

Safety is for All Seasons, Say 4-H'ers

For 370,000 boys and girls, nationwide, safety first is an important part of their lives all year round. Whether its winter, spring, summer or fall, youths involved in the national 4-H safety program, sponsored by General Motors, make "safety first" their goal.

Supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service, these safety-minded 4-H'ers work at school, at home, when they play, and elsewhere spreading the safety message. Working on their own, or with their family, their club or other community groups, 4-H'ers in the program participate in a wide range of activities designed to promote and encourage good safety habits and awareness.

Encouraging these safety-oriented youths with incentives and recognition is General Motors, program donor. GM provides a full schedule of awards for both outstanding individuals and groups.

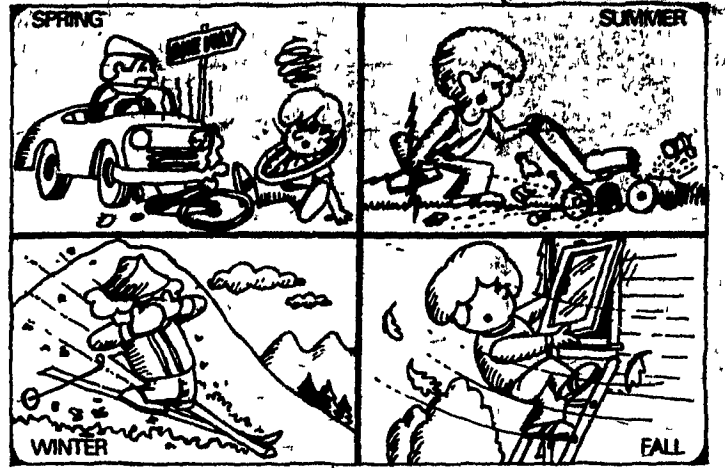
A maximum of four medals of honor are offered county winners and one safety minded member from each state receives an expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1-5. At the annual 4-H event, eight national winners are announced with each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

In addition, four certificates of merit are offered 4-H clubs having outstanding safety programs in each county. And ten clubs, statewide, can be similarly honored. The top safety county in each state receives a \$25 cash award.

Creating a "Safety Village" in her hometown of Ocala, Fla., where safety practices could be shown to children was just one of the 4-H safety activities of Ann Randles. A 1973 national winner in the program, the 17 year old girl inspected neighbors homes for safety hazards, conducted seminars, visited schools and distributed literature promoting proper safety habits.

A 4-H club in Rock Island County, Ill. kept a tally on dump trucks that were littering a highway in the county, creating a safety hazard to drivers and pedestrians. Armed with the evidence, the 4-H'ers wrote county and state officials and even met with the Governor. As a result of their efforts, dump trucks in the county are now required to be covered when hauling refuse.

For more information on the 4-H safety program contact the county extension office.



It pays to be safe, whether on a bike, using a lawn mower, skiing or working around the house. Youths in the 4-H safety program learn to avoid the safety hazards pictured above along with many others as they practice "safety for all seasons" with the assistance of the Cooperative Extension Service and General Motors, program donor.

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USDA figures show a U.S. balance of trade in agricultural products for the first 11 months of fiscal year 1974 (July through May) of \$10.9 billion, more than double the \$4.9 billion for the same period a year earlier.

Exports July through May this fiscal year were \$19.615 billion as against imports of \$8.671 billion. For the same period a year ago, exports were \$11.524 billion and imports \$6.659 billion.

Department officials said June shipments would push the exports for the year to at least \$21 billion and forecast a trade balance in agriculture for the year of around \$11.5 billion.

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