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Fatal Farm Accidents

Although farming is hardly considered a hazardous occupation, so far as physical danger is concerned, deaths from accidents on farms numbered about 4,300 in 1938, according to a recent publication of the National Safety Council.

This is a larger number than was killed in any other single industry, but it is relatively low considering the large percentage of the population engaged in agriculture. The need for safety education on the farm is evident, nevertheless, and the results of an intensive farm safety program in Kansas last year were most gratifying.

Farm fatalities in Kansas dropped from 83 in 1937 to 57 in 1938, and there is no doubt that this excellent showing was due largely to the efforts of the state safety council and associated agencies.

Records kept during the last eight years by the Kansas state board of health show that 29 per cent of all fatal farm accidents in the state were suffered in the operation of machinery, while 20 per cent were injured by animals, and 10 per cent by excessive heat.

Accidents on the farm, as elsewhere, could be largely eliminated by taking reasonable precautions at all times.

A \$600,000 Fountain

Among the many notable attractions which no visitor to Chicago should miss seeing is the great Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park on the lake front, only a short distance from the main business district.

This magnificent fountain, the largest and most beautiful in the world, was presented to the city by Miss Kate Buckingham as a memorial to her brother, Clarence, and was erected at a cost of \$600,000, with an additional \$300,000 given as a trust fund for its maintenance.

The main structure has a fountain pool, 300 feet in diameter, and three basins, one above the other. From the top an immense column of water shoots to a height of 90 feet. Surrounding this are 133 smaller jets, the whole discharging 5,500 gallons of water a minute.

At night, alternating white, amber, rose, green and blue lights, with a total of 30 million candle power, illuminate the cascading water, the effect being one of indescribable beauty.

Since the fountain was dedicated on August 26, 1927, the unrivaled spectacle it presents has thrilled and fascinated Chicagoans and millions of visitors to the city—as it will thrill and fascinate many millions yet unborn.

Excessive horsepower under the hood is dangerous if not accompanied by corresponding horse sense under the hat.

A New York physician has caused a good deal of worry by declaring that worry kills only fools.

An exchange tells of a widow who has had so much trouble with lawyers in settling the estate that she sometimes wishes her husband hadn't died.

Sidelights

When Miss Pauline Sloman of Atlanta took the job of secretary to Edgar P. McBurney more than 53 years ago, she expressed the hope that the position would be permanent. It has been, and she is still McBurney's secretary.

A truck loaded with 1,300 lbs. of dynamite and caps collided with a passenger car near Forest City, Ia. The explosives were scattered along the highway, but did not explode. Herbert Quick and Grover Campbell, the two drivers, were unhurt.

Embarrassment when her bathing suit came off while swimming nearly cost the life of a girl at a lake near Scranton, Pa. She tried to reach a secluded spot by swimming across the lake, and was rescued by two men in a canoe who lent her a coat until other clothing could be provided.

Testing the driving skill of Will Cullman at Clay Center, Kan., a highway patrolman told him: "Drive 30 miles an hour, then see how quickly you can stop; I'll ride on the running board." When Cullman jammed on the brakes, the patrolman was dashed to the ground and a passenger dived through the windshield.

A freakish bolt of lightning caused consternation among a party of prominent Albanians and stunned five of them when it crashed through a large tent at their fishing camp on the Gulf recently. Among those in the tent were Lieutenant Governor Carmichael, several members of the state legislature and other state officials. None was seriously hurt.

What's New

Extra strong fishing lines are now made from spun glass.

Wheelbarrows equipped with balloon tires are being made in Detroit.

Tracks of a dinosaur that took steps 12 feet long have been found near Grand Canyon.

Certain soap ingredients are being made synthetically from coal by German chemists.

Silver steel, a new stainless alloy which resists erosion by sea water, has been perfected and patented.

It is expected that several 42-passenger transport planes will be placed in transcontinental service this year.

A new kind of paper from which ink or typewriting may be erased without leaving marks of any kind has been developed.

The U. S. Army's newest airplane engine is said to produce nearly one horsepower for every pound of its weight. Details of its actual weight and horsepower are kept secret.

Cost of School Buildings

If an Illinois legislator in 1875 had succeeded in persuading fellow law-makers to adopt his way of thinking, the state would now have no public school buildings that cost more than \$2,000 each.

According to research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, who are compiling information for guide books, a Joliet newspaper reported a bill introduced in the legislature in 1875 which would fix the maximum cost of any school building in the state at that amount.

Today's school authorities say that the larger, modern elementary school plants cost between \$100,000 and \$500,000.



