

Donald Danforth, president of the Ralston Purina Company, sews the gold checkered bag holding the first 100 pounds of the 50 millionth ton of Purina Chows. The event took place in Purina's St. Louis mill on April 5. At right is Matt Sieckhaus, retired Purina mill foreman who used to help make Purina Chows in the old days of scoop shovel mixing. At left are J. F. Austin, superintendent of the St. Louis Purina mill, and H. L. Colwell, mill manager. Founded 62 years ago by the late William H. Danforth, the Ralston Purina Company was a pioneer in the field of balanced rations for livestock and poultry. Indicative of the American farmer's tremendous present day use of modern feeds and feeding practices is the fact that over one-third of the 50 million tons of Purina Chows has been manufactured and fed during the past five years.

### Purina Makes 50 Millionth Ton of Feeds

A milestone in the progress of both animal agriculture and the commercial feed industry was reached April 5 when the 50 millionth ton of the famous Purina Chows was manufactured at the Ralston Purina Company's home office plant at Checkerboard Square in St. Louis.

Donald Danforth, president of the Ralston Purina Company, himself took over operation of the bagging machine that packed and sewed the bags holding the 50 millionth ton. The bags were specially decorated with gold colored checkers.

In observing the making of the 50 millionth ton, Mr. Danforth expressed the appreciation of the entire Ralston Purina Company to the countless livestock and poultry feeders who have made Purina Chows the most widely used of all commercial feeds. "The American farmer is a progressive individual," he said. "The growth of the feed industry, the farm implement business, the fertilizer industry, and the hybrid seed business, is evidence of his progressiveness. The tremendous increase in farm production is proof of it."

"We are proud that our industry and our company have had a part in these advancements in agricultural production. As we manufacture the 50 millionth ton of Purina Chows we send a sincere 'Thank you' to the millions of farmers who have accepted our products."

The Ralston Purina Company was founded 62 years ago by the late William H. Danforth. Its main product at the beginning was a feed for horses and mules, made of corn, oats and molasses mixed by scoop shovel. That feed was a far cry from the precision-mixed rations manufactured today in Purina's 41 Chow mills over the United States and Canada. Many of today's Chows contain as many as 30 ingredients, including such substances as synthetic hormones, trace minerals, vitamins, antibiotics and arsenics.

James A. Farley, former chairman, National Democratic Committee: "To a technical politician, extremism is not only a crime, but a blunder."

### Bus Schedules For Homemakers Listed

Buses will pick up Lancaster County Homemakers at three locations Friday morning for the Home Economics Spring Weekend at the Pennsylvania State University.

Departure from Conestoga Bus Terminal, 825 East Chestnut in Lancaster will be 6 a. m. At 6:15 a stop will be made in Mount Joy at the Joy Theater, and the Elizabethtown Square at 6:30 a. m. The bus will return by 11 p. m.

### Pennsylvania Leader in Ice Cream Output

Pennsylvania last year retained its long standing rank as the top ice cream producing state in the United States, according to preliminary estimates from Federal-State surveys.

For the year 1955, total production of ice cream in the Keystone State came to 76,020,999 gallons, compared with 69,537,000 gallons in 1954.

Pennsylvania ice cream is generally recognized as high in quality due to the desire of manufacturers to turn out an exceptionally good product and to the high standards established by provisions of the State Ice Cream Law, observers said. Large quantities of Pennsylvania ice cream are shipped to many other states along the eastern seaboard.

In ice cream production during 1955, New York State was second with 66,100,000 gallons, well ahead of third place California which had a production total of 44,585,000 gallons.

Pennsylvania's 76,020,000 gallons of ice cream last year was more than the total amount produced in all of the South Atlantic States, including the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

### HONESTY REPAID

BEAVER DAM, Ky. — Filling station operator Jimmy Peters recently received a dime in the mail from a woman tourist who explained she had forgotten to pay for two soft drinks. Peters mailed the dime back to her, explaining he knew she had forgotten to pay for them and that he had added the 10 cents to the gas bill.

### Guernsey Convention

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The 79th annual meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club will be held Wednesday morning, May 9, at the hotel starting at 10 o'clock. A complimentary luncheon, an afternoon of sightseeing, and an evening dinner dance will follow. The latter will be courtesy of the Pennsylvania GBA.

The convention will end Thursday morning with a special Golden Guernsey breakfast, for both producers and distributors.

