

Farm Youths Talk Safety



What would you do if you had only one day to make your farm safer? That's what newsmen asked a group of young safety experts at the recent National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. They were winners of awards presented by General Motors in the National 4-H Farm and Home Safety Program. "I'd declare a 'safety day' and turn out the whole family to locate and mark all hazards on the farm," was the answer of Margie Sellers, 17, Whitesboro, Texas. Margie was one of eight national winners' awarded \$300 college scholarships by GM, which also presented expense-paid trips to the 4-H Congress to both national and state winners among the 425,000 4-H youths who took part in the safety program. All the youngsters agreed that although safety demands continuing, day-by-day attention, it might be good to set aside one day for elimi-nating hazards—and then go at the job as though there would be no more time for it.

more time for it. "It would make you decide what safety improvements were most important, and then concentrate on them," said George N. Fleming, 18, Simms, Montana. "I would check the things that get most use, such as farm machinery and home appliances, and make sure that they were in

arm machinery and nome appliances, and make sure that they were in safe operating condition." Gayle Givens, 17, Frederick, Oklahoma, observed that a "safety day" would be a hard blow against one of safety's most dangerous enemies— procrastination. She and Erich Willen, 17, Westminster, Maryland, both national winners—said that if they had only one day for safety they would concentrate on the home. "They's unbergenerate before " Erich enclosed (I would be

"That's where most accidents happen," Erich explained. "I would check things like stairs, rugs, and medicines." Hope E. Caswell, 17, Canton, New York, said she would concentrate

on eliminating fire hazards. "They are often the least obvious," she said. "And a bad fire is just about the most serious disaster that can hit a farm."

Other suggestions included proper storage of tools; building sturdy pens for livestock, and checking electrical equipment. What would you do?



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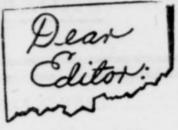
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