

### Accidents At 10-Year Low

RALEIGH, N. C. — The number of hunting accidents, both fatal and nonfatal, reported to the Wildlife Resources Commission during the 1969-1970 hunting season dropped to a ten-year low.

Since 1960 the Commission has actively collected reports on nonfatal hunting accidents; that is, gun accidents occurring while hunting or traveling to or from a hunting area. Not included are gun accidents occurring in the home, target practice accidents, etc. With but two exceptions, the number of fatalities reported annually has not dropped below ten since initiation of the reporting program. This past season is one of those exceptions.

Six out of 41 of last season's accidents were fatal. This figure is a reduction by eight over the 1968-1969 season. It is also a reduction by eight fatalities over a ten-year average of fourteen.

Youthful hunters are too often involved in hunting accidents, and the 1969-1970 season showed little change. Three of the victims were youths age 12 to 15. And three of the shooters were young hunters, their ages ranged 13 to 15. One of the youthful fatalities was self-inflicted.

The quarry of the hunting accident victims include dove, squirrel, deer and rabbit. The gun most often involved, as would be expected, was the shotgun. Two of the accidents resulted from deer hunting, one with a rifle, one with a shotgun.

What caused the accidents? It would be factual to say that careless handling of sporting arms was the cause but perhaps that is an over-simplification. Reasons listed on the report forms were familiar: horseplay, stum-

### Aetna Shows Increase In Sales

Benefits totaling \$27.8 million were paid to or for North Carolina policyholders by Aetna Life & Casualty last year, a 24 per cent increase over 1968.

In addition, the company had a total of \$93.6 million in investments in the state at the end of 1969.

The payment total includes benefits and claims paid during 1969 on all forms of insurance, annuities, and bonds written by Aetna. The investment figure is the total amount the company has in bonds and stock, mortgage loans, and real estate in North Carolina.

Individual and group life insurance totaling \$187.7 million was written in the state during 1969 by Aetna Life & Casualty, bringing the total protection in force for North Carolina residents to \$693.2 million.

Aspirins have become a prime poisoner of children. Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies notes that youngsters are often attracted to objects which resemble candy in bottles and advises that aspirins and sleeping tablets be kept well out of harm's reach for children.

bled and fell (with safety off), victim moved in line of fire, victim mistaken for game, and trigger caught on brush.

As is so often said, one fatal accident is truly one too many. Certainly six are too many fatal accidents resulting from any form of recreation. However, the hunting public of North Carolina is to be commended for its greatly improved safety record of the past hunting season.

### Bethlehem Drama Group At Ridgecrest



SHERRY REYNOLDS

Thirty-eight members of the Bethlehem Baptist Church Drama Group attended the Southeastern Drama Festival held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly April 10-12.

The group presented the play, "The Slave Girl". The cast included: Phillip McDaniel, Randy McDaniel, Danny Lail, Lou Anne Blacklock, Sarah Smith, Glenn Harmon, Sherry Reynolds and Mike Tate. Fred Tate is director of the group and Rev. Russell Pitts is pastor of the church.

Miss Sherry Reynolds was one of six young people who received an award as outstanding actors and actresses at the Drama Festival. Sherry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Reynolds

### Goodwill Sets Workshop, Drive

Goodwill Industries, a sheltered workshop for the handicapped in Charlotte, is conducting its annual school donation drive in this area. Goodwill bags will be given out to all Cleveland County elementary school students from Thursday, April 9 to Monday, April 20.

Goodwill Industries asks the students and their parents to fill the collection bags with usable clothing, shoes, or any small household items that are serviceable or can be repaired. Filled bags are to be returned to the schools.

Through these donations Goodwill provides training, employment and rehabilitation service for the handicapped of this area of North Carolina. The items donated are repaired and made serviceable by the handicapped and are sold in Goodwill budget stores at very low prices. The income from these sales provide wages for the area's handicapped citizens.

"Not Charity but a Chance" is the motto of Goodwill Industries. Donations to Goodwill provide this chance for handicapped men and women to work and to be proud of their achievements and to become productive and dignified members of their communities. The donated "rejects" become goodwill "pay checks".