### Pennsylvania Committee

The Pennsylvania committee that has been making plans for this year's meeting includes: Alvin C. Bush, Muncy, chairman; and Charles R. Meyers, Wayne; C. I. Cohee, Concordville; Henry T. Child, West Chester; Joseph Taylor, State College; Delmar Young, Newark, Del; and Donald Marshall, Pottstown.

Other committee members, by counties, include:

**Berks County** — Mrs. Victor Bieher, Douglassville; Mrs. Francis L. Fulton, Pine Grove; Howard B. Bomberger, Lebanon; and Otis Dodson, Harrisburg.

**Bucks County** — J. H. Bradshaw, Jr., Lahaska, Wm. C. Clark, Lahaska, E. F. Donohoe, Pleasant Valley; and Philip W. Smith, New Hope.

**Chester County** — Jean L. duPont, Newton Square; Mrs. Percy C. Maderia, Berwyn, Kenneth L. Berry, Chadds Ford; Howard H. McConnell, Honey Brook

**Lancaster County** — C. Stanley Hess, Lancaster; Lewis Shoemaker, Jr., Kirkwood; Raymond Witmer, Willow Street; B. Snavely Garber, Willow Street; Raymond Rohrer, Lancaster; Harry Mumma, Landisville; and David Yoder, Lancaster.

**Montgomery County** — Mrs. B. V. Dale, Collegeville, Delbert Keir, Collegeville; Eugene C. Coskery, Jr., Center Valley; John Wolford, North Wales; and Merrill Zimmerman, Norristown.

**York County** — Mrs. J. Thomas Carman, Glen Rock; Jess Warner, Red Lion; Roger Emig, York; and M. Ebert Rutter, York

**Delaware State** — Steve Barzewski, Wilmington, John B. McVaugh, Newark, Peter Zeiler, Glascow, Dr. Howard J. White, Middletown; and Clyde Betts, Milton.

### Too Wet, Plowing In County Delayed

This is a slow week weather-wise for spring plowing, the Lancaster County agricultural agent's office advises. Coupled with cool weather, wet fields have delayed spring work considerably.

Some plowing is being done on lighter soils, in those with a sand, shale or gravel base, but the season is still considered backward. The majority of tobacco beds were steamed and seeded completed throughout the county last week.

### 100 Animals Listed For Livestock Show

A record number of entries — more than 100 head of beef cattle, sheep, horses, and swine — will parade through the judging ring for the Little International, annual student livestock exposition, at Penn State April 28.

Dean Belt, Chadd's Ford, show manager, said the inclement weather of the past few weeks had not interfered as the students groom their individual entries for the fitting and showing contests.

This year's show is honoring William B. Connell, former extension livestock specialist, who retired a few years ago after 33 years of service to the State's livestock industry. The students plan to present a special citation to Connell, who will be guest of honor.

The Air Force rescinds its plan to drop ROTC units

### Oats Seeding Well Underway

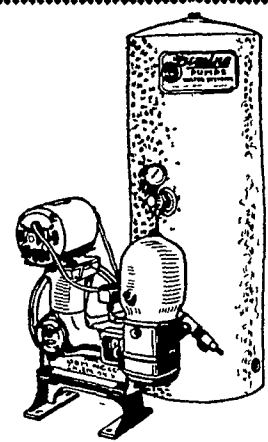
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normal for the period. Rather cool at beginning of period followed by slowly rising temperatures. Some light rain mixed with snow in the western part of the State at beginning of period. Chance of showers over entire State toward the end of the week with precipitation amounting to about one quarter inch.

Winter wheat and barley are beginning to show growth, overwintering in good condition. Most reports are optimistic. Some corn ground is being prepared. Meadows are greening up rapidly. Hay fields and pastures have been slow to start but are now showing good progress. New seeding seems to have come through the winter in good condition. A few early potatoes have been planted.

Cool weather delayed swelling of fruit buds but prospects appear good for this year's crop. Dormant and cover sprays are being applied in all areas.

Many farm gardens are being planted but the commercial vegetable areas are not yet in full swing. Most peas for processing are still to be planted. Cabbage and tomato plants are progressing rapidly in cold frames. Some harvesting of overwintered spinach will be done this week. Some onions, peas, lettuce, cabbage and spinach for fresh market have been planted in the central and southeastern commercial areas.



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