

Nation's Ag Leaders Emphasize Farm Safety Week

"Safety makes sense, saves dollars and lives." Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson pointed out in calling attention to the 14th annual observance of National Farm Safety Week, which the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the National Safety Council are co-sponsoring.

"Despite a decrease in fatalities," Benson said, "the latest statistics available show 13,000 accidental deaths to farm residents annually, and more than a million injuries. The nation's economic loss from farm accidents is estimated by the National Safety Council at 1 1/2 billion dollars or more. These terrible human and economic costs show that Safety Makes Sense."

"Every farm person, young or old, can help reduce the accident toll by observing safe practices and avoiding unnecessary risks."

Other farm leaders joined the agriculture Secretary in asking for support of National Farm Safety Week. Here are their statements:

Senator George Aiken, ranking Republican of the senate agricultural committee: "I take pride in the progress we have made in recent years in safer farming and safer living. National Farm Safety Week deserves the support of all individuals and organizations involved in and interested in American agriculture and the welfare of farm people. It is heartening that so many organizations do support this special endeavor. But it is the support of individuals—the leaders and

the average farm people—which makes organized safety effective."

Congressman Harold Cooley, chairman of the house committee on agriculture: "It is my official duty to help promote the welfare of farm people. But my interest in the prevention of tragedy and suffering and disability among farm people goes much deeper than this. As a Vermont farmer, I know that everyday safe practices are part of a practical philosophy that brings gain rather than loss to me and those near me and to others whose paths may cross mine. I applaud the theme, Safety Makes Sense. And I urge all of you to take it to your hearts and heads—for the sake of good farming and good living."

Mrs. J. Homer Remsburg, president, National Home Demonstration Council: "Too many people don't think about safety until after an accident. And that's pretty much the same thing as locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen, because accidents can rob you of life or work ability and cause much suffering and trouble."

"There are three important things we can do: First, we can

Safety-Sense Means—

1. Fewer Deaths
2. Fewer Injuries
3. Less Grief and Suffering
4. Less Expense
5. Less Worry
6. Less Property Damage
7. Less Lost Time
9. More Peace of Mind
10. More Useful Years
8. More Leisure Time

check accidents before they have a chance to strike by hunting out the hazards lurking in homes, barns, fields and machinery. Second, we can always keep in mind that the rewards of safety far outweigh any advantages gained in taking dangerous shortcuts. And third, we can make farm safety a family affair. Let's teach every member of the family that Safety Makes Sense for all of us."

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation: "Statistics may not mean much to you until you've experienced a bad accident in your own family. For instance, this year probably a million farm residents will be injured by accidents. Now, that big

big round figure—one million—isn't easy to grasp. But let's say the average bushel of corn contains about 150,000 kernels, seven bushels of corn to make one million. If you think of every single kernel representing an injured person in some farm family, you can imagine how accidents pile up seven horribly big bushels of people in pain and trouble."

"Death is not the only terrible result of accidents. Living with tragedy, misery and disability is too often the result of a needless accident."

Herschel D. Newsom, master, National Grange: "If a gunman turned up on your farm taking pot shots at you, you'd duck for cover quick. But suppose this gunman was well hidden and fired a silent rifle. That's a worse danger, a tougher one to cope with. Well, many farm hazards are like that—just silently lurking around, waiting for a thoughtless moment to give them a chance to strike."

"You can take the weapon away from that lurking enemy by using proper equipment for every job... by keeping mach-

inery and equipment in good repair and always using safeguards... by driving your car and your tractor with caution... and by taking time to do your work right all the time."

Safety Makes Sense

—in preventing falls, the leading source of all injuries to farm residents and the killer of 2,000 farm people each year. Falls account for one-fourth of all farm-resident injuries. And these injuries are usually serious enough to bring heavy expense and costly loss of work time. Falls occur especially in barns and other buildings and barnyards, from hay racks, ladders, roofs and trees.

Safety Makes Sense

—in preventing machinery and animal accidents, which always chancical, it's how you handle such work helpers that keeps rank high as farm troublemakers. Whether it's alive or mechanical, it's how you handle such work helpers that keeps them helpful and you unharmed.

Safety Makes Sense

—in preventing home acci-

dents, which account for about one-fourth of all mishaps to farm people. It makes sense to be constantly watchful, to remove hazards and keep an orderly place, and to train children likewise.

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—in preventing traffic accidents, the main accidental killer of farm people. Courteous, careful, and always-watchful driving is the answer. Share the road, share the reasonable rights, and share the results in safer, better living.

The Senate, 45 to 38, voted approval of a bill to authorize construction of a proposed Federal dam at Hells Canyon on the Snake River on the Idaho-Oregon border.

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