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New Hunting Season Presents
Same Old Gun Safety Problems

One of the surest ways to guarantee that you will not enjoy this year's hunting season is to have a needless, serious hunting accident.

Nobody wants to have an accident, but too few hunters take any precautions against having one. It is one of the simplest things in the world to unload a rifle or shotgun; arms makers do their best to make the unloading operation easy, safe and fool-proof, yet each hunting season hundreds of serious and fatal accidents are caused by "unloaded" guns and rifles.

On every carton of shotgun shells, and every box of cartridges ever made there are printed instructions to check the condition and safety of your firearm before using any ammunition in it; yet there are scores of blinded, crippled and disabled ex-hunters emerging each year, who are the victims of their own carelessness and inattention.

Everyone who has ever handled firearms knows what happens when he pulls the trigger. He knows what the bullet or shot load will do to what it hits. Yet, in every group of three hunters there is almost always one who just doesn't believe that shot and powder meant for birds and small game will also kill or injure human beings. These people have no more regard for their safety than they do for their neighbors, and you are just as apt to see them crossing a footlog with a loaded squirrel rifle as you are to find them calmly walking along with their quail gun draped across their shoulder and pointed right into the face of a good friend.

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Thirty-Six Years Of FFA In Alabama

By DR. R. E. CAMMACK
Past Director, Vocational Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Another year has come and gone. Thirty-six of them have come and gone. We are now starting our 37th. All of these years since 1928 have been filled with fruitful activities by and for the Future Farmers of Alabama.

As the years have come and gone, new horizons have appeared. Larger and more meaningful activities have been participated in by FFA members, as individuals as well as the Association as a whole. The training program conceived by local chapters and the State and National Associations is not narrow in scope and selfish in purpose, but rather it is broadly planned, taking into consideration not only the needs of the individual but also the services which might be rendered the community, the State, and the Nation.

During these thirty-six years, FFA has grown from a very modest beginning from the standpoint of membership and scope of program to more than 16,000 members with programs broad, deep and comprehensive enough to help solve most of the individual and community problems.

The instruction and experiences received by individuals as members of FFA fit them well to serve as citizens of the school, the community, the county, the State, and the Nation. Members learn, through active participation, how to conduct and take part in public meetings; to speak in public; to buy and sell cooperatively; to finance themselves; and to assume their civic responsibilities. In addition to these important experiences, FFA members have learned from the very beginning of their membership the basis upon which the Future Farmer organization is built. Some of these are leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, service to others, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship, and patriotism.

Many organizations and individuals have, over this 36-year period, cooperated with FFA and helped individuals and the Association as a whole in reaching their goals. This has been particularly true in livestock enterprises, field crops, forestry, and cooperative buying and selling.

Many FFA members have just recently returned from the State Forestry Camp where they had an opportunity to spend a most worthwhile few days. There they met and had a chance to make the acquaintance of boys from all over the State - boys from different backgrounds and experiences from theirs. Through these contacts they learned many new things about FFA, Alabama, boys of their age group, and even themselves. An FFA member cannot eat with, sleep with, work with, and play with 75 to 100 other FFA boys for a week or ten days without becoming a bigger, broader and better individual, citizen, and FFA member.

Let us all from time to time pause in our busy daily routine to pay our respects and give thanks to the many individuals and organizations who have aided the FFA in so many ways in reaching its goals in a well-planned program. Let us be diligent - and I know you are - in sowing the seeds of FFA during the next thirty-six years in order that those who come after us may reap an even richer harvest than that being enjoyed by us today as a result of the efforts of those who have gone before us.

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Over 100 Future Farmers Attend Nineteenth Annual Forestry Camp

For the 19th year in a row, Future Farmers from all sections of Alabama spent a busy six days at Camp Grist, in Valley Creek State Park, near Selma, attending the annual State forestry training camp.

Over 112 FFA members and other rural youth from all 67 Alabama counties took part in this week-long forest management camp. They attended classes for about six hours each day, and spent the rest of their time at camp in athletic events, softball, basketball, swimming, firing on the rifle range, and studying for the camp’s tough final examination.

The 10 highest scorers on the final exam got their pick of prizes that had been displayed during the week of camp. The top 10 at the 1964 FFA forestry camp were:

Mike Creel, Jefferson county; Hugh Windle, Pickens county; Bill Brown, Sumter county; Buddy Scott, Chilton county; Tommy Fulmer, Talladega county; Johnny Smith, Crenshaw county; Garland Bailey, Covington county; Danny Burton, Chambers county; Donald Davenport, Chilton county, and Charles Mitchell, Marengo county.

