THE FISCAL YEAR 1972 CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS THE YEAR MAINE'S HUNTER SAFETY INDIAN, KEENEYE, BECAME OF AGE.

PRIOR TO JULY 1971, MAINE HAD COOPERATED WITH THE NRA IN OFFERING A PURELY VOLUNTARY HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM. WE HAD UTILIZED FOR THE MOST PART ONLY NRA INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND HAD COVERED ONLY WHAT WAS CALLED FOR IN THE BASIC NRA FOUR HOUR COURSE.

ALTHOUGH WE FELT THE QUALITY OF OUR INSTRUCTION EXCELLENT, AS WE HAD RECEIVED MANY NRA AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, WE DECIDED TO REVAMP OUR PROGRAM COMPLETELY STARTING JULY 1, 1971.

WE STARTED BY COMPLETELY REWRITING OUR COURSE TO INCLUDE FIVE, TWO HOUR SEGMENTS INSTEAD OF THE BASIC FOUR HOURS:

- BASIC HANDLING 2 HOURS
- RIFLE 2 HOURS
- SHOTGUN 2 HOURS
- SURVIVAL 2 HOURS
- HUNTERS RESPONSIBILITY 2 HOURS

10 HOURS MINIMUM TOTAL

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR ALL FIVE SUBJECT AREAS WERE ATTAINED. ALSO, WE PRODUCED A SLIDE SERIES TO BE USED WITH EACH SUBJECT AREA TO INSURE A UNIFIED APPROACH ACROSS THE STATE.

KEEP MAINE GREEN
NEXT, WE PRODUCED A COMPREHENSIVE VISUAL EXAMINATION THAT REQUIRED PASSING BY EACH STUDENT BEFORE HE COULD BE CERTIFIED. THIS EXAM WAS DESIGNED TO ALLOW FOR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES AMONG STUDENTS AND ALSO TO GIVE A MORE UNIFIED APPROACH ACROSS THE STATE.

AFTER ALL THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS WERE AVAILABLE AND READY, WE POLLED OUR 785 V olunteer Instructors and asked if they wanted to continue in this expanded program. We stated we would fully require instruction in all of the five subject areas and would expect these instructors to be active in participating in at least one course each year.

To make things a little more appealing, we informed instructors we would offer all instructional materials for free, whereas they had been paying for them in the past, and also, we would now be offering reimbursement at the following rates:

DURING FISCAL 1972 WE REIMBURSED SPONSORS AT A RATE OF $1.00 PER STUDENT FOR USE OF THEIR FACILITIES AND RANGES AND $.50 PER STUDENT AS AN ALLOWANCE TOWARD AMMUNITION.

MANY OF OUR INSTRUCTORS PAVIDOKED AT THE TEN HOURS AND OUR LIST Dwindled to about 400 instructors who were honestly interested and would give this new program their best.

BECAUSE MAINE IS SUCH A LARGE STATE GEOGRAPHICALLY, WE THOUGHT WE COULD OFFER MORE ASSISTANCE TO THESE INSTRUCTORS IF WE REGIONALIZED OUR APPROACH, SO WE DIVIDED THE STATE INTO SEVEN REGIONS AND CHOSE AN OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR IN EACH REGION TO HELP OVERSEE THE PROGRAM.
THESE REGIONAL COORDINATORS WERE ALL BROUGHT TO OUR MAIN OFFICE
AT AUGUSTA WHERE THEIR NEW POSITIONS WERE EXPLAINED TO THEM.
IT WAS AGREED TO REIMBURSE THEM BY THE HOUR, PLUS, PAY FOR THEIR
MEALS AND MILEAGE. THESE REGIONAL COORDINATORS WERE EQUIPPED WITH
STATIONARY, NEW SLIDE PROJECTORS AND SCREENS, AS WELL AS, MAPS OF
THEIR AREAS WITH GOALS OUTLINED FOR THE COMING YEAR.
THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN TRAINING MATERIALS SUCH AS BLOW GUNS FOR
DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES.
THE APPOINTMENT OF THESE REGIONAL COORDINATORS PROVED TO BE A
REAL BOOST TO THE PROGRAM, AS THEY IMMEDIATELY WENT TO WORK UPGRADE
ING THE INSTRUCTION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.
NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME, VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS HAD SOMEONE THEY
COULD TURN TO ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. THE PROJECTORS WERE USED ALMOST
EVERY NIGHT AND THE HUNTER SAFETY COURSE SEEMED TO BECOME A HOUSEHOLD
WORD, AS THESE REGIONAL COORDINATORS GAINED PUBLICITY FOR THE PROGRAM
ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE, AS SHOWN BY THE CLIPPINGS IN THIS SCRAPBOOK.
IN SEPTEMBER THIS DEPARTMENT HOSTED A HUNTER SAFETY SATURDAY
WORKSHOP WITH ALMOST ONE HALF OF ALL THE INSTRUCTORS ATTENDING WITH
SOME DRIVING OVER 350 MILES. THE PROGRAM INCLUDED EVERYTHING FROM A
TALK BY DALE GASKILL OF THE NRA, TO AN AFTER DINNER ADDRESS BY THE
DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE AUDUBON SOCIETY, RICHARD ANDERSON, ON THE ANTI-
UNT SENTIMENT THAT WAS SWEEPING THE NATION. ALL LEFT THE WORKSHOP
WITH RENEWED INTEREST AS WELL AS A HEAD FULL OF NEW KNOWLEDGE AND A
STOMACH FULL OF YANKEE ROAST BEEF.
IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL NEWS RELEASES DURING THE HUNTING SEASON
WE EMBARKED ON WHAT WE FELT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND UNIQUE PROGRAM.
OVER THE YEARS OUR RECORDS HAVE SHOWN A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF OUR HUNTING MISHAPS HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY HUNTERS TWENTY YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

MOST OF THESE HUNTERS HAVEN'T RECEIVED HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING AND ALTHOUGH WE PUT UP KEENEYE SAFETY POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE MAINE WOODS THIS SOMEHOW NEVER SEEMED LIKE QUITE ENOUGH.

AFTER GIVING THE PROBLEM DUE CONSIDERATION WE DECIDED TO PUT KEENEYE ON THE RADIO.

THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM WAS ASTOUNDING AS WE CONTRACTED WITH A LOCAL ADVERTISING AGENT TO PRODUCE SIX HUNTER SAFETY MESSAGES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO TIME.

