

## Farm Safety Week Starts This Sunday, But Should Be Observed Year Round

NATIONAL Farm Safety Week starts Sunday. For Pennsylvanians this week should take on special significance, statistics show that Pennsylvania farmers are second only to Texans in the number of on-the-job accidents.

On the whole, farm accidents are not the result of major events that could be likened to a mine cave-in or a refinery fire. Most farm accidents come from poor housekeeping or from carelessness.

By housekeeping we mean letting wire nails and junk accumulate around the place to be stepped or fallen on, thus causing a puncture wound that may lead to serious infections. You can also put ladders with broken rungs, hammers with loose heads and heavy objects placed haphazardly on shelves into the same category.

But sheer, plain, lazy carelessness causes most of the accidents.

You drive a tractor. You get pretty good at it. Then one day as you are harrowing, you make a fast sharp turn. The next thing you know, the harrow is on the seat with you.

Or you have a bull on the farm. Instead of using a staff to handle him (a terrible bother because you've let the snap rust until it's hard to operate) you try to lead him by a rope through the nose ring. You're lucky if you only get knocked down.

Many implements are operated from the tractor power take-off. Shields for the PTO shaft are standard equipment when you get the machine on the farm. The manufacturer goes to considerable expense

to make these shields and you pay for them. There is hardly any reason, then, to carelessly fail to put them in place when operating the machine.

Another thing that we often see on farms is children operating powerful and potentially dangerous farm equipment. Junior probably is a fairly competent tractor operator. But there is one thing that he lacks—it's not his fault.

That lack is judgment which comes only with years and maturity. Often he may get a thrill out of doing something that will turn an older and more experienced person pale with horror.

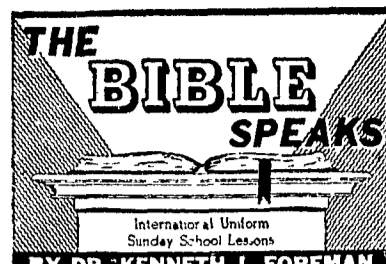
Children should not be allowed to operate machinery unless under the direct supervision of an adult. At the same time they should be taught the rules of safe operation until it becomes a habit.

Another habit that children have—one that can be as dangerous as crimping a dynamite cap with your teeth, is wanting to ride on the tractor when pulling a power implement, disc, plow, or harrow.

The editor can remember a July day about two years ago when he was required to cover a story about a little boy who was swept from a tractor by a low hanging tree limb.

The fall wouldn't have been so bad, but the tractor was pulling a PTO operated rotary brush cutter. There are no words to describe what happened.

Time is important to a farmer. But take the time to do your jobs safely. There is never time enough to replace a lost hand, foot—or little boy.



Bible Material: Leviticus 19:32, Proverbs 6:20-23, Mark 10:2-16, Ephesians 5:21-6:4, I Timothy 5:8  
Devotional Reading: Malachi 2:13-16.

### It Begins at Home

Lesson for July 20, 1958

JUSTICE, like charity, begins at home. People who don't practice it there are not likely to practice it anywhere. A home is often called a retreat, a place where one can get away. But the home is no place to get away from the human race, no place to get away from God, no hide-away from duty. In one sense the home is the easiest place to live. When some one wants to express the idea of a delightful situation he will say it is like "one big happy family." On the other hand the home is a very difficult place to live, just because those who make it up are so very different. Anywhere else in the world, for instance, a man has other men he can team up with, but in the home father is the only man. He has only a woman and children for company. They love him and he loves them; but they are all so different that they are hard to understand.



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### Social Justice in the Home

It is hard to comprehend the meaning of "social justice" in society at large. The whole thing is so complex and enormous that we seldom feel certain of the answers. But when we look at a single home, the problem is in some ways clearer. For example: The home makes it plain that "justice" is not the same thing as treating every one precisely alike. A good diet for mother may be a poor one for father, and what both of them eat may be poison for the baby. Father, mother and child have different parts to play in the home, they have different contributions to make, they need from the home different benefits. The Bible at many points deals with the home, and if what is said sounds too simple and commonplace for inspired Scripture, we must recall that the home itself,

which we take for granted, is itself a product of the religion of the Bible. One thing the Bible makes plain is of the essence of justice: rights and responsibilities go together. The father and the mother between them furnish the support, they command and teach.

