

Farming Extremely Dangerous Job Urges Fire, Wiring Safety Care

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By this time you will be well aware of the Farm Accident Survey that will begin on March 1. We all know that accidents occurring to farm people are caused by tractors, farm machinery and farm animals etc., but until we know how many, where and when these accidents occur the most often, can we formulate an effective Farm Safety program.

Extremely Dangerous

How dangerous is farming? Extremely! In fact, it is one of the most dangerous occupations there is. Only mining and industrial contracting have a higher accident rate. You would be three times safer working in a factory than farming. In the United States 28 to 40 farm people die each day and 3,000 others are injured. No wonder we should be concerned and want to know what the farm accident picture is in Ontario.

However, we do not need to wait until the survey is completed before we can take any action. Fires always take a heavy toll in lives and property and this has been especially true this winter. Obviously all farm fires cannot be prevented but many can be by taking a few simple precautions.

Four Homes Lost

Recently in Peel county, four farm homes have been burnt with loss of life in one case and close calls in others. Often when a farm house is on fire, the occupants only have time to get out and have to flee to a neighbor's house to phone the fire department.

If the neighbor is on the same rural line, it is quite often not possible to reach the neighbor because the wires in the phone in the burning house have fused. This gives the same effect on the operator's board as someone using the line and because there is a steady light on his board, she has no way of knowing that she is trying to reach her. If this happens, it is necessary to drive to another telephone line to phone the fire department.

Pull Down Telephone Lines

On rural lines if you are forced to vacate your house because of fire, pull down the telephone lines on the outside of the house before going to the neighbors to call the fire department. If the wires are cut back to the point where they are not fused, it will leave the line open and in operation.

Do you and every member in your family know the telephone number of the fire department? Remember, when a fire occurs it is easy to panic. All members of the family should know the number and it should be placed right on the phone. Also, remember when talking to the fire department to take time to give them a clear description of the location of your property and how to get there. They can't help you very much if they can't find your place.

Need Strong Ladder

Every farm should have a good strong ladder that will reach to the top story of the house. Quite often the stairway is filled with fire and prevents anyone from going upstairs to rescue children when they could be safely and easily taken from the house by means of a ladder. Thus, of course, means a ladder in excellent repair and strong enough to hold two people. This could easily mean the difference between life and death for you and your family in a fire. Have you got one?

Almost every year we add more appliances to our farm wiring in buildings that have been wired for some time it is easy to reach the safe load limit. This should be checked frequently. The Ontario Hydro will do this for a very nominal charge.

Cap No. Hazard

Heat lamps offer a great many advantages around the barn but unless well installed, offer a serious fire hazard. Remember, they will set straw on fire if they come in contact with it.

Heat lamps should be of the pyrex glass type that will not break if splashed with water. They should be installed in a porcelain

receptacle rather than a metal one. The lamps should be covered with a shield which if knocked down will upset and point the plug up.

Do not suspend the lamps by their cords. They should be held by a chain or heavy wire. An outlet should be placed directly over the place the lamps are being used rather than run off a long extension cord. Then if the lamp is pulled down, it will come unplugged. Finally, no more than 7-250 watt brooders should be installed on a No. 12 wire circuit. Remember, a good installation is a safe installation.

Only a Few Things

These are just a few things that can be done to prevent fires and to do during fires that can be helpful. There are many more.

The loss of a building is costly and tragic to the farm operation. Fire insurance softens the blow but never does anyone recover the total loss through insurance. Just

Honor Night

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More Bird Feeding Stations At Pickering Lure Hungry Lot

The village of Pickering, with a population of 1,000 people, 25 miles east of Toronto, claims it has more bird-feeding stations each winter than any other settlement of its size in Ontario.

As a result, to be found almost any day are cardinals, juncos, chickadees, nuthatches, blue jays, the occasional mourning dove, thousands of English sparrows, and starlings, woodpeckers, including the odd piliated variety, owls, hawks, pheasants and just about every other native wild bird in Canada, along with a lot of strays from other parts.

