

Tell Safety Rules For Farm Tractors

Statistics indicate that 60 per cent of the fatal accidents on farms are caused from improper use of the tractor. J. L. Thompson of the Swift Current Experimental Station advises accidents can be reduced to a minimum by carefully observing the following safety rules—

1. Do not allow young children to operate a tractor.
2. In hitching, do not stand on the ground between the moving tractor and the implement. Always block up the hitch and use a hook to align tractor drawbar.
3. Let the clutch in slowly when going up a hill, or starting off in high gear.
4. Stop the power take-off when getting off the tractor.
5. Keep the safety shield over the power take-off assembly.
6. Stay on the seat when the tractor is in motion. Stop to adjust lever or employ hydraulic controls.
7. Never allow passengers on the tractor.
8. In high gear, apply both brakes evenly when a quick stop has to be made. Uneven braking causes tipping at high speed.
9. Never change the hitch point above the axle centre line. Always use the drawbar.
10. On heavy loads engage the clutch slowly or the front end may come up.
11. Wait until the tractor stops before dismounting.
12. Stop the motor before filling the fuel tank; also avoid spilling

fuel on the hot motor.

13. Throttle down the motor when turning a corner, applying the brakes, or going over rough ground.
14. Allow a boiling radiator to cool down before removal of the cap for inspection.
15. In changing tires always use the proper blocking to prevent tipping.
16. Keep the steering mechanism and tires in good shape, and front wheels aligned on highway travelling.
17. In hilly countries use a red flag on a high pole to warn motorists.
18. When travelling on highways at night use the proper lighting in both front and rear.

Safety pays in time and lives. By observing these simple rules a life may be saved.

MONEY BACK

A country lad and his bride went to Toronto on their honeymoon. He bought two tickets, one night for a travelling musical show. During the first act they sat in the balcony. At the intermission he went down to the box office, paid \$2 and exchanged the tickets for orchestra seats. Ten minutes after the start of the second act, he rushed out and demanded his money back at the box office. "That's the same rotten show that was playing on the second floor," he complained.

In 1952 volume of national production in Canada went up 6 per cent, while labor income went up 12 per cent.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by *Quadrantia F. Clarke*

The miracle of spring is repeated again; pasture land and wheat fields are looking fresh and green; even some spring-down fields have a greenish tinge suggesting the successful germination of early oats. Daffodils are swaying in the wind in all their golden glory; flowering shrubs, bursting with new life, whether it be foliage, the golden bells of the forsythia or the cherry red japonica. The great outdoors in full of promise after a wonderful rain—now all we have to do is keep pace with it! We also have with us daylight saving time—a help or a hindrance, according to what we make of it. In haying time it is undoubtedly a hindrance to farmers but right now I can't see that it makes much difference one way or another.

Another unerring sign of spring—the swallows are back to the returned. Partner says the same thing happens every spring—he is milking, hears a little chirp now and then, looks up and sees one little swallow, flying in and out, first to one beam and then another. This one reconnoitering swallow then disappears. But eventually it stays around for a day or two and returns in company with its sisters and its uncles, its cousins and its aunts. Love-making is soon underway and then comes the serious business of setting up house and raising a family.

Life has few complications for the swallow family—their swift flight and the location of their nests defies even the barnyard cat—perhaps that is why Shakespeare spoke of them as symbols of hope.

"True hope is swift, and flies with swallow's wings." But the swallows are not the only ones around here with plans for setting up house. Son Bob is doing the same thing—only, unlike the swallows, he is batching it, at least for the present. He has a nice little bungalow on the outskirts of Oakville, only a few hundred yards from the Construction plant where he works, which means saving time and gas that would ordinarily be used if he were commuting from here. Such a nice little bungalow, four rooms and a bathroom and a full-size basement. The ground-floor front windows look out across a pasture field where there are several lovely big trees; beyond that stretches the Queen Elizabeth Way with its constantly moving traffic. But the kitchen and Bob's bedroom have quite a different outlook, which Bob finds rather amusing—that is, a view of the main yard of the Construction plant, complete with shovels, trucks and one giant-size cement mixer! The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la-la, have nothing to do with the case—not from the rear view of Bob's little house. There are only five other houses in the immediate vicinity of the district is not overcrowded.

As yet. We, too, have been moving house but only within our own four walls. We bought an extra piece of new bedroom furniture three times on three different days before I was satisfied with the result. One night, before retiring, Partner said—"And where shall I find the bed tonight—I hardly know my way around any more!"

Some of the unwanted stuff that we have around Bob is making use of for the present, including a square table which was in our bedroom because there was no other

\$30,000 Fee Cheap For Fire Fighter

Myron Kinley, of Bel Air, is the unrivaled world's champion fighter of oil fires. In the past 30 years he has put out fires for oil companies in most of the important oil-producing areas of the world, the Reader's Digest reports.

His method of fighting fire is easy, if you overlook the fact that it's so dangerous no insurance company will issue a policy on him. He shoots them out with dynamite.

An experience Kinley had at an oil well fire near Oklahoma City is typical. This fire was the worst in Oklahoma's history. Kinley and his younger brother, Floyd, crept into the flames under a spray of water, pushing an asbestos-lined shield. They carried 30 quarts of dynamite in an asbestos-wrapped barrel. With an improvised boom they pushed the barrel out over the geyser of flame. When it was flared, the fire was snuffed out like a giant candle.

The Kinleys, clothes in shreds, eyebrows burned off, collected their pay and departed.

Kinley's right leg is permanently stiff and his left arm and shoulder are a mass of scar tissue as a result of a lifetime of fire fighting.

What is the pay for work like this? A \$30,000 fee is considered cheap. Oilmen say that Kinley easily earns over \$100,000 a year, most of it from fire fighting.

He travels all over the world dousing oil fires. He doesn't keep on because money means so much to him. It's just that he loves to fight fires.

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