

Firearms Course Stated on Jan. 27

The opening date of the first 1960 class in Hunter Safety was announced today by the California State Department of Fish and Game. John D. Young, instructor for the department has set the opening night for Wednesday evening, Jan. 27th. The class will be held at Redondo Union High School between 7 and 9:15 p.m. and will be eight weeks long. The course is designed to reduce gun casualties in this State.

In 1954, the California State Legislature enacted Section 424 of the California Fish & Game Code. Section 424 states that "No hunting license shall be issued to any person under the age of 16 years unless he presents to the person authorized to issue such license either (a) evidence that he has held a hunting license issued by this State in a prior year or (b) a certificate of competency as provided in this section."

Previous to the enactment of this law 12,496 juveniles were licensed to hunt in 1954 who had not received hunter safety training. This group of people experienced 43 casualties or one casualty for every 290 persons. Following July 1, 1954 17,027 students were certified before the end of the year. Out of this number, only 3 casualties were reported.

Effective Training

These 3 casualties were victims of accidents, not the cause. Summing this up, the Dept. of Fish and Game finds that trained junior hunters are 19 times safer than untrained junior hunters. These facts prove beyond a doubt the effectiveness of firearms education.

It is interesting to note that nearly all of the so-called accidents occurring in the last two years were caused by adults and untrained juveniles, several of whom were hunting without licenses because they did not wish to take the training.

Learn Handling

The Department of Fish and Game is requesting the assistance of law-enforcement agencies, boy and girl scouts and other such organizations to help in the fight against this slaughter without reason.

All gun accidents are due to carelessness on some one's part: Careless handling by the owner or friend, careless maintenance, improper shells, or just plain ignorance. A .22 caliber bullet will kill a mile away just as easily as a .30 caliber.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church organizations and sportsman clubs are asked to cooperate by enrolling their groups in the nearest course. For time and date of courses, call the Junior Sportsmen of America at FR 9-2710 or write to the Junior Sportsmen of America, 2104 Graham Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.

With several instructors to serve in the Southern California Area, classes for a large group can be held at their meeting place.

Use classified ads for quick results. Phone FA 8-2345.

Advise Early Buy of License Tabs

Is there a blue-grey sticker on the rear license plate of your car?

People who renew their automobile registration during the first few days of January, and put the renewal sticker in place, can in good conscience look for the new sticker on the license plates of their friends and neighbors.

Motorists who get this chore out of the way as one of their first acts in 1960 will enjoy several advantages, according to Robert McCarthy, State Director of Motor Vehicles.

First, there's the advantage of saving time. License renewal lines at local Motor Vehicles Department offices and at some banks, which are handling renewals as a courtesy to their customers, are getting progressively longer as the Feb. 4th deadline approaches.

Secondly, license renewal is a necessary evil, and once accomplished, you can forget it.

With more than 8 million motor vehicles to be registered in California in just over a month's time, every person who values time is well advised to do his "license sticker shopping early."

Torrance residents may renew their automobile license for 1960 at the 1907 Border Ave. office of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and from 8 until noon on Saturdays during January.

Scouts Learn Public Speaking

Torrance Boy Scout Troop No. 242 is currently conducting a public speaking course for 21 of its members, it was announced today.

The course was arranged by the troop committee and scoutmaster, R. F. Jones, with the help of Mr. W. Waldorf, activities chairman for the boy scout Harbor District committee, and Al Waterman, assistant scout executive for the Harbor District. C. Johnson and Gorbet of the Toastmasters International are providing coaching and criticism for the youthful speakers during the twelve weeks course.

Completion of the program will be on Feb. 9th during Boy Scout Week celebration, when a dinner will be held at the Western Cafe in Gardena for families and friends of the scouts. At that time each speaker will give a graduation talk. Toastmasters will award each graduate a certificate and the best speaker will receive a grand trophy.

During the month of January the boys will visit a Toastmasters Club during a regular scheduled meeting to see the toastmasters in action.

Boys participating are as follows: Barry Alexander, Charles Brugnola, Mike Clifford, Pete Conley, John Cross, John D'Aloia, Eric Edmonson, Don Oldt, Tommy Ono, Dick Turcott, Jim Fagot, Bobby Gmur, Bobby Jones, Ron Kennedy, Jim Jones, Dennis Kennedy, George Hill, Ricky Landwehr, Jerry Weeks, Terry Weeks, and Billy Kiefer.

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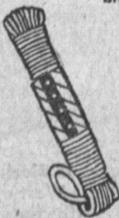
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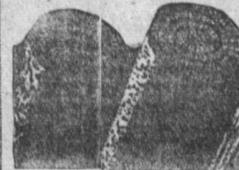
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