

# Farm safety education to feature new concept

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — "Human-factor engineering" is a new concept that might help to reduce farm accidents, reports Gary L. Smith, extension safety specialist at the University of Maryland. Smith explained that certain people seem to be

accident-prone, and traditional safety education techniques seem to have little effect in preventing them from continuing to have accidents.

So the "human factor" approach will try to find out if there are family situations that might lead to farm

accidents. For instance, if a farm husband has a bitter argument in the morning with his wife, perhaps he is more likely to have an accident than if he went out to do field work in a more tranquil state of mind.

Smith's comments help call attention to the thirty-

seventh annual national observance of Farm Safety Week on July 25 to 31. Maryland's governor has signed a proclamation declaring statewide observance during the same time.

Some county groups are planning safety education events during that week in

cooperation with the Maryland Agricultural Safety and Health Federation.

The annual Frederick County safety banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m. on July 29 at the Woodsboro fire hall.

And the first Upper Eastern Shore farm safety extravaganza has been set for

July 24 at the Queen Annes county 4-H park to help kick off farm safety week.

Farm organizations and other groups in Howard County will sponsor an elaborate safety display on July 31 during the family field day at the University of Maryland forage research farm near Clarksville.



Before he left on his current trip to China, Maryland's governor, Harry R. Hughes took time for a signing ceremony to declare July 25-31 as "Farm Safety Week" throughout the state. These dates coincide with the thirty-seventh annual observance of the same program. Shown at the state capitol in Annapolis are, left to right: Ernest C. Shea, executive secretary of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; Elmer L. Cooper, teacher educator in ag at the University of Maryland in College Park; Governor Hughes, and Gary L. Smith, Extension safety specialist at the University of Maryland.

## Chester to hold 4-H fashion revue

WEST CHESTER — The Chester County 4-H program will be holding its annual 4-H clothing and fashion revue, Wednesday, July 16 at the Stone Barn Restaurant in

Unionville on Route 842 West of Unionville.

A magician will perform for the 4-H youth at 11:15 a.m. followed by the fashion

show of all 4-H clothing members at 1:00 p.m.

For more information contact Janet Renner, Chester County Extension office, 215-696-3500.

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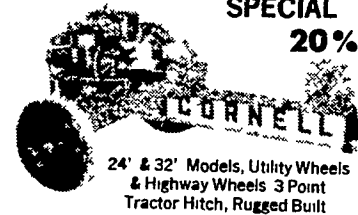
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