

## Awareness of chain saw safety is essential

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - With rapidly increasing fuel costs many homeowners are installing wood stoves and are cutting their own wood. This resurgence of wood cutting is prompting home owners to purchase chain saws, many of whom have never operated chain saws before.

In order to handle a chain saw safely, the operator must be well trained. This training should begin with the operator becoming

familiar with the information in the saw manufacturer's operations manual.

A new operator should observe an experienced chain saw operator in action before actually operating one and then for a period of time with supervision.

A chain saw operator should never work alone. A person qualified to give first aid in the event of an accident should be available during the use of a chain saw

and a well stocked first aid kit should be available.

Only when an operator has gained a thorough knowledge of the saw and its safe operation, should he attempt to operate the saw without a more experienced person's supervision.

The operator should always keep the following in mind:

-Be sure the chain and bar are well-lubricated and the oil tank is full.

-Allow saw to cool before refueling and clean up any spilled fuel.

-Clean the air filter, cooling fins and sprocket daily with mineral spirits. (Don't use gasoline.)

-Always be sure that the chain is moving before contacting wood.

-The space around the area of use should be clear - always clear a path of retreat at a 45 degree angle to the line of fall.

-The operator should have secure footing and the chain saw should be held in both hands firmly.

-Use personal protective equipment - eye and ear protection, gloves, hard hat, safety shoes.

-Always be sure the chain stops when the throttle trigger is released.

-Never change locations with the engine running.



Safe hunting is no accident. Keep this hunting season a happy memory .. think before you shoot.

## It's not too late to plant spring flowers

MEDIA—It's still not too late to plant most spring-blooming perennials.

If a person waits too long to plant spring-blooming flowers, they will not bloom well the following season. The roots must develop before winter and before the ground becomes too cold.

When planting perennials, use the same location if healthy plants and no serious disease problems occurred before. Prepare the soil well so the plants have a chance to do their best. It's a good idea to spade deeply - eight inches down if possible. And add well-rotted organic matter to improve the soil while spading.

It's also a good idea to use a general complete fertilizer such as one with a ratio of 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 analysis. Generally one to one and one-half pounds of fertilizer per each one hundred square feet is adequate. Spade both fertilizer and organic matter into the soil well.

Water the plants well after planting, then continue to water them regularly until winter comes to promote good root development.

A good perennial for this season is a peony bush; it will flower next spring. But if planted next spring, it won't flower until the following year.

## Hunters should keep diaries

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Game Commission is advising small game hunters that this winter the agency will again be conducting a survey to determine hunting patterns and size of harvests in the state during the 1979-80 hunting seasons.

Following the extended small game season in late December and early January, the Game Commission will be sending questionnaires to thousands of hunters, asking the license buyers for information on areas where small game

species were hunted and the number of each species harvested.

The Game Commission suggests that hunters keep a written record or some sort of hunting diary during the regular and extended small game seasons.

If they do, it will be much easier for the hunters to complete the questionnaires, should they receive the survey forms, and the results will be much more accurate than if sportsmen try to rely on their memories for information needed to fill in the blank spaces.

## Hunters can save lives

HARRISBURG - Last year, there were 28 persons who were shot accidentally because they were mistaken for game. According to Game Commission records, those hunters who make their presence known to other hunters might be able to save their own lives.

Some precautions that can be taken are:

When hunting, always be more cautious and more hesitant to shoot when there

is even a slight possibility that someone may be in the line of fire.

Greet other hunters, or at least cough discreetly. At times, it may be necessary to let another hunter know you are there with a noisy exchange. A shot may be missed and the other hunter may be angry, but you have saved that person the horror of witnessing a gunshot victim.

Do not just rustle leaves or

brush since game normally is expected to make similar noise.

Hunters who take these reasonable precautions can avoid becoming targets for over-anxious shooters, and will enjoy a better hunting experience.

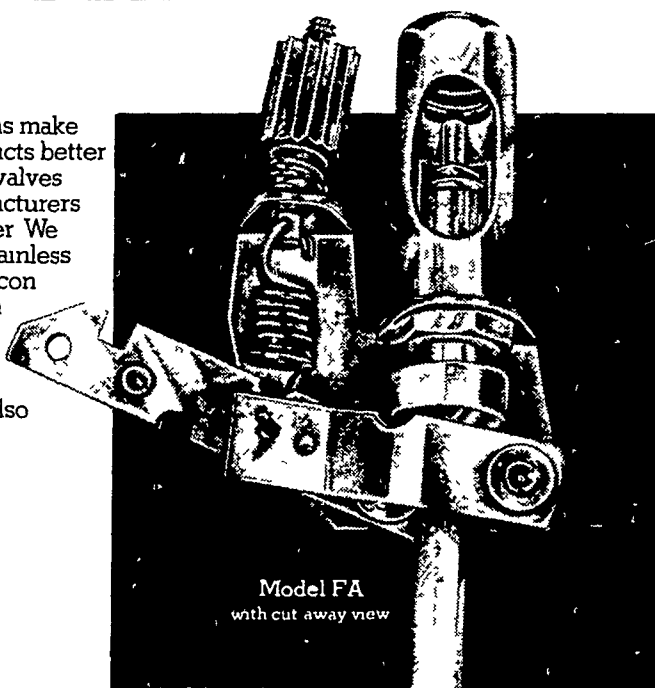
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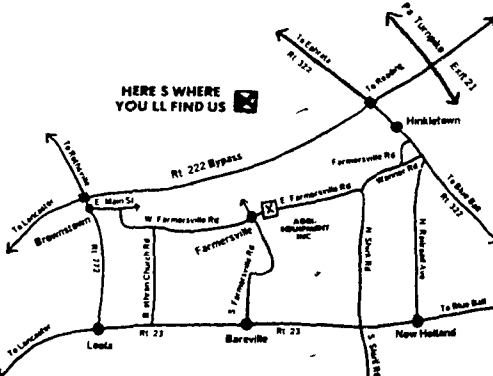
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