

## Stay Alive By Observing Rules Of Firearms Safety

In Piedmont North Carolina, the squirrel hunting season opened November 24 and will continue through January, 1956. To remind you of the dangers involved in hunting squirrel and other game with firearms, the following rules of "gun safety" may avert serious injury and death, for you or your fellow sportsmen.

Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is Rule No. 1 in gun safety.

Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstruction.

Don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.

Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first and put the ammunition out of reach of others.

Unload and "break down" gun when carrying to and from the field.

In the field always travel with the safety catch on. Keep the barrel pointed toward the ground or carried on shoulder pointed skyward.

"Break" gun before climbing fences, stone walls or jumping ditches. Unload gun before getting into a boat.

Be entirely certain of your target—never shoot at a noise; be sure other hunters are not in the range of fire, before you pull the trigger.

Never point a gun at anyone; avoid horseplay. Do not lean on a gun or use it as a cane or support. Obey state laws by avoiding alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

Store firearms unloaded and "broken down" along with ammunition under lock and key.

## January Named From Roman Mythology

Janus had two heads. One of them looked to the past; the other to the future. Thus, January, the first month of our modern calendar, had its name origin in the tradition of the mythological character Janus—the god of the beginning of things.

In ancient Roman times the beginning of the year was sacred to Janus, and a festival, called



Agonia, was celebrated in his honor around January 9. The Romans believed that all gateways, doors and other entrances were under his protection. Janus was also regarded as the guardian of trade and shipping and the inventor of agriculture.

**THE ANGLO-SAXONS** called January Wulf-Monath, an allusion to the hunger of the wolves which made them bold enough to leave the forests and enter villages in search for food.

Outstanding event on the January calendar is New Year's Day, around which clusters a wealth of tradition.

In old Rome, the people offered sacrifices to Janus, that the new year might have an auspicious beginning. At that time they exchanged greetings and presents with kin and acquaintances.

The Saxons observed the day with gifts and festivals. Under the Tudors and Stuarts of England all classes of people gave presents to friends, with the wish that the new year might bring happiness and prosperity to all.

The early Christian church made regulations which discouraged observance of New Year's Day as a heathen festival. The church made it a holiday, commemorating the circumcision of the Christ Child.

**MANY** of the traditions of the old countries have been preserved in the United States. One custom which originated in the country is that of the Presidents' holding a reception for the public on New Year's Day. An observance which originated with George Washington.

New Year's Day is a legal holiday in all the states and the District of Columbia.

**BIRTHDAYS** of U. S. Presidents in January are: Millard Fillmore, January 7; William McKinley, 25; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 30. The late President Roosevelt's birthday has been traditionally observed as the occasion for the President's Birthday Ball, benefits from which go to the polio fund.

Other birthdays of outstanding persons are: Alexander Hamilton, January 11; Benjamin Franklin, 17; Daniel Webster, 18; Robert E. Lee, 19; Edgar Allan Poe, 19; Stonewall Jackson, 21.

## Words Fitly Framed

A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice.

The cemeteries are filled with people who thought the world couldn't get along without them.

If you would teach, keep the old akindle and add new knowledge.

When men meet they listen; when women meet they look.

## Care, Common Sense Helpful In Fighting Colds

Keep in top physical condition, if you would make a good beginning toward licking the common cold. Now that the season of colds is here, this advice is common information that will pay off, if heeded.

On this subject, there are a few basic facts that ought to be kept in mind.

Colds are common. Just about everyone has at least one a year. And they are no respecters of persons, countries, or climates. They are costly. People on jobs in the United States lose about half a billion dollars a year because of time lost from colds. They are serious. Colds may easily lead to more serious illnesses, because they can lower your resistance to other infectious diseases.

Colds are not curable—as yet. Medical science has not discovered a medicine that will destroy cold germs in the human body. Some doctors are of the opinion that cold vaccines may help protect from complications which come after colds. Medications may help make you more comfortable while you suffer a cold. Your doctor is the one to decide if you need drugs or vaccines.

**WHAT, THEN,** shall I do to help ward off colds? Here are some rules:

Keep well. Eat a balanced diet. Stay away from

others who have colds especially protect children from coughs and sneezes. Don't cheat yourself on sleep and rest. And recreation is good medicine toward keeping you healthy and happy.

Let the weather determine the clothes you wear. Don't get chilled or wet. Be sure that you don't share dishes and silverware, glasses, towels or toilet articles with others. Before eating or handling food, wash your hands with soap and water.

Get that periodic checkup from your doctor.

**IF YOU FEEL** yourself coming down with a cold, these simple procedures can help you to live it out:

Eat nourishing food and drink plenty of hot and cold liquids. If possible, go to bed or rest at home. If you continue to work, keep warm and dry, and get at least 8 hours of sleep each night.

Have you chills, fever, aching, or do you cough excessively? See your doctor.

And while you're fighting that cold, try not to share it with others. Avoid close contact with people, insofar as possible. Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze. Use paper tissues and destroy them after use. Keep your hands clean.

## GTI Schedules Evening Courses

Registration for several of the courses offered at Gaston Technical Institute will be held on January 2. New students will be accepted into the four-one-year technical courses in the fields of radio-television, automotive, mechanical, and electrical technology.

A new 18-month evening course in radio-television will also open January 2. It will cover fundamentals of radio, television, and communications, preparing the student to enter the radio-

television field as engineers, service and repair and related skills.

**STUDENTS** will also be accepted into the evening courses in gasoline and Diesel engine mechanics and machine shop, as well as into day-time courses in gasoline and Diesel engine mechanics.

James Mason, director of the school expects that the new term beginning in January will increase the school's enrollment beyond last fall's registration

which showed an increase of 30 per cent over last year's enrollment. General Manager Harold Mercer is a member of the advisory board of Gaston Technical Institute.

## Business Good In Europe

Present European prosperity rests on a solid basis. This observation was made by Company Chairman Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., at the conclusion of a tour of Europe and West Africa near the close of 1955.

"Business conditions in Europe are good. They are even better than last year (1954). The economies of Europe have more than made up the ground they lost as a result of the war. And there is every indication that they have resumed their long term rates of economic growth," Mr. Firestone said.

**HE NOTED** that among European business leaders there is general confidence in the belief that business will continue to be good. Because of the general prosperity, there has been in Europe a remarkable increase in the registration of motor vehicles, he said, and added, "As a result, all Firestone factories in Europe are running at full capacity. And we find the need for additional manufacturing facilities on top of the considerable expansion program we have carried out during the last ten years."



**STAR FARMER**—Near the close of 1955, Joe Moore, 21-year-old, Grandville, Tenn., youth was named Star Farmer of America. Raymond C. Firestone (second from left), Company Executive Vice-President, congratulates Moore, who was named to the honor from four regional finalists chosen from 383,000 FFA youths for outstanding achievement during 1955. Others in the picture, from left, are Ross E. Smith, North Harford, Md., representing the North Atlantic Region; Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Ida., Pacific Region; and Richard K. Arnold, Plainwell, Mich., Central Region.

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