



Members of a panel discussing "Safety in the Farm Home" at the Farm Safety Conference. Left to right: Mrs. P. Y. McCandless, F.W.I.O. Public Relations Representative; Mrs. Elton Armstrong, of Armitage, Ont., Chairman; Miss Groce Hamilton, R.N., of Home Economics Extension Service.

information from the training schools back to their localities, and through the 4-H Homemaking Club project "The Club Girl Stands On Guard." Miss Kay Homan, President of the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association said that farm safety has been a Junior Farmer project for years, the members having meetings at one another's farms, going over the farm buildings and marking every safety hazard they find with a skull and crossbones.

Mrs. Haggerty said that children must be protected in the community as well as in their homes and a great many Institutes are helping to prevent drowning accidents by sponsoring swimming classes and providing skating rinks to keep children off unsafe ice on streams and ponds. Kay Homan felt that young people as well as children should be taught to swim, to know the rules of water safety and how to give artificial respiration. Another project being investigated by the Junior Farmers is a blood testing campaign so that individuals would carry with them a record of their blood type to be used if a transfusion is needed in case of an accident.

The question of accidents to children riding on tractors or driving tractors was discussed. When someone pointed out that it would be difficult to enforce a law against allowing children under a certain age to drive tractors, Mrs. Haggerty said "Maybe legislation isn't the answer, but women have a strong influence on their children and on their husbands in determining 'the way of life' on their farm. I believe education could be brought to women through the Women's Institutes to prevent accidents to young children through farm tractors."

Mrs. Haggerty also referred to the resolutions sent from the Women's Institutes to the Government on questions of safety on the highway.

An impressive point in this panel discussion was made by Mr. Eugene Lemon, a Director of the Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Mr. Lemon had lost an arm in a threshing machine accident. Asked if he believed that fatigue often entered into accidents, Mr. Lemon explained that his own accident had occurred in 1942 during the war when it was difficult to get farm help and he had con-

tinued to work at the threshing machine when he was overtired. He said:

"Don't operate a tractor for more than two hours at a time. Get off, walk across the field, observe and rest. If I had done as much thinking before my accident as I have done since it never would have happened."

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By Rev. W. A. Young

Almighty God who art in every place,  
Help us to feel Thy nearness,  
As we pause in this quiet moment,  
To seek Thy help and guidance  
As we begin the work of this day.

Thou art the great giver of life,  
Who desirest the health and happiness  
Of all Thy creatures.  
Let Thy blessing be upon these Thy servants  
As they meet to consider the dangers that threaten  
The health and happiness of Thy people.

The world that Thou hast made for us  
To live in joy and peace,  
We have made into a place of peril and fear.  
The machines that should have made life richer  
Are instruments too often to maim and destroy.

Forgive us Oh Father;  
And save us from our own carelessness and folly.  
Grant that by our efforts in these days,  
The minds of men everywhere in this province  
May be stirred to a new realization  
Of the sacredness of human life.

Give to each one of us the spirit of co-operation  
And courage and faith,  
That we may achieve our purposes together.  
Give us wisdom as we discuss our problems,  
And inspire those who will speak.

Because we have met here together,  
May our enthusiasm be renewed  
To seek better ways to fulfil our purpose, and Thine,  
And to serve the highest good of Mankind.

We ask it in the name of Him,  
Who gave His Life,  
That we might live abundantly.

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