

# Myths of Aging Explored on TV

Popular attitudes toward aging and how they compare with the facts are examined on *Old Myths, New Realities*, a television special to be broadcast by member stations of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network (PPTN), Thursday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. (Tonight).

Produced by WPSX-TV-University Park for PPTN, the hour-long special focuses on common myths about aging and how they compare with the social, psychological and biological facts that face older people every day. Included are such myths that as people age their intellectual ability decreases, that they become inherently less useful, and that they lose their distin-

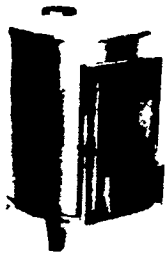
ctiveness as individuals, growing more and more alike as a group.

*Old Myths, New Realities* features nine Pennsylvanians, ranging in age from seven to ninety, whose comments are used to examine how individuals respond to their own age and how they perceive the process of aging. Their responses are given further perspective through interviews with experts in the fields of gerontology, geriatrics and social services who discuss the biology of aging, public policy and public attitudes toward the elderly, and stereotyping. The program also explores several conflicting sociological theories about aging.

Appearing are Elias Cohn, former Pennsylvania Commissioner of Aging; Joseph H. Britten, Chairman of the Gerontology Center, the Pennsylvania State University; and from Penn State's Division of Individual and Family Studies, professor Paul Baltes, biologist Robert B. Mitchell, and psychologist Charles Taylor.