The Redoubtable Mme. La Compt

IN THE year 1734 a daughter was born to the La Flammes, a French family living at St. Joseph on Lake Michigan. While she was still a little girl, her parents moved to Mackinac and there she grew up and married her first husband, Pilette de Sainte Ange.

In 1765 Sainte Ange took his wife to the site of the future city of Chicago where they lived for several years. After a time she became familiar with the language of the Pottawatomies and other tribes, studying their character and acquiring a great influence over them.

When Sainte Ange died, his widow moved to the French village of Cahokia on the Mississippi. She soon married again, this time to a Canadian named La Compt. During the Revolution, the Cahokia villagers, whom George Rogers Clark had won to the American cause, were in constant danger of attack by the Indian allies of the British.

More than once the fearful villagers of Cahokia, armed and ready for an attack, saw a strange procession coming out of the woods—a band of warriors with their war-paint freshly washed away and humbly obeying the orders given them by the tall white woman marching ahead of them!

After rearing a large family of children, Mme. La Compt was widowed again. Again she was married, this time to an American named Tom Brady. She outlived him for 30 years and died in Cahokia in 1843 at the age of 109 years. © Western Newspaper Union.

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Interesting Notes

Leonard Hanstein, 15, of Oklahoma City can put four eggs in his mouth and throat at one time.

In Portland, Me., a thin burglar removed a window bar and squeezed through a 10-inch opening to rob a safe of \$995.

A thief at Somerville, Mass., stole a kiss and snatched a handbag from Mrs. Eugene O'Brien, and then fled.

When his home burned, Burly Spooner of Flint, Mich., saved an old pair of trousers with \$15 in one of the pockets.

A small boy found and returned to Mrs. Clarence Schall of

Monterey, Ind., a wedding ring lost near her home 18 years ago.

A field mouse in his car caused Clem Schuh of Green Bay, Wis., to lose control and strike a truck. No one was hurt, and the mouse escaped.

George Butterworth, 70, has paid his room rent for 30 years in advance at a Florida hotel, and declares he will live to get his money's worth.

After being thrown through his windshield and having 75 stitches taken to close head wounds, John Holley of Greenup, Ky., proceeded on a business trip.

When Earl Smith of Brule, Neb., went to harvest his wheat

crop he found the job had already been done. A traveling combine crew had harvested it by mistake.

When George Nichols, Rhode Island farmer, was gored by a bull, his wife and sister kept the animal at bay with pitchforks for 20 minutes until further aid arrived.

Time Tables

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By DAPHNE A. McVICKER
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CHARMIAN caught her breath in a little puff of indignation. She had turned, her red mouth all smiles, to welcome the latecomer who edged himself into the chair beside her at the table, and then her long greenish eyes had shuttered themselves instantly and her lips had tightened and she had lowered her gaze to the oysters in their beds of cracked ice.

"So glad I could come," the man told her pleasantly.

She jabbed an oyster with a vicious little dig of her fork.

"Funny they think they need ice, isn't it?" the neighbor added, picking up his own fork. "It's already so chilly in here, or don't you notice it? I'd think you would in that dress. New, isn't it? And just the shade of red to do the most for those smoky eyes."

He found himself regarding the back of the notable dinner dress, Charmian was giving all her attention, dimples, eyes, to the informative gentleman on her other side. He found her rapt interest in his account of the building of bridges very flattering and he was surprised to have her suddenly vanish under the table.

She was pursuing her napkin which had cascaded suddenly to the floor. She was outraged, when her gaze had located it, to find it already in the grasp of the latecomer who took advantage of this surprising rendezvous to murmur one hasty sentence.

Charmian came up for air with distinctly reddened cheeks. She turned to the bridge builder.

"Do tell me more," she said. "I think that's so fascinating."

"Well, it is interesting," he assured her. "Point is you never know where you may turn up."

Charmian, about to agree, scowled blackly. That napkin. She grabbed for it hastily and her hand came into contact with another hand, a hand whose long, skillful fingers were as adept at catching a skidding napkin as at patching a broken bone.

"Extraordinarily active napkin you have," he told her. "I can't think why it doesn't know when it's lucky. If I were welcome to stay close to you—listen, Charmian, darling, I have so much to tell you."

But he was addressing the back again, and he grinned mournfully at his filet mignon.

"But isn't that very dangerous work?" Charmian asked the engineer.

He smiled modestly.