These boys each got their pick of the table laden with prizes on the night the final grades were announced. They also were voted on by the rest of the body of campers for positions of Chief Forester, Assistant Forester, Fire Control Chief, Forest Rangers, etc., patterned after the State Forestry Division. This year’s Chief Forester was Buddy Scott, at that time a delegate from Chilton county, who is also an Alabama State FFA vice president for 1964-65.

CHICKEN AND BISCUITS make people almost anywhere hungry. They seemed to be specially effective at forestry camp this year. No bird dogs ever watched quail any closer than these Future Farmers are watching that chicken.

The highest score of the camp was made by Mike Creel, a Jefferson county forester, who did an outstanding job at Camp Grist. Out of the possible 120 high score on the examination, Mike got 119.

At the camp FFA members attended classes on forestry and related subjects that were being taught by experienced professional foresters from the forestry division and the five paper mills sponsoring the week-long camp. Courses on all aspects of forest management were most highly stressed during the week of forest training. One company forest expert said, “Anything we can do to improve the management of privately owned forest land in Alabama, will benefit our company directly as it helps the forest industry of the entire State.”

SEATED ON THE GROUND, in a classroom or standing in the woods, FFA members at the 1964 Alabama forestry camp at Camp Grist were exposed to the best type of practical forest management training available in the State. Government and company forestry experts provided the supervised education for the purpose of improving Alabama’s forest management practices.

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FORESTRY CAMP INSTRUCTOR, Tom Marshall, of the Warrior Land and Timber Company, directs a class of FFA members in one of the important forest-related subjects taught in the 1964 forest training session at Camp Grist. Mr. Marshall, like all of Camp Grist’s instructors, are trained professionals who have been in the business for a long time.

These highly skilled foresters taught classes in silviculture, resource management and development, wildlife and recreation, timber estimation, pulpwood evaluation, fire control and prevention, and many other forest-related subjects during their week of classes.

There were instructors at Camp Grist, also, who were not directly involved with the State or industry forestry programs nor with the vocational agricultural service. A representative of a commercial saw and forest equipment company, and a representative of an insurance company, freely devoted their time at camp as instructors and camping aids. They did not sell one saw, nor one insurance policy during the week of camp. They had no interest except the improvement of forest management practices in Alabama. Their services were deeply appreciated and well received by the FFA members.

The camp, sponsored by five Alabama paper mills in cooperation with the Alabama State Division of Forestry and the vocational agricultural education service, is designed to give the FFA members a brief, but intensive study course in all good forestry practices. At camp the farm youth learned insect and disease control, timber cruising, forest management methods of all types, fire prevention and control, and reforestation practices, along with many more details.

All of this information will be available, and valuable to home-farm foresters as they develop and improve their forestry plots at home, and on the FFA and vo-ag farms. Too, many FFA members who attended camp will be asked by their vocational agriculture teachers to give talks during the current school year on their work and activities at forestry camp. They will also be valuable to their teachers in helping lead the younger vo-ag students in their school into a better managed, more profitable forest program of their own.
OUTDOOR CLASSES were held regularly at Camp Grist, especially in the woods and forests around camp. This class is on timber marketing and is conducted by one of the many professional foresters available at forestry camp.

This year marks the 19th year for forestry training at Camp Grist. Sponsoring mills are Gulf States Paper Co., Marathon Southern Corp., Scott Paper Co., International Paper Co., and Coosa River Newsprint. Class instructors came from the staffs of these mills, as well as from the forestry division of the State Department of Conservation. There were also 15 vocational agriculture teachers from across Alabama who were at camp acting as cabin counselors and administrative aids during the week.

The annual forestry training camp is a part of the public relations functions of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, the trade association that represents many southern pulp and paper mills. The SPCA, with contributions from the five sponsoring mills, picks up the tab for the Alabama forestry camp. It is the same organization that is responsible for publishing the forestry manual used in vocational agriculture classrooms across the State.

Plans are being made for another camp in August of 1965. It will also be sponsored by the same mills participating in the SPCA program, and the two state agencies. Arnold Leake, of the Alabama forestry division, was director of this year's camp, and he will lead the one next summer, with the usual help from the five paper mills and the vocational agriculture service. FFA members who would like to attend the 1965 camp should make their wishes known to their agriculture teachers now.

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RECREATION, OR HORSEPLAY, whatever you may call it, is just as much a part of the activity at forestry camp as is studying trees and forest management. The water field day held on Thursday toward the end of camp tests the athletic ability of FFA members. Water jousting is an unclassified sport that is a cross between skin diving and boxing.

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Barry Siniard, West Limestone FFA, Wins Soil And Water Award

Barry Siniard, an FFA member from the West Limestone chapter in Limestone county of north Alabama, and the past State FFA reporter, is this year's winner in the soil and water management award contest.

