

# Outdoor Play Areas Important

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Playing outdoors is not only healthy for children, but most children love the freedom playing outside gives them to move around. Quality child care programs include outdoor play time every day.

Trained caregivers make sure their play areas are appropriate for the ages of children in their charge.

- Infants should have room to crawl and move about in an area that is protected from older children by using dividers (or even playpens if there are only one or two infants in the program.)

- Toddlers, preschoolers, and older children need places to run, climb, throw balls, and ride bikes, tricycles and other riding toys.

- School-age children should have climbing equipment and swings that are sturdy enough for them.

Other things that are important:

- Children need to be dressed appropriately for the weather.

- Shady areas are necessary for play on warm days. They can be under a tree or some bushes? An umbrella or a blanket can be used to make shady areas? These are especially important for infants?

- Parents should provide sunscreen for their child.

- Water play is great fun but

must be supervised at all times. Children have drowned in even a few inches of water? For health and safety reasons, the containers need to be emptied each time water is used.

- There should be enough adults to help with the children.

Spring is a good time to check playground equipment and outdoor toys to see if there was damage over the winter. There must be no rough or sharp edges or any broken parts, and all nuts, bolts, nails, and screws need to be recessed or covered to keep children

from getting scratches. Anything that cannot be repaired needs to be thrown away.

Surface materials surrounding playground equipment, such as wood chips, sand, or sawdust, need to be raked after getting packed down all winter so that they provide a "soft landing" for children. Sand boxes should be covered when not being used to keep the sand dry and free of debris and animal waste.

Look around the yard where your child plays: Are the garbage cans covered and placed away from play areas?



(Continued from Page B14)

**QUESTION** — Leslie Heulitt, Rock Cave, W.Va., is looking for a mail-order company that sells feedgrade ground kelp from 50-pound bags. She also would like a small manure fork called the original apple picker.

**QUESTION** — Leo Rodgers, Tamaqua, is looking for an operator's manual for a New Holland stack wagon model #1012 and for a Massey Ferguson Model #120 baler.

**QUESTION** — A reader would like a formula for the old green and red paint used on old wooden farm implements. The paint looks like it was very thin and soaked into the wood.

**QUESTION** — D.R. Newsom, Cooperstown, N.Y., would like out-of-print cookbooks: "The Neighbor Lady Cookbooks" and Bob Allison's Ask Your Neighbor Cookbooks. (These were from radio stations).

**QUESTION** — Jean Lubold, Halifax, has several questions: Are there bird watchers in the Halifax area that would like to compare notes on building nests, feeders, and watching birds?

**QUESTION** — Terry Lerew, Gardners, wants information regarding miniature bottle gourds or tiny birdhouse gourds. They need to be 1-4-inches in size. Would like an inexpensive source to buy those already dried and cleaned or a source for seeds and information on how to do it herself.

**QUESTION** — John Randall, Holcomb, N.Y., lost the ad in which someone advertised a portable scales with 5,000 # capacity in this paper in January.

**QUESTION** — Bob's Radiator, Woodstown, N.J., would like to know where to write to find information on an old accordian.

**QUESTION** — BJ Stoltzfus, Mohnton, would like to know where to find a horse hair wood stove brush, not a broom type.

**QUESTION** — Milton B. Moyer, Hummelstown, would like to know where to purchase spike oil, an antiseptic for dressing wounds.

**QUESTION** — Terry and Shirley Womer, R.D.#4, Box 45, Middleburg, PA 17842, write that they collect veterinary anti-ques. Recently they acquired two business cards, one dated 1862, for J.S. Nixon & Son, Chambersburg, Pa. According to these cards, the druggist produced and sold horse and cattle powder. Does anyone know the history of this business?

**QUESTION** — Robert DeLong, Walden, N.Y., would like to know where to purchase Falu rodfarg paint, which is made in Sweden. It is a superior water-based red paint, ideal for barns, which previously was available from a company in Georgia.

**QUESTION** — Esther Nolt, Newmanstown, would like to know where she can buy a set of Jungle Doctor books written by Paul White. She enjoyed these books as a child and would like to get them for her children.

**QUESTION** — A Turbotville reader would like to know where to find literature or an owner's manual on a US Slicing Machine Co., Van Berkel's original hand crank meat slicer that was made in 1912 in La Porte, Ind.

**QUESTION** — Bill Sherwood, Beavertown, is looking for a kid's wagon made by Sherwood Company with the name Sherwood printed on the side.

**QUESTION** — Sandra Laughman, Hardin, Mo., wrote that she read about a woman who creates pickled fabrics. Sandra would like information on the procedure and ingredients to use.

**ANSWER** — A mother from New York wanted to buy a copy of some of the books she enjoyed as a child. These included "Curious George" books, "Henner's Lydia," "Miss Hickory," and "James and the Giant Peach." Mrs. Harold Diller has the book, "Henner's Lydia." Write to Mrs. Diller at 20140 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, Md. 21742. Another reader wrote that many of these books are available in bookstores. Also, libraries have the books to borrow.

**ANSWER** — Louise Graybeal of Renick, W.V., wanted a Surge milker. Elmer Smith writes that he has a complete Surge milker system that he will sell. Call him at (717) 398-1459.

**ANSWER** — Anna Martin, Denver, wanted to know where she can purchase round metal trays with Currier and Ives scenes pictured on them. Thanks to Doris Mengine, Benton, Pa., who writes that she has two. If interested, call her at (717) 925-6825 after 5 p.m.