THESE MESSAGES WERE HIGH IN QUALITY AND RECEIVED TREMENDOUS AIR PLAY AS IS INDICATED IN THE LETTER APPEARING LATER IN THIS SCRAPBOOK. A SURVEY OF ONE HALF OF THE MAINE STATIONS SHOWED 2,746 AIR PLAYS AT AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF $13,730. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING MANY OTHER STATES FOLLOWED AND BOUGHT SIMILAR MESSAGES FEATURING KEENEYE.

WE LIKE TO FEEL IT WAS ALL THESE EFFORTS COMBINED THAT MADE FOR A RECORD SAFE HUNTING SEASON IN MAINE LAST YEAR. WE ENDED THE SEASON WITH ONLY 36 MISHAPS, FOUR OF WHICH WERE FATAL, AS COMPARED TO THE USUAL 50 TO 60 WE HAVE BEEN HAVING IN YEARS OF LATE.

A CLOSE MONITORING OF THE VISIBILITY CONNECTED MISHAPS IN THE AREA OF THE STATE WHERE WE REQUIRE THE MANDATORY USE OF HUNTER ORANGE, AGAIN SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE AS WE HAD ONLY TWO MISHAPS WHERE WE HAD BEEN AVERAGING 7 TO 8 BEFORE THE MANDATORY COLOR LAW WENT INTO EFFECT.
THE END OF THE HUNTING SEASON IN NO WAY DAMPENED THE ENTHUSIASM OF OUR INSTRUCTORS AS MANY DROVE THROUGH SNOW AND SUB-ZERO WEATHER TO ATTEND A TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY WARREN CHEEK OF THE NRA IN FEBRUARY.

THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS IN TURN OFFERED MUCH INSTRUCTOR TRAINING IN THEIR REGIONS, AND AS A RESULT, WE HAVE CERTIFIED NEARLY 100 NEW INSTRUCTORS, MAKING A TOTAL OF 491. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THESE NEW INSTRUCTORS HAVE EITHER RECEIVED TRAINING OR HAVE WORKED WITH AN EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTOR BEFORE STARTING ON THEIR OWN. ALSO, WE USE THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR TO MAKE A BETTER REFERENCE CHECK ON NEW INSTRUCTORS.

IN ADDITION TO GETTING OUT A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER TO ALL INSTRUCTORS, THE TWO GALS IN THE OFFICE SPENT MANY LONG HOURS THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS ON HOUSEKEEPING CHORES, SUCH AS UPGRADING THE RECORD KEEPING SYSTEM THAT WOULD MAKE THE TRANSITION TO A MANDATORY PROGRAM A LOT EASIER.

THE SAFETY OFFICER SPENT MANY WINTER DAYS RESEARCHING AND WRITING, WITH THE ADE Assistance OF A VOLUNTEER HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR, A NEW SURVIVAL MANUAL GEARED WHOLLY FOR THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE STATE OF MAINE. TO SATISFACTOIRLY COMPLETE A COURSE NOW, THE STUDENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO READ AND PASS A TEST ON THE MANUAL AND ALSO, FILL THE UNTER ORANGE SURVIVAL POUCH, WITH WHICH HE IS PROVIDED, WITH ALL THE BASICS NEEDED FOR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION HERE IN MAINE. IT IS FELT, IF HE FILLS THE POUCH HIMSELF WITH MATERIALS FROM HIS OWN HOME HE WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS USE IF THE OCCASION FOR NEED SHOULD ARISE.
ANOTHER NEW SECTION TO BE INCLUDED UNDER HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY IS A DISCUSSION ON THE INADVENTENT SHOOTING OF BIRDS OF PREY. IN THE WAKE OF THE ANTI-HUNT MOVEMENT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WELL TO INCLUDE THE DISCUSSION OF A NON-GAME SPECIES AND HIS IMPORTANCE IN THE SCHEME OF THE PLAN OF MOTHER NATURE. IN SHORT, WE USE THIS AS AN EXAMPLE, FOR HUNTERS, SHOWING REGARD FOR ALL OF NATURE AND NOT JUST THAT PART WHICH IS HUNTED.

BY WAY OF REVIEW IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SAID, KEENEYE, THE SAFETY INDIAN, IS ALIVE, WELL AND ACTIVE, HERE IN MAINE, AS HE AND HIS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS GRADUATED 3223 NEW STUDENTS LAST YEAR, MAKING A 26 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE RATIO OF 491 INSTRUCTORS GRADUATING 3223 STUDENTS IS ALSO IMPRESSIVE FOR THIS MEANS 6 STUDENTS PER INSTRUCTOR, WHICH IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR SMALL-CLASS-MUCH-PERSONAL-ATTENTION THEORY. ALSO, THE RATIO OF INSTRUCTOR TO TOTAL RESIDENT HUNTERS IS VERY GOOD WITH ABOUT ONE INSTRUCTOR PER 300 HUNTERS. SINCE WE ARE INTERESTED IN WORKERS AND NOT MERE CARD CARRIERS WE CONSIDER THIS A GOOD RATIO.

IN CLOSING WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY, WE LOOK ON THE HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM AS A MUCH NEEDED AND RESPECTED SERVICE TO OUR HUNTING PUBLIC. IN MAINE THE HUNTING PUBLIC REPRESENTS ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR ADULTS, SO WE HAVE A LARGE AUDIENCE TO PERFORM FOR.

WE CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY, WE ARE AWARE OF NO HUNTER SAFETY REQUEST THAT WENT UNANSWERED THIS PAST YEAR IN MAINE.

SO, KEENEYE, HIS REGIONAL COORDINATORS, THE VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS, AND THE GALS IN THE OFFICE MUST BE DOING A TOP RANKING JOB IN SERVING NOT ONLY THE HUNTERS, BUT ALL THE CITIZENS OF MAINE.
MAINE DEPT. OF INLAND FISH & GAME
HUNTER SAFETY EXAM

This examination will test your ability to recognize safe and unsafe situations in the hunting field. Knowing when and when not to shoot is the key to field safety.

Each situation presented should be examined carefully, paying close attention not only to the subjects, but to existing conditions and surroundings as well.

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MAINE DEPT. OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME
Augusta, Maine 04330

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE
Registration and Exam Card

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Date of Birth
Telephone No.

Mailing Address
Zip

Sponsoring Organization

Instructor's Name

Date

Return this card to Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Game.
DEAR HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR:

First of all, let me welcome you into this program and thank you for your interest in becoming certified. Enclosed in this packet are all the materials we have available to assist you in teaching this course.

There is enclosed a wallet identification card and a yellow arm patch as well as a hunter orange decal for your car. It is hoped you will display both the patch and decal and enthusiastically answer any inquiries you receive about both.

