

# Ontario's Safety Conference

**W**ELCOMING the third annual Ontario Farm Safety Conference to the Ontario Agricultural College, the President, Dr. J. D. MacLachlan said, "As members of the Farm Safety Council you are not here only for yourselves; you are working for the safety of everyone." And Mr. T. R. Hilliard, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, congratulated the council on the fact that since its organization interest in farm safety had increased instead of decreasing after the first enthusiasm. Mr. Hilliard also paid a tribute to members of the Department of Agriculture staff—engineers, agricultural representatives and others who are working closely with the people in the safety program.

"As a young organization you are not hampered by tradition," Mr. Hilliard said. "You can 'think dangerously'—not act dangerously, but have courage in introducing things that catch people's imagination, something they will talk about. You don't know how many lives you may have saved, but perhaps your best measurement is your own attitude in being more concerned with safety than you were before."

## The Broad Scope of Safety

Dr. W. R. Mitchell, Director of Extension of the Ontario Veterinary College, speaking on the question "What does safety mean to you?" said that safety began to have meaning for him when an uncle was gored by a bull, when his father was crushed in a gravel pit and crippled for life, when a friend had a tractor accident that left him with a permanent spinal injury. Members of the audience, when asked for their ideas of the meaning of safety, made such recommendations for accident prevention as "eternal vigilance", "the removal of hazards", "think, think, think", "don't be in a hurry", "remember that an accident results from either human or mechanical failure", and "that safety comes through education".

Dr. Mitchell dealt with some "accidents" resulting in illness: He warned that unsafe eating habits may lead to food poisoning — many deaths have occurred from food poisoning at church suppers; the old-time "summer complaint" usually came from spoilage in food before the days of refrigeration; meat is not always inspected in rural districts; brucellosis in unpasteurized milk causes undulant fever; ringworm is frequently contracted from calves; lockjaw may result from the tetanus germ getting into a wound.

## Program Aids

Mr. Brock Whale of Foster Advertising Ltd., spoke on "Effective Aids to Programming" in education for safety. The first step in communicating, he said, is to analyze your audience and know its interests. The season is one guide in choosing a subject for discussion—a subject for a summer meeting might be tractor accidents, for a winter meeting, accidents in the

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### OLD McDONALD'S FARM (Safety Version)

By D. D. Bergey, New Dundee, Ont.

Old McDonald had a Barn, eeyi, eeyi, oh!  
And in this barn he stored wet hay — — —  
With a smolder smolder, here and a smolder  
smolder there  
Here a smolder there a smolder, everywhere a  
smolder, smolder  
Now McDonald has no barn — — —

Old McDonald had a house — — —  
And in this house he had bare wires — — —  
With a short short here and a short short there  
Here a short, there a short, everywhere a short  
short  
Now McDonald has no house — — —

Old McDonald spilt some gas — — —  
He lit a match to see that gas — — —  
With a boom boom here and a boom boom there,  
Here a boom there a boom, everywhere a boom  
boom,  
Old McDonald had a blast — — —

Old McDonald had a ladder — — —  
But oh! this ladder had weak rungs — — —  
With a crack crack here and a crack crack there,  
Here a crack there a crack everywhere a crack  
crack,  
Now McDonald is on his back — — —

Old McDonald had a fork — — —  
In the dark he kicked this fork — — —  
With an ouch-ouch here and an ouch-ouch there,  
Here an ouch, there an ouch, everywhere an ouch  
ouch,  
Old McDonald sure did limp — — —

Old McDonald had a bull — — —  
He used a rope to lead this bull — — —  
With a toss toss here and a snort snort there,  
Here a rip there a snort, everywhere a toss toss,  
Old McDonald sure did soar — — —

Old McDonald has a wife — — —  
To her he owes his very life — — —  
With a safety lecture here and a safety measure  
there,  
Here a lecture, there a lecture everywhere a safety  
measure,  
Now McDonald's safe from harm — — —

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