His program of resource conservation, and soil and water management was selected as being the best one among the many applications made in the contest, it was announced by H. N. Lewis, Alabama's FFA specialist. Barry has cleared and reclaimed over 40 acres of what had been useless, unproductive bottom land on his farm, and his efforts have been responsible for turning it into some of the finest cropping lands in Limestone county, Lewis said.

Other winners in the 1963-64 school year judging from contestants all across the State were:

Jimmy Broughton, Northport chapter; Mike Reynolds, Union Springs chapter; Lamar Laird, Florala chapter. Each winner was presented with a check from the State and National FFA association, and a chapter room banner for his work in the field of soil and water resource management. Until this year this fine FFA state-wide contest, which had the largest member participation of almost any awards program, was sponsored by WSFA television, in Montgomery. Beginning with this season the soil and water award contest will be sponsored by the Alabama soil conservation district supervisors' association.

In his soil management plans, Barry worked toward the use of his established land for pasture for beef cattle. He has seeded in this program over 100 acres of permanent pasture in a mixture of white clover, orchard grass, blue grass, tropical bermudagrass, and dallis grass. These are all hardy, winter resistant perennials that are well suited to the north Alabama weather cycle. The mixture was selected by Barry after discussing it with his advisor and vocational agriculture teacher at West Limestone, Elmer Jackson, and other agriculturists in the county.

Along with seedling-establishing good permanent pasture, Barry has conducted a complete program of land reclamation over his whole farm. He has brought the bottom land into practice, and has planted perennial sericea lespedeza on most of the new ground. Broken terraces on one 10-acre cropping plot of his family farm were rebuilt or repaired to control water run-off. At least 80 additional acres of land were seeded in vetch.

This year's first-place soil and water management award winner is a spring graduate of the West Limestone high school. He is also a director in his home county's wildlife conservation district, a past State FFA executive officer, and a teacher of his church's Sunday school class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Williard Siniard. Over the four-year course of his high school vocational agriculture at West Limestone, Barry has accumulated a net worth of over $5,000, with an equipment inventory equally as large.

BARRY SINIARD, the State soil and water management contest award winner for 1963 shows his father and his FFA chapter advisor, Elmer Jackson, some of the work he has accomplished, and some that he has planned for the Siniard Limestone county farm.

Sammy Wilson, Boaz, State Champion FFA Poultry Farmer, 1963-64

A strapping 17-year-old Boaz Future Farmer, Sammy Wilson, was chosen as the champion poultry farmer for Alabama for the 1963-64 school year. Sammy won his prizes and trophies at the summer FFA convention, along with three other young poultry producers.

SAMMY AND MR. JACKSON examine one of the several thousand pullets on the Wilson poultry farm. In the background is a ventilating fan for the chicken house.

Sammy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wilson, and he is a recent graduate of the Boaz high school, where he was also a member of the FFA chapter. The Wilson family lives in the city of Boaz, but Sammy and his father work their 85-acre farm on a partnership basis.

The Wilson farm has four 10,000-bird broiler houses, with plenty of room for expansion. Fifteen acres of Sammy's home farm is devoted to permanent pasture land for occasional beef steers. Another 30 acres is in a home farm forest plot. Row cropping is kept small on the Wilson place, since the specialty there is strictly poultry, but Sammy has raised some corn and other crops for feed and experience.

Young Wilson has, during the time he has taken vocational agriculture at Boaz high school under FFA advisor and vo-ag teacher, Marion Jackson, worked his way into full partnership with his father in their $46,000 business. Sammy's equipment inventory has grown to over $7,000 and he has considerably expanded it this summer and fall.

For the outstanding job he has done in the broiler business, Sammy was awarded first prize money of $100. He
Conservation Awards Presented To Seven Future Farmers

Governor George C. Wallace presented six Future Farmers and one advisor with winners' trophies in the Governor's Conservation Awards Program at the 29th annual dinner meeting of the Alabama Wildlife Federation at Birmingham Saturday, September 19.

The outstanding FFA chapter member in Alabama in the field of conservation was John C. Lockridge, Detroit. Five other FFA members, one from each of the conservation districts, were selected and honored with John at the meeting. They were Lamar Lard, Florida, district one; Mickey Humphries, Notasulga, district two; Steve Calhoun, Eufaula, district three; Barry Sinardi, West Limestone, district four; Elwood Overstreet, Jr., Jackson, district five.

The Governor's choice as the State's outstanding FFA chapter advisor was J. C. Hollis, vocational agriculture teacher at Jacksonville, and now a member of the State vo-ag supervisory staff.