You will also find a list of Regional Hunter Safety Coordinators. These people are employed by the Department on a part-time basis to oversee instruction in their respective regions. If you haven’t been contacted by your Coordinator already, we would appreciate it if you would do so before you start to instruct. Although it is not mandatory, we like to have new instructors observe some of our experienced instructors in action before they start to teach themselves. Your Coordinator not only can introduce you to other instructors in your area but can also acquaint you with what we like to have covered in these courses.

(END)
10 COMMANDMENTS OF SAFETY

1. Treat every gun with the respect you'd treat a loaded gun. This is the first rule of gun safety.

2. Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded and taken down or have actions open; guns always should be carried in cases to the shooting area.

3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions, and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying. Remove oil and grease from chamber before firing.

4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble; keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.

5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger; know the identifying features of the game you intend to hunt.

6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot; avoid all horseplay while handling a gun.

7. Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored separately beyond reach of children and careless adults.

8. Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun; never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.

9. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water; when at target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.

10. Avoid alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

SAFETY FIRST — ALWAYS MAKE THAT YOUR MOTTO

The Ten Commandments of shooting is the rule to live by and practice the first commandment of safety. You must know and practice these rules and how to operate them safely.

Always remember the Ten Commandments of Safety: the reverse side of this page. Safe handling of firearms insures continual pleasure from your favorite sport.

HELP PREVENT FOREST AND GRASS FIRES

Forest and grass fires not only destroy lives, homes, timber, and crops, they also destroy wildlife, killing thousands of game and destroying the food sources of many other wild creatures.

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HUNTING SAFETY - FIRST AID

If an accident happens in the woods involving serious bleeding, the bleeding has to be stopped immediately.

DIRECT PRESSURE
1. 90% of all bleeding can be stopped by direct pressure. Perhaps the easiest method is to apply a sterile dressing over the wound and press firmly. If you don't have a sterile dressing, then a freshly ironed handkerchief may be used. In an emergency a piece of a torn "T" shirt or the hem of a slip could be used. As a last resort even your bare hand could be used.

TOURNIQUET
2. If bleeding can't be controlled by direct pressure then, and only then, should you use a tourniquet. In applying a tourniquet don't use wire, rope, string or any thin material that might injure the person's arm or leg. Use something like a triangular bandage, a belt, necktie, nylon stocking or strips of cloth. Apply the tourniquet just above the wound but not touching the injured area. Wrap the tourniquet around one full turn tightly and cross ends, returning to the starting position. This will make two complete turns. Tie a single knot. This will probably stop the bleeding. If it does not, then place your twist stick on top of your single knot and make a double knot. Twist stick gently until bleeding stops. Do Not Loosen the Tourniquet every 15-20 Minutes. So, to stop bleeding, you first try direct pressure, then a tourniquet, but don't waste time deciding. If one method doesn't work proceed directly to the next.

FRACTURES
Our objective in the treatment of fractures is to keep the broken bone ends and the adjacent joints quiet. We should consider the possibility of a fracture from a gun shot wound. It is usually quite difficult to know whether a fracture is actually present or not without an X-ray. However, there are some symptoms which help. If you think there is a fracture then treat the victim as if he has one. One symptom might be the victim's evaluation. He might have felt the bone break. Sometimes you can hear the bone break. Other symptoms are swelling, tenderness to the touch, deformity, pain or motion, a hollow spot between the broken ends, the bone protruding and comparing the good leg with the injured one.
### REGIONAL HUNTER SAFETY COORDINATORS

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These seven coordinators are responsible for overseeing the instructors in their assigned areas and are on call to assist both old and new at all times.

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**FINAL REPORT**

NRA HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

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Date: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________
The magnificent American Bald Eagle is in danger. Today, there are less than half as many eagles left in North America as there were twenty years ago. To blame: loss of nesting sites, disturbance by civilization, potentially chemical-caused infertility, and above all, illegal shooting.

**IT IS A FEDERAL CRIME TO SHOOT AN EAGLE**

Many young eagles are shot every year because they are mistaken for big brown hawks, which they are. Bald Eagles don't get their snowy white heads and tails until they are four years old, as shown in photo number 1. Photo number 2 is a young Bald Eagle: like a hawk but much bigger. Remember—shooting any hawk is illegal in most states. Hawks help keep the balance of nature. The hawk you kill may be an American Eagle—and cost you $500 and/or six months in jail. Keep our symbol of freedom flying.

**KNOW YOUR EAGLES...**

Found only on the American continent, the Bald Eagle has a wing span 6-8 feet. It builds the largest nest of any North American bird, usually high in a tall tree or snag. The same pair, during their lifetime, may return year after year. Fish eaters by preference, Bald Eagles tend to gather along lakes, rivers, and inlets, but are not limited to these habitats. Eagles are among the most magnificent and majestic birds in the world. Help protect eagles and other endangered birds!

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Maine Fish and Game Biologist Peter Davis of Bingham demonstrates the difference between an adult bald eagle, left, and an immature eagle, for a group of Canaan young people attending the Skowhegan NRA Club's Hunter Safety course. Left to right are Chris Pierce and Kim Jewell.

(Maine Fish and Game Dept. Photo by Tom Carbone)

Warden Supervisor Vernard Moulton, right, of Jackman, explains the difference between a mature bald eagle and an immature eagle. The children are, left to right: Chris Price, Kim Jewell, and Brett Johnson.

(Maine Fish and Game Dept. Photo by Tom Carbone)


Participating instructors in the course were Lester Corson, Richard Corson, Don Gritman, Gee Blair, Frank Holt, Kenneth Gordon, Edward Tessier, Wilfred Jackson, and Gene Bolduc.

Attending sessions were John Marsh and John Thompson; Warden Supervisors Vernard Moulton of Jackman, and Lloyd Trafton of Moxie; Maine Fish and Game Biologist Peter Davis, and Inland Game and Fisheries Photographer Tom Carbone.

Presentation of awards were made by Vernard Moulton and Jean Thompson.

These photos were taken last week as Skowhegan's Chapter of the National Rifle Club held a school on outdoor safety and hunting for boys and girls from Canaan. In left photo, Peter Davis of Bingham, Maine Fish and Game Biologist, and Vernard Moulton of Jackman, explain the difference between a mature bald eagle and an immature eagle. The children are, left to right: Chris Price, Kim Jewell, and Brett Johnson. In center picture, Ed Tessier, NRA instructor, shows Elmer Frace how to sight up a rifle. At right two adults show the boys and girls how to score on a target. Left to right: Cheryl Johnson, Moulton, Warden Supervisor; Linda Field, Don Gritman, a club instructor; Scott and Brett Johnson. (Maine Fish and Game Dept. Photos by Carbone)
PHOTOS OF A FORMAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM
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YOUNG MAINE WARDEN DISCUSSES SURVIVAL TRAINING AT INSTRUCTORS COURSE
Dear Hunter Safety Instructor:

Last Saturday's workshop at Lewiston was attended by a record crowd of enthusiastic instructors. The meeting started promptly at 1:00 with a representative from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife outlining the guidelines for the new federal funding of this course.

