

National Farm Safety Week Making Effort to Reduce Heavy Loss Burden

17,000 Deaths Can Be Eliminated in Agricultural Areas

Farmers and their wives and children, as a rule, are too busy producing food for wartime America to have any time to go hunting for danger and death.

Nevertheless, government safety officials declare, back home on the farm is far from being the safest place in the world to live.

Trouble is, safety engineers point out, that accidents don't wait for people to go looking for them. They just happen. And they happen mostly to people — like farmers — who are too busy doing an important job to think about how to avoid accidents.

Calling attention to America's continuing need for the skill and labor of her farmers, President Truman said:

"I urge farm people everywhere to observe National Farm Safety week by making a safety check in their homes and on their farms. . . I request all persons and organizations concerned with agriculture and farm life to do everything in their power to educate farm people in the proper precautions by which they may eliminate farm hazards."

President Truman has proclaimed July 22 to 28 as National Farm Safety week.

Burns usually rank second in importance on the farm home accident list. Causes include careless smoking, the use of kerosene in starting kitchen fires, placing pans of boiling liquid too close to the edge of a kitchen stove, as well as many other instances of haste or carelessness, or both.

Records show that if parents make sure at all times that firearms

| Farm Front Casualties | |
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| The following figures are based on statistics from Pearl Harbor to January 1, 1945. During the same period, total war casualties of U. S. forces, both army and navy, amounted to 764,852. These figures are for farm residents only. | |
| Killed | 53,000 |
| Injured | 5,000,000 |
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| Killed on job | 13,500 |
| Killed in traffic | 14,500 |
| Killed in homes | 22,000 |
| Injured at work | 700,000 |
| Injured in traffic | 500,000 |
| Injured in homes | 3,300,000 |

and poisons are out of reach of their children, accidents to children in the farm home will be considerably reduced.

Among leading causes of work accidents on the farm is the improper use of farm machinery. Knives, belts, pulleys, gears and the like are necessarily a part of farm machinery. The greatest caution should always be exercised in order to operate them without accident to the person.

Improper handling of animals causes many farm work accidents. While bulls are the cause of many serious injuries, the greatest number of accidents due to careless handling of animals is caused by horses, records show.

Pledge of Cooperation.
Falls are also high on the list of farm work accidents. Better house-keeping methods in the farmyard, the barn and other farm buildings can materially reduce the number of accidents attributable to falls.

Among farm leaders who have pledged their cooperation in the work of National Farm Safety week are Edward S. O'Neal, president of the American Farm bureau federation; James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, and A.



This farmer should know that his place is in the driver's seat. Instead he risks a lifetime of happiness to save a few seconds by disobeying a cardinal safety rule of adjusting machinery only when at a full stop, and then from the ground.

What You Can Do About It?

- Are you protecting your family against preventable injuries from animals? Do you—
- Keep bulls, boars, and rams securely penned?
- Use care in handling animals with newborn young?
- Keep vicious dogs tied up and away from children?
- Speak to animals before entering stalls and teach children to do so?
- Are you protecting your family against preventable injuries by ma-

S. Goss, master of the National Grange.

"President Truman's suggestion that farm people make a safety check in their homes and on their farms, if followed, will be the greatest single step that can be taken toward reducing accidents on the farm." Maynard H. Coe, director of the farm division of the National Safety Council, said.

He pointed out that the council's farm accident records, taken from states that keep a file of statistics on farm mishaps, clearly indicate the types of accidents which should be attacked first in any personal check-up.

Falls Most Common.
The records show, for example, that falls occur in the farm home far more frequently than any other type of accident. Such things as cluttered stairways, unsmooth ladders, badly lighted hallways — all of which can be corrected by good housekeeping — are major hazards.

Away from the farm, traffic accidents are the most serious menace for farm people. It is expected that a serious problem will arise on the highway when traffic again hits the peak of prewar years and



Upper photo shows risk of operating a saw without a guard. Second photo shows one cause of a \$90,000,000 annual farm fire loss — smoking in farm buildings. Third photo shows that rickety and cluttered stairways add to the annual killed and injured list. Lower photo: loaded or unloaded, neither are safe within reach of a child. Many are killed by "unloaded" guns annually.

greater driving skill and care than ever before will be needed.

There are many other types of accidents which contribute to the annual toll on the farm. Mr. Coe said, but the examples given point the way for both individuals and organizations to make best use of a farm safety check-up during the week.

Mr. Coe concluded his remarks

Toehold on Trouble



A gashed foot, sooner or later, is the inevitable result of steadying a block of wood with your foot when chopping.

by saying that early reports coming into the National Safety Council from many of the 300 organizations which cooperated in arranging National Farm Safety week activities in 46 states in 1944 indicate an even more successful week this year.

Lifetime of the implement has long been a yardstick whereby farm machinery care is measured. But there is a far more important and better measurement—the lifetime of the farmer. And that's where the farm safety program, with its emphasis upon the relationship of the human factor to the life span of farm folks, comes in.

With this in mind, manufacturers of farm equipment are doing a useful job of urging users to take extra care in handling implements, tractors, or other farm machines.

When the tractor, for instance, was new and its friends so freely and correctly forecast the approach of power farming, it stirred critics who ranged from mild to bitter. To catalog the criticisms would be an endless and unprofitable task; but that's all out of the book of "Genesis" of power farming. It was soon proved, again and again, that a tractor produced under good engineering and manufacturing auspices would stand up to the job for which it was designed. Tractors kept getting better and better. Their betterment continues.

