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ECONOMIC WORKSHOP - Jacqueline Heston and intermediate teachers discuss a point of interest during the Economic Education for Intermediate Grade Teachers workshop that was held August 25 at the D. F. Walker cafeteria. Mrs. Heston, the Coordinator for Economic Education in the northwest region, said the purpose of the workshop was to help intermediate grade teachers learn materials and methods for integrating economics into the curriculum.

Avoiding Home Accidents

Every year newspaper electricity coming from the accounts describe the outlet before a potentially gruesome carnage, and government agencies record the staggering statistics of accidental injuries and deaths in and around U. S. homes.

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ITEM: A 44-year-old another area of concern, UL Canton, Ohio, man was fatally shocked while he stood in his swimming pool, cleaning it with a broom. His arm, officials said, apparently made contact with an electrical filter.

ITEM: A 15-year-old Wayne, Indiana boy was electrocuted when the old power drill he was using shorted out.

ITEM: A 32-year-old man was electrocuted when he stepped in a puddle of water while plugging in an extension cord in the yard of his Palm Harbor, Fla. home. Last year, about 23,000

people died as a result of accidents at home. An estimated 3.5-million others suffered disabling injuries.

Safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories (UL) warn that, during warm weather, chances for accidents increase.

According to UL, one reason for higher home accident statistics in the summer is the increased use of power tools outdoors. Most people use power tools these tools can do to a infrequently. But warm human body.

NORTHBROOK, Ill. - current, it will cut off the fatal shock can occur. GFCIs should be installed by a qualified electrician. Plug-in models are also now available.

Extension cords are safety engineers report. Only extension cords approved for outdoor should be used outdoors. This information usually is marked on the packaging and on the cord. It's also very important that the extension cord is rated high enough for the device plugged into it. The rating is either in watts or amperes and usually can be found right on the cord. People should check instruction manuals or the electric equipment's labels for its wattage or ampere rating to make sure it's usuable with the extension cord selected. UL engineers emphasize

other rules for safety. Parents should never allow children to operate power

tools unless they are properly supervised. The use of power tools requires good judgment and skill. Power saws can cut down trees, drills can bore through sheet metal and circular saws can split twoby fours. Imagine what



weather is "do-it-yourself project time for many people, and electric drills, saws and other tools come out of storage. If they've been improperly stored, power cords might have become cracked or cut, water or cold might have damaged the motor or caused deterioration of the insulation. Any tool or appliance that has not been used for several months should be checked out first to make sure it's safe to operate. And, of course, electrical products should not be used outdoors when it's raining or in wet locations. That seems like an abvious precaution but, surprisingly, some people apparently overlook the danger.

Perhaps a person is just finishing up a project and needs to make one last cut safe place, away from with an electric mower. The risk is forgotten.

installed on all electrical portant things people should outlets and outlets near water are ground fault manuals and warning circuit interruptors (GFCI), UL engineers say. A GFCI looks just like a regular electrical outlet except that, if there is any dangerous leakage of electrical

Properly maintan power tools. In the case of saws and lawnmowers, cutting edges should be kept sharp and clean. Instructions for lubricating and changing accessories should be

When using an electric tool, check to see that it's switched off before plugging it in. Sudden starts could be dangerous.

followed.

Never carry a tool or appliance by its cord, or yank the cord out of electrical outlets. Keep cords away from heat, oil and sharp edges

Remember that tools and appliances should be disconnected when they're being services, while changing accessories such as blades, and when they're not in use. And they should be stored indoors, in a dry, children.

And, UL, safety engineers A good device to have say, one of the most imdo is read instruction labels.

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