

Falls Now Reported Number One on Farm

Tractor Accidents Drop, Study Shows

Tractor drivers seem to be causing fewer accidents in Pennsylvania than in previous years, according to a survey of accidents on 190 dairy farms in 21 counties. Tractors went from first place as the major cause of farm accidents in a previous study to last place in the current analysis with only four accidents.

Falls were the second most numerous cause of accidents in a comprehensive study made in 1955 and led the list in 1969 with 23 accidents. The most common falls were from wagons, and on ice.

The current survey was carried out by Dr. Frank Anthony

and Dr. Harry J. Hoerner of the Department of Agricultural Education at Pennsylvania State University.

The second most serious cause of accidents came from cutting fingers on silo choppers and axel knives.

"Stepping on nails" was a close third.

These were followed by hits from falling objects and kicks and head-butting by cows.

Dr. Anthony says the fewer number of tractor accidents may indicate improved design as well as intensive educational programs in the safe operation and maintenance of tractors among vocational agriculture and 4-H activities.

The 190 dairy farm families reported 66 accidents during 1969. Seven farmers reported more than one accident with one farmer having three.

Developed in cooperation with 46 vocational agriculture departments in high schools, the sample represented 50 per cent of the larger dairy farms in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Hoerner claims an intensive campaign of farm cleanup would further reduce accidents by removing the chance of stepping on nails or falling over objects such as buckets, tree limbs, and farm machinery stored in the open.

Covering a cross section of the state, the 190 dairy farms

were in the 21 counties of Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Centre, Cumberland, Erie, Indiana, Lancaster, Lycoming, McKean, Lawrence, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Tioga, Union, York, and Westmoreland.

The injury demanding the longest period of hospital treatment was reported to be caused by silo gas. The survey was carried out in conjunction with a study of agricultural mechanics activities on the 190 dairy farms.

Lapp Hog Wins At New Holland

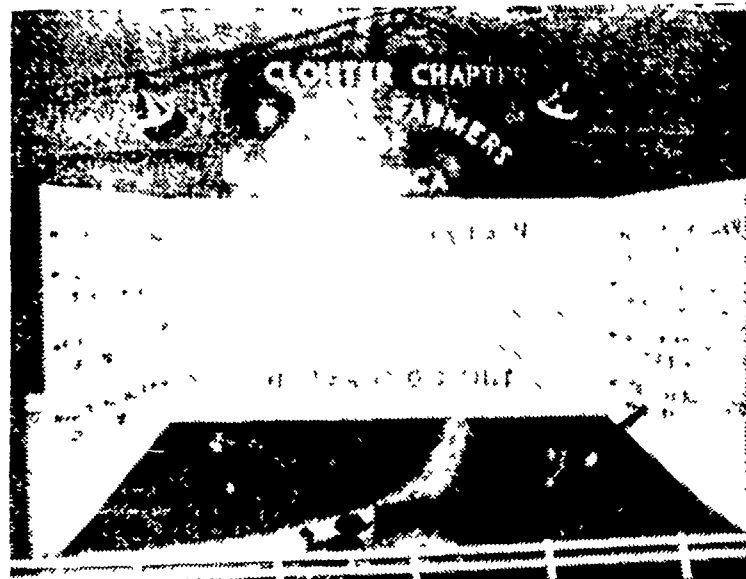
Elvin Lapp, Kinzer RD1 entered the grand champion pig at the 4-H Swine Show at the New Holland Fair Thursday.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lapp.

Susie Martin, daughter of Mrs. Mary Martin, New Holland RD2 had the reserve champion hog.

Both the top animals were crosses. The swine show was set for 2 p.m. Friday at the New Holland Sales Stables. Nine animals were entered.

Frank Ruoss, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ruoss, Ephrata RD2 won both top litter and showman awards.



The Cloister FFA Chapter's window exhibit on tractor safety won the first place award and a \$50 prize in the Association Show of the Ephrata Fair last week. The display depicts proper tractor hitching, safe operation and the use of SMV (slow moving vehicle) signs.

Kinzer RD1 Barn Burns Thursday

A large dairy barn on the Sam Zook property, Kinzer RD1, was destroyed at about 6:40 p.m. Thursday. Lost in the blaze, in addition to the structure and some equipment, were three calves and 400 to 500 chickens.

Intercourse Fire Chief Nelson Brackbill said he understood the hay was a possible cause for the blaze. He said 15 to 20 men from each of the three fire companies including Gap responded to the scene near Rough and Tumble. Seven fire trucks were at the scene.

Firemen saved several buildings near the barn, including tobacco and wagon sheds. The tobacco shed was located within 40 feet, while the house was 70 to 75 feet from the flames.

Jackie Pownall Solanco Queen

Jackie Pownall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Pownall, Little Britain was judged queen of the Solanco Fair.

The 17-year-old Jackie is a tall, dark-haired girl. She is a senior at Solanco High School.

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