Director of the Governor's Conservation Awards Program, T. A. Horst, Jr., a Mobile banker, said, "These seven FFA members and their advisors are doing the most thorough jobs in the entire area of conservation, and they were judged as awards winners because of their fine work.

"The purpose of this program is to encourage the teaching and practice of conservation of the natural resources of the State of Alabama -- its soils, water, minerals, forests, and wildlife," Director Horst stated. "It is designed to bring about a greater knowledge and awareness of conservation projects and to give proper recognition to those persons and organizations who make outstanding educational and informational contributions to the natural resource welfare of their community and the State."


Each of the winners received a trophy, a special lapel pin, and a framed certificate of appreciation signed by Governor Wallace. The Governor presented the awards at the close of a special banquet honoring the winners during the two-day Alabama Wildlife Federation meeting.

J. C. HOLLIS
District Supervisor

Jacksonville Vo-Ag Teacher Joins State Supervisory Staff

J. C. Hollis, former vocational agriculture teacher at Jacksonville high school, has joined the State vo-ag supervisory staff as of September 1, 1964, according to head state vocational agriculture supervisor, T. L. Faulkner.

He will act as assistant supervisor to Mr. Faulkner in the ten counties of the Northeast Alabama vo-ag district -- Madison, Jackson, Marshall, DeKalb, Blount, Etowah, Cherokee, St. Clair, Calhoun and Cleburne.

Mr. Hollis was born and was educated in Lamar county, near Sulligent. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Mississippi State in 1949, and a master's degree from Auburn University in 1959. He is married to the former Zula Buckeler, of Sulligent, and they make their home now in Jacksonville. They have three children.

Supervisor Hollis taught in the Mississippi veterans' program for one year; he taught vocational agriculture at Spring Garden high school for eight years, and at Jacksonville for five years before joining the State supervisory staff. He is the immediate past president of the Alabama Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, and has been very active in professional vo-ag teachers affairs.

A long-time member of the Masonic order and a past master, Mr. Hollis has also served for two years as chairman of the official board of the First Methodist Church of Jacksonville, and has been its Sunday school superintendent. He is also vice president and program chairman of the Jacksonville Sportsman Club, and a member of the Exchange Club.

During his time in the service in World War II, Supervisor Hollis spent two years in Germany, and received five battle stars.
Five Top North Alabama Exhibits Shown At Birmingham State Fair

FUTURE FARMERS EXHIBITS as they looked to spectators at the 1963 State Fair in Birmingham, lined up under the vocational agriculture sign in the exhibit hall.

PRIZE-WINNING exhibits like this one have everything a good display should have: educational value, proper lighting, good color, clarity, and interesting mechanical motion in the foreground.

Five State Future Farmers of America chapters entered educational exhibits in the Alabama State Fair at Birmingham October 5-10.

Columbiana, Jasper, Town Creek, Plantersville and Geraldine finished in that order in the exhibit competition among FFA chapters. Other groups of educational exhibits at the fair included five entries each from the Future Home-makers of America and the 4-H clubs.

Advisor R. C. Hughes, of Columbiana’s Shelby county high school FFA chapter, and his students, constructed an exhibit showing the way plants make food for themselves out of chemicals, water, air and sunlight. The display was judged as being the strongest on educational value among the FFA exhibits at the Fair. It won out over second-place Jasper’s water conservation setup on the strength of its educational message.

The water conservation story told by Jasper FFA members and advisors E. C. Hendrix and J. C. Horton, represented about as much work as 40 acres of cotton. The layout included real grass sod in place naturally among field stones and live shrubbery. There were picnic and recreational areas constructed on the exhibit, and an under-sized lake with a working waterfall. About the only thing missing that could have been included on the exhibit were instructions of how these wonders were established.

Town Creek took the other second place ribbon from FFA exhibit judges John Spence, Alabama Power company, and Dr. R. A. Baker, teacher educator at Auburn University. There was one first place award, two second and two third places.

Farming in the space age was Town Creek’s theme, and they told it with one of the most attractive exhibits at the State Fair. The colors of that Lawrence county FFA chapter display were more noticeable and attractive than others in the same group.

FFA members go to considerable trouble and expense building their exhibits. They plan its contents carefully with the help of vocational agriculture teacher, as well as with young and adult farmers in their community. The story that the winning exhibit tells usually is one that is most familiar to the FFA members who build the set. These Future Farmers know that it is best to pick a subject they know well, explain it as best they know how, and then build it with wood, paper, wire and machinery.

