

## Alertness On Farm Machines May Save Lives, Expert Says

Alertness in avoiding accidents during the forthcoming harvest season was urged by Carson Mertz, Farm Safety Chief in the State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mertz told how a boy was knocked unconscious in an empty forage wagon last year, when struck by a

stone. The body was found an hour later when the wagon was unloaded. Alertness might have saved the boy, Mertz said, if he had not been smothered under a load of forage.

"Harvesting is a season when too many farmers get in so big a hurry, they fail to take necessary precaution"

Mertz said, "so save yourself and your pocketbook by following these safety rules".

1. Always be alert; never take a chance.
2. Keep all shields and safety guards in place.
3. Always stop all machinery before oiling, adjusting or unclogging it.
4. Do not wear loose or ragged clothing around machines.
5. Always operate your tractor at a safe speed, and be extra careful with tractors and other machines on highways.

6. Keep small children far away from harvesting machinery.

7. Do not jump off equipment while it is moving.
8. Obey highway rules and signs and use proper headlights and tail lights at night. Whenever possible, keep off the highways at night with farm machinery.

To prevent tipping, the National Safety Council recommends the following tractor speeds:

For off-the-road operation, four and a half miles per

hour (third gear on many models) is top speed.

On smooth roads, up to eight miles per hour when wheels are full width.

### MULCH GARDENS

If a good job of mulching is done gardeners can go on a vacation and forget the weeds, says Jas. Dutt, Penn State extension vegetable specialist. Hay and straw mulches should be 3 to 4 inches deep, while 2 inches is deep enough for ground corn cobs, sawdust, and shavings.

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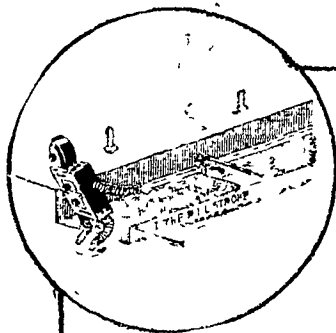
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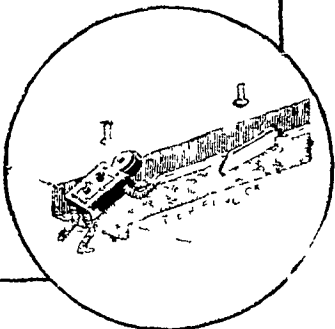
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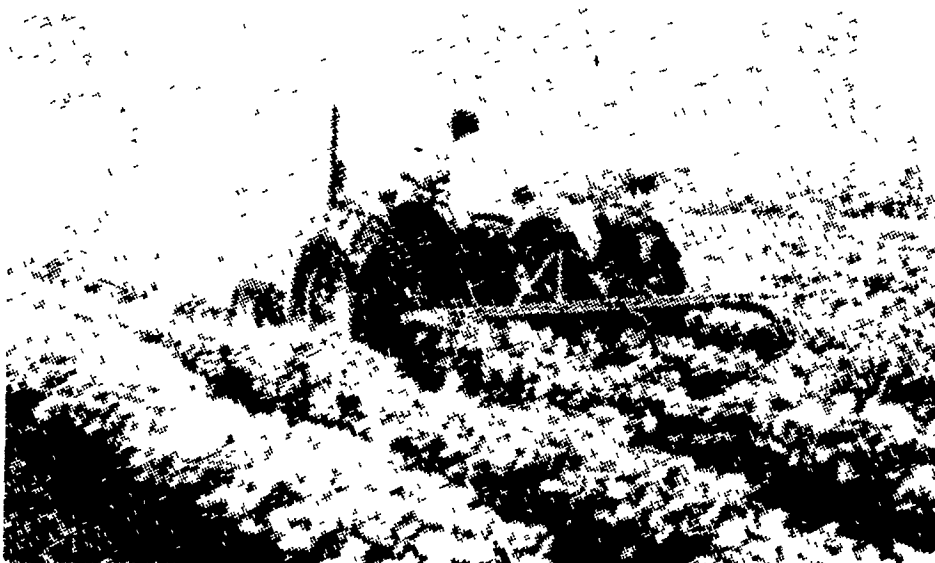
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