Bill Weston, a hunter safety instructor himself, showed the group how to teach map and compass by the Silva system. He showed that with simple aids provided by the Silva Compass Company combined with Yankee ingenuity, that anyone can teach the basics of map and compass. To do this he used a small portion of a "topo" map and a simple practicing protractor. We have ordered these, and they will be available by request to be used by instructors, or if you wish to use maps in your upcoming course, request them in your order. There will be no charge for these aids.

Don Cloke finished the afternoon session with his reloading demonstration that impressed all in attendance, including some seasoned hunters in the audience.

After plenty of roast beef, Dick Anderson of the Maine Audubon Society put it on the line as far as the anti-hunt sentiment is concerned. He felt the solution lay in better education of both hunters and the general public in the basics of game management. He felt, all should be enlightened to the fact that actual hunting pressure on land isn't as much a determining factor on game populations as the carrying capacity of the land itself whether it is hunted or not. He went into some detail regarding the posting problem and suggested landowners be invited to hunter safety courses to give their views. He stressed also environmental problems such as developments, poor cutting practices, and dredging that could have more adverse effect on game population than the gun, and he expressed a desire that all hunters be familiar with same and attempt to ward off any infractions.

In closing he stressed the need for young hunters to be schooled in proper game identification and went on to relate that in this state there are now only 35 known nesting eagles and that two eagles are known to have been shot in Maine this spring. A later newsletter will be devoted to this subject, but in the meantime, please stress no shooting of large brown birds.

Introduced at the meeting were the new visual exams and registration cards which are enclosed. It is hoped that instructors will continue to write their own final exams and use this visual exam as a supplement to the final. This will give us a fair idea of how (continued)
Dear John,

I'm conducting a new Instructor Training Course starting March 1, 2, 15 and 28th at the Office Training Center, Ninian, N.P. Thomas.

I expect about 25 students.

I ordered from H.R.A. all of my material and they were quite good except for the W.T.C. handbooks.

Handed and paid for H.R.A. Handbooks and H.R.A. Instructor Guides. I also ordered a couple of the back numbers and hope to get them by March 1st. I made up a course which I'm not authorized to issue.

John, will you send me 25 or 30 syllabus for California for H.R.A. Instructor? I should give the test and send you name for certification and if you can, issue to 15 cards at. Hope I can get you a few dollars.

The last night of the school, March 28th, I have my election on Hunting, Fish, and if you feel that evening and want to, come down and work you in. You can correct test and award certificates at the same time.

We're having lunch on the morning with 30 or 40 Hunting Safety Courses this semester and if you know of anybody interested in taking the Training Courses for Instructor, tell them to come down Monday March 1st. They will be able to get the 1st night.

Also, note the grapparent, that some Federal Minute may be available for Hunting Safety Courses etc. - as I'm going to get more information available in any way I can help with the Worldwide Program. Keep me in mind.

Don't forget the application.

Very truly yours,

Norman Martin.
Mr. John F. Marsh, Safety Officer
Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Game
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear John:

Just a quick resume of the August 18th Hunter Safety course that I handled at Camp Neofa in South Montville.

Of the fifty-eight youngsters we certified, a few had taken the course before. I didn't attempt to discourage them, thinking it should certainly do them more good than harm. We did not certify three that displayed emotional and mental problems. All of these youngsters displayed a surprising interest and did very well. Due to the fact that we could not procure any certified instructors other than myself, I trained two of my employees into serving as assistant instructors, and gave them a crash course prior to the 18th. They did very well, and I feel that the day was a successful one. I furnished my own ammunition and targets (for which I would like to be reimbursed). Each student fired an average of ten rounds, and some fired twenty in order to qualify. We accomplished perhaps 90% of the items stressed in your Aug. 9th letter, and we were at the camp from 9 am to 7:30 pm.

I hereby pass on my apologies to you for missing the previous weeks date at this camp. Marty had lined me up for the 11th, but it had simply slipped my mind, and I was still at a convention in PA on that date. I hope we atoned for this by trying a little harder on the 18th.

cc: Norman C. Martin
July 22, 1971

Mr. Ralph Erickson, President
Scarborough Gun Club
Beach Ridge Road
Scarborough, Maine 04074

Dear Ralph:

There is no reason why you cannot teach the Scouting Rifle Merit Badge and hunter safety courses together, in fact, many instructors teach a course that makes the student eligible for both their hunter safety patch and riflery merit badge.

I have taken the liberty of keeping your name on an active instructor list thought you feel yourself to be relatively inactive. As you probably surmised from the recent instructor's letter we are going to attempt to better coordinate instructional efforts across the state. I would strongly recommend that you try to be in attendance at the annual workshop September 11 in Lewiston. One of the points of discussion will be how to better utilize the efforts of instructors who are interested but have limited time to work with it. Also we have a couple of men on the program that should give you some good ideas that you can take back and use in your courses.

Sincerely,

John P. Marsh
Safety Officer

P.S. I would like the able to complete the hunter safety course with these kids this winter if possible. Please advise me.

Ralph Erickson
President Scarborough Gun Club
Bar Mills, Maine 04062
Mr. John R. Black
Interim President
Bangor Dept. of Boys and Girls

July 29, 1973

Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you for your letter of July 13th. I reviewed your suggestions with our safety committee and the recommendations of our plant safety advisory committee, and I am in complete agreement with your ideas. The new program will be announced shortly and put into effect as soon as possible.

I am sure that the implementation of this program will benefit our entire plant.

Sincerely,

John F. Hinch
Safety Officer
Mr. John F. Marr
Safety Officer
Department of Inland Fisheries and Game
Augusta, Maine 04330

June 9, 1971

Dear John:

As I mentioned on the phone, everything around here is one big rush. I had just a moment to discuss your April 30 letter with Warren prior to his leaving on a week's business trip. About all we could work out was that, at this early date, the annual Master Safety Workshop will probably be too uncertain to make any commitment on your annual Master Safety Workshop.