All exhibits should be educational, and developed around a central, easily recognized, educational theme that deals with some phase of rural, or farm life. This year space age consciousness made itself known at the Birmingham Fair. It won out over second-place Jasper’s water conservation setup on the strength of its educational message. The display was judged as being the strongest on educational value among the FFA exhibits at the Fair. It won out over second-place Jasper’s water conservation setup on the strength of its educational message.

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The committee will function in such areas as naming “Future Farmers of the Month,” a chapter program instituted by the Section FFA to provide recognition to a worthy boy among its membership. In addition, the committee will have such power as deciding winners in various awards programs including farm mechanics, farm electrification, good citizenship, outstanding Green Hand, DeKalb Agricultural Award and other proficiency designations.

Meeting regularly the committee will make an impartial effort to see that justice and fairplay are evident and that deserving accomplishments are recognized.
Alabama's Top Four Chapters Receive National Recognition

Sixty-nine local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 37th annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City when “Gold Emblem” awards were presented in the organization’s National Chapter Award Program.

“Silver Emblem” awards were presented to 58 chapters, and “Bronze Emblems” to 12. The chapters are being awarded for their outstanding activity records during the 1963-64 school year. Each chapter receives a special plaque or, in the case of those who have received a plaque in former years, a spur for attachment to the plaque.

The Future Farmers of America has approximately 8,500 local high school chapters, with associations in 49 states, and Puerto Rico. Each State FFA Association was permitted to enter two or more chapters, depending upon State FFA membership, in the national contest. Judging was done by staff members of the Agricultural Education Branch in the U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

The winning chapters from Alabama are: Section Chapter, Section, gold emblem; Ider Chapter, Ider, silver emblem; Union Springs Chapter, Union Springs, silver emblem; Foley Chapter, Foley, bronze emblem.

Special Adult Class Offered At Ohatchee

The Ohatchee vocational agriculture department held a do it yourself type of adult class. The class was held during the evening, one night each week. The classes consisted mostly of making the facilities of the vocational department available to adults in the community to do the repair jobs for which they never seem to have time or equipment available at home.

J. M. Morris, vocational teacher at Ohatchee, said he had received many requests from farmers who need to weld or repair broken machinery, and from people who are interested in making recreational equipment.

Morris stated that in the past these classes have been held only during the daytime, but by holding them during the evening he was able to give adults working on day shifts an opportunity to take advantage of the vocational shop’s facilities.

The only cost for participation was the actual cost of the materials used by the adult students that were furnished by the vocational department in making the projects, such as welding rods, sheet metal, and other items.

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Rex Bond, Newville

1964 National Electrification Winner

REX BOND, NEWVILLE, 18-year old National farm and home electrification winner for 1963-64.

Rex Bond, 18, of the Newville Future Farmers of America chapter, in Henry county, has been declared a National winner in the FFA farm and home electrification contest, it has been announced by FFA officials in Washington, D.C.

A former student of R. H. Lisenby, vocational agriculture teacher at Newville high school, Rex is currently enrolled as a sophomore at Auburn University. He is a student in electrical engineering. Rex won the Alabama FFA electrification award last spring over stiff, statewide competition, and was honored at the State FFA convention in June at Auburn University. He was judged as making the most practical and economic use of electricity in connection with his supervised vocational agriculture farming program on his father's farm.

"His selection as a winner in the National electrification contest judging places Rex among the top five of over 300,000 Future Farmers in 50 States and Puerto Rico, in the practical application of electric power to farm mechanization," stated T. L. Faulkner, Alabama's State vo-ag supervisor.

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FARM MECHANICS is a part of any successful production agriculture business. Rex is just as proficient with combustion engines and draw bar power as he is with electric current and its most practical use. The Bonds' cropping and livestock operation demands require that they assure the soundest and most efficient use and maintenance of farm equipment and machinery.

Rex has completed during the four years he took vo-ag," Supervisor Faulkner said, "and his work continues now on his father's farm, even though Rex is in college." Updating the electrification system on his home farm was Rex's project during his high school vo-ag work.

He and his father completely rewired their home, barns and shop buildings. Rex made and installed a ventilation system in the Bond's stock barn to provide sufficient fresh air to their animals. He also completely remodeled his home's electric power supply center, installing a new, more serviceable house-power box and more convenient service outlets throughout all the rooms.

The purpose of the farm electrification contest is to encourage FFA members to develop necessary skills and take ad-

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B. J. York, Lincoln Vocational Teacher, Joins State Staff

T. L. Faulkner, State supervisor of vocational agriculture and State FFA Advisor, has announced the addition of B. J. York, past vo-ag teacher at Lincoln high school, to the State supervisory staff effective September 1, 1964.

