SECTION II



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1977



SAFETY WINNER -- Bobby Williams [right] is the November safety suggestion winner at the Raeford Plant of Burlington Industries, it was announced this week. His winning suggestion brought him a pair of safety shoes valued at \$25, which are being presented to him by Bruce Dees, department head. He suggested that rubber mats be replaced in the aisles between the slashers in order to prevent slips and falls. The safety suggestion program has provided many valuable improvements at the plant. a spokesman said. plant, a spokesman said.

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Children Should Be Taught Firearm Care And Safety

Christmas is the traditional time many parents give their sons or daughters their first firearm. And with the gift of a firearm comes the responsibility of making sure they know how to take care of the gun

and use it safely and properly. According to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, there are several things a parent can and should do to make sure the gift will be a safe one.

The first thing a parent should do is make a wise selection. There are many different types of action: but for the first gun, the best is probably a simple, single - shot break action," a Commission

break action," a Commission spokesman said. "This," he said, "will serve several useful purposes. First it makes the youngsters' job of learning how to how to how to be to learning how to handle the firearm easier. Automatic, slide or lever action firearms make it easier for the youngster to have a loaded gun off safe.

"This is particularly noticeable when the youngster is retrieving game. With a single shot, he or she can run after the downed game without having to stop and think about whether the gun is loaded, especially if dad is along and passing out the shells on a need hasis basis. "In addition, a single shot will

soon teach the youngster to be selective in his shots and he or she will become a better shot. This cuts down on the crippling of game," he added

Single - shot rifles or shotguns are also cheaper than other models and that is good for dad's pocket-book. However, the gun should not be the only cost.

"Besides purchasing the gun. there are two other items that should be purchased. One is a cleaning kit and the other is a gun

case." The child should be shown how to properly clean the firearm and should be instructed to clean the gun after each use. This ensures the gun will be kept in good, safe working condition and the gun will

Working condition and the gun will last longer. "A gun case is very important. It protects the firearm; and if the youngster gets in the habit of unloading the gun and putting it in the case after returning to the car or home one of the first rules of or home, one of the first rules of hunter safety will be met; unload the gun when it is not being used," the spokesman said.

A hunter safety course is not a legal requirement but, he added, should be the first order of business. The Wildlife Commission sponsors hunter safety courses

Deaths Predicted On N.C. Highways

Approximately 38 may die in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends, the N.C. State Motor Club has estimated.

Last year 44 persons were killed on Tar Heel highways during the two holidays; 29 persons died during the Christmas holiday and 15 during New Year's The mein 15 during New Year's. The main causes for these fatalities were unsafe movement, speeding, and following too closely

This year the state will count its toll from 6 p.m. Friday Dec. 23rd, through midnight Monday, Dec. 26th, for Christmas, and from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30th to midnight Sunday, Van Let, for New Yorks

Sunday, Jan. 1st, for New Year's. "Our holidays would be far less bur nondays would be far less tragic if drivers would obey the 55 -mph speed limit and practice safe driving" said Peter Vasko, director of Public Relations of the statewide motor club. "We must slow down, be more alert, and refrain from drinking while driving."

Vasko warned that traffic would be unusually heavy, as always, during both holidays. "In addi-tion," he said, "the threat of inclement winter weather adds to traffic problems.

Vasko advised drivers to check road conditions with the highway patrol in case of snow or rain, especially in the mountains.

Through Nov. the North Caro-lina death toll stands at 1,311 fatalities, some 52 less than a year ago. This gives us encouragement that drivers are becoming more alert and safety minded.

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throughout the State. If the school your youngster attends does not offer the course, contact the Commission (toll free at 1-800-662-7137; or your local Wildlife En-forcement Officer to organize a course.

The spokesman also cautioned against giving heirlooms to your child. He explained that many guns owned by a grandfather or great -grandfather and passed down to succeeding generations might have worn or broken parts. Some of the older firearms also might not be capable of withstanding chamber pressures generated by the new shells and powders.

He recommends taking the gun to a qualified gunsmith prior to passing it on to someone else. If you are planning to give your child a firearm for Christmas, remember it is not a toy. Protect your child and your family by making sure they understand the

making sure they understand the gun and firearm safety.

Promotion Announced

Ronnie Hill, who was employed by Macks stores, Inc. in June, 1974, was promoted to manager of Macks unit in Raeford on November 22. Prior to this, Hill was manager of Macks Cedartown, Georgia unit.

Hill's wife's name is Patricia. They have one son, David Wayne.



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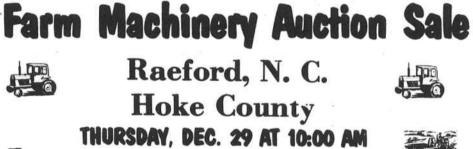
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