On the matter of an expanded or revised NRA Master Safety Handbook and Guide, all of us have agreed that, it must be done. However, we only have three problems: manpower, time, and money. Hopefully, the situation will improve after the 1971 National Championships in August.

I am certain that these answers aren't very acceptable to you. However, it's the best I can do at this time. When Warren returns next week, I will have the opportunity to discuss the matter here and I will be of more help. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Director of Training Activities

N. C. Mann

Maiden Days

Hunt Safely... and have a good time!
Mr. John F. Marsh
Safety Officer
Department of Inland Fisheries and Game
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear John:

The opportunity to speak to the hunter safety instructors regarding
instructions and I accept your invitation. I think these instructors have a great
opportunity to influence the actions of young hunters and I have a few ideas to
suggest to them.

Sincerely,

Dick Anderson
Acting Director

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Mr. Richard Anderson
Director
Maine Audubon Society
27 Master Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Richard:

Since our phone conversation this morning I have talked with
Richard Sanders and he did not wish to be the afternoon speaker at
the Maine hunter education session although he will be in other
places and will give a presentation during the afternoon. Since
lodging for the same we would appreciate it if you would transmit a
similar presentation on the hunter's role in wildlife conservation
and help these instructers and offer guidance to our young
hunters in Maine.

It is betweennow and then you do not feel significant findings
regarding the project we discussed this morning. I will be glad to work
with you on a proper press release statement later.

I will be in touch with you personally later in the coming
regards: Take and thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

John P. Marsh
Society Director
November 30, 1971

John F. Marsh
Department of Inland Fisheries and Game
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear John:

Nice to hear from you.

Enclosed is the list of our professional staff throughout the ten Southwestern Counties of the state. Information can be distributed through them. The list of the professional staff from the Katahdin Scout Council can be obtained from their office in Bangor, Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 619 Hammond St., Bangor, Maine 04401. That staff covers the remainder of the territory in the state.

PINE TREE COUNCIL

Elbridge G. Cleveland, Director of Program, Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, Maine 04103

Leonard B. Thompson and Sylvio Theriault, District Executives, Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn Street, Portland Maine 04103

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Dennis Prefontaine, District Executive, 1560 Granite St., Rockland, Maine 04841

Herman V. Foster, District Executive, 680 Madison Ave., Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Bruce M. Wescott, District Executive, 1560 Granite St., Rockland, Maine 04841

Robert F. Newcomb, District Executive, P.O. Box 606, Dixfield, Maine 04530

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Thompson

19/4
July 1, 1971

John Marsh, Safety Officer
Inland Fisheries and Game Dept.
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mr. Marsh:

Jim McLaughlin, Work Study Student who is working in this office this summer, has just passed his hunter safety instructor's course. Will you please send me 10 kits for instructors of hunter safety courses to this office for Jim?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell E. Clark, Extension Agent

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July 16, 1971

Mr. Russell E. Clark, Extension Agent
Cooperative Extension Service
25 Market Square
South Paris, Maine 04281

Dear Rusty:

I am forwarding under separate cover the materials you requested. You will notice that there are registration cards included. If these registration cards are filled out and returned to this office, the department will pick up the bill for the materials which you have requested. If they are not returned, a bill will be forthcoming. kindly return to us also a final report card when the course is completed.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Marsh
Safety Officer
September 22, 1971

Mr. John Marsh
Hunter Safety Coordinator
Fish and Game Dept.
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear John:

Sorry I missed your Lewiston conference. I was out of the area that day and unable to attend. From your report it sounded like a very fruitful meeting.

Our Hunter Safety course is starting Sept. 27. If possible we would again like you to visit one of the sessions and talk to the classes.

We are sending both of our instructors to Stroudsburg to attend the Northeast Regional Shooting Sports Instructors Workshop.

I have a regularly scheduled radio program every Monday 9:30 a.m. over WCMR Brunswick. Would you be able to sit in on a program in the near future? Ideal dates would be Sept. 27th, October 11th or October 18th.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Smith
Director

Paul

Brunswick Department of Recreation

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

3 Weeks
Sept. 27 - Oct. 17
Monday & Wednesday
7 to 9 p.m.

Dear Parent:

Your Recreation Department is again offering a course to prepare children for a successful career in hunting as a healthy outdoor activity in the state of Maine. Hunter Safety Programs are being offered in many areas as an important tool in reducing the number of hunting accidents.

The course will include instruction in the safe handling of firearms, the safe practice of hunting and an introduction to local and state wildlife regulations. Students who complete this course will be granted a Hunter Safety Certificate which is required by law for anyone engaged in hunting wildlife.

Students will be at least 12 years old and must be at least 10 years of age. The classes will be held in the field. I urge all parents to attend the course with their children.

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Sincerely,

Robert R. Smith
Director
HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

THE INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME DEPARTMENT AND THE PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION IS OFFERING A HUNTER SAFETY COURSE FOR STUDENTS OF 10 YEARS OR OLDER.

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD IN TWO PHASES. BOTH PHASES WILL BE HELD AT THE PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUBHOUSE ON NORTH MAIN STREET, BREWER, MAINE.

PHASE ONE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPT 18, 1971. REGISTRATION WILL BE FROM 7:30 TO 8:30. CLASSES WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8:30. THE ENTIRE DAY WILL BE SPENT IN THE CLASS ROOM.

LUNCH WILL BE FROM 12:00 TO 12:45. WE WILL PROVIDE FREE POTATO CHIPS AND SODA TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR LUNCH.

CLASSES WILL END AT 4:00 P.M.

PHASE TWO WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPT 19, 1971. CLASSES WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8:00 A.M.

LUNCH WILL BE FROM 12:00 TO 12:45. WE WILL PROVIDE FREE POTATO CHIPS AND SODA TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR LUNCH.

CLASSES WILL END AT 4:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY. GRADUATION WILL BE AT 3:30 AND PARENTS ARE INVITED.

WE WILL PROVIDE ALL MATERIAL INCLUDING SUNGlasses AND AMMUNITION TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE. THE COURSE WILL BE HELD REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.

I'M SURE THAT EVERY STUDENT WILL WANT TO ATTEND THIS COURSE, AS IT WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO HANDLE GUNS PROPERLY. ALL INSTRUCTORS QUALIFIED BY THE NRA AND AN EXCELLENT WARDEN FORCE WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP INSTRUCT. PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR REFERENCE.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND BRING IT WITH YOU SATURDAY MORNING. IT WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED APPLICATION.

