

Hunting Deaths In Manitoba Spark Outcry For Controls

By CHISHOLM MacDONALD WISCONSIN (CP) — A four-year-old child eating dinner with his family slumped over dead when a bullet from a high-powered rifle ripped through the wall of the farmhouse and into the base of his skull.

A week later and about 50 miles away two deer hunters moved in on an object that dropped to the ground after they fired at it. They told of their surprise later when their miniature quarry turned out to be a farmer who responded with gunfire of his own.

There was no connection between the incidents except that both occurred in a popular wildlife section of southwestern Manitoba during the deer-hunting season. But they both served as ammunition for civic groups and game associations urging the provincial government to crack down on carelessness.

The Union of Manitoba Municipalities passed a resolution recommending the government place a ban on the use of long-range high-powered rifles below the 51st parallel and that hunters be required to use short-range shotguns with slugs when hunting deer.

CALLS FOR TESTS
The Manitoba Federation of Game and Fish Associations has recommended hunter qualification tests prior to the granting of a license. This would include firearm safety, game act knowledge and vision tests. The act already makes all-white clothing mandatory for big-game hunting.

Maintaining that youth training is the best long-run safety measure, the federation is backing a junior rifle training program which for eight years has been offering supervised firearm practice to thousands of youngsters.

The group said that to date no graduate of the program has

been involved in a hunting accident. The provincial government is also taking a stand. Premier Duff Roblin announced the hiring of an American safety consultant to study the province's firearm safety situation.

James W. Kimball, a former director of the game and fish division of the Minnesota conservation department, has been hired. Mr. Roblin said, to "fill any holes" in the present Manitoba program.

Statistics indicate that most hunting fatalities or related hunting mishaps occur during deer hunting in Manitoba which is carried on mostly in farm-to-farm communities rather than in the thickly wooded northland.

The season ranges from Oct. 26 in the northern areas to Nov. 24 in southern districts. During that time, more than 35,000 licenses are issued and up to 24,000 deer have been bagged.

With that kind of shooting, some officials say, the province's hunting fatalities—four in 1962—are at a modest level.

The fatal shooting of the boy at his dinner table has not been officially attributed to a hunting mishap, RCMP said, although it happened during the deer-hunting season.

In the case of the farmer shooting back at his hunters, the latter remained unidentified and no legal action was taken.

Weakness Seen In School Plan

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario's public school system does not overcome the handicap of being born into a poor family, says a study made at the Ontario College of Education.

The study, by Dr. George Bancroft of Forest Hill Collegiate, covered a sample of 322 men in their early 30s.

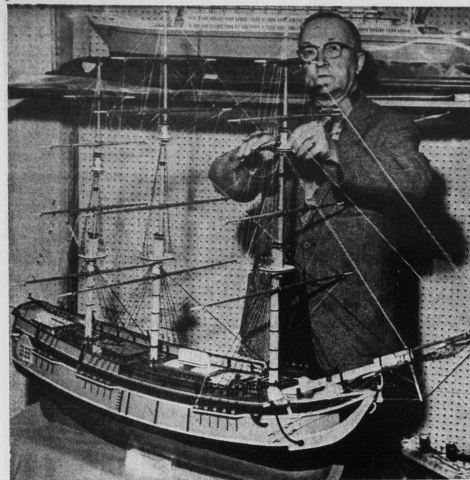
It showed 65 per cent of the sons of professional men and managers went to university, but only 30 per cent of working class sons.

Dr. Bancroft found that sons of working class people tend to remain in the working class to a greater extent than sons of any other origin," he says.

The study also found that "many intellectually capable students cannot afford the higher education" for which they are qualified.

Yet sons of poor families who do get to universities are just as likely to succeed there as sons of wealthier families.

Traditionally Britons enjoyed it unlucky to bring holy water home before Christmas Eve.



LEADS DOUBLE LIFE

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