

Commandments on tractor safety

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are some operator tips to help make this a "safe" crop season. They're provided by Gary Smith, Extension agricultural engineer at the University of Maryland.

Thou shalt present thyself to they tractor fit and ready to operate it well and safely, thus reaping a handsome day's work and good health.

THOU SHALT never permit a gear to turn nor a wheel to roll until all guards and safety devices are in place to shield thee from harm.

THOU SHALT require they small sons and daughters (and they neighbor's offspring) to keep themselves apart from farm machinery.

THOU SHALT hitch drawbar loads low and forsake wrapping chain or cable about the axle, lest they tractor wrap itself around its own axle and smother thee beneath.

THOU SHALT weight thy tractor's front to balance it if the drawbar be heavily burdened with such as a two-wheel spreader, and also place upon the rear sufficient weight to effect balacne when they tractor is encumbered with a front-end loader.

THOU SHALT faithfully cause thine eyes to remain open to discern precisely where thee and thy tractor are going and, furthermore, to spy hidden obstacles and other hazards so thou can avoid them.

THOU SHALT contain they temper, even though the day goes foul and everything attempted consprieth against

thee, as robust anger not only maketh thee look foolish and exclaim unkind sentiments, but also multiplieth they prospects of coming to grief by accident.

THOU SHALT diminish they speed on rough ground and when approaching ditches and turning corners, thereby smiting prospects of thee supporting they tractor's weight with thine neck.

THOU SAHLT interrupt the flow of power before exploring, reaching or poking about in they machinery, if thou treasure they limbs.

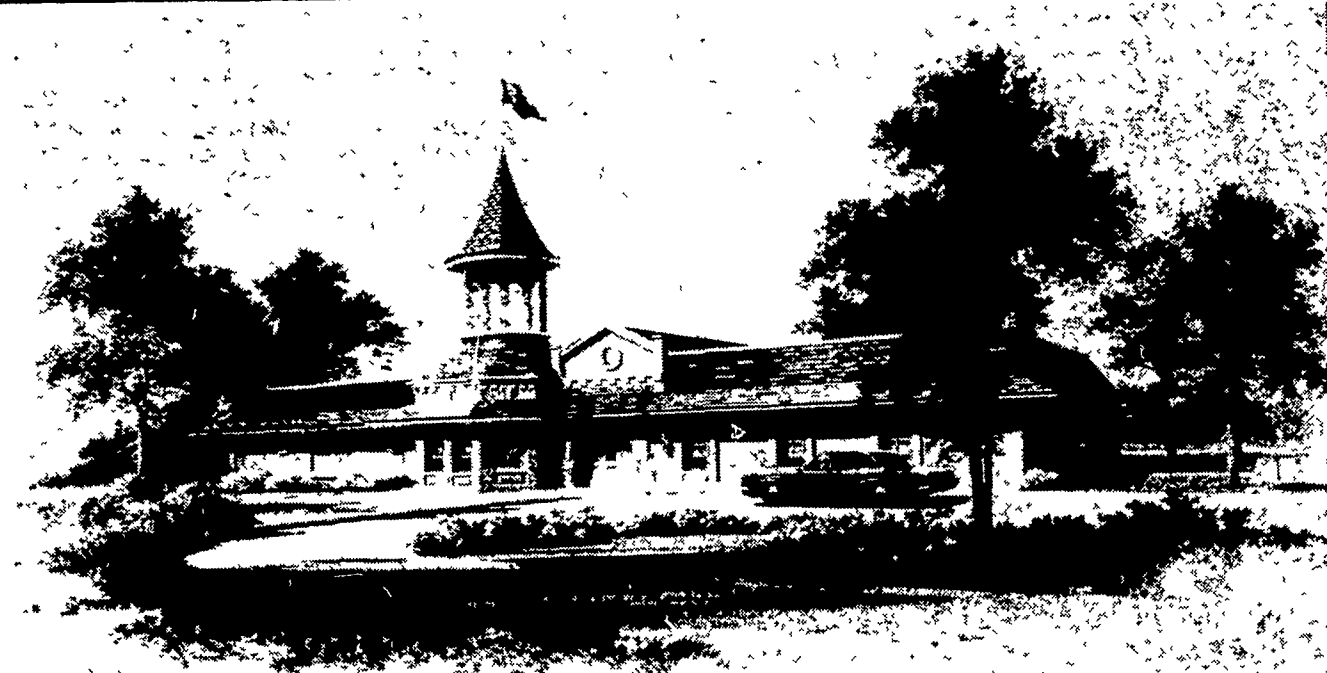
THOU SHALT mind they manners on the roadway, acting courteously to highway travelers by not entering the roadway until after thou hath established that the way is clear, by always signalling what thou art contriving to do, and by decorating the rear of thy machinery with a SMV Emblem, to proclaim that thou art proceeding slowly.

THOU SHALT render they tractor out of gear and stoutly set the brakes before dismounting.

THOU SHALT NOT require nor permit they offspring to perform tasks without first ascertaining if they are capable in body and temperament and are sufficiently trained to operate a tractor without risk.

THOU SHALT enlist a protective cab or frame to assist thee in surviving should thy tractor tumble over despite thy good intentions.

THOU shalt respect they tractor, keep it well, and not demand more than it can deliver, nor require that it labor under burdens better suited to a huskier steed lest it repay thy maltreatment with low performance, mechanical troubles and accidents.



Strasburg, already well known for its railroads, adds yet another attraction of the sort this year with the opening of the Train Collectors Association Museum, above. Hundreds of old toy trains from the late 1800's are preserved here for

their historic and educational value. The museum opens its doors for the first time on May 14. Hours are between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, including Sundays.

Brown Swiss Breeders name Youth Achievement Winner

BELOIT, Wis - The Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association recently announced their 1976 Youth Achievement Winners. The Youth Achievement Award was initiated in 1974 to honor one outstanding Brown Swiss youth in each of the eight districts in the United States. The winners were picked from over 30 applicants by an anonymous committee. Winner in this area is Michael Simpson, 18, of Port Jarvis, N.Y. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simpson, own 25 Brown Swiss and is a master showman.

The applications were not identified by name or town, thus were judged completely on the applicant's merit. Some of the information requested on the application included the number of registered animals owned, classified and on official test, show participation and Brown Swiss and community activities and awards. They were also asked to tell of their duties on the farm and the influence Brown Swiss has had on their farm.

All of this year's winners help with the work on the farm whether it be milking, feeding, cleanup or field work. Also, all of the winners

were 4-H or FFA members and recipients of several awards and honors. The Youth winners have exhibited their Swiss at county, district, regional or national shows.

For the first time this year, an overall Youth Achievement Winner was chosen. She was Janell Brehm, 16, of Loyal, Oklahoma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brehm. Janell, who was District VIII's winner, owns 16 registered Swiss. All of her cows are on official test and classified.

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