerous weapon? According to Hamnett, a shotgun has figured in 35 cases while rifles involved 12. Less than half

the shotgun cases proved fatal, claiming 5 victims. Fewer hunters use rifles, but more than half the rifle-wound victims, seven persons, died from wounds inflicted by the high velocity weapons. An axe was listed as the weapon in one case involving a roon hunter.

Of the 16 cases expected this year, half the victims will be within 10 yards of the gun. Another third will be within 50 yards, and the remainder will include some more than a hundred yards from the shooter.

In calling attention to the most frequent causes of hunting accidents Hamnett listed the following categories appearing in the commission's records: victim covered by shooter swinging his weapon toward game, victim moving into line of fire, crossing log with loaded gun, unloading defective gun, victim out of sight of shooter, removing loaded weapon from car, crossing fence with loaded gun, ricochet, trigger caught on brush, victim mistaker, for game, weapon falling from insecure rest, and horseplay.

Health For All

"I like tomatoes, but tomatoes don't like me."

You have heard that statement, or similar ones. Maybe you have laughed at it. But allergy is no joke. Doctors take it seriously. Allergic diseases are seldom fatal, but the symptoms are always distressing. Sometimes there is so much discomfort that work, sleep, appetite, and recreation are interfered with and general health suffers.

Allergy is sensitivity, or hypersensitivity, to substances which are harmless to most people. About one person in ten is allergic to something. The substances that cause allergy are called allergens, and there are hundreds, even thousands of possibilities: pollens, house dust, furs, various foods, feathers, cosmetics, drugs, and even heat, cold, and sunlight. The most common allergic diseases are hay fever, asthma, skin disorders like hives, and stomach and intestinal disturbances.

These diseases are not imaginary. If you have allergic symptoms, you should get medical advice both for immediate relief and future protection. The doctor can make tests to discover the allergens which are causing trouble. Sometimes this is easy, but frequently it requires great patience.

Once the causes are discovered, you can learn to avoid the trouble-makers as much as possible. Drugs may be prescribed to ease the symptoms. In some cases injections, medicines, and vaccines are given to desensitize the patient. With complete cooperation with your doctor, you will be able to save yourself from years of unnecessary suffering and disability.

water-shed projects in Rowan County, Sanford pointed out that cotton is still the number two money crop in this state.

Sanford pledged he would expand the cotton fiber testing laboratory at N. C. State College and promote research designed to overcome cotton insects and other destroyers of the crop.



Miss Patricia Lou Cording, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Melvin Cording of Wallace who announces her engagement to Kenneth Talmage Pearce son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivon K. Pearce of Bunn. The wedding is planned for November 27th at the Wallace Methodist Church.

Reminds Farmers They Have Obligation To Preserve The Nations Top Soil

WASHINGTON - The other day I had a challenging opportunity to meet with the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association in Raleigh.

SOLEMN OBLIGATION - I reminded the farmers that they have a solemn obligation to future generations to preserve the nation's top soil. Moreover, I pointed out that it is manifestly unfair for those engaged in non-farming pursuits to expect the farmer to discharge with out assistance his trust in this respect. This is so because all of us in equity and good conscience share his responsibility to the future. I am impressed with the progress that has been made to lend this assistance through agencies of the federal, state, and the local governments. However impressive the record of cooperation with the farmer to preserve and protect our basic heritage of the soil, there still has not been enough done in this respect.

ANOTHER NEED - There is another need yet unrealized with re-

spect to the farmer. Farmers are not getting a fair share of the national income. This is a detriment to the progress of North Carolina whose farm population is so large with its small average-size farms. We need more support for live-at-home programs in areas devoted primarily to money crops, cooperative practices to insure fair prices for agricultural products, cooperative storing capacities for perishable products in seasons of abundance, along with increased industrial employment for the small farmer. I hope that legislation can be achieved in the next Congress that will advance the farmer in the direction of a fairer share of the national income.

GREAT RECORD - The great record in soil conservation by the late Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, and Anson County native, should be a challenge to all of us to keep his memory green by renewed effort to preserve the top soil, to protect and build upon the bountiful gift of the Almighty to North Carolina and the United States.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING You Should Be A Member Of The North Carolina Farm Bureau; It Is Yours

Each year the Farm Bureau conducts a drive for membership about this time of year throughout North Carolina.

Lenoir County has set a goal of 1,476 Farm Bureau members for 1952. To date, only 503 members have been signed.

Let us look at Moseley Hall Township, a thickly settled rural area of Lenoir County, in addition to having the Town of LaGrange located within its bounds.

The goal set for Moseley Hall Township this year is 185. The last report on the number of person who have paid their \$5.00 membership fee is just 33.

Somewhere along the way, somebody or the organization for Farm Bureau in this area and in Lenoir County is falling down.

On what do we base our opinion The Weekly Gazette has always joined the Farm Bureau. Last year, we were not contacted to join and sent our \$5.00 membership fee to the State Office. We were placed there in the Duplin County organization, which is one of the most active Farm Bureau County organizations in North Carolina.

