

Classically Quiet Farm Potential Accident Site

The classically quiet, safe and beautifully calm routine of farm work is a storybook myth, according to the National Safety Council.

The increased mechanization and advanced technicalities in the farming industry have brought with them increased hazards. The extent of these has mounted until farming ranks as the third most dangerous industry in the nation, the safety council reports. Only mining and construction produce more fatalities each year. Last year there were 950,000 known disabling injuries to farm residents in our nation. There were 13,000 deaths. Quite an astounding degree of suffering, sorrow and waste can be found on the so-called serene farms of our land.

There are few veteran farmers or people raised on farms who can't recall near misses. Most of these were because of the "ought-to-know-better" type of risks and practices. Some of these are mounting, riding and dismounting from a disc harrow while being towed behind a tractor; working around machinery while wearing loose or stringy clothing; not keeping safety shields, goggles and other safety equipment in place and wearing it when needed.

The question now isn't will it happen to me, but what can I do to prevent it from happening to me. Morally, each person is required to act safely. It is considered wrong to deliberately take a life in violation of the law so it is also morally wrong to take a life accidentally.

Has Chain Reaction

Farmers should remember that an injury has a chain reaction. It results in loss of time, loss of equipment, loss of material value, lessened efficiency for the individual and consequently the nation. Many individuals are maimed each year through loss of an arm, leg, eye or other vital part of their working body. Thereafter, an extra person is necessary for all or part of the time in order to compensate. Result: higher cost per unit of production.

Safety incorporates every area of activity for every member of the family unit. The housewife and mother must be as keenly aware of this as the person operating the combine. The hazards of fires, scaldings, electrical shock, falls from climbing, care of infants or small children are as real as an injury received from the whirling snare of a power-take-off.

The innocent, routine chore of burning paper can be instantly transformed into a nightmare of flaming clothing and months of inactivity and

excruciating pain; the playful adventure of a child chasing its duck or testing the strength of pond ice can become the scene of horror and tragedy through drowning. Virtually every accident can be traced to a moment of thoughtlessness or carelessness—only to be a tormenting regret throughout all of one's life. Categorically, the areas of accidents on the farm rank thusly: machinery, drownings, fire-arms, falls, animals, insects, burns, blows from falling objects, electricity, lightning. One cannot find release from the pressing importance of safety measures and practices because of the location of his or her primary activity.

Do Not Respect Age

Also, accidents are not respecters of ages. The most hazardous ages are under 19 and over 25. The 10-24 age group is said to be the safest. Drowning is the principal source of fatalities under 19. Fire-arms are the chief source of fatalities from 11 to 14 years old. Each age seems to have a pet hazard.

Since every activity each day is potentially a hazard, one needs to be more than passively aware of the threat

to himself and his security. Consider yourself, permanently crippled through injury; consider your family, confronting the facts of earning a livelihood and education without you earning wages or a salary; consider the crippling loss of valuable pieces of equipment or buildings through fire or unsafe operating procedures; consider the total of hours lost and minor costs incurred each year because of failing to keep equipment in proper operational maintenance. In any event, one cannot escape being aware of the economic phase of safety. Insurance, even if one should have coverage, is poor consolation for a crippled life. It is sound and profitable business to operate a safe business.

Do not fail to realize that you, the individual, whether on a large or small farm, are the vital link in the safe operation of the vast farming industry of our great nation. It is up to you to put into practice every measure of common sense and manufacturer's advice contributing toward safety. The slogan applies, "Enjoy farm life—practice safety."

Vet's 'Service Connection' Award Protected by Law

An award of "service connection" which has been in force for 10 or more years in veteran disability and death cases will be protected under a new law signed recently by the president, S. T. Brannick, contact representative, V. A. Domiciliary, White City, said today.

The new law (Public Law 86-501) became effective on Jan. 1, 1962.

The only exceptions under the law, Brannick said, would be cases in which there is a showing that the original grant of service connection by the VA was based on fraud, or where it is clearly shown from military records that the veteran concerned did not have the required service, or lacked the proper character of discharge from service.

"Service connection" is established by the VA when it is found that a veteran's injury or disease was incurred in or aggravated by active service in line of duty during wartime or peacetime service.

Establishment of service connection is necessary before disabled veterans can become eligible for monthly disability compensation payments, and also gives wartime veterans priority for admission to VA hospitals, as

well as eligibility for certain other benefits Brannick stated. Widows of deceased veterans also will be protected under the same provisions of the new law in all cases where the widow's benefits are based on the service-connected disabilities of the veteran.

Oregon Delegate One of Youngest

Chicago—UPI—One of the youngest delegates attending the Republican National Convention today was Bruce Phillip, a 22-year-old farmer from Stayton, Ore.

