



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph French and family who contributed the panel, "What Our Family Did To Promote Farm

Safety." At the head of the table is Mr. William Anderson, who chaired the panel.

with a tractor to put the exhaust into a pail of water.

"And Dad has told us that extra passengers should never be allowed on the tractor and that small children should never be allowed around machinery."

Bob continued the list of precautions against accidents. He said:

"Last summer as we were cabling the threshing machine into the barn, I had been blocking the machine directly in line with the pulley. Before the wheels of the thresher reached the doors, Dad told me to change sides and block on the other side of the machine away from the line of the pulley. Just as I had changed sides and the wheels reached the door, the pulley snapped and it flew by where I had been blocking the machine. Although this was a new pulley, it shows that no chances should be taken with new or old equipment.

"We also have been told how dangerous the stable can be if care is not taken to prevent it. When we go in beside or around animals we should always speak to them as we approach, because if animals are surprised they can kick before you know it. On our farm we never leave forks lying around where they may be stepped on. Passages in the stable are kept clean and dry to prevent falls. Dad has warned us many times that straw and hay chutes should never be covered with straw or hay, but they should be covered with solid doors to prevent falling through.

"We have also been warned that anyone leading an animal should never wrap the rope around his hand. If the animal runs the rope could easily tighten around the hand. When leading an animal we never use a longer rope than is necessary because if you are holding too much rope you can easily get caught in it."

Dorothy, the second daughter, in Grade XIII in high school told what the Junior Farmers' safe driving rodeo had done for safety in motoring.

The Police Department and the Department of Transport assisted with this project. First a driver's hand book was sent to each Junior Farmer member in the county, to be studied in preparation for a quiz. Five brand new cars were loaned for the final demonstrations and an insurance company, feeling that this was a good way to promote safe driving, insured the cars without cost to the Junior Farmers' Association.

The rodeo tests were: answering two written quizzes based on the safe driving rules in the hand book, parallel parking, smooth stopping on a certain line, straight line driving, forward and backward and serpent driving—the last test requiring driving forward and backward around four barrels. Dorothy said:

"These tests may sound easy but I'll guarantee you they weren't. Policemen were at each section of the test watching the driving and filling out our score sheets. By the end, most of our scores weren't too high. The top five boys and the top five girls were required to compete again in the same tests at the Stratford fall fair.

"I think most of us had taken for granted that we could parallel park, stop on a line and drive straight, but when the distance we were out from being correct was measured we realized that we weren't very accurate in our driving. Other rules such as always looking behind before starting or stopping a car were stressed. I gained a terrific amount from this project and I would urge all of you to encourage other organizations to have a safe driving rodeo."

Last summer Mr. and Mrs. French had taken a six weeks' holiday leaving the family in charge of things at home. The chairman asked if they had been worried about leaving the children with this responsibility, and Mrs. French said that they realized the boys were young — the girls being older had already carried considerable responsibility when it was necessary. "But," she added, "if you don't show your children that you have confidence in them they may never learn to take responsibility. No, we weren't worried."