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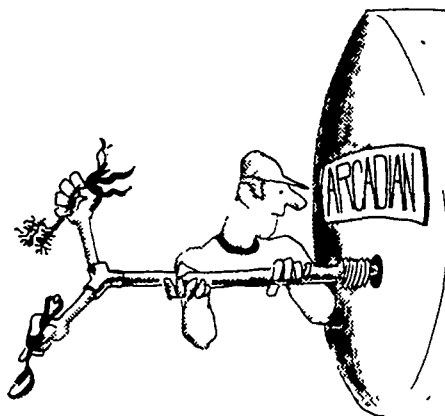
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PSU Dean Recreates Founder's 1860 Talk

The spirit of Dr. Even Pugh, first president of the Farmers' High School and first president of the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, forerunner of Penn State, visited the campus on Thursday. The "visit" was a recreation of a talk given by Dr. Pugh before the Cumberland County Agricultural Society in 1860.

Growing Degree Days

Growing degree days starting April 1 at Penn State's Southeast Research Center in Landisville totalled 839 as of May 26 for 40-degree crops, up 26 degree days from the same date last year. The total for 50-degree crops on that date was 407, up 74 degree days from 1974.

Rainfall from April 1 at the research farm totalled 8.08-inches on May 26, up 1.18-inch from the same date last year.

Across the state, farmers found mid-summer weather invading the state last week (May 19-26) with heat, humidity and haze. Temperatures were quite uniform around the Keystone State, with afternoon readings in the upper 70's in the cooler mountain sections, and in the mid 80's to low 90's elsewhere.

Weekly temperatures averaged 7 to 11 degrees above normal across the state except 14-16 above normal near Lake Erie. Showers and thunderstorms were scattered around the Commonwealth, and at least a few were reported each day except Monday, May 19. As usual with summertime showers, amounts varied widely. Some areas reported only a trace while a few localities measured between one and 1.5 inches. Heaviest amounts fell in the Central Mountains.

Recreating the 1860 scene was Dr. Jerome K. Pasto, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture. The occasion in the HUB Assembly Room came during a meeting of delegates to elect university trustees.

A 20 minute slide presentation of the life of Evan Pugh preceded the lecture. The narration was presented by James E. Van Horn, assistant professor of child development extension.

In his 1860 talk, Dr. Pugh described the importance of science to agriculture. He also contemplated the prospects of success for the institution, then only 1 year old. In his portrayal, Dr. Pasto reduced the original two-hour speech to 20 minutes - selecting whole phrases and sentences to preserve the continuity of Dr. Pugh's thought.

"I have visited all the agricultural schools of importance in Europe, have examined their system of instruction, and contemplated with them their prospects, and am prepared to say, that if we cannot institute a more complete and thorough theoretical and practical course of instruction at the 'Farm School' than any of them embrace, we will not have done justice to our subject," Dr. Pugh affirmed.

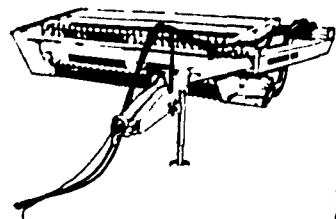
Dr. Pasto said the portrayal presents "an authentic glimpse of the origin of Penn State and of the man who set the

University on its course of excellence." The lecture is designed to be presented to audiences such as alumni groups, conferences, and Extension meetings.

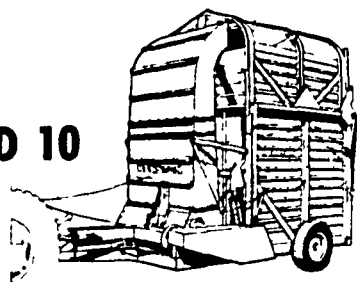
"No branch of human industry presents more facts than does that of agriculture," Dr. Pugh stated. "In none are the facts so varied, and in none do they involve more profound principles, and in none will they require for their

development more patient thought, close observation and accurate experiment." The Penn State dean said he had long wanted to recreate a lecture by Dr. Pugh. With the nation's bicentennial coming up, he decided to try it. The first presentation took place a month ago for a group of faculty and staff members planning bicentennial events within the College of Agriculture.

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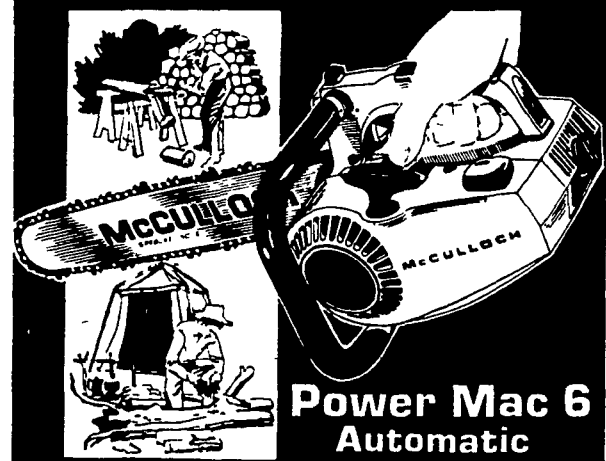
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