

Hunters' Safety Program Starts in Schools



COACHING CLASS MEMBER—Bruce Nelson, Hedrick dean of boys in charge of the Hunters' Safety school program in the Medford system, checks the position of Student Gary Wheeler, 3033 Genessee st. The prone and standing positions receive the largest amount of instruction, according to Nelson. However, other positions are covered during the time allotted for the program with the hopes the student will later become a member of the Junior National Rifle Association club.



CHECKING SCORES—Theron Boyd, 1325 Covina st., looks over one of four bullet traps used at Hedrick Junior High school for the Hunters' School safety classes. The traps are designed to stop a bullet without danger of it ricocheting. The Medford school district shops have constructed a total of 12 such traps, four for each school holding the classes.

Medford System Is One of Few With Course in State

By HAL LESSER
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

A Hunters' Safety school instruction program is now being conducted in Hedrick Junior High school, one is planned for McLoughlin Junior High and at Medford High school, according to Bruce Nelson, director of the program in Medford schools.

The Medford school system, by adopting the new idea for making people aware of the need for safety in use of firearms, becomes one of the few school systems in the state with the program, Nelson said. He indicated that the program may become a required class in state school systems within a few years.

At the present time the class is on a "sign-up" basis for interested students. The program now in progress at Hedrick is held after school on one day per week in the school's gym. Hedrick is currently the only school with sufficient equipment, an instructor and space to permit operation of the program.

Proper Use of Firearms

The Hunters' Safety program consists of instruction in the proper use of firearms. Safety rules while using firearms, correct position which offer the best shot, and other information on the use of firearms will be heard someday save a life, Nelson said.

The complete course being followed is designed by the National Rifle Association in a booklet, "NR Hunters Safety Instructors' Guide". The NRA has long been interested in teaching Americans how to shoot in order to prevent hunting accidents, according to Medford NRA member who is backing the program.

Parents' permission in writing must be secured by the student who wishes to take the course. Nelson said no parent has refused to permit a student to take the course, and some parents have urged their children to take the course.

Five, Six Sessions

The course is considerably shorter than most school classes. It lasts only five or six sessions of about one hour each.

Rifles used in the program are 22 caliber target rifles loaned to the school by the Federal government on the basis that a Junior NRA club of interested students will be formed upon completion of the hunters' Safety school. Nelson said a small amount of ammunition also is given schools. He said it averages to about 15 pounds per student taking the course at Hedrick.

There is a small fee to pay for ammunition for a student taking the course under the safety program. Dues for membership in the Junior NRA Rifle club which will be started at the finish of the program will be paid by the school with the students paying one cent per shot.

Extreme Caution

Extreme caution is used by the instructors before a student is allowed to fire a "live" round of ammunition on the range. It will vary according to the individual student when he gets to fire his first live round, Nelson said. He first has to be sure the student has learned the program thoroughly before he will permit a student to fire one of four rifles the school is using.

Standard range procedure is used when firing, he said. Only one shell at a time is put into the rifle. A coach, another student, observes the shooter to make sure safety rules are obeyed, the shooter assumes correct positions and to correct mistakes before they are made.

Most instruction is given for the prone or lying position, Nelson said. However, students are being given some instruction in the standing, kneeling and sitting positions. Nelson stresses the prone and standing positions although the rifles are a little heavy for students to hold, he said.

'Bullet Trap'
A special "bullet trap" has been constructed by the school district maintenance staff. The trap consists of a square face of about 18 inches covered with fiberboard about one inch thick. Sides of the box are 1/4-inch steel and the top is 1/2-inch. The steel is set at an angle to deflect the bullet into the back of the trap so it will not ricochet. The bottom of the trap is also 1/2-inch steel. All sides of the box are welded to prevent a bullet from escaping.



PREPARING TO FIRE—Robert Heide, 1605 East McAndrews rd., (lying on mat) prepares to fire a "live" round of ammunition during session of the Hunters' Safety school classes now being conducted at Hedrick Junior High school. Checking to make sure everything is

safe before Heide fires is School Instructor Bruce Nelson, and Students Gary Wheeler, James Winton, route 1, box B117G, Eagle Point, and Theron Boyd. When firing another student is always observing the shooter as a coach to correct mistakes before they occur.

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This type trap is standard equipment and is in use on many 22 caliber indoor ranges in the United States, according to the NRA. So far, Nelson said, no one has missed the 18-inch face of the trap. If a shooter does miss, the wall will absorb a 22 long rifle bullet of the type used in the program.

Nelson said he isn't too worried about a student missing the trap and hitting the wall. He is more worried about replacing the center of the fiberboard, which already is becoming worn

to a point where it will be difficult to replace a target in the bullseyes section.