Receipts for bird attraction, according to Pickering folk, includes suet, millet, raw peanuts, wheat, cracked corn, bread crumbs and crusts, and old soup bones which still have some fat attached.



as important as insurance itself is to know what your policy covers and what it doesn't.

It is easy to renew your insurance year after year without bringing it up to date. I am sure if many farmers had a fire today, they would be surprised how inadequate their coverage is.

Fire Print Important

In fire insurance, the fire print is just as important as any other part of the policy. After a fire, farmers are surprised to learn what the word contents means, for example. Any reputable insurance company's agent would be glad to explain in detail the fine print of your policy to you. Policies should be brought up to date every year.

What about the different types of fire extinguishers? This question is often asked. I will discuss this next month.

Farm Safety - You should, because the life you might save will be your own.

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Members Stress Viewpoints

BY STANLEY I. HALL, M.P.P., Halton County

Rev. John Footo, Conservative Member for Durham County, in his address said that he was surprised at the reckless remarks of some of the members of the House. He paid special tribute to the personality and qualifications of the teaching staff of our schools and colleges in the Province of Ontario. He also said that he was not in favor of capital punishment.

Mr. John Wintermyer, Q.C., Leader of the Opposition, joined with Mr. Donald MacDonald, Leader of the C.C.F., in calling for a judicial enquiry into all aspects of the Trans-Canada pipe line and those that hold shares, and those that did hold shares, such as former cabinet ministers.

Let People Decide

Hon. Frost said in answer to the request of the leader of the opposition and the leader of the C.C.F., that there would be 175 printed sheets of sworn evidence given by the former Minister of Mines, the Hon. Philip T. Kelley, in the House.

The prime minister also said that there would be no Royal Commission appointed for he, the prime minister, was quite willing to leave the question with the highest tribunal of the province—the citizens of the province of Ontario.

Privilege to Serve

It has indeed been a privilege for him to live and associate with Halton citizens and to bask in the reflected glory of their achievements. As continuing citizens of Halton, we shall follow with keen interest your continued progress, individually and collectively. We shall also look forward to meeting you personally from time to time.

More words are inadequate to express our appreciation, so we shall have to content ourselves, for the time being at least, with a simple "thank you" and may the years ahead be as kind to you as you talk have been to your Ag. Rep. since he came to this county on October 1, 1934.

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which this part of the province should be interested in was moved by myself, sponsored by the Royal Botanical Gardens, which will permit the town of Burlington to have a member on the board of management of the Gardens.

Hon. Robert Menzies, Q.C., vice-chairman of Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, in his address gave a lengthy detailed report on the history of the Ontario Hydro and its relationship to the province of Ontario and the municipalities of the province.

Paralytic Responsible

Hon. Louis Cecil, minister of welfare, introduced a bill making parents and guardians more responsible for placing children in unregistered homes for children in the province.

Hon. Dr. Dymond, minister of health, in his address stressed the importance of mental health, which in his opinion has not been given the attention in the past that it should have been given. It has just been in the last 10 years that this great problem has been given the attention it deserves.

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Two High in Halton In Canadian Judging

Eight of the 535 4-H boys and girls from every province in Canada, who took part in the Junior Judging Contest held in connection with the selection of the All-Canadian Holsteins, had perfect scores of 140 points each.

This is by far the largest number ever to tie for first in the 17 year history of this annual competition sponsored by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

One of the top group was from B.C., two from P.E.I., and five from Ontario. Close behind with scores of 138 points were 33 competitors. Represented in this latter group were 4-H members from P.E.I., Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

High Scores

High scores by Halton County 4-H members included 134 points for Allison Hrusovidge, Georgetown, and 134 points for Barbara Pickard, Oakville.

The eight perfect scores were made by: 13-year-old Raymond Chappell and his 11-year-old brother Donnie Chappell of York, P. E.I.; 14-year-old Jim Blair of Langley, B.C.; 12-year-old Marilyn Clarkson of Brampton, Ont.; 13-year-old Bryan Reszin of Brooklin, Ont.; 15-year-old Barry Smith of...

an election on anything that the opposition might say. He also said that the present government had grown so old and so strong, that it tends to make poor government, such as we are witnessing in Ontario at the present time.

