



Boys Who Learned To Handle Guns Safely

Hunter Safety Course Held

A group of boys from Pensacola completed 5 hours (in two sessions) on safe gun handling in the field and in the home during a Hunter Safety Course held recently. They learned the importance of correct sight picture, making a good shot, asking permission to hunt of land owners, as well as other points that make a good sportsman.

N.C. Wildlife Protectors Don McGalliard and Carl Colvard, who are certified Hunter Safety instructors, were assisted by Fred Mervolin of Pensacola. The course is available to interested groups of young people in the area.

The seven boys who completed the course are: Russell Wilson, Keith Blankenship, Bobby Ogle, Wayne Harris, Kimmy Burnett, Danny Hensley and Tyrone Fox.

The 'Internationals' Will Give Free Concert Tonight

The Internationals are coming to town. They come in a bus, 32 strong. These young men and women comprise a choral and instrumental group from Florida Bible College, Miami, Florida. They devote their summer vacation to a strenuous tour of concerts, covering 10 or 12 states.

Reverend Jim Greer, their director, composes much of their music. He and his wife, Dolly, are the talented young couple who head the excellent music department at the College, and are in charge of the tour. Others of the Internationals write the lyrics for their songs, and compose, also. Jim Greer's arrangements are exciting, bold in concept, and reveal musical ability of rare quality.

The Group comes to the concert at Harris High School auditorium in Spruce Pine, from Asheville. They will be guests

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at a picnic dinner given by The Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Spruce Pine, following which they will broadcast a program on Radio Station WTOE at 4:30 p.m. The evening concert at Harris High School is at 7:30 p.m. The following morning they leave to give a concert at Ramseur, N.C.

Bookings for the Internationals are arranged through local students of the Bible College. In this area, Miss Ramona Bowditch, Route 5, Burnsville, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowditch; and Miss Kathy Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Biggerstaff of 1150 Oak St. Spruce Pine, have made the arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Biggerstaff and Mr. and Mrs. L. Burleson will be their hosts during their stay.

In August the touring musicians go to Boca Raton Bible Camp in Boca Raton, Florida, sponsored and directed by the Florida Bible College, where they lead the musical activities of the Camp. In the past five years a number of teenagers from this area have attended the Camp at Boca Raton. Many plan to go again this year.

Vandalism, Rowdyism In National Forest

By The U.S. Forest Service

On any given date, you can read in the newspaper of at least one incident in which a segment of society had their rights infringed upon and in which private or public property was destroyed. As we hear about these happenings, we have a tendency to think of them as always occurring in big cities and "far away places"; this is not the case. Each year, you and I pay many additional dollars, in the form of county, state and federal taxes, to help compensate for the disrespect of people and property. This money is paid out for cleaning up after "Litterbugs" who arbitrarily toss out or dump garbage and trash at the most convenient location; for the apprehension of vandals and the replacement of property they have destroyed; and for your protection from rowdyism and vandalism when you visit a public attraction or recreation area.

A well-known English scholar once said that "A person's education can be measured by his knowledge of the proper use of

semicolons." This idea, based on a scholar's professional opinion as a master of the English language, is probably biased. In our day and time, a more appropriate statement might be that a person's character may be measured to a large extent upon his respect for other people and their property.

In this immediate area, the U.S. Forest Service is compelled to spend several hundred dollars each year as a result of vandalism and rowdyism. Again, this cost is incurred through "litterbugging," destruction of public property, and frequent visits to the recreation areas by local groups for the purpose of harassing the campers. This problem has increased to the extent that the Forest Service has to employ a night patrol to provide recreation visitors safety from "Hoodlums."

Vandalism on the National Forest is generally in the form of destruction of signs, and other recreation facilities, deliberate setting of forest fires, and unauthorized cutting of timber.

These unnecessary costs could be greatly reduced if all forest visitors would assume a civic sense of responsibility in protecting property and rights which are rightfully theirs. The National Forests belong to the people; their administration is financed by your tax dollars, so why do we hesitate to report obvious violations? The answer is simple: we, along with millions of other Americans, don't want to "become involved". Would we take the same attitude if our personal property was in jeopardy?

Let's all take a closer look at our responsibilities as Americans. We have an American Heritage of which we should hold. This heritage is not based upon cowardice; thousands upon thousands have died that we might have these wonderful things to enjoy at our leisure. By this same token, can we afford to stand by and watch the willful destruction of our property and infringements upon our rights?

The story comes to mind of the nine New York residents who stood by and watched a teen-age girl being murdered; no one wanted to "become involved". This is a tragic story, but basically we are doing the same thing when we fail to report cases of vandalism and rowdyism.

We need your help in protecting our National Forest. This can best be done by reporting these thoughtless individuals to a Forest Officer or other persons in charge.

GS Recognition Night June 5

Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. a Social Hour will be held in the Community Building for all Girl Scout Leaders and Adult Volunteers. Special recognition will be given those involved in Scouting and for their work in the past year.

Mrs. Carolyn Yuziuk is the incoming Neighborhood Chairman and will be present to meet all leaders, Service Team Members, and other workers.

All adult workers are cordially invited to be on hand for this Night of Recognition.

'Vacationland At Library' Is New Program For Youth

The Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Public Library announces a new and different program for young adults ages 9, 10 and 11. This young adult program--VACATIONLAND AT THE LIBRARY--will be entertaining with a variety of weekly programs in puppetry, crafts, films, and a weekly narration of the exciting "Tale of King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table."

Vacation Church School

Vacation Church School will begin at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church on June 8th and continue through June 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. every evening. The Burnsville United Presbyterian Church will share in this vacation church school this year.

VACATIONLAND AT THE LIBRARY begins the week of June 15th and will be held every week from June 15 thru August 10. This weekly summer schedule of VACATIONLAND AT THE LIBRARY for the three counties is as follows:

--Monday afternoons at 3 p.m. in the Yancey County Public Library in Burnsville.

--Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Mitchell County Public Library in Bakersville.

--Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the Avery County Public Library in Newland.

--Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the Spruce Pine Public Library in Spruce Pine.

Coordinator of this program for young adults is Miss Theresa Coletta, Regional Children's Librarian. No pre-registration or application required to attend this program.