REGISTRATION FEE $1.00

NAME: ____________________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ____________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________ TELEPHONE: ____________________________

CITY: ____________________________ Mailing Address: ____________________________

THE ABOVE HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE HUNTER SAFETY COURSE AT THE COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUBHOUSE, BREWER, MAINE SIGNED: ____________________________ (PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

EXTRA FORMS MAY BE SECURED BY CALLING GEORGE L. CURRIER, 209 BIRCH, BREWER, MAINE 04412-2477.
CORRESPONDENCE SHOWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR NEW RADIO PROGRAM

LEGACY Recording & Publishing Corporation
Musically Scored Messages

April 24, 1972

In early September of 1972, the Legacy Corporation was commissioned by Mr. John Marsh of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to professionally produce a musically scored message on hunting safety using Keene the Safety Indian as the thematic symbol. Mr. Marsh felt that professionally produced material would be more effective in getting public-service airplay from Maine radio stations, especially if the material were musically scored and would thus more easily fit into the musical program orientation of the modern radio station.

If the rational were correct, it was felt that two important results would accrue, i.e., firstly, that those hearing the message on radio who had previously received formal hunter safety training would have that experience reinforced as many times as they might hear the material and, secondly, those who had never had formal instruction would be reached, hopefully with meaningful impact.

It is understandably difficult to evaluate the efficacy of materials of this nature with respect to message impact. It is the position of this company, however, that if Proctor and Gamble can sell soap with its radio advertising, a state agency can sell safety or whatever else it wishes to sell if it can get significant public-service airplay.

As a company, any analysis we might make of the available statistical information with reference to message effectiveness would most likely be biased, so we will let that be as it may. We can, however, say something with respect to the validity of the material in getting generous public-service airplay.

The following information is based on a survey of twenty of Maine’s thirty-seven radio stations and indicates the airplay received by the above message on an average day-play basis. The total airplay dollar figure by station was computed by using a $5.00 per minute value (a realistic average for Maine radio stations), times two average daily airplay, times thirty days.
Lively interest in short junior high programs

Porch at York High School is being transformed into a junior high science laboratory. A new science wing will be added to the building in the near future. The new wing will be a two-story structure with the science wing on the lower level. The science wing will be used by the junior high school and will be equipped with laboratories and other facilities.

Two introductory sessions for the Hunter Safety Course were held recently. The first class began Tuesday, April 9, and the second class began Thursday, April 11. The Hunter Safety Course is a two-part program designed to provide instruction on the safe and proper handling of firearms. The course is offered to junior high and high school students, and it is intended to prepare participants for the responsibility of owning and handling firearms.

A Bowdoinham resident reported an apparent break in the road which did not belong to anyone. Larry Goudreau of Bowdoinham reported the incident to the local police. The road in question is located on a private property.

The following students successfully completed the Hunter Safety Course: Andrew Slipp, John Campbell, William Nepture, Robin Marston, Jay Abbott, Charles Dow, Mark Morissette, Paul Pierce, William Tozier, Leroy Morton, William Gilson of Gardiner, Jon Schmitt, Jon Dickey, Ronald Dawes, Gary Duncklee, Richard Bloomquist and Victor Bloomquist. The instructors for this class will be George Mullin, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the ECCC, and John Jamison, a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Hunter Safety Course is a popular program across the state of Maine. According to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, there were 1,237 hunter licenses issued in the state in 2018. The Hunter Safety Course is designed to reduce the risk of accidents related to the use of firearms. The course covers topics such as gun safety, wildlife conservation, and the legal aspects of hunting.

It is the philosophy of the Hunter Safety Course to provide a safe and informative environment for students to learn about the safe handling of firearms. The course is taught by certified NRA instructors and is designed to prepare students for the responsibility of owning and handling firearms. The course is recommended for students aged 14 and older.

FOLLOWING PAGES GIVE EVIDENCE THAT HUNTER SAFETY COURSES ARE OFFERED ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE, AND SHOW THE VARIETY OF INSTRUCTORS AND SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.
Shooter program ends

BRUNSWICK — The shooter education program sponsored by the Brunswick JayCees concluded Wednesday evening with a mother-daughter and father-son shoot-off, the children in most cases outshooting their parents.

The six-week program includes safe gun handling, survival, and first aid with a lecture-demonstration by Lt. Joy of the Brunswick Police Department.

Certificates were presented to 30 children who completed the course.

NRS Safe Hunters Patches and cards went to Harold Nickerson, Richard Nickerson, Gregory Webber, Terry McClanahan, Barry Batgett, Richard Rothbacher, Dan McClanahan, Craig Coffin, Antonio Alexander, Carol Taylor and Eric Boyer.

The top five shooters of the course are Duane Wilson, Rainer Rothbacher, Gregory Webber, Craig Coffin and Richard Nickerson Jr.

Refreshments were served by the Brunswick JayCee Wives at the conclusion of the evening.

Shooting course starts tomorrow

BRUNSWICK — The Brunswick JayCees are again sponsoring a Shooter Education Program for local boys and girls which will begin Wednesday, March 1. Classes will be held at the Brunswick Recreation Center. The program is sponsored by Daisy Manufacturing Company.

The program is open to all interested boys and girls between the ages of seven and 12. It will cover lessons in first aid, survival, safe gun-handling, and the fun of safe shooting. Sessions will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

Applications may be picked up at the Rec Center. Enrollment will be limited to 50. There will be a 50 cent charge for the complete program, payable, at the first session.

Heading the program are Richard Nickerson and Donald Stubbs, both certified National Rifle Association instructors. At the conclusion of the program, the top five shooters will compete in the State shoot-off at Lewiston.

This is the fifth year for the program in Brunswick. More than 350 children have participated in previous years.

Shooter education program underway

BRUNSWICK — The Brunswick JayCees Shooter Education program got underway last week with 30 young and enthusiastic boys and girls attending the initial session. The first class covered different types of guns, safe gun handling, ammunition and safety rules.

Instructors Richard Nickerson and Donald Stubbs were assisted in the classroom by Michael Robinson, Gerald Favreau, William Alexander and L. Haskell. Target scorers were Brenda Robinson and Beverly Nickerson.

This week's program will include instruction on sight picture, first aid, and shooting on the range. Sessions are from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Recreation Center.

Game warden speaks at shooter program

BRUNSWICK — Jim Welsh, a game warden from the State Fish and Game Department, spoke to the boys and girls at last week's session of the Brunswick JayCees' Shooter Education Program, sponsored by the Brunswick JayCees. He talked on the impact of his job, how it serves to help find lost hunters, and answered questions from the young sportsmen.

Carleton Taylor led the individual scoring in the shooting phase of the program with a score of 46 out of a possible 50. Rounding out the top five were Harold Nickerson, Frank Taylor, Richard Nickerson Jr., Harold Nickerson Jr., and Edward Nickerson, all with scores of 45.