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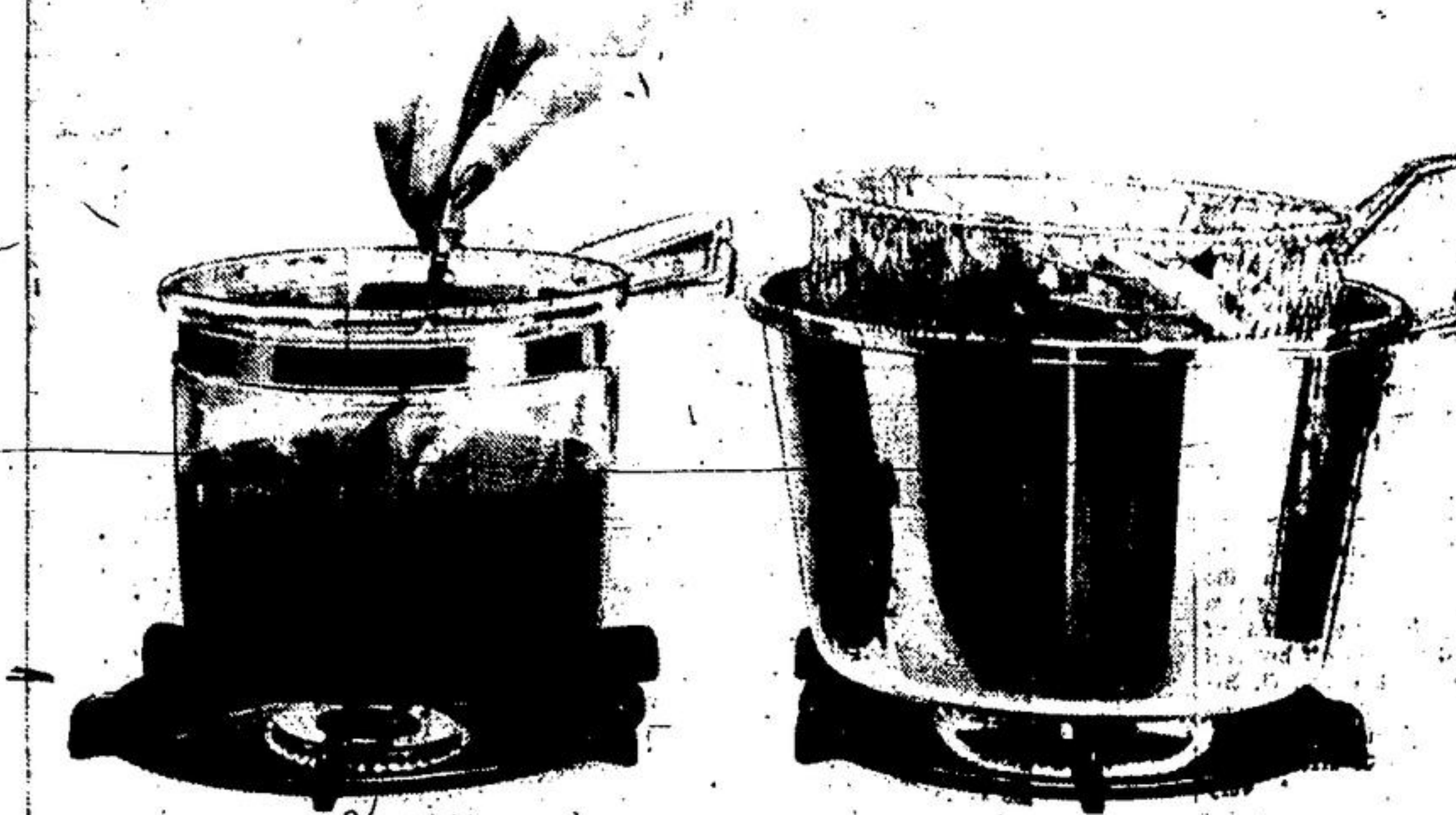
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