Phillip, an alternate delegate, is a veteran of Young Republican club activity in Oregon and is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

TOUGH CAMPAIGNERS

Knoxville, Tenn.—UPI—Sen. Estes Kefauver and his senatorial opponent, Judge Andrew Taylor, proved they have the stomachs for political campaigning. Four hospitals reported a wave of stomach upsets Sunday among persons who attended a Democratic barbecue rally at which the political opponents were present. Neither was among the casualties.

Farm Accidents Highly Expensive To All People

"Accidents to farm people cost the nation \$1,100,000,000 each year!"

"That's why farm safety isn't just for farmers alone," commented Maynard Coe, farm safety director of the National Safety Council. He announced the 17th annual National Farm Safety Week proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for July 24-30.

The week—cosponsored by the Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture—has as its theme: "Enjoy Farm Life—Practice Safety."

Purpose of a week devoted to farm safety, explained Coe, is to focus nationwide attention on the year around need for reducing the number of farm accidents which cause death, disability and grief to farm people and drain the nation's economy.

"By farm people we mean more than just the 20 million farm residents alone. Others who suffer indirectly include the six million persons who supply what farmers need, plus the 10 million transportation, store, processing and merchandising people.

"That's a sizable chunk of the population that suffers because of farm accidents."

"The farm today is a small industrial plant. And it has all the small industrial plant's need for safety practices."

The farmer, his family and employees must carry safety into their everyday living."

DREAM BRIDGE CLOSER

Palermo, Sicily—UPI—Sicily's great dream of a bridge linking it to the mainland is moving a small step closer to reality. Huge drills soon will start probing the bottom of the Straits of Sicily to seek the best place where the bridge could be built—if it ever is.

Hatfield Lukewarm on Plans For Seashore Park, But California's Brown is Eager

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Washington Correspondent

Sacramento (Special)—The governor of California is so anxious to get a national seashore park for his state that he is willing to have California pay half the cost of acquiring the land.



This offers a contrast to the approach of the governor of Oregon, who has stated that he will go along with a national seashore park on the Oregon coast only if the federal government meets the exacting terms stipulated by the state.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has demonstrated no anxiety about having the National Park Service create a seashore park along the Oregon Dunes between Florence and Reedsport. There is nothing in Hatfield's expressed attitude that would indicate he would countenance use of state funds to buy up the land for the park if it is established.

Brown Pushing Hard

Gov. Edmund G. Brown, however, is pushing hard to get a stretch of the California coastline called Point Reyes, north of the San Francisco area, converted into a seashore recreation area.

Up to now the Park Service has approved both the Oregon Dunes and Point Reyes areas, but it has given the Oregon coast priority. The Interior Department, after recommending legislation covering the Oregon Dunes (along with Cape Cod, Mass., and Padre Island, Tex.), quietly agreed not to object if Point Reyes

were added to the bill during congressional debate. The legislation, however, was still in committee when Congress adjourned.

Gov. Brown views the value of a seashore park in the context of his state's expanding population. Point Reyes, he noted, is close to the big Bay area population center and is two hours from Sacramento and Stockton.

10 Million People

"In less than two decades this seashore area should be within easy reach of almost 10 million people," he stated. Once the Point Reyes seashore is created, Brown would be willing to have the state manage it under the expanding California state beach and park program. This involves a commitment of state funds to the idea.

"We, in California, are acutely aware of the need to provide major coastal recreation facilities," he said. "Government agencies own less than one fourth of California's 1,200 miles of coastline above the level of mean high tide. About six per cent of the 900 miles of coastline reached by access over private lands—only 54 miles—is available to the public."

Gov. Brown said the state is now forced to pay \$1,200 per linear foot—which is \$100 per inch—for beach property near Santa Monica which would have had a nominal price quarter century ago.

"We must exercise more foresight today," added the governor.

Local Opposition

In California there is local opposition to making Point Reyes into a playground. The area is now occupied by private dairy farms. The Park Service has in mind using about 32,000 acres for the park, with the remaining 21,000 acres being left in a pastoral state for the farmers.

Gov. Brown is willing for California to put up 50 per cent of the cost of buying up the park land. The land within the proposed park has been assessed at \$1,489,000.

Congress, always looking for ways to economize, may

therefore look with more favor upon the California seashore than some of the others which would be much more costly to the federal government, notably Cape Cod.

Whatever may happen to the Oregon Dunes proposal, to which Gov. Hatfield has been not overly warm and Sen. Wayne Morse has greeted with coolness, California is maneuvering its favored shoreline into a position of advantage for the time when Congress makes its decision on the seashore concept.

Burned Toast May Cause Mishap To Unwary Farmer

Does a farm accident begin at breakfast?

"It can," said Maynard Coe, the National Safety Council's director of farm safety, "if there's a lack of harmony at the breakfast table."

"The attitude the farmer has when he goes out to run a lot of complicated machinery," said Coe, "is extremely important. If his wife or children upset him at breakfast, he's much more likely to have an accident than if he leaves the table in a good frame of mind."

"It's just a theory," he said, "but we think how a farmer feels at breakfast has a lot to do with how safe he stays throughout the day."