Maintenance is a big element in such confidence. Long ago the stronger retail implement dealers assembled good mechanics and organized their shop-service departments. Many sent apprentices, and senior mechanics as well, to tractor factory schools.

Farm Safety Plan.
In the meantime, the farmer himself has improved as his own service man. Many young farmers have grown up in the new age of power farming and qualify as professional power farmers. And today's farmer knows he can go to the shop of some dealer for repair and overhaul work that the farmer is not equipped to do.

Factory management, by the way, fought the battle of safety with shields over moving parts wherever these might menace workmen—with shields and plenty of special training of foremen and workers in the technique of safety. This battle goes on now with never a sign of letup. Factory men treat safety as one of their major concerns. An unshielded machine is a rarity in any well-run plant.

To make life and limb safer for those who work with farm machinery, the farm machinery manufacturers have developed and put into effect protective shields for tractor and pull-type power drive implements; power line and power take-off shields so designed that the shield for any make of implement may be attached to the master shield bracket of any make of farm tractor.

Now the power line shield for any make or model of implement built to the standard could be connected to the master shield on any make or model of tractor. A good job, well done! But what about the thousands of implements and tractors already in the hands of the farmer? Isn't safety important to them too? It is, and soon provision was made to make available conversion packages for old implements so they could be adapted for use with new tractors, and old tractors converted to the standard so that new implements could be used with them.

In every way possible, farmers are urged to use these shields; never to operate a machine without them. Conspicuous precautionary signs are posted on danger spots throughout implement and tractor alike.

Certain parts of any machinery must be regarded as functional elements and cannot be completely shielded and still perform their job; but even here we do have one real safeguard: "Man can think before he acts."

work safely, play safely, drive safely, and otherwise prevent accidents by correcting conditions that might cause accidents?

Are you encouraging accident prevention in your home? Do you—

- Have first-aid materials on hand for treatment of minor injuries?
- Are members of the family familiar with the proper use of the first-aid materials?

Inspection points the way to protection—Locate the danger spots on the farm and in the farm home; then get rid of them.



THE OSCAR PURKEY BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE

To the Peacemakers:
This is a Blueprint for Peace which me and some of my buddies made up out of our own heads on account of we think if we have not got no right to have views on a peace who has?

A G.I. gets the peace at the thought of an old style peace made from the 1919 pattern and enforced no better than "No Smoking" signs in subways, and nothing gives him the heebie-jeebies like the chance another peace will turn out to be just a rest period in a slaughter house.

Me and my buddies has done a lot of talking with others and found they all think the same way which is that the job of making a bright new world is not going to get nowhere without the following specifications:

1. The abolition of baloney, bunk, goose grease, applesauce and what is commonly called "the old malarkey" from all deliberations.
2. No double talk. (This means positively.)
3. Night and day illumination of the goal posts. (And no dimming of the lights to secretly move the posts.)
4. A realization of the fact this world cannot exist half man and half rat. (Even a 5 per cent rat quota is too high.)
5. The same courage by peacemakers that was expected of men in the fighting planes, mountain passes, jungles, split trenches and foxholes, and on all the oceans of the world.
6. The blitzing of any disposition to gamble the future of the world on a policy of expediency. . . . and no sleeping on our postwar works.
7. The creation of some organization to safeguard the peace by armed co-operation against international cut-throats. You can't keep out of no free-for-all brawl by pulling down the shades and humming "Hearts and Flowers."
8. The constant realization that such a organization must come in on a paper wing and a wallop and not on a Geneva rabbit rhumba will make the alert signal the main dependence of civilized man.
9. An approach to all problems in the spirit of King David and never in the spirit of Mickey Mouse.
10. The creation of a League of Nations that never mistakes a double chin for muscle and don't think a backbone is something to be shown only by strip-teasers.
11. A pledge by the four great Powers to cement relations (but never confuse cement with bubble gum) and to stay in the lineup to the finish no matter who comes to bat.
12. No determination to force the American, British or Russian way of life on anybody else. (A way of life is not no nightshirt or no derby hat. A realization of the fact that any people's way of life looks screwy to the other fellow, regardless of the fact it may have more gadgets, subways, escalators and crooners.)
13. We must not let no war lord escape on the ground he didn't get the right vitamins.
14. We all got to keep our noses clean together or we will all go to the cleaners separately. The big question before the peace commissions is whether we get a happier world out of this war or just a slapp-happier one.
15. All peacemakers should keep pasted in their hats the idea that if we ever have another war the question will not be "What'll we do now?" but "What hit us?" And they got to realize through things like the V-1, V-2 and V-3 bombs, that another global fracas will be a combination of Dante's "Inferno" and "The Last Days of Pompeii," with a gooseflesh radio scenario by Orson Welles chucked in for extra creeps.

OSCAR PURKEY, Pfc.
(From "Private Purkey's Private Peace" by permission of the publishers, G. F. Putnam's Sons.)

President Truman may have gone on that fishing trip to get a little training in "holding the line." We still think him the most authentic fishing President since Cleveland. He looks to us like a fellow who would dig his own bait, rig up his own tackle, and think to bring a couple of cans of beer and some cheese sandwiches.

We think that most of those Jap suicide divers have been assured by their superiors that nets have been provided for them.

The governors of the New England States and seven other governors have concluded a conference in New York on the food crisis. And the governor of New Hampshire said to the governor of Vermont, "It's a long time between steaks."

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