MISS ORPAH RODEN
Pisgah FFA Sweetheart

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SUTTLE

The Suttle vocational agriculture department is presently conducting an experiment to study the merit of raising corn without any cultivation.

The school planted a one-acre demonstration plot on May 21st, which was broadcast sprayed with the herbicide atrazine. No cultivation has been done to the corn.

E. L. Dyess, vocational agriculture teacher at Suttle, states, "The corn is approaching the tasseling stage and I am well pleased with the results to date. With the exception of small patches of Johnson grass, control of coffee weeds, cockleburs, morning-glories, and various other weeds has been sufficient, so that we expect a good yield at this stage."

In addition to the chemical weed control experiment, the Suttle FFA chapter is also conducting a variety test. Varieties of Funks, Coker, and Pioneer are on test in the plot.

B. J. YORK
District Supervisor

He will act as assistant to Supervisor Faulkner, and will work in the eleven county Southwest Alabama vo-ag district. His supervisory district will include schools in Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia, Washington, Clarke, Monroe, Conecuh, Choctaw, Marengo, Dallas and Wilcox counties.

Mr. York is from Cullman county, and attended high school at Hanceville. He received his bachelor's and master's degree from Auburn University, and has taught vo-ag at Lincoln high school for 11 years where he also served as assistant principal.

He is married to the former Mary Jo Burnham, also of Cullman, and they have one son, Dan, 14. Mr. York is a deacon in the Lincoln Baptist Church, past president of the Civic Club and treasurer of the Booster Club. He has served as a coach for little league baseball teams, and assists with junior high school football and basketball.

Supervisor York's education and experience in vocational agriculture, and his work as assistant principal, especially qualify him to do the administrative and supervisory work required of an assistant State supervisor. Vocational agriculture is fortunate to have his services and his talents on the State staff as he works with vo-ag teachers and FFA advisors in Southwest Alabama.

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Limestone Teacher Is N.W. Alabama Vo-Ag District Supervisor

J. E. Smith has recently been added to the State Supervisory Staff in Agricultural Education of the State Department of Education as assistant to State Supervisor, T. L. Faulkner.

Mr. Smith was reared and educated in Madison County, Alabama. He received a bachelor's degree from Florence State in education, a bachelor's and master's degree in agricultural education from Auburn University. He is married to the former Frances Radney of Wadley, Alabama, and they have two children, a son age 9 and a daughter age 13.

Supervisor Smith taught seven years in Madison County in general education, and also served four years as junior high school principal. He has been a teacher of vocational agriculture at East Limestone High School for the past sixteen years. During his tenure there he served two years as president of the Limestone County Teachers Association.

He has also served as vice-president of the Alabama Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association during the past year, and has been a long-time member of the honorary Agricultural Education professional fraternities, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta. Mr. Smith is a charter member of the Auburn University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, national honor service fraternity of professional educators.

An outstanding veteran of World War II, who served with the Air Force in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations, the new supervisory staff member is also a Methodist and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

ELECTRIFICATION WINNER

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vantage of the rapidly expanding field of rural electrification. Rex said, "As I progressed in my supervised vo-ag farming work I saw how dependent we were on electricity on our farm. It was the most important hired hand on the place," he declared. Rex reasoned that anything he could learn about electricity would benefit their farm and would save time and money when repairs were needed. He became so proficient and interested in electricity that he decided to make it his career.

Young Bond travelled to Kansas City, Missouri, October 12, to the National Future Farmers of America convention. There he and his fellow FFA electrification contest winners from other States were honored with plaques, trophies.

THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE, by careful study and planning and good record keeping; that's the way outstanding farming programs are made. B. H. Lisenby, Newville FFA advisor, worked with Rex closely in developing his electric program.

and cash awards. Throughout his high school vocational agriculture electricity studies, Rex was continuously instructed and encouraged by Bob Thompson, and other members of the Rural Electrification Association at the Pea River Electric Co-Op in Ozark.

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The first use of "Future Farmers" as the name of an organization of vocational agriculture students was by the "Future Farmers of Virginia" in 1926.

CONSERVATION, as well displayed as it has ever been anywhere, was the theme of the second-place Jasper FFA exhibit. Balance, construction, detail and lighting on the setup were perfect, the absence of educational data placed it in second place. This exhibit probably represented more work and effort than all others at the Fair.

First prize money, going to Columbus, was $160. Second place Jasper and Town Creek took $130 prize money, while Plantersville and Geraldine got $100 as their award for taking third ribbon. In addition to these cash prizes each exhibitor will be given a special inducement for bringing his troublesome setup all the way to Birmingham. He will get $50 plus 15 cents per mile from the Alabama Fair authority to pay his expenses on the trip.

