

### Landis Bros. Join In Safety Program

Tractor accidents, according to national statistics, are one of the leading causes of injury and death on the farm. The National Safety Council has estimated that tractor overturn accidents annually claim approximately 500 lives in the United States.

Landis Bros., Inc. will participate in a major nationwide safety program this winter aimed at encouraging farmers to use roll bar protective frames on their tractors.

The roll bar protection puts a steel frame around and over the tractor operator and is designed to protect him should his tractor upset accidentally.

They will be one of 3,000 John Deere dealers in the United States and Canada who will give away a John Deere Roll-

Gard in cooperation with John Deere. The local firm will give the safety frame away to one of the farmers attending the showing of the John Deere "Farming Frontier" movies on Jan. 23, 1968 at 1305 Manheim Pike, Lancaster.

Landis said that the purpose of the program will be to assure there will be at least one tractor in each farming community equipped with the protective frame. He said it was felt this would create interest and awareness of the availability of such safety protection.

John Deere engineers pioneered in the research and testing which resulted in such safety protection.

Extensive testing by John Deere engineers, who deliberately tipped tractors to see what happened in such accidents, showed that a tractor which tips over almost always rolls

more than 90 degrees and frequently pins the operator underneath.

The tests showed that a tractor equipped with Roll-Gard usually only rolled 90 degrees, with the frame stopping a complete roll-over. The frame, however, was designed to support the tractor weight in the event of a complete roll-over.

The tests showed that if the operator was wearing a seat belt at the time of the tip-over, he was held within the protective zone provided by the steel frame and normally avoided serious injury because of the protective frame.

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