It's alright to put a tiger in your tank if you've got a turtle in your right shoe.

of Route 2, Kings Mountain, and is a junior at Kings Mountain High School.

This play will be presented at Fallston Baptist Church on Sunday, April 26, at 7:30 P.M.

### Community Standing Is Defined

RALEIGH — The house they live in and its furnishings is one way some families define their social standing in a community, observes Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension housing and house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

"Yet," she points out, "a home should be more than a status symbol — it should be a place where all family members can meet their basic physical, psychological and social needs."

To help fulfill their physical needs, the home should be a place where family members can rest, sleep and eat, Mrs. McGlamery says.

Also, a home can fulfill a family member's psychological needs for privacy, mental well-being and emotional security.

In discussing privacy, the specialist believes "everyone needs a corner to call his own—a place where he can go to sit and think." This area could be the corner of a bedroom, or a tiny area in the kitchen or family room.

Many factors contribute to mental well-being, Mrs. McGlamery points out. "No one can feel at peace in the midst of clutter," she notes, "so wise use of space and plenty of storage are important."

Also, everyone needs to feel safe; to be free from danger. "Ideally, home should contribute to this security and be a haven from the outside world," Mrs. McGlamery asserts.

Pride of ownership gives security, especially when an object is associated with happy times. A souvenir bought on a family trip at it, she believes.

### STRICTLY FRESH

We're anxious to see what color the kitchen sink will be for the year to come, once the kids get done coloring eggs.

On Easter Sunday, you'll see a lot of people who go to church among the worshippers.



At our house, we're getting ready for the Easter pay raid.

Grandma is the only one who doesn't recall with nostalgia those big, big Easter dinners of yesteryear that took two days to prepare.

Roots of the past are important, the specialist adds. "Old family pieces and antiques collected from here and there help provide the security a person needs," she says.

Home is also a wonderful laboratory of human relations, Mrs. McGlamery indicates. At home with one's family is the ideal place to develop attitudes of cheerfulness and cooperation, consideration of people, thoughtfulness and social graces.

"It adds up to this," Mrs. McGlamery says. "Homes are for people, not showplaces for strangers. Home should be thought of as a place where individuals can grow and express their unique personalities and enrich their lives."

A word to the wise is sufficient. Safety is the word suggested by Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Many hidden hazards lie about the home. The company advises that you take a safety check in your home, examining especially for electrical equipment, medicines, slippery rugs, fire hazards and the like.

The black-throated bunting bird doesn't have a very musical song but it is trying constantly to improve it. It sings constantly.