This week's program, fourth in the series, will include instruction on sight picture, first aid, and competitive shooting. The speaker will be Lt. Larry Joy of the Brunswick Police Department.
Enrolled In Safety Course  
More than 125 persons of various age groups have enrolled in the NRA's safety hunting course being offered at Carrabec High School, North Anson. This group of participants includes three generations of family. From left are Mrs. Jennie Lightbody and daughter, Karen Piper, Sherry Chipman, Betsy Oliver, granddaughters and Ralph Chimpan, father and grandfather. (Viles Photo)  

Hunter Safety Course Highlights  
The National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Course is being held on Sunday evening at the Carrabec High School. In left photo the NRA Safety Hunter course is being held at Carrabec High School, North Anson, with Mrs. Jennie Lightbody and daughter, Karen Piper. Sherry Chipman, Betsy Oliver, granddaughters and Ralph Chimpan, father and grandfather. (Viles Photo)  

Hunter Safety Awards Given  
Donald Walker, Game Warden, of Bingham, was the guest speaker at the final session of the NRA Safety Hunter course which has been held at Carrabec High School every week since last September. Plans are being made to offer the course again starting next fall.  

Those receiving badges in the last class were Craig Johnson, Daniel Waugh, Patty Hewey, Robert Moody, Chandler Ayotte, Andrew Townsend, Raynard Morrell, Colby Morrell, Patricia Mullen, Michael Mattingly and Francis Mattingley. (Viles Photo)  

Hunter Safety Course Graduates  
Fourth Class  
Wallace Barron, retired Superintendent of the Carrabec School District, was the guest speaker at the graduation of the fourth class of the National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Course. George Mullen, Chairman of the N.R.A. in District 74, announced the following graduates; James Trenholm, Scott Hooper, Edward Moore Jr., Dale Moore, Randy Poirier, Harold Billings, Derek Spooner, Ronald Gray, Gary Anderson, Roy Gann, Myrtis Gann, Carl Miller, Norm Smith, Michael Hagan, Beverly Hagan, Donald Hagan, Waldo L. Grondin and Rick Allen. (Viles Photo)  

There is one more class to be graduated in two weeks and that will conclude the program for this year.  

Students Finish Safety Course  
Twenty students in the Carrabec School District graduated Sunday from a five week course in gun handling and safety. The students, who range greatly in age, have in the past five weeks attended classes each Sunday evening. During this time they have had instruction in gun handling, shooting and safety, map reading and directed writing. The program is now run by eight instructors and the group is looking for more students. The idea was that of George Mullen, who last year completed an instructor's course at Skowhegan. George told the students that it would not be long before persons applying for a hunting license would have to prove that they have had training and instruction in gun handling and safety. The program is now run by eight instructors and the group is looking for more students. The idea was that of George Mullen, who last year completed an instructor's course at Skowhegan. George told the students that it would not be long before persons applying for a hunting license would have to prove that they have had training and instruction in gun handling and safety. The program is now run by eight instructors and the group is looking for more students. The idea was that of George Mullen, who last year completed an instructor's course at Skowhegan. George told the students that it would not be long before persons applying for a hunting license would have to prove that they have had training and instruction in gun handling and safety. The program is now run by eight instructors and the group is looking for more students. The idea was that of George Mullen, who last year completed an instructor's course at Skowhegan. George told the students that it would not be long before persons applying for a hunting license would have to prove that they have had training and instruction in gun handling and safety.
Sheriff Teaches Hunter Safety

Taking Aim On Safety

Eastport School Conducts Course In Hunter Safety

Local Police Teach Safety In Firearms

Young Riflemen

Safety Is Their Concern
Junior rifle club competes with clubs across country

Under the supervision of following officers to run the club members of the club, who hail Wilfred Jackson, Edward Tessier, and Lester Corson, Kenneth Gor­...n activities have been Bolduc, elected club leader. Instructors...rifle range facilities to the club. Offered the use of their indoor

The proposal, sponsored a course. .completed a Hunte^Safetv

The rifle club grew out of the local National Rifle Association. Marksman Instructor Don Gritman, leader of the newly-formed Skowhegan VFW Junior Rifle Club, thinks the group of 25 boys 12-19 has progressed a great

If the Post would be willing to present to Mike O'Brien. This year, the award was Top Club Shooter of the year. Other junior clubs throughout the nation or the state, the

One of the main emphases of the field is accuracy. A perfect score of ten points being possible only if the bullet strikes the bullseyes, each of which is concentric rings, a perfect

In the national VFW postal match, the competitors fire one shot per bull at a series of ten targets being received from and

When the kids support the club, as they certainly do here in Skowhegan, there's an opportunity for personal satisfaction. They're...the kids will be able to do some

The kids support the club financially, with the proceeds held by the VFW Post, according to Mike O'Brien, co-founder of the club. Through sales of merchandise, activities and events, the club has been able to

As a result, the club is able to do some competitive matches, with the most prestigious match being the national VFW national match and the State's own Pine Tree Postal Match. Gritman

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What is a certified Hunter Safety Instructor? He is a person who had to take a test for survival, compass reading, safe handling of guns, safety and sportsmanship of a hunter. This will answer several of the questions that have been asked about the VFW's Hunter Safety Course.

When a person qualified in all of the above and takes a refresher course once a year, he should know the Ten Commandments of Safety. He will then become a Certified Instructor.

The VFW's first Hunter Safety Class of the season started Friday, October 1. It was well attended by boys, ladies, and men. The next class will be Friday, October 8 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Hunter Safety Instruction is certified by the State of Maine and the National Rifle Association.

Anton Bartik
V.F.W.

Hunter Safety Course To End

The VFW-sponsored Hunter Safety Course will come to an end this Sunday following target shooting.

Mr. Bennett of Camden gave a talk on survival with demonstratons recently. The class went into the woods for map reading and compass reading. There will be another class started soon. Those interested should contact instructor Anton Bartik, 633-2999.

V. F. W. Notes

The Hunter Safety Course sponsored by the V.F.W. has come to an end. I wish to thank Mrs. Marion Lewis and Mrs. Ida Bartik for donating cakes and cookies for every class. Assistant Instructor Stanley Lewis and Lawrence Greenleaf also gave a talk on survival. Fifteen graduated and received shoulder patches and cards. Certificates will be awarded at a V.F.W. supper.