Coe's observations came on the eve of the annual National Farm Safety Week, which the National Safety Council is cosponsoring July 24-30 with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It's not only a nagging wife at the breakfast table that can drive a man to an accident, Goe—a married man—hesitated to point out.

"Burnt toast, bad weather or a sleepless night can have the same disastrous effect," he said. "Anything that causes a farmer to concentrate less on the work at hand is to be avoided, if at all possible."

Baby Elephant, 'Candy' To Be Busy at Convention

By HELEN THOMAS, United Press International

Chicago—UPI—A baby elephant named Candy has a big week ahead of her at the GOP national convention.

The year and a half old 450-pound pachyderm, symbol of the Republican party, will be on parade at several big events. Saturday she was the star attraction at an elegant luncheon given by the Women's National Republican club of Chicago.

The party honored Mrs. Clare B. Williams, assistant chairman of the GOP National Committee and Mrs. Bertha Baur, 88, retiring Illinois committeewoman who says she is now a "precinct captain."

Candy was put on display in the lobby of the plush 18th century style Ambassador hotel. She patiently posed for pictures with top women in the party and she was rewarded with lumps of sugar.

"The standing is her reward for enduring around being bothered by people," said Joe Frisco, Candy's keeper.

At one point a Goldwater for vice president yellow hat was placed on her head but with a thrust of her trunk she quickly knocked it off.

The women at the gourmet feast did a lot of politicking, mostly for their husbands. Mrs. Barry Goldwater, wife of the Arizona senator, was asked how she felt about her husband's chances of winning the vice presidential nomination.

"It will be interesting to see what happens," she told a UPI reporter. "It's very exciting and very flattering, but I still enjoy being a senator's wife."

Mrs. Goldwater added that "Barry says no one in his right mind would turn down an offer like that but he hopes he won't get it."

Mrs. John Sherman Cooper, wife of the Kentucky senator, topped off her smart white suit with a white straw Breton that sported a red band reading "Re-elect Senator Cooper."

In case anyone missed the point she also waved a fan which read: "I am a John Sherman Cooper fan."

When buttonholed, Congresswoman Judy Weis of

New York, said she thinks Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller would help give the GOP "a strong ticket."

Pressed as to why the governor is shunning the vice presidency, she said, "I think there are all kinds of reasons."

She also said that she recommends that the Republican party "run scared" so as not to take any chances.

Mrs. William G. Stratton, wife of the Illinois governor, dropped by a pre-lunch reception before going on to another luncheon which she and her husband gave Saturday for Republican governors and their wives. The Rockefellers went to the luncheon from the airport soon after their arrival.

Civil Defense Calls Farmers

The office of civil and defense mobilization is actively cooperating in plans for nationwide observance of Farm Safety Week July 24-30, according to W. L. Shaffer, director of rural activities of the office.

"We believe this is particularly fitting because rural civil defense is farm safety in the nuclear age," Shaffer explained.

"Authorities tell us that if an enemy should attack the United States with nuclear weapons, radioactive fallout would be the greatest threat to non-target areas. This fallout could blanket rural America, killing or injuring people and livestock, and contaminating crops and soil," the director pointed out.

OCDM, in cooperation with state and county civil defense offices, is carrying out a nationwide program to inform rural people of the radioactive danger and tell them how they can take simple measures to protect their families and livestock, he explained. This is a tremendous educational effort and help is needed to assure reaching every family, through the press, radio and television.

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U.S. Puts Mechanical Sherlock Holmes on Trail Of Income Tax Cheaters

Washington—UPI—Tax cheaters, big and small, your days are numbered. Uncle Sam is putting a mechanical Sherlock Holmes on your trail.

The automatic tax inspector—actually an electronic computer center—will go into operation late next year and will be scanning all tax returns from individuals and corporations by 1969.

The Internal Revenue Service currently picks tax returns at random to check. Thus, the returns of many cheaters are never even looked at.

The new electronic eagle-eye, in addition to nabbing tax evaders, will speed up refunds to honest folk. The IRS announced the new setup Thursday. The computer center will be located near Martinsburg, W. Va.

Under the electronic check-up system, every taxpayer would be assigned a serial number, much like a Social Security designation. Corporations already have such numbers.

By referring to these numbers, the computer will be able to match up returns with a taxpayer's master file. The procedure will provide an automatic check against previous returns and against data on how much an individual has earned in wages and salary, dividends and interest.

Silverton Firehouse Damaged by Blaze

Silverton—UPI—The Silverton city firehouse caught on fire Sunday and the blaze extensively damaged a room for ambulance crews.

Silverton has volunteer firemen and no one was in the firehouse at the time. A davenport and chair burned and flames damaged a wall and floor.

The fire department is located in city hall. None of the city's firefighting equipment or city offices were damaged.

Authorities said some boys turned in the alarm. Cause of the fire was being investigated.

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