

# farm safety awareness

compiled, but Mr. Rose is expecting a slight increase in the number of farm fatalities.

"We have had a few more with people clearing land, trying to use the tractor as a skidder to pull trees. The tractor flips over very easily under those conditions," he said.

The farmers' declining income may be another factor, as they try to make do with machinery that is in need of repair.

"Shields and guards get damaged, and they have got to be replaced," Mr. Rose said.

The Ontario Ministry of

Agriculture and Food runs a program whereby the farmer is reimbursed for purchasing safety equipment. Mr. Rose noted this fund was used up by the farmers last year, which is one indication that farmers are paying more attention to safety on the farm.

## Donation

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The Clute Women's Institute recently donated a geri-stretcher lounge chair to the Lady Minto Hospital. On hand for the presentation were Institute members, Donna Dodds, Linda Charron, Edith Stiles and Edith Moore. Dorothy Thompson accepted the donation on behalf of the hospital. Lillian Dodds tested the lounge chair for comfort, covered by an afghan made and donated by Lore Nowak.