

Dairy Expert Will Retire

Ivan E. Parkin, professor of dairy science extension, The Pennsylvania State University, will retire Dec. 31 with 29 years of service to the Cooperative Extension Service and to the dairy industry of Pennsylvania.

Native of Connecticut, he left Meriden high school at the end of his freshman year, during World War I to help do farm work. In 1922 he took a two-year course in agriculture at the Connecticut Agricultural College, worked several years as a dairyman, and in 1928 entered the University of Connecticut where he earned a bachelor of science degree in dairy manufacturing. After graduation he returned to work in the dairy industry until he joined the dairy science extension staff at Penn State as an assistant professor in 1934. He was promoted to associate professor in 1945, and to full professor in 1950.

Five major projects have been developed by Parkin since he came to Pennsylvania: managed milking routine and demonstrations, milking machine clinics, demonstrations on cleaning vacuum lines, bulk milk handling clinics, and establishment of the local Sanitarian groups and the Pennsylvania Dairy Sanitarians Association.

He will be honored Dec. 14 at "Ivan Parkin Day" by his associates and members of the dairy industry throughout the state. The banquet will be held at the Hetzel Union Building at 6:30 p.m., on the Penn State Campus at University Park.

Turkeys Are Growing Larger

Turkeys are getting bigger, and are doing it faster!

Those in the 1963 Random Meat Production Test conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and just concluded gained more weight and in less time than former test flocks.

Results of this year's test, involving 1,400 birds from 14 growers in six states were announced today.

In Bronze breeds, toms averaged 29.2 pounds each, heavy white toms averaged 27.3 lbs. That's almost four pounds more than the averages of six years ago.

In 1957 Bronze toms weighed in at 25.3 pounds, and heavy whites at 23.7 pounds and they were fed one week longer than the 1963 entries.

Feeding periods were reduced in 1960 from 26 to 25 weeks for toms and from 24 to 22 weeks for hens. E. J. Lawless, of the department's Poultry and Egg Division, explained that improved breeding and feeding programs shortened the time necessary to bring birds to market condition.

Hens have gained less rapidly. Bronze breeds this year averaged 16.7 pounds, compared to 16.5 pounds six years ago. Average weight of white hens this year was 15.4 lbs. compared to 14.7 pounds in 1957.

Lawless said the improvement in feed conversion — the amount of feed required to produce a pound of meat — is even more pronounced. Bronze breeds consumed 3.56 pounds of feed and whites 3.67 pounds for every pound of gain this year. In 1957, feed conversion was 4.11 and 4.24 pounds, respectively.

4-H Play Tryouts Set

The County Agent's office this week announced the date for the annual 4-H play tryouts.

Tryouts for parts in this year's play, a comedy entitled "The Courtship of Eddie's Father" will be held on Monday evening December 9, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. at the Poultry Center on the West Roseville Road, Lancaster.

Seventeen people will be needed, 8 boys and 9 girls. There are a few parts for younger members but most are for teenagers. The play will be directed by Mr. Robert Schappell of Landisville. Present plans are for rehearsals to begin the first week of January. The play will be presented in late February.

Any 4-H member who is interested in acting is invited to these tryouts. If you wish more information, please contact any one of the committee, Gloria Heishey, Sharynne Schreiber, Edwin Harnish, or the Extension Office.

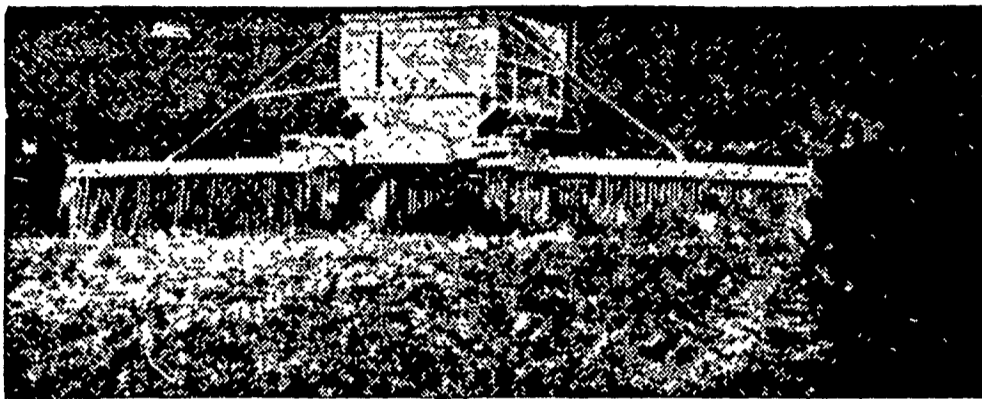
Wheat grows in every one of our 50 states, occupies more farm acres than any other single crop, and is harvested somewhere in the world every week out of the year.

Because most venison has little fat, University food specialists recommend placing strips of bacon or beef suet across it when roasting, broiling or pan frying.

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