Program at McLoughlin

Nelson said the program would get under way at McLoughlin Junior High school as soon as the new addition to the building is completed. The school also is waiting for its four rifles to arrive from the government.

Plans for Medford High's program are just getting started, according to Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of schools. Hedrick listed about 200 signed up for the program, McLoughlin Junior High school. He lists enough students signed up for the course to get the program

underway as soon as rifles are received.

Nelson said it has been proved in other states that the safety program is highly effective. When comparisons of safety school graduates and non-graduates in the same age bracket was compared, the hunters school grade listed few, if any accidents while hunting.

Some states, including Oregon, are discussing making a juvenile hunter show his graduation certificate before he can purchase his hunting license, he said. Thirteen states now require proof of graduation from this type of school before a juvenile is issued a hunting license, he added.

Dr. Victor Discusses Projects of Friends Service Committee

"India is the only country in which democracy is being imposed from above," Dr. Ralph Victor said Thursday evening at the United Nations 13th anniversary dinner here.

"We have to give Nehru some credit for maintaining the democracy when a dictatorship could have so easily been established," he noted.

Because there is 90 per cent illiteracy in India among the 560,000 villages and cities, disseminating practical democracy among these people poses some unique problems, he continued.

Indian newspapers are not much help in this task, he noted. They, as many newspapers elsewhere, print what readers want to read. What the people of India want to read at this point in their history, are stories about racial discrimination in the United States, he said.

Three Problems

In order to help these people themselves with the three big problems found in every underdeveloped country with a large population, the Friends Service committee has set up a short term program of education and technical assistance, Dr. Victor said.

The three big problems of all these countries, as set up by the World Health organization, are safe drinking water, latrines and malnutrition. The teams of the Friends Service committee, composed of Indians and foreigners, working with the Indian Governments, help tackle these problems.

By attacking the basic problems of Indian village living, these people are learning how to cope with their own problems and solve them in their own terms, Dr. Victor explained. They are not relinquishing their own culture or having to take on a foreign culture.

Encased Pump
In the province of Orissa, where Dr. Victor was stationed, it was found that an encased hand pump was an efficient means of obtaining pure drinking water. Wells, he pointed out, can be contaminated when private buckets are used.

Installation of latrines and motivation of people to use them was a difficult job, he pointed out. Schools have been persuaded

to use them and about 25 per cent of the people.

Malnutrition is a problem, both from poverty and ignorance, the speaker said. The people have never been educated into steaming their rice, instead of boiling it and throwing away the water, and they now have gardens with vegetables of various types to supplement their diet with needed vitamins and minerals.

Educationally, the AFSC designed a basic school structure, for which the Indian government supplied the materials and the villagers the labor. The village mothers learn how to cook nutritionally and care for their children through cooperative work in the schools.

Many of the village women are trained in simple public health work and midwifery, Dr. Victor said.



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR—A. L. Siebenlist, former high school principal at Harvard, Neb., is now assistant professor of mathematics at Southern Oregon college. His work in education includes 10 years as principal, a superintendency in Denison, Neb., and a teaching position in the Air Force. He received his M.A. from Greeley, Colo., in education administration. He also attended Kearney State Teachers college in Nebraska. Two of Mr. and Mrs. Siebenlist's daughters attend Ashland public schools and they also have a younger son.

Phair Named to Elks Post, Replaces Scott



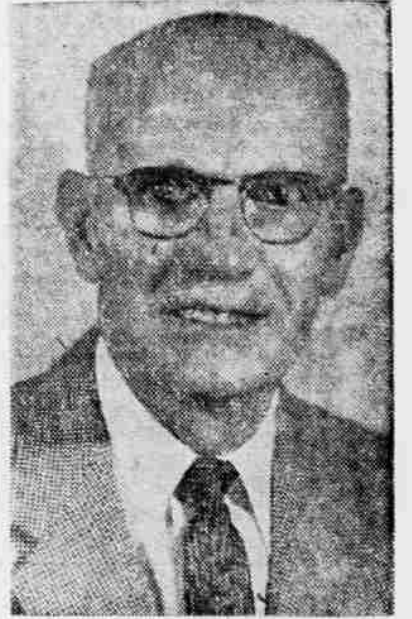
RICHARD PHAIR
Assumes New Position

Richard Phair has been named secretary-manager of the Medford Elks lodge, replacing Ernest Scott, who is retiring from the position this week after serving 23 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott plan to move to Albany where they will manage the Modern Acres Motel, which they purchased recently.

Scott started as secretary-manager of the local Elks lodge during the depression, April, 1933, and has served continuously with the exception of a year's leave because of illness last year.

He is past exalted ruler and past district deputy. He was secretary of the state Elks association for more than 13 years, and



ERNEST SCOTT
Ends Long Service

he served one year as president of the Oregon Non Profit clubs association.

Phair was elected secretary of the Elks lodge Thursday night, Trustees, meeting the same night, appointed him manager of the club. He has been a member of the local club since May, 1937.

Phair has worked with Scott for about 18 years, and has visited and conducted business with all Elks lodges in Oregon. He has been active in organizing and assisting in the operation of the Oregon Non Profits Clubs association.

He is a member of both the state and local Salvation Army boards.

This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



Identify The Use Made Of This Rock And The Person Associated With It.

CLUE: In 1845 a well known Oregon personage gathered chips of flint left by Indians at Willamette Falls after making arrowheads and spear tips. From the subsequent use of these bits of flint is said to have come the expression "pocketful of rocks."

ANSWER: A shortage of metal coins in Oregon Governor became the first and only Provisional Governor of Oregon. Alben Barkers high standing in the same year, 1845. This flint money was honored locally because of the chips and use them as a substitute for money. The name and the amount of money represented on the chips and the amount of money represented on the chips and the amount of money represented on the chips.

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Payroll Tax Raise Likely In Spring

Salem, Ore.—Oregon employers may be faced with a 50 per cent rise in their payroll taxes next spring unless the state's economy improves enough to bolster the sagging Unemployment Compensation Trust fund.

John A. Norton, administrator of the Unemployment Compensation commission, said that some 27,000 employers might have to pay a flat 2.7 per cent if the fund falls below a "floor" of \$31,500,000.

Employers maintain the fund now by paying from 3 of 1 per cent to 2.7 per cent.

Norton said that unemployment fund to 46 million dollars. If it falls to \$31,500,000, the employer increases would go in to effect automatically.

He added there was an "even" chance that the fund would hit bottom next March.

The average payroll tax is now about 1.45 per cent. Some 3,919 employers now pay the low 3 rate. About 10,000 employers, representing more than half the state's payrolls, pay rates of 1.5 per cent or less.

Oregon's unemployment fund



TO INSPECT HERE—Arthur S. Genet, president of the Greyhound corporation, is expected to arrive in Medford Friday for an inspection of Greyhound facilities and conferences with local company officials and civic leaders. He is touring facilities in all western states. Accompanying him will be F. W. Ackerman of San Francisco, president of Western Greyhound Lines and a director of the corporation.

is in the third worst shape in the country, according to Norton. He said only Pennsylvania and Rhode Island were worse off than Oregon.

Tickets Available For Cossack Show

Tickets for the Medford performance of the Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers are available at the Music Mart and Swens, Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce members reminded residents.

The Medford performance, which will be the only one in southern Oregon, will be held in the Medford High school auditorium Oct. 31. The appearance is sponsored by the local Jay Cees.

Since 1927 the chorus has toured all five continents and has crossed the equator 19 times in places like the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

The Platoff Don Cossack Chorus was originally organized in the capital of Czechoslovakia, Prague, in 1927. Nicholas Kostukoff has been both the chorus leader and the chorus administrator since it was first organized.

The chorus membership is of the best vocal talent obtainable among the White Russian emigrants who fought communism in Russia during 1918-1920, according to Kostukoff.

RED PAPER SHAKY

New York —P— The Communist Daily Worker newspaper, hard-hit by dwindling subscriptions and shaky finances, has dropped its Friday edition.

DR. LEE MELLISH, D.M.D.

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836 East Main St.

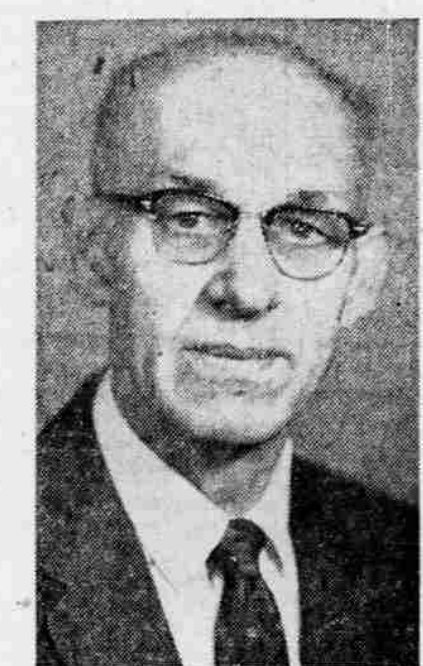
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