### The Teaching Mother

No one will try to make light of a mother's willing sacrifice in bringing a child into the world. But if all a woman does for her children is to give them birth she is not the Bible's idea of a good mother. A woman who has a child who, because of her neglect, is only a future thief or killer, might better not have had the child at all. The Bible (as in Proverbs) often brings out directly or indirectly the importance of a good mother in a child's life. And the thing often mentioned is her service as teacher. She is the principal teacher—or she can be, if she gives her time and mind to it—of her child for his first six years.

What has all this to do with "justice"? This much, at least: One important feature of justice, in society or in the family, is giving each person an opportunity to render all the service of which he is capable. Hence if mothers are going to be good teachers, we must see how important the education of girls is. "Educate a boy and you educate a future man. Educate a girl and you educate a future family." If mothers are to be teachers, then justice requires that everyone, husband and community alike, give them every encouragement and opportunity to live with their children.

### The Children

In the Bible's teaching about the home, one feature is stressed which is not at all popular today, though our country would be a better one if it were more popular: namely the idea of obedience. What is the best contribution a child can make to the well-being of a home? Two things every child can bring: Cheerfulness, and obedience. And what has this to do with justice? It should be obvious: Justice does not require that everybody in a given group or situation should be the equal of everybody else there. There is such a thing as subordination which is fair and right. Justice in the home does not call for children to be treated like grownups. There is no conflict whatever between love and obedience; indeed the best obedience is the obedience of love.

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### BY JACK REICHARD 75 Years Ago

On Friday July 20 1883, fire of incendiary origin broke out about 11 p.m. at Ephrata Pa. and for a time it was feared that the entire town was doomed.

The fire starting in the Bending Works of James Byson, was first seen by Mrs. James Dennis, the wife of a watchmaker residing nearby who saw the flames from her bedroom and gave the alarm.

The flames shooting out of the building from the second story spread rapidly and by the time citizens were aroused the entire structure was ablaze. The town owned an old hand operated fire engine but it was found unfit for service. The citizens aided by summer visitors at Ephrata, turned out in full force and by Saturday noon brought the blaze under control.

In addition to the Bending Works building and its contents of equipment and nearly 1000 sets of finished rims and 350 shafts the residence and chair factory of William Hellig went up in smoke. The furniture in the Hellig residence was saved but the entire contents in the chair factory were burned.

In order to bring the fire under control it was necessary to tear down several buildings. An estimate of the total loss was placed at \$15,000.

Elsewhere in upper Lancaster County that week John G. Good, prominent cattle dealer of East Earl Twp. was nursing a very sore hand. Good had been out working in his meadow that became flooded with water during a heavy rain when a large blister caused on one of his hands. The sore became worse and attend- ing physicians thought the hand would have to be amputated.

### Bumble Bees Make News

Back in 1883 farmers in general were interested in the report of Professor Beale of the Michigan Agricultural College who

after repeated experiments, came to the conclusion that bumble bees were of considerable value in fertilizing the blossoms of red clover.

### 50 Years Ago

Fifty years ago this week a struggle between a Lancaster constable and burgler resulted in the death of a man named Frank Smith, of Philadelphia.

The general store of Wolf Yoffe, Mount Joy, had been robbed of merchandise valued at \$200 which was carried off in several suitcases. Two days later it was learned that two men had left the suitcases at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Landisville for shipment to Philadelphia, addressed to Harry Smith Yoffe, accompanied by Constable Williams went to Landisville, where the men were found.

When Williams attempted to arrest the men they drew revolvers and made their escape, heading toward Lancaster. Constable Edward Gerlach and Detective Broome were notified and found the alleged thieves beneath the New Holland turnpike bridge.