NORTH ALABAMA EXHIBITS

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the one from Geraldine, followed close along the space age idea by proving that agriculture is mightier than missiles.

Generally, farm safety, recreation, crop and livestock improvement, conservation, farm mechanization, pest control, home improvement, landscaping or some specialty subject and FFA leadership training activities are popular themes for fair exhibits.

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GUN SAFETY PROBLEMS
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Never fire any weapon if you have even the slightest doubt about its condition.

All of these “do’s” and “don’ts” sound childish and silly, and everyone knows each of them already. That’s true, but everyone will not remember them all the way through the hunting season, and by spring there will be a few missing faces among the shooting set. A hunter could remember everything written in this article, and do each thing safely while he is hunting, and he could still be involved in a hunting accident. But, the chances are that he won’t hurt himself, nor one of his hunting partners. The accident that he is in will be the responsibility of some dismal half-wit who couldn’t read, or didn’t care enough to read, and who handled his rifle or shotgun like it was a yard broom.

There are nearly 17,000 Full-time Farmers in Alabama this year. Using national averages, if each one of you is a hunter and goes hunting during this 1964-65 season, five of you will be seriously injured within the next five months, and at least two of you will not be with us next March. So think about it. And, think about what you are doing with your weapon while you are in the field hunting this fall and winter. And, be careful.

State Farmer Degree Recipients For 1964

South District 74
Bay Minette—Calvin King.
Blue Springs—Kenneth Roberson, Danny Beaty, Ronald Woodham, Wayne Woodham, Johnny Morrison, Lenard Fillingin.
Brantley—Taylor Cook, Royace Beasley.
Brunidge—Pete Lott, Louie Gene Oakes, Henry Dorrill, Kenneth Harden.
Citronelle—Carl Rowell.
Clayton—James Edward Bowden, James E. White, Billy Earl Ketchum, Poy B. Benefield, Jr.
Clio—Earl Wayne Riley.
Coffeeville—Jerry Bumpers.
East Brewton—Danny Fugua, Danny Ray Ward.
Evergreen—Ronnie Shaver.
Geneva—Tom Earley, Andrew Adams, Roger Hughes, Joe Frank Collins.
Goshen—William Randall Messick, Richard E. Spivey.
Grand Bay—Dennis Brinkman.
Grove Hill—Larry Gates, Eddie Harrison, Royce Martin.
Hartford—Mitchell Barrett, Jim Frank Martin, Jr.

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BRIARHILL-SEARS FFA BULLS return to their home farm one day before they are shown at the South Alabama Fair to be paraded before FFA members, advisors and other interested people. The annual field day is sponsored by Dr. J. J. Hicks, Birmingham, owner of Briarhill Angus Farm, who donates these high quality beef animals to the FFA improvement program.


Millry—Frank T. Dearman, Jr., Walter Tew.

Opp—Larry Cauley, Red Level—Ronny Hartley.


South Central District 65
Akon—Frederick Crawford.
Autaugaville—Paul Hallinan.
Beauregard—Jimmy Whatley.
Butler—Brox Scott, Jr., Roy Morgan, Clyde Jimerson.
Camp Hill—Ronny Huye.
Centre—Joe Bruno, Claude Hicks.
Dadeville—Jimmy Freeman, Bill Farrings.
Eufaula—Johnny Gray.
Five Points—Harrel Day, Ed Fuller.
Greensboro—Tommy Taylor Gross, Jr.
Hayneville—Ronnie Holliday, Tommy Lane.
Isabella—Garry Ronald Littleton.
Jemison—Donald Davenport, James Morris.
LaFayette—James Williams, Willie Frank Howard, Lamar Bishop.
Linden—Jimmy Cobb, Charles Moore.
Maplesville—Curtis (Buddy) Scott, Gervis Smith.
Marbury—James Manry Popwell.
Marion—David Wallace, James Pitman.

New Site—David Wilson.
Ramer—Alva Smith, Billy Register, Bob Sellers, Larry Cauthen, Barnett Berrey, Charlie Smith.
Redcliff—Donald Meadows.
Silas—Rickey Smith.
Smith's Station—Mike Boutwell.
Union Springs—Robert Gradity, Ted Youngblood, James Austin, Billy High, Bill Rainey, Johnny Finklysson, Earl Singleton.
Weogufka—Dwight Rayfield, Phillip Barnes, Clarence C. Roberts, Mike Holmes.

(South and North Central Districts Districts continued in next issue.)

SYLVANIA OFFICERS for the 1964-65 school year are shown here with their advisor Gilbert M. Butler. They are: left, Ollie V. Yates, Leon Smith and Kenneth Gilbert. It was last year that Kenneth raised 231.8 bushels of corn on one of his better acres at his DeKalb county farm.

