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Safety Tips Given On Corn Picker

Mechanical corn picking has ended the back-breaking and time-consuming farm job of hand harvesting, but even the skill of the mechanical picker requires precautions, points out Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent.

This year's corn harvest will bring another heavy toll of mangled fingers, hands, arms and legs, unless safer practices are adopted.

Here are three rules from the National Safety Council that will check these unnecessary mishaps:

1. Stop the picker — the corn picker has hazardous mechanisms exposed to do the job for which it is designed. Power must be turned off before clearing the machine. Also, remember to shut off the power before lubricating or adjusting any part of the machine.
2. Keep guards in place. Manufacturers furnish convenient shields for power-takeoffs and other exposed hazards that can be guarded. All you have to do is keep them in place.
3. Watch out for fire — practice good housekeeping around your equipment. Keep manfolds and exhausts free from trash accumulations, avoid leaky fuel lines, and never run a tractor with the motor running.

These are simple things to do. They are easier than taking a trip to the hospital or paying doctor bills for an injury, agent Bailey advises.

Combating Corrant Worms
Rotenone dust at a three-fourth per cent strength is good at any time for currant worms. Three per cent DDT dust or water suspension spray is good until the fruit begins to form. When the fruit begins to form the grower should switch to use of rotenone dust.

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Fire Takes Heaviest Toll In Farm Areas According To Report

Greater danger from lightning, and because farmers use large quantities of combustible materials such as hay, rags and feed bags. Other hazards are the lamps and lanterns used on farms and the problem of curing hay properly and keeping it dry to prevent spontaneous ignition.

A campaign on each farm to eliminate fire hazards will help to cut the toll of fires on Michigan farms.

Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association, the week is observed to help farmers learn to recognize fire hazards and to eliminate them.

Enough Caves for All
Caves which were man's first dwelling place well may be his last, in this atomic age. For the bulk of information about the country's underground frontier, the military has called upon the American Speleological society, whose members have been nosing around in holes in the ground for years. When the war ended, cave crawling for fun ended, too, and the society was put on an almost official footing. The caves were given extra gas rations to make their trips to the hinterlands where caves are found. The speleologists say that U. S. has one of the finest natural defense systems in the world and all that remains to be done is to use it.

Fire hazards are more numerous on farms because farmers keep large stocks of gasoline and kerosene on hand, because farms are in

Wm. Craze, Jr., Enrolls At Military Academy

William D. Craze, son of W. D. Craze, 42201, Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, is now enrolled at Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tennessee, according to a release from the Academy.

Thirty-two states and 10 foreign countries are represented in the cadet corps of Castle Heights Military Academy which this year has a capacity enrollment of 487 students, exclusive of day students.

Tennessee led all states with a total of 150 cadets, with Kentucky ranking second with 52 and Alabama third with 31. Nashville leads all cities with 21 cadets, and Knoxville is represented by 14.

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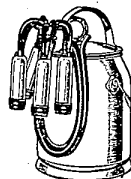
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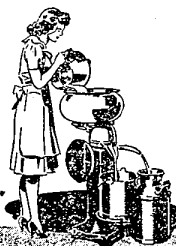
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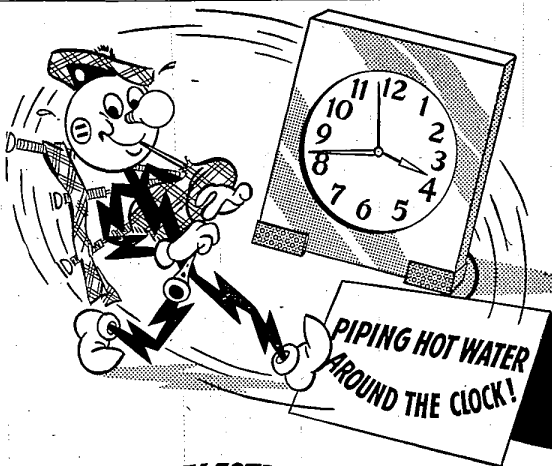
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