

## Rotary Mowers Are Sometimes Lethal Weapons

HARRISBURG — A rotary lawn mower can be a deadly missile-launching device, the Pennsylvania Medical Society warned today.

The Society said that high-speed rotary lawn mower blades can easily make bullet-like projectiles out of lawn debris such as nails, wire, bits of metal, stones and glass.

Approximately 30 per cent of all power mower injuries are of the missile type. Unfortunately, many of these injuries are sustained by children.

Dr. Mary D. Ames, chairman of the society's Commission on Maternal Welfare and Child Health, reminds householders to be alert during the remaining weeks of lawn mowing.

She suggests the following basic rules for safe lawn mowing:

Keep children and pets at a safe distance — preferably in the house.

## Safety Week Proclaimed By The President

By Presidential proclamation, the 19th annual National Farm Safety Week will be observed July 22-28. Co-sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the 1962 campaign will emphasize rural highway and farm machinery safety.

"Family Safety—At Work and Play" is this year's theme. President Kennedy asked "all persons and organizations allied with agriculture to join together in a strong effort to reduce the number of farm, home and highway accidents."

### Hits Carelessness

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman urged farm residents to "weed out carelessness, accident-inviting habits" during the week. "This would be a big step in making our farms and highways safer," he said, "but concern for safety must be a year-round project if we are to conquer the accident problem."

In 1960 accidents to farm residents resulted in 11,300 deaths and 950,000 disabling injuries. Of the total fatalities, 5,100 were attributed to traffic, and 3,300 to work accidents.

### Death Rate Falls

"Together rural leaders and farm families are working to eliminate the accident problem," said Howard Pyle, NSC president. "An 11 per cent decrease in the farm resident death rate during the past decade demonstrates this cooperation."

"In spite of gradual improvement, we cannot sit back self-satisfied," Pyle continued. "Accidents are not limited to field or highway or to one age group. Further progress is insured only by the continued alert consciousness of every member of the farm family — however he is, whatever he is doing."

### Water Roses

If you want to keep the roses blooming beautifully, Lynn Smith, Penn State extension floriculturist, suggests regular watering and fertilizing throughout the summer. Sprinkle a handful of 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 fertilizer around each plant once a month, scratch it into the surface of the soil, and water thoroughly.

Don't let children or young teenage use a power mower.

Inspect the lawn before mowing and clear all debris.

Learn to stop the engine quickly, always turn the engine off when leaving the mower.

Always maintain control of the mower, give your undivided attention to what you are doing.

Take special care on inclines and near obstructions, protect your legs and wear heavy shoes when mowing; keep hands away from the engine.

Don't race the engine, don't raise the mower.

Use only a properly shielded and guarded mower; remember it is a power tool.

## Crib Liner For High Moisture Corn Storage

A new moisture proof, airtight liner material used for converting existing corn cribs and bins into high-moisture corn storage units has passed two years of University of Illinois tests with favorable results.

Agricultural engineers there say the new liner is a heavy, waterproof fiberboard coated on each side with a layer of polyethylene film and aluminum foil.

The material is easy to cut, crease or bend to fit the

interior of any crib or metal bin. What will it cost? About 10 cents per bushel of grain stored.

Corn used in the most recent tests with the new liner contained about 30 percent moisture when it went into the storage bins last October. The corn was stored in two small cribs that were divided into four shelled corn bins with a capacity of about 360 bushels each.

When the bins were opened in March, only two inches of mold was found on the surface of one bin. The other three bins showed from four to eight inches of surface mold.

Corn in all four bins was in good condition, indicating a successful test for the fiber-

board liner. The liner material has the rigidity of heavy cardboard. It will bend, however, to nearly a 90-degree angle without breaking the aluminum coating. The material is held in place by large-headed roofing nails in wood cribs or bins. Bolts hold it in place in metal bins.

University of Illinois engineers believe the fiberboard liner will work especially well for farmers who have no drying facilities but who want to store limited quantities of high-moisture corn. Cribs lined with the material also would make excellent storage for corn picked while opening up fields in the fall.

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