Briarhill Field Day
Honors FFA Chapters With Hicks’ Bulls

Alabama’s Angus cattle breeders and Future Farmers of America members met at a field day August 30 on Dr. J. J. Hicks’ Briarhill farm, near Union Springs.

The event honored those FFA high school chapters that have quality Angus bulls from the Briarhill herd in their beef cattle improvement program. Under this program, started by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and now self-supporting, FFA chapters are given money to feed-out beef bulls to show condition, bring them to the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery for the special Sears bull show, and take them back to the local school community for service and eventual sale.

Dr. Hicks, a Birmingham physician and one of the State’s most progressive Angus breeders, has for several years been donating some of his finest young bulls from the Briarhill herd to the FFA program without charge. To date there are over 50 high quality Angus bulls from Briarhill actively improving beef cattle lines in Alabama. One chapter, Union Springs FFA in Bullock county, has a beef herd made up almost entirely of Hicks’ Angus cattle that is one of the finest in the State. Proceeds from this chapter-owned beef operation will be used as a scholarship fund for local FFA and vocational agriculture boys who wish to go to college.

High school FFA chapter members and their vocational agriculture teacher-advisors who attended the August 30 field day represented schools at Dozier, Highland Home, Goshen, Excel, Troy, Union Springs, LaFayette, Clanton, Marion, Centre, Lineville, Spring Garden, Columbiana, Elkmont and Boaz.

Special guests and interested Angus breeders were at the event, some of whom appeared on the day’s program. Among them were:

Dr. R. E. Cammack, past director of vocational education in Alabama, who helped begin the Sears Foundation bull program in this State; Dr. E. V. Smith, dean of the school of agriculture at Auburn University; Dr. W. M. Warren, head professor of animal science at AU; C. Ed Teague, director of the agricultural division of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce; Walter Harrell, and Don Pollock of the State and national Angus breeders associations; Jimmy Sims, one of Alabama’s leading cattlemen and manager of the Circle S ranches; Joe Hixon, on the staff of Alabama Power Co. in Montgomery, and P. C. (Crawford) Roquemore, noted Alabama farm radio and television newscaster.
ALEXANDER CITY—held two organizational meetings; program of work for year studied and money making projects decided upon; will hold two meetings per month.

ATTALLA—erected road signs; collected dues; local Lions Club donated new band saw for vo-ag shop; sent two articles to local paper; held regular meeting; over 100 members subscribed to national magazine; planned program of work for year; different committees planned work for year.

BLUE SPRINGS—held two meetings; discussed initiation; collecting dues; planned exhibit at South Alabama Fair; initiated eight members.

BRANTLEY—officers elected for 1964-65; made plans for annual FFA-FHA barbecue; erected 6 ft. chain link fence around part of ball field; built book shelves for library; all students taking vo-ag are FFA members.

CASTLEBERRY—held one meeting; bought new reference books; have 46 members; make plans for Green Hand initiation; purchased a Dance Hall.

CROSSVILLE—held first regular meeting; new officers were installed; made $100 selling light bulbs; plan to buy an electric welder; officers held one meeting; ordered 12 jackets, 6 rings, one tie; three key chains and one bracelet; string band practicing.

CURRY—elected chapter officers; appointed committees; planning chapter program of work; chapter budget adopted; ordered official secretary and treasurer books and new chapter banner; building two pickup beds in shop.

EAST LIMESTONE—initiated 20 Green Hands; added new project to FFA library; elected officers; held FFA social at Hill Angus Farm in Union Springs; recommended a supplementary income project of American Farmer Smith; it was recommended by his FFA advisor, Frank Hendricks, Jr., Chavala.

LEXINGTON—22 new members this year; held first meeting; elected officers for coming year; total membership of 61.

HAYNEVILLE—21 new members this year; held first meeting; elected officers for coming year; total membership of 61.

HEFLIN—preparing activity program; new books in library; planning to sell calendars; officers held training school; will attend livestock judging at county fair; held Green Hand and Chapter Farmer plans; held two regular meetings; member initiated FFA Corn Project; new officers elected; plans for FFA barbecue; attended State Fair with FHA girls.

KINSTON—attended field day program at Braga Farm in Union Springs; plans made for getting steers for members; completed successful AYFY educational trip to Mexico City; started hog project for year; held regular meeting; Green Hand initiated; plans for FFA barbecue; attended State Fair with FHA girls.

LEROY—held one officers meeting and one regular meeting; planned committee; ordered jackets for members; worked on football stadium; discussed chapter finances at regular meeting.

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