So far this year. We have not been contacted or asked by any member of the Lenoir County soliciting crew to join the Farm Bureau, that is from Moseley Hall Township. We have been asked to join the Duplin group again.

The Farm Bureau is a fine organization and is the only organization which can speak for the farmer. It should be the desire of every farmer to become an active member of the Farm Bureau. It should also be the desire of every business man in LaGrange and Lenoir County to become a member of the Farm Bureau.

If farmers were to pull together and work together through organizations such as the Farm Bureau, then the farmer's lot would be a

better one today.

We shall join the Lenoir County Farm Bureau this year, but it now appears that we will have to go out of our way to do so. This should never be the case. Some system of contacting merchants and farmers should be devised which would make it easy for farmers to join the Farm Bureau and pay their membership fee.

The Farm Bureau has done a great deal for the farmer. What would the tobacco program be today without the Farm Bureau? We believe the record shows that tobacco would be nothing without the program which Farm Bureau has fostered to its present strong state. Due to the efforts of the Farm Bureau, legislation was secured to permit a refund of the State and Federal taxes on gasoline used for non-highway purposes. This amount to 10 cents per gallon.

Not only here in Lenoir County are there few members of the Farm Bureau, but throughout the State. There are only one-fourth of the farmers in North Carolina members of the Farmer organization. This should be changed. At least 75 per cent of all farmers should be part of the organization.

We would like to encourage you to think seriously about this, and if you have to go out of your way to join the Farm Bureau, then by all means do so it could be the making of a stronger farm program and an organization through which all the members could be heard.

The intangible profits can be realized from Farm Bureau membership only when the farmers like they weather out the difficulties like they utilize the advantage. There is no other organization of farmers, by farmers, for farmers like it anywhere. You should be a part of it, as a farmer and as a person interested in agriculture.

Terry Sanford Says Tobacco And Cotton Take Place Along Side Schools For A Better Tarheelia

Tobacco and cotton, North Carolina's top two money crops, took their place alongside better schools this week as top issues in Democratic gubernatorial nominee Terry Sanford's campaign.

The question of tobacco came to the forefront when Republicans announced their Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, a non-smoker who has opposed the Democratic parity program for tobacco, would speak at the N. C. State Fair on Oct. 12.

At the Democratic Third Congressional District rally at Jacksonville Thursday night, Sanford offered to bet that the Republican gubernatorial candidate would not show up when Benson spoke.

By Friday night, Republican State Chairman William Cobb announced that Benson probably would cancel his scheduled trip to North Carolina in order to go to South America "in

connection with the Latin American aid program."

Commenting on the apparent change of mind by the Republicans, State Democratic Chairman Bert Bennett said: "I'm sure North Carolina farmers will send their sympathy to South American farmers."

Better schools, which Sanford has made the cornerstone of his campaign, took the spotlight when Sanford exhibited photostatic evidence that his Republican opponent last spring endorsed the same United Forces for Education program that the "conservative" candidate has been attacking lately.

Sanford, who grew up around the cotton patches and tobacco fields of Scotland County, assured thousands at the Cleveland County Fair that cotton is not dead in North Carolina.

Speaking in Shelby after an early morning press conference in Raleigh and an inspection of small

Medics, Therapists, Dieticians Needed In Air Force

In an age when missiles roar thousands of miles downrange from Cape Canaveral, and satellites criss cross the skies, the Air Force announced the week that among its most critical personnel needs are medical specialists - therapists and dieticians.

Colonel Robert B. Sullivan, Commander of the 3503d USAF Recruiting Group, commented from his Robins AFB, Georgia, headquarters, that "Practically everyone knows the need for electronics and missile technicians, and for pilots and navigators. But, no one notices how much we also need some of the lesser-known skills - such as the medical specialists."

In the Air Force, there are three types of medical specialists: Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Dieticians. They are members of the 10,000-strong Air Force Medical Service, and serve with Air Force doctors and nurses in modern Air Force hospitals around the world.

Medical Specialists are also commissioned officers, and enjoy the same privileges as any Air Force officer - basic pay, plus tax-exempt allowances for food and housing, thirty days annual paid vacation, free medical-dental care, and a chance for a life-long career with a generous retirement income.

General qualifications for joining the Air Force as a Medical Specialist are: Be a U. S. Citizen; be physically and professionally qualified; possess good normal and personal qualifications; be between 21 and 35 years of age; and (women only) have no dependents under 18 years of age. (Educational requirements differ among the three programs).

Also, under a new program, the Air Force will sponsor the final year of training for Occupational and Physical Therapists who have completed three years of training in an approved school and are otherwise qualified. For dieticians, the Air Force will sponsor an internship at an approved hospital.

For more information about the Air Force Medical Specialist program, contact S-Sgt. Shelby W. Hill your local Air Force Recruiter, Court House Kennesville, N. C. Each Wednesday from 1 to 3 or write, Medical Specialist Selection Officer, 3503d USAF Recruiting Group, Robins AFB, Georgia.



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