"Well, sometimes it is. You see if you haven't a head for heights—"

But Charmian's dark head had plunged forward at the word. And this time she found her face so dangerously, so tremblingly close to another face, with eyes deep and menacing, with lips brushing her cheek—so close that for a moment their hands forgot the napkin and clung, intertwined.

"We get almost everywhere," the engineer told her. "I suppose there's no white man gets into as remote places as an engineer does."

The little red-faced man across the table spoke up suddenly.

"Well now I differ from that, if I may speak," he said. "How about the doctor? The doctor is likely to get almost any place. Take this young chap who performed that difficult operation last night. They say he's the first one who ever did such a thing. He's been offered quite a post in the Far East, I hear."

Charmian's breath caught. For their hostess was gazing down the table directly toward them. Their hostess, Annabel, who was crazy about Guy, who had no doubt yielded to his insistence that he be placed next to Charmian at dinner.

"We're fortunate in having that very young doctor here this evening," she said. "Tell us about it, Guy." But this time he had disappeared under the table in a way that threatened to be permanent.

Charmian, finding herself the center of all attention, spoke swiftly. "He's busy gathering up napkins from under the table," she said. "But he'll tell us all about it after dinner I think."

The engineer was gazing at her back. She herself was lost in the merry eyes next her.

"You didn't tell me it was that operation. Did they decide to do it immediately? Oh, and I made such a fuss about your breaking a little important date with me! I don't see why you bothered to speak to me. When I remember that I said I'd never speak to you again, and you said perhaps some day I'd own an indebtedness to your profession and I said if I ever did, I'd own myself wrong—"

"And the time has come," Guy said softly.

"What do you mean?"

He held something out to her. It was an embroidered table napkin of heavy linen. From one corner of it there extended a long strip of adhesive tape—surgeon's tape.

"And in building such a bridge—" the engineer paused. He sighed. And he related the remainder of his story to his fingerbowl.

When "Do you love me still, granddad?" asked the noisy little girl. "Yes, darling, when you are."

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What prominent associate of Lincoln's during the 40's in Springfield joined the Confederacy?

A. Albert Taylor Bledsoe.

Q. With what paper in Springfield was Bledsoe associated?

A. When the Sangamo Journal became the Illinois Journal in 1847, Bledsoe became its editorial writer.

Q. What was the Democratic State Register's opinion of Bledsoe at this time?

A. "We hoped to find in Mr. Bledsoe a fair opponent, but the hair splitting ratiocination and nice philological nothings which seem to be his highest aim, are rather small potatoes for those who do not write solely for their own amusement."

Q. When did Bledsoe leave Illinois?

A. In the summer of 1848, soon after his partner, Edward D. Baker, moved to Galena, he was made professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of Mississippi.

Q. Whose acquaintance did Bledsoe renew in this post?

A. Jefferson Davis who with Robert E. Lee had been a schoolmate of Bledsoe's at West Point. Davis and Lee subsequently recommended Bledsoe to the chair of Mathematics at the University of Virginia.

Q. When did Bledsoe side with the Confederacy?

A. Three months after the opening of the Civil War he took the field as Colonel of the 36th Regiment. This despite the fact that he was an anti-secessionist of a family of abolitionists and had a northern wife who hated slavery.

Q. What positions in the Confederacy did Bledsoe hold?

A. He was first Chief of the Bureau of War and in April, 1862 was appointed Assistant Secretary of War.

Q. What was Bledsoe's opinion of the Confederate War Department?

A. "The War Department in a Democracy— If in this wide universe, there be a purgatory, that was one. A simple, earnest, frail mortal, with swarms of politicians and office seekers, all bent on their own little private ends, forever tugging his elbows, sides, brains, and nerves and never permitting him to devote the little sense he had to the most glorious cause the world has ever seen."

Q. How did Bledsoe's War Department experience affect his manner?

A. An incident with Mrs. Jefferson Davis illustrates the ravages of the office on his nerves. Mrs. Davis one day drove to the War Office and asked that Bledsoe come out to her carriage. He came, looking distracted. "Doctor, she said, I want you to be god-father to my child." "God-father to your fiddlesticks, Madam," he answered striding back into the office.

Q. Where was Bledsoe from 1853 to 1866?

A. In England where he went to produce a work on the causes of the Civil War. The legality of secession and the interpretation of the Constitution by the Northern leaders had become obsessions with him since he helped draw up the first draft of the Constitution for the Confederacy. He returned to the United States in January, 1866, took the oath of allegiance and went to live in Baltimore.

Many who have a worthy aim in life persist in shooting blank cartridges.

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