OSHA skit written by farm women

Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) affect all persons hiring one or more employees, including farmer employers. Because it's important that every farmer hiring employees be aware of his obligations under the law, the Women's Committee of York County Farmers' Association presented, in a light-hearted, heavy-handed way, the facts farmers need to know as employers to comply with the law.

OSHA has not only the power to approve regulations regarding employees, but also has the necessary power to enforce the rules. And every farmeremployer is obligated to understand his responsibilities under the new regulations affecting him.

Αt several spring meetings, members from the women's committee have become acquainted with regulations that affect farmers. More information can be obtained from the May issue of THE VOICE of Organized Agriculture, the PFA Office, Camp Hill, your county Boardmen or Information Director Gail McPherson, New Park.

Pennsylvania is ripe for inspections this summer. Labor camp checks began last summer. Voluntary regulations should benefit family members as well as employees. If you don't bother to get informed about OSHA, though, you might end up like Sorry Sally in the melodrama that premiered before the 75 ladies attending York County Farmers' Associationa Ladies' Day Out May 6, at Avalong Dairy Farms, York.

Sorry Sally, unprepared, oblivious to her obligations under the law, laughs off the warning of OSHA Annie, special agent for PFA who is establishing good relations between the agency and farmers by putting an axe to myths and misinformation about OSHA. She has also been helping regulatory writers pare down their rules to a more reasonable level.

OSHA Sam, the dreaded villain, however, catches Sorry Sally, in the conpromising position of needing a bandaid for her finger and turns the place upside-down looking for hazards.

Of course, Sorry Sally has never heard of OSHA recordkeeping; she has no poster posted, no hard hats, no tractor stickers, nothing Sam's eagle eyes are scouring the farm for.

Annie comes to the rescue with some common sense. When Sam whips out his telephone book size compliance with the OSHA regulation book, she tells



Gail McPherson as Sorry Sally, reformed and ready to meet all farm hazards, waves her record keeping book while OSHA Annie takes the meat saw to OSHA Sam. Annie, Joyce Bupp, cuts the famous and dreaded villain down to size answering the questions: What does every farmer need to know? What does every farm-employer need to know? What do some farm-employers need to know?

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him to hold on, pops him on the operating table and takes a meat saw to his formitable self, cutting him down to size.

She gives Sally all the information she needs to know about the poster she needs, machinery guards, roll-over protection bars on new tractors, accident and illness recordkeeping, safety instructions and tractor stickers.

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The conflict between Sam and Sally has a suprise ending. To find out what happens, how and why, book the melodrama for your next farm meeting. You may never see an OSHA inspector on your farm. He may show up tomorrow. If he does, what will he find? Will you be ready for him? This drama will help you know what to

Susan Gross, the friendly compliance officer who arrives at a reasonable time to search in a reasonable manner answers the question, what is OSHA with, "Our Savior Has Arrived!"

With the assistance of Mary Marsteller, these York County Farmers' Association women are ready to tour their 30-minute production to perform before other farm audiences as part of the Safety Sub-Committee project for PFA to inform all farmer members of their responsibilities under the new OSHA regulations.



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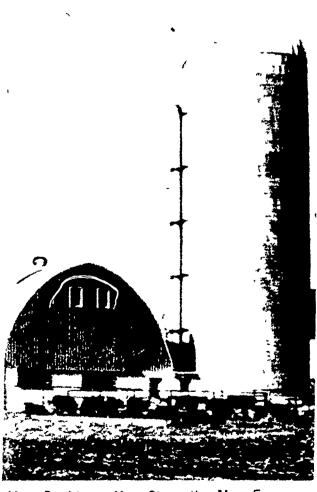
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