Broome seized one of the men, while Gerlach became engaged in a desperate struggle with the other who threw the constable to the ground firing several shots at the officer which missed their intended mark. Seeing it was a matter of life or death, Gerlach managed to draw his revolver and fired four shots into the breast of the man, who dropped to the ground and rolled over dead.

After the prisoner and the dead man were taken to the police station Gerlach gave himself up to the authorities.

The coroner's jury found that the killing of Smith was justifiable. No steps were taken against the constable. The other thief who gave him name as Joseph Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, admitted he and Smith had robbed the store at Mount Joy.

### Lancaster Farming

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### Lancaster Tobacco Grower Plants Cuban Leaf

During July, 1908, Cyrus Schroll, one of the largest tobacco growers in Lancaster's East Donegal Twp., experimented with a half acre of Cuban tobacco at the request of a Lancaster dealer. The Cuban plant was planted in rows eighteen inches apart, with the stalks from 8 to 10 inches apart. It was claimed that the tobacco required no suckering, and the dealer had agreed to pay Schroll the difference if the yield did not net as much per acre as Lancaster County seedleaf.

In a move to curtail drunkenness and swearing on the streets, Lancaster County's Mt. Joy Borough Council ordered the town's three constables to patrol the street every Saturday night, and agreed to pay them \$2 each for their services.

### 25 Years Ago

Pennsylvania motorists who planned trip to the seashore resorts in New Jersey during the summer of 1933 were warned by the Keystone Automobile Club that the Traffic Act in New Jersey provided specifically that the amber traffic signal was a "pedestrian light" requiring cars to come to a complete stop. This practice had led to numerous Pennsylvania motorists facing fines in New Jersey.

In Lancaster County, during the summer of 1933, Millersville State Teachers College offered a number of unusually attractive entertainments and lectures free to the public. The events were held in the chapel.

A feature speaker was Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, who spoke on "Education For The Art of Life" and "A Survey and Diagnosis of the Present Age".

## Now Is The Time . . .

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**TO PLAN FOR FALL PASTURE** — Late summer seedings of temporary pasture will stretch the grazing season and reduce feed costs. The seeding of winter ryegrass or Dual wheat during August should give extra grazing this fall. Ryegrass seeded at the rate of 2½ to 3 bushels per acre of either Balbo or Tetrapetkus varieties. The use of three to four hundred pounds per acre of a complete fertilizer should give rank growth.

**TO CLIP SMALL GRAIN STUBBLE** — Stands of legumes will be improved if the stubble is clipped soon after grain harvest. This material serves as a mulch to hold moisture for the legume. If rank growth of weeds is present, it may be necessary to remove the clippings in order to prevent smothering.

Research work has shown that the clipping of the stubble, and perhaps a later clipping may be needed if weeds get too high, reduces the competition from weeds and gets the legume stand growing faster.

**TO CHECK LIGHTNING RODS** — The inspection of the rods at several times during the summer is advised for full protection, extreme high temperatures usually bring violent electrical storms. The rods and ground wires should be connected and it is very important that the ground wire, or pipe, be deep enough in the ground to reach moisture. Experience has shown little use of the rods if the ground connections are not in moist earth. This may not be a problem at the moment but is worthy of inspection.

**TO ADJUST INSURANCE COVERAGE** — Many farmers may need to increase their insurance coverage because rising prices have made farm property more valuable. Construction costs have risen 32% in the last 10 years, this means that replacement costs rather than the original cost of the building should be the guide as to the amount of the coverage.

### Pa. Rural Mail Carriers Make Pig Survey

Twenty-five years ago an increase of about 4 per cent in Pennsylvania's pig crop was shown by the June, 1933, pig run survey made by the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers. For stealing a Bible, 25 years ago, Charles Hamilton, of Halls Run, West Virginia, was sent to the State penitentiary for two of Agriculture, in cooperation years.