**ANSWER** — Betty Lou Stull, 20137 Old York Rd., White Hall, Md. 21161, needed an instruction manual for a Treadle Minnesota A. sewing machine to know how to thread and wind bobbins. Thanks to Joan Dundore, for writing that she has one. Write to her at 51 E. Strack Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067.

**ANSWER** — Arnold Schnetzer, Asbury, N.J., needed help in controlling muskrats in the farm pond. Thanks to Frank Rice, Blain, for writing about how he controls them. In his words: "I controlled them on my pond with a rip rap (stones). Put a ring of stone about 6 inches above and below water line. Use 3-4-inch size stones. I got ballast at a stone quarry on a flat truck and the best way to get them placed was with a New Armstrong Excavator shovel. I have since maintained with it with field picked stone.

MODEL	BALL SIZE	BALL WEIGHT
335	4'W x 4'H	750 lb.
375	5'W x 4'H	1,000 lb.
385	4'W x 5'H	1,050 lb.
435	4'W x 6'H	1,500 lb.
535	5'W x 6'H	2,000 lb.

the 385 puts up 4x5-foot bales that fit most aisles. From the 335 with its 750-pound 4x4-foot bales to the 2,000-pound bales of the 535, there's a John Deere round baler that best suits your dairy. With the two largest models, choose surface wrap to surround leaves with a weather-beating mesh wrap. Check out the models below, then see your dealer for a closer look.



A dull stationary knife wastes horsepower and lowers forage quality. Maintain sharp performance with this *knife* for John Deere 3960 and 3970 Forage Harvesters.

Only **\$211<sup>15</sup>\*** (AE44466)

John Deere *cutterhead knives* deliver maximum cutting productivity and quality. Segmented, easy-to-replace knives give you efficient, economical performance for John Deere 3960 and 3970 Forage Harvesters.

Only **\$13<sup>42</sup>\*** (E61961)

## VISIT YOUR JOHN DEERE DEALER TODAY!

**ADAMSTOWN EQUIPMENT, INC.**  
Adamstown, PA  
717-484-4391

**GUTSHALL'S INC.**  
RD #2 Box 74-A  
Loyeville, PA

**POLE TAVERN EQ. SALES CORP.**  
670 Rt. 40  
Elmor, NJ  
609-358-2880

**BARTON SUPPLY, INC.**  
Tunkhannock, PA  
717-836-4011

**GUTSHALL'S INC.**  
Carlisle, PA  
717-249-2313

**O.C. RICE, INC.**  
104 North Main St.  
Biglerville, PA 17307  
717-677-8135

**CARLYLE & MARTIN, INC.**  
Hagerstown, MD  
301-733-1873

**K & W EQUIPMENT INC.**  
502 Clements St.  
Moorefield, WV 26836  
304-538-6003

**SCHEFFEL EQUIPMENT CO.**  
Red Goose Rd.  
Somerset, PA  
814-445-6500

**CARROLL'S EQUIPMENT**  
Route 235  
Dameron, MD  
301-872-5553

**LANDIS BROS. INC.**  
Rt. 283 & Rt. 772  
2710 Mt. Joy Rd.  
Manheim, PA 17545  
717-653-2340

**GEORGE V. SEIPLE & SON**  
Easton, PA  
610-258-7146

**CLUGSTON FARM EQUIPMENT**  
Needmore, PA  
717-573-2215

**LANDIS BROS. INC.**  
Lebanon, PA  
717-228-2850

**SMITH'S IMPLEMENT, INC.**  
Mercersburg, PA  
717-328-2244

**CLUGSTON AG & TURF, INC.**  
Chambersburg, PA  
717-263-4103

**LEHIGH AG EQUIPMENT**  
Allentown, PA  
610-398-2553

**S.P.E., INC.**  
Rd. 1, Box 157  
Towanda, PA  
717-265-4440

**DEERFIELD AG & TURF CENTER, INC.**  
Watsonstown, PA  
717-538-3557

**LONE MAPLE SALES & SERVICE**  
New Alexandria, PA  
412-668-7172

**TOBIAS EQUIPMENT CO., INC.**  
Halifax, PA  
717-362-3132

**DUNKLE & GRIEB INC.**  
Centre Hall, PA  
814-364-1421

**LOST CREEK IMPLEMENT**  
Oakland Mills, PA  
717-463-2161

**WALTEMYER'S SALES & SERVICE**  
10136 Winterstown Road  
Red Lion, PA  
1-800-443-3374

**DUNKLE & GRIEB INC.**  
Mill Hall, PA  
717-726-3115

**MILLER-LAKE INC.**  
Belleville, PA  
717-935-2335

**WINELAND EQUIPMENT, INC.**  
Martinsburg, PA  
814-793-2109

**ENFIELD EQUIPMENT, INC.**  
Oxford, PA  
610-932-8858

**MILLER'S EQUIPMENT**  
RD #1 Rt. 66  
Fairmount City, PA

**M.S. YEARSLEY & SONS**  
West Chester, PA  
610-696-2990

**ENFIELD EQUIPMENT, INC.**  
Whiteford, MD  
301-452-5252

**PIKEVILLE EQUIPMENT INC.**  
Oley, PA  
610-987-8277

**FINCH SERVICES-HANOVER INC.**  
Hanover, PA  
717-832-2345

**A.B.C. GROFF, INC.**  
New Holland, PA  
717-354-4181