Anton Bartik

Class Instructor

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KITTERY POINT — The NRA Hunter Safety course will begin tomorrow night at 6:30 at the Salford Community Center. Those interested in taking the course can register at that time. The instructor of the course will be Fred G. Smith.

Sabattus Youths Organize For Hunter Safety Course

SABATTUS — In an effort to give instruction in safe hunting techniques and to encourage the care that can eliminate a large percentage of accidents, a group of Sabattus youth has been organized through efforts of Police Chief David Dee to reduce the possibility of hunting accidents. The hunter safety course is a specific program of the National Rifle Association of America designed to reduce the possibility of accidents. The initial meeting was held Thursday night at the Webster School. Enrollees in the course are Darryl Laberge, Lee Hinkley, Charles Thompson, Danny Gaudier, Robert Gayton, Guy Hinkley, Stephen Spencer, Philip Wright, Raymond Gauthier, Michael Wright, Leonard Thompson, Robert Boulette, Marc Cyr, George Gowell, Daniel Gowell, Kurt Gowell, Danny Boulette and Mario Gowell.
Talks Set On Evergreens, Hunting Safety

By GENE L. LETOURNEAU
Outdoors Columnist

AUGUSTA — Two public meetings considered of prime importance to Maine's outdoors although of entirely different fields have been called by heads of two state departments.

The first is scheduled for next Wednesday at seven p.m. in Room 114 of the state office building when Forest Commissioner Austin H. Wilkins will present an evaluation of what he describes as a "critical budworm outbreak in central Aroostook County."

The second, starting at 8:15 a.m. on January 8, in the same room, will be a hunter safety instructor's training course arranged by State Safety officer John F. Marsh and with Dale Gaskill of the National Rifle Association as director.

The budworm outbreak, of course, is the most serious threat to spruce groves Maine has experienced. Wilkins points out that the budworm population buildup has been huge over the past few years.

He says the outbreak is very threatening to the spruce hardwood forests of central Aroostook County. The meetings will be attended by interested groups.

"It is expected that various environmental groups will be represented at the meeting," Wilkins says. "In addition to the spruce budworm course, there will be a summary of work done in a recent federal budworm research project and an extensive discussion of the proposed state budworm control program.

"It is hoped to present a summary of work done in a federal budworm research project that should give the public a chance to discuss and to ask questions about it."

Suddenly, there was ice fishing. That's the counterpart of ice out in the spring. The past qeek end witnessed some good catches of white perch in Central Maine, fair strings of smelt in Aroostook and Somerset waters.

The smaller lakes had pretty good ice on them from Lewiston north although weak spots precluded roaring around on snowmobiles.

Wyman Lake above Bingham was the smelt hotspot while North and East ponds in the Belgrades got the biggest play from the perch anglers.

Chips from the blazed trail... A1 True of Mercer found a bear roaming around Embden on the first day of winter... That's late for bruin to be touring... The next day we met A1 and came upon a raccoon curled up in a snowbank. Warden Mike Collins took the animal in custody, primarily to learn if it was ailing... The first five foxes a Parkman trapper caught this fall were mangey... From then on foxes taken were in excellent condition... Tracks identified as those of northeastern coyote have been found in the Starks area... Two or three of the animals are roaming that country. The first ever seen was killed by a deer hunter back in November... Time for that new fishing, hunting or combination license. Get 'em while you can at the post office or at local dealers... The individual fishing-hunting fee is $6.50, the combination $10.50... Carlton Bog, near Troy Center, and Unity Pond continue to be among the better early chain pickerel ice fishing waters... The "sharks" run small at Carlton but they keep an angler warm chasing fishing traps... Providing no heavy snow storm develops beaver trappers will start their season next Saturday with traveling conditions which could be favorable for the first time in three winters... But there is no bright news from the fur market, however. Only one or two fur buyers sold a "shallow" at the current market and a number of these buyers were deciding not to go to town."

"We hope to present a small, written copy of the basic of natural fur to a group of interested Hounds."" No prices were quoted, "but value would encourage any suggestions from readers of your column and these could be developed into a book or booklets."

"Safely, there are many ways. There's the old method of keeping the safety off in the spring. The just used without a "shallow" snare in winter is the first pelt wasTypically has been valued at around $20 last season."

"Outdoor seasons, like the years, just keep running. 1972 is around the corner and may it be a happy one to all..."
PRINCETON—Hunter safety has been the theme of a meeting of the Princeton Rod and Gun Club.

John Marsh of Augusta, safety officer of the Maine Inland Fish and Game Department was the club speaker.

The club is sponsoring a hunter's safety course approved by the National Rifle Association, with 24 boys of grades 6-7-8 of the Princeton school enrolled.

The meeting was the sixth in a course of eight lessons listed below:

1. Proper gun handling, John Preston, Woodland, instructor;
2. The Rifle and Its Uses, Roy Smith, Princeton;
3. Shotgun Instruction, Ron Kelly, Princeton;
4. Map and Compass, Bill Kendall, Princeton;
5. Survival, William Seavey, Princeton;
6. First Aid, Richard Miles, Woodland;

NR.A approved instructors assisting in this program are Harland S. Hitchings and Dale Speed, former Maine Fish and Game wardens, of Princeton. Wardens Greg Gallant and Greg Maher of Princeton and Calais, respectively, were in attendance.

Club officers are: president, James Seavey; vice president, Harland S. Hitchings; secretary, Dale Speed; treasurer, Robert Bacon, all of Princeton.

The Princeton club is composed of members from Princeton, Woodland and Grand Lake Stream and, since the course is being so well received, the organization hopes to present the same lessons at Woodland High School in the fall.
### Hunting Accident Analysis

**Date:** 1999 thru 2009

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**Victim Under 12**

- 17 accidents
- 10 deer
- 3 small game
- 2 waterfowl
- 2 other

**Shooter Under 12**

- 1 accident
- 1 deer
- 1 small game

**Other**

- 2 accidents
- 1 deer
- 1 small game

**Gender**

- Male: 32 accidents
- Female: 18 accidents

**License**

- Licensed: 42 accidents
- Unlicensed: 29 accidents

**Time of Day**

- 7:00-7:59: 5 accidents
- 8:00-8:59: 6 accidents
- 9:00-9:59: 4 accidents
- 10:00-10:49: 5 accidents
- 11:00-11:49: 4 accidents
- 12:00-12:49: 2 accidents
- Evening: 2 accidents

**Weather Conditions**

- Clear: 32 accidents
- Cloudy: 12 accidents
- Rain: 2 accidents

**Victim Covered by Shooter**

- 2 accidents
- 1 deer
- 1 small game

**Other**

- 2 accidents
- 1 deer
- 1 small game
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