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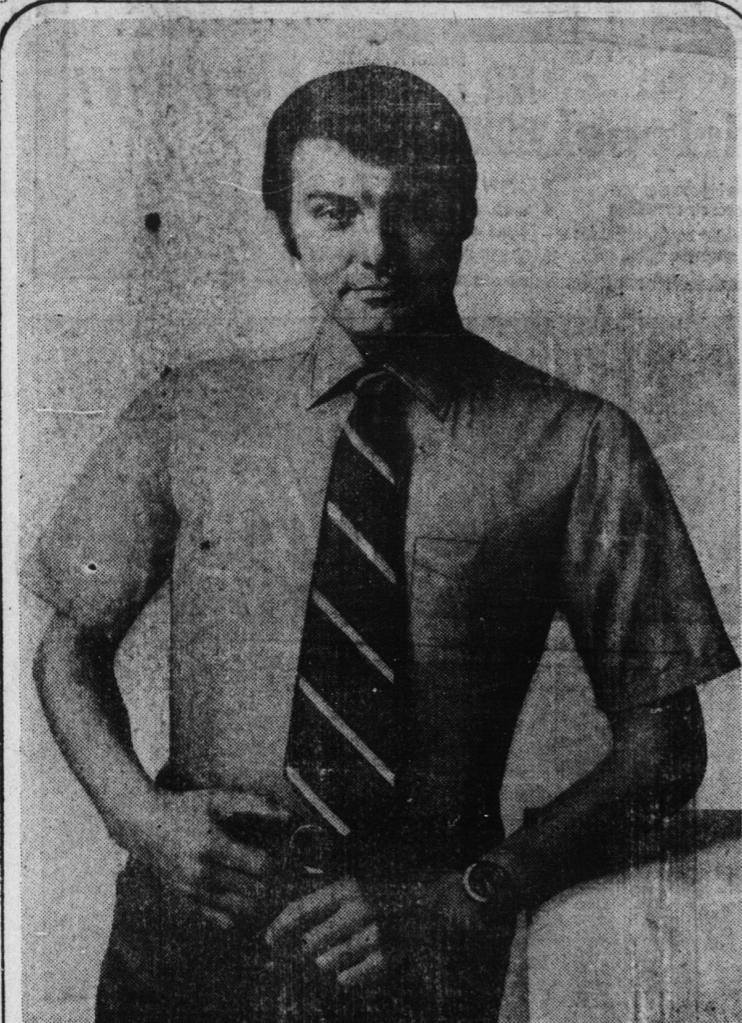
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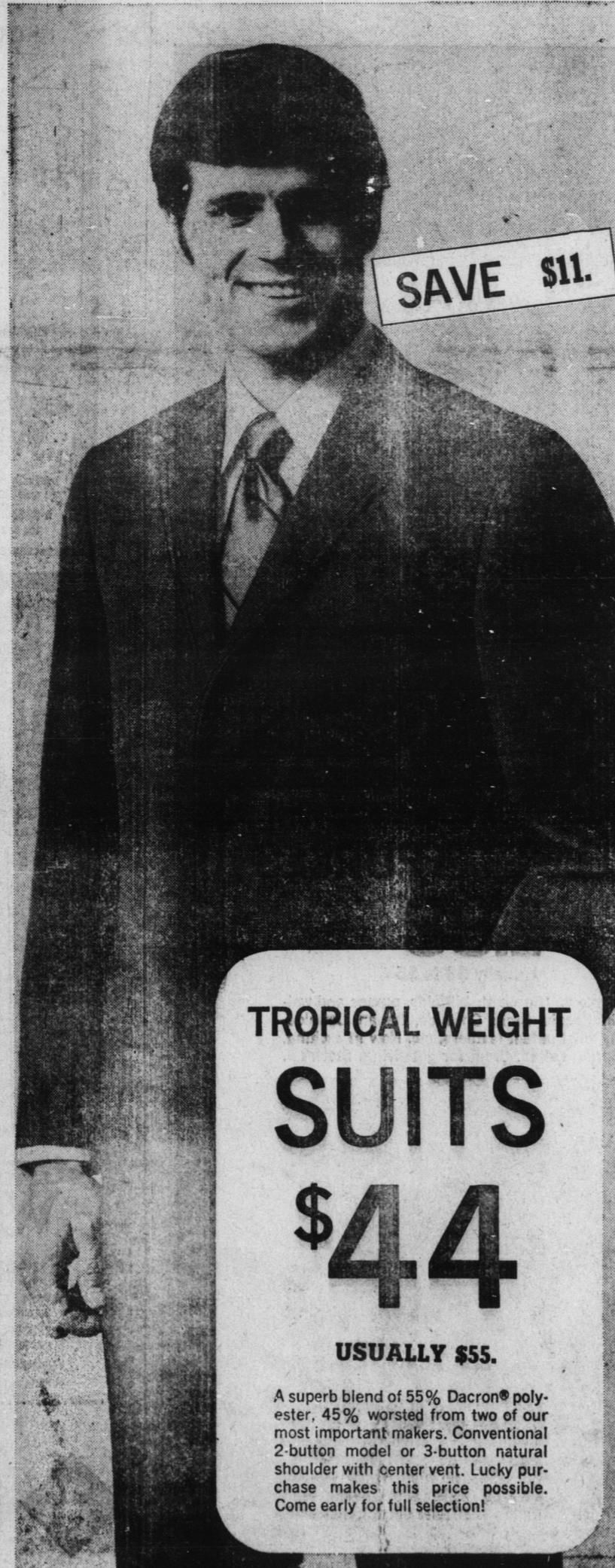


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