

THE SHAPER

- ① The shaper is considered to be **one of the most dangerous machines** in the wood-working shop **because** the cutter *cannot be covered completely by a guard*.
- ② The shaper cuts mouldings and can be used to form decorative shapes on the edges of work.
- ③ The shaper has a **high speed spindle** that accepts many different cutters and can be adjusted up and down according to the thickness or width of the work.
- ④ The work must be guided past the cutter by using either **the fence** or **a rub collar** or **a jig or fixture**.
- ⑤ If at all possible a **feather board** and a **push-stick** should be used to prevent kick-back and to keep your hands away from the cutter.
- ⑥ The work must be pushed past the cutter **against** the direction of rotation of the cutter.
- ⑦ Always test a **set-up** with a piece of scrap.
- ⑧ Turn machine **off** when finished.