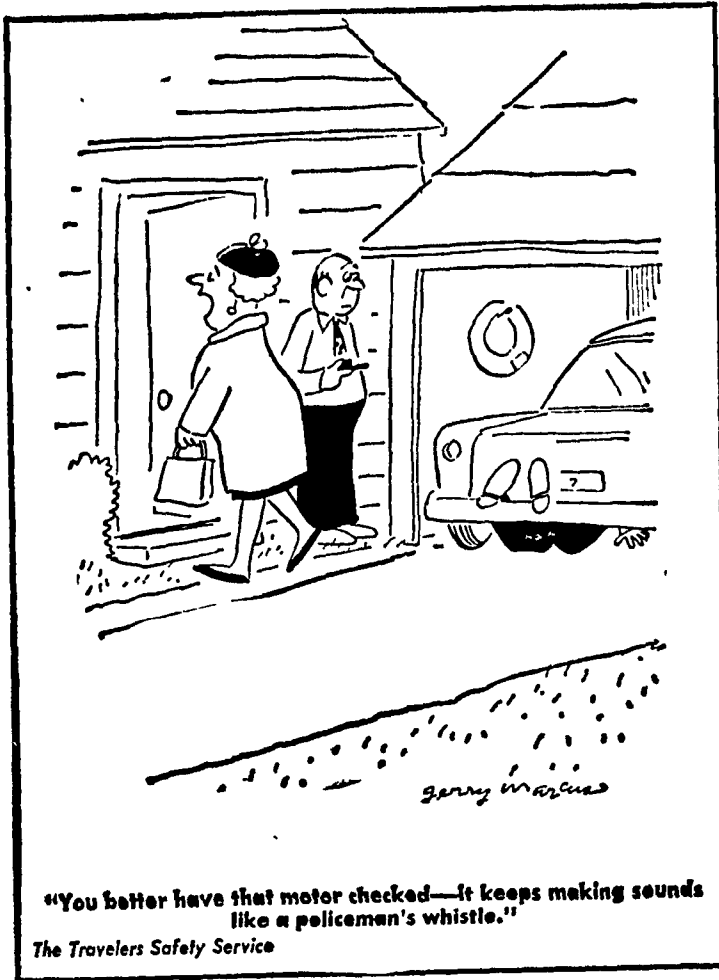


## Attitudes & Platitudes

Jerry Marcus



"You better have that motor checked—it keeps making sounds like a policeman's whistle."  
The Travelers Safety Service

More than 15% of the drivers involved in fatal accidents in 1967 were women.

### Ground Cover

Vegetative cover on the ground over the winter months is a very good soil management practice. Open fields are subject to both water and wind erosion, these may be quite severe if there is any slope to the area, or if there are long periods of frozen ground without snow cover. Farmers still have plenty of time to seed one of the winter grains as a cover crop, or use ryegrass or field brome grass. When the cover crop is plowed down next spring the organic matter added will help maintain soil fertility. Within the next month many row crops will be removed and the cover crop may be seeded after disking or working the soil lightly. All of these cover crops mentioned may be used for livestock grazing until the snow flies and used again next spring for early pasture.

Fewer turkeys will be raised in Pennsylvania this year than last, but the decline follows a national trend. Pennsylvania's gobbler population is expected to number 1,753,000, a drop of 13 percent from 1967, according to the State Crop Reporting Service. The U.S. turkey crop is expected to total 106.9 million, 16 percent below last year.

Pennsylvania's crop is expected to total 272,000 in light breeds, 13 percent greater than last year, and 1,481,000 heavy breeds, 16 percent less than a year ago.

A sure way to wipe out a friendship is to sponge on it.

## My Neighbors



"George's wife away in rain?"

# Today's Average Hog Produces Ten Percent More Lean Meat

Have you ever heard of a three-hammed hog?

Dr. Thomas B. King, head of the Department of Animal Science at The Pennsylvania State University, said researchers and livestockmen haven't been able to produce one as yet but because of tremendous strides in the fields of feeding and genetics, the average hog today yields 14½ pounds more lean meat than did the average hog 12 years ago. This is about the weight of an extra ham.

Before you jump to the conclusion that today's hog is just that much heavier, King points out that the total weight difference is actually less than two pounds more.

A 10 percent increase in the amount of lean has been accompanied by a 26 percent decrease in the amount of fat and lard, he explains. In other words more lean and less fat, more protein and fewer calories — just what the modern weight-conscious consumer is demanding.

Research has shown, King said, that pork is nearly 100 percent digestible and is acceptable as a valuable source of protein.

"On a cost-per-serving basis—

which is a more realistic measure of food expenditures than cost-per-pound, pork offers excellent values which have gone unrecognized by many homemakers," the Penn State official emphasized. "The homemaker can get from two and a half to five servings of ham pork chops, and pork steaks per pound." As further evidence of the development of the meat-type hog in this country, King said that U.S. Department of Agriculture

grade standards were changed on April 1, 1968. U.S.D.A. made the change to provide better measures of the market value of high quality, lean pork.

One seventh of the world's farm lands are planted to wheat, which is grown from the Arctic Zone to the Torrid Zone, from sea level to 11,000 feet altitude in about 15,000 varieties. Every day of the year, farmers somewhere on this globe are planting or harvesting wheat.

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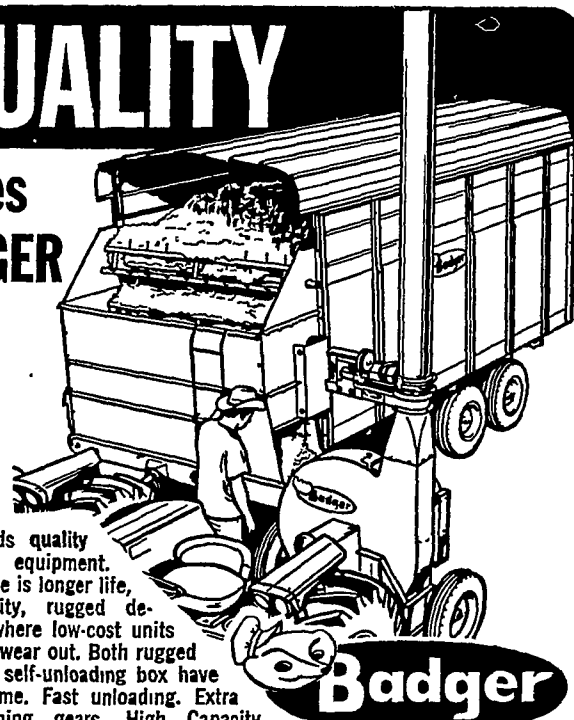
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