



**Agriculturally Speaking**

# Factors In Farm Safety Pointed Out During National Farm Safety Week

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**COMING EVENTS**

July 21-27: Farm Safety Week.

July 10 - Sept. 30: Time to apply for state and federal gasoline tax refunds (Drop by the office for forms)

August 1: Warren County Planning Board, County Agricultural Bldg., Warrenton, 8:00 p. m.

August 2-8: Nursery Train Caravan to Alabama (contact office for details)

**DEPRESSED**

During recent months, Warren County was declared a Depressed County, with some over 6% of its people unemployed. We are now in an improved status. This dirty sounding word has been deleted and we are now normal Warren County. Our percentage of unemployed is at a low ebb. Some predictors state the situation has not improved to that extent and feel the unemployed have departed Warren County.

It is easy to become pessimistic but we do have some things over which we can feel proud. The cash income in Warren County during 1962 was the highest on record. I do admit we do have a few worry wart items such as the high cost of operations. As someone recently said, "Do you remember when a coke was 5c?" Another drink customer popped up and said, "Do you remember when they were 7c?" Several days ago I was jokingly teasing a complaining dairyman that he had thousands of dollars income per month and should have plenty of pocket change. He came back with a snarl, and pointed to a tractor plow point stating, "They acted like there was gold in the blankety-blank thing." That about explains it, folks—we must get more or spend less so some will be left for a pair of baby shoes.

**SAFETY**

National Farm Safety Week.

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July 21-27, won't be observed as a joyous celebration. Instead, it should serve as a grim reminder that farming is the third most hazardous occupation. Only mining and construction have higher death rates.

Actually, the accident death rate on farms is higher than the national average. In 1961, when the national rate dropped to an all-time low of 50.4 deaths per 100,000 population, the farm average rose to 58.8. That year accidents took the lives of 8,700 farm residents.

What are some of the basic reasons? Despite improved equipment, better farming techniques, and greater emphasis on agricultural training in high schools and colleges, farming lags behind a work safety. Work accidents are second motor vehicle and the farm population.

While many incidents have elaborate safety measures and trained personnel to administer safety programs, a farmer operates for the most part on his own. In industries, employees' mistakes are noticed and corrected. The farmer doesn't have the benefit of this expert safety supervision.

**Farm Fires Can Be Prevented**

Anyone who has experienced or witnessed a destructive fire on a farm knows its tragedy and ruin. Fires in rural areas are extremely dangerous even though we do have some adequate fire-fighting equipment. Fire is easy to prevent but hard to stop. The National Safety Council lists these eight causes for most farm fires: 1. Defective chimneys; 2. Chimney sparks on combustible roofs; 3. Un safe stove and furnace installations; 4. Inadequate lightning protection; 5. Improper use of electricity; 6. Spontaneous ignition; 7. Misuse of gasoline and kerosene; 8. Carelessness with matches.

**What to do about fire protection**

Newly stored hay should be inspected daily for several weeks for overheating which could cause spontaneous ignition.

Electric lights in barns should be protected with glass guards to prevent hay and dust from coming in contact with them.

Field burning should be discouraged. If this is done, a fire break at least six feet wide should be plowed around the field.

Every member of the farm family should know how to summon the local fire department without delay. Its telephone number should be posted prominently near the telephone. Adult members should cooperate in helping provide community fire protection.

A pond within pumping distance of farm buildings provides a good emergency water supply. If a pond is impractical, build an emergency cistern of at least 3,000 gallon capacity. Stock tanks and home swimming pools are other sources of water in a fire emergency. Buckets of sand can be used to smother small blazes before they get out of control.

One of the miracles of the age is the low number of all type accidents including traffic accidents when considering the potential source of such incidents. Take a look at the picture above. Cars going every way, people walking in the street and it all adds up to a miracle. We must practice all the safety first possible and with all this the hospital and undertaker will have adequate business.

**CUT HAY EARLY**

Recently learned of a new and highly recommended practice on the James C. Harris farm, Inez. Mr. Harris was cutting his excellent lespedeza July 16. Records show

that early cut hay is much more nutritious and in the case of early cut lespedeza you have a chance of a second crop, either for hay, grazing or reseeding. How can you lose?

## LITTLETON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pike and children, W. G. and Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Shearin and Jimmy Brown were Wednesday night visitors of Mrs. Cleveland Pike in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellington and children of Somerset, Ky., were last week visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Ellington. They also visited Mrs. L. W. Perkinson in La-Crosse, Va., and other relatives in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Raymond Pike accompanied Mr. Pike to Veterans Hospital on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence West and son and Mrs. Garnett Shearin were in Durham last week.

Mrs. Kennie Shearin and children of Norfolk, Va., spent several days here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence West and Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Shearin.

Michael Ferrell of Roanoke Rapids is spending sometime with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearin accompanied Herman Riggan to his home in New York City and will visit Mrs. Blanche Riggan for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wagner and Herman Riggan visit-

ed Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Ellington in Vaughan last week.

Mrs. Bobby Harris and son, Daryl, of Roanoke Rapids visited her mother, Mrs. Pattie Buffalo, on Thursday.

Pfc. William Buffalo left on Thursday for Devens, Mass., where he will be stationed.

Mrs. Gary Hannahs and son spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Whit Neville and was accompanied to her home in Portsmouth, Va., on Sunday by Mr. Hannahs.

Mrs. Raymond Pike and daughter, Linda, visited Mr. Pike in Veterans Hospital, Durham, on Saturday.

Mrs. Carlton Murphy and daughter, Marie, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chichester and daughter, Sharon, of Portsmouth, Va., and Pfc. James Chichester of Fort Riley, Kansas, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chichester last week.

Mrs. Eunice Keeter and son of Charlotte were weekend visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Crawley and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Liles and daughter were at Nags Head during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansbury were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Camp in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Bernice Maubry of Raleigh was a Saturday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stansbury.

Charlie Sewell of Murfreesboro visited Mr. Maynard Bobbitt on Sunday.

Fred Joyner of Rocky

## John Mitchell Visits Papageorge In Greece

By BIGNALL JONES

John G. Mitchell of the Citizens Bank this week, in recounting experiences of his recent visit to Greece while on a world tour, spoke of his visit to Stephen Papageorge, who was a partner in the Pur-

Mount and James White of Scotland Neck were visitors of J. A. Myrick on Thursday.

Mrs. Helen Salmon spent Thursday in Roanoke Rapids with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ferrell.

Captain Jacqueline Moore and Lt. Ann Thompson of McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Macon Moore last week and also visited Mrs. Beulah Warren in Apex.

Linzie Shearin of Roanoke Rapids was a Thursday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jenkins and daughter, Sandra, of Richmond, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Myrick on Sunday.

**Hamburger Cookout**

The Junior Choir of Enterprise Baptist Church enjoyed a hamburger cookout at Kimball's Point on Kerr Lake Thursday afternoon. Adults attending were Mesdames Vernon Walker, William Pegram, John Curl, Sadie Bobbitt and William Reid.

itan Cafe here for more than 20 years.

Papageorge was a public spirited citizen, active in town affairs, a member of local civic clubs, and a communicant of the Episcopal Church. Friendly and loving people he made many friends while here. Some ten years ago he returned to Greece where he and his wife live with their daughter.

John said that Papageorge, who appeared to be in good health, spoke of his years in Warrenton and expressed a desire to return to Warrenton for a visit. He asked about many persons in the town and showed that his interest in the town and people has not waned.

In a letter to Mitchell a few days ago, Papageorge

again spoke of the pleasure brought to him by his visit, and asked that his regards be given to a large number of Warrenton persons in particular, and to others that he failed to mention. In this letter he again expressed as his great hope that he might soon visit Warrenton.

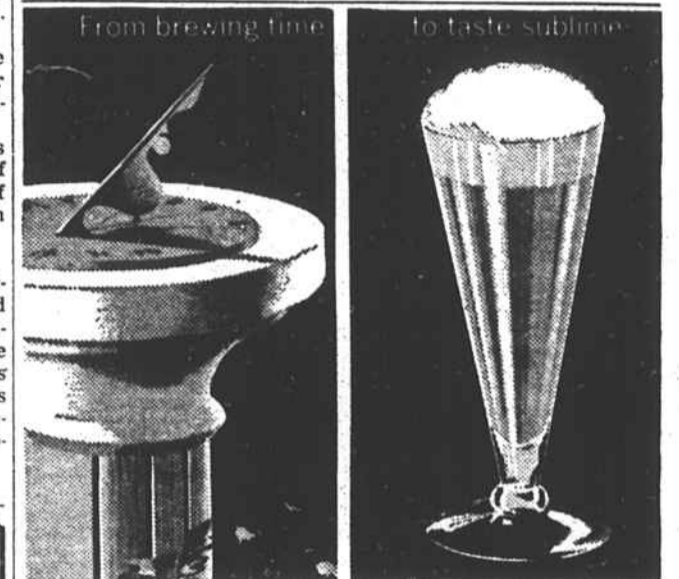
Steve made many friends while here and they will be glad to know he is well and enjoying life.



**MASONIC NOTICE**

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