



(3) THE FRONTIER GUEST RANCH is another of the resort centers rapidly growing along the shores of Upper Klamath Lake. This one is located at the Lake of the Woods junction close by the ski bowl. A few miles further on up the Westside Highway is Hariman Lodge, offering home sites and excellent fishing in season.



(10) UNION CREEK is a clean and cool spot to stop even during the hot weather when you are making the trip over to the valley vit Crater Lake. Here is the store. Other buildings cover the area on both sides of the road offering food and shelter as well as gas, vacation supplies and other items.



(4) LAKE OF THE WOODS, serene and calm on a summer day, was pictured here from Rainbow Camp, one of the several public camp sites at the bustling resort lake. The road is now paved all the way to the lake.

How Early Can A Youth Be Trusted With A Gun?

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SACRAMENTO (UPI)—How early in life should a youngster be allowed to handle a gun?

This is an age old question. It's one that is difficult to answer, but experts of California's Fish and Game Department believe they have found the ideal solution.

"Usually youngsters are ready to start shooting when they have shown a sense of responsibility in other fields," says a department publication. "This may be at 12, 13 or 14 years of age."

Well, you say, how do I tell?

"Ask yourself some simple questions: Would you trust him to carry the neighbor's baby across the street, or take a 20 dollar bill to the grocery store, or carry a real important and confidential message, or look after the house while you are away for a day?"

Whoever actually edited this booklet must have known what he was talking about.

Just recently, little suggestions like that won California international recognition for an "out-standing hunter safety training program. The award came from the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, meeting in Philadelphia, and was in competition with other states and provinces.

The state Fish and Game Department credited hunter safety training in part with reducing California's hunting casualties from 132 in 1955 to 79 in 1957.

Actually, the program is only a youngster. It was set up four years ago and began operation July 1, 1954; under a bill authored by Assemblywoman Pauline Davis of Portola, a spokesman for the outdoorsmen in the state assembly.

This law requires completion of a course in safe handling of firearms as a condition for obtaining a hunting license for persons under 16 years of age.

Through August of this year a total of 111,000 youngsters have received specialized training under the program coordinated by hunter-safety training officer Les Lahr. Only New York trained more, but that state had a two-year head start on California.

Why has this program been so successful?

State director Seth Gordon of the Department of Fish and Game says the "key" to the success is the volunteer instructor.

"You must understand," he told United Press International, "that these people are not merely good hunters. They are persons who have taken the time to study their subject, pass a rigid test in firearms safety and be certified and qualified as instructors by both the

Department of Fish and Game and the National Rifle Association.

"They spend many hours of their free time to teach young Californians the rudiments, not only of safe gun handling, but also of good sportsmanship.

"It takes a person of particularly high quality to keep at this monumental task year after year with no compensation," said Gordon. "I am thankful that California is blessed with so many of them."

The booklet about the young hunter has some suggestions for parents with teen-age boys (and girls) who want to learn more about guns and hunting in general.

Here are the suggestions:

1. If you are not familiar with firearms, talk it over with someone who knows guns and shooting and whose judgment you respect, preferably a member of a shooting club or association.

2. Arrange for your boy or girl to attend an instruction class sponsored by a rifle club affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

3. Buy for your boy or girl . . . an inexpensive but modern safe rifle. The first gun is usually a rifle because it is easier to teach basic principles with this type of gun.

There are some suggestions for adults, too:

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.

2. Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded.

3. Always be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.

4. Always carry your gun so you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble.

5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.

Resources To Be Topic At Conference

Natural resources come into focus November 20 and 21 at Baker when delegates from Oregon's 57 soil conservation districts stage the annual convention of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

Farmers, professional conservationists, and other agricultural leaders will discuss soil, water, forests, and wildlife conservation in districts that now cover more than 80 per cent of Oregon's farm acreage. Ralph Wilson, Salem farmer, is association president.

Convention highlights will include finals for the association-sponsored statewide speaking contest for high school students. Regional winners, representing seven Oregon areas, will compete. Topic is "Forest Conservation."

Don Fredericksen, Gooding, Idaho, vice president of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, will speak at the annual banquet. Master of ceremonies will be William Cooper, Union, a director of the Oregon State Soil Conservation Committee.

Farmers and district supervisors will conduct a symposium discussion on economics of conservation for rangeland, cropland, woodland and irrigated land.

Prelude to the convention is a statewide soil judging contest for district delegates, November 19 at Baker. Arthur King, Oregon State College soil conservation specialist, and Karl Baur, Portland, chemical division manager of Pacific Supply, are in charge of contest arrangements. They will be assisted by Soil Conservation Service technicians and OSC soil scientists.

Judging contest awards and the annual Goodyear Award to Oregon's outstanding soil conservation district will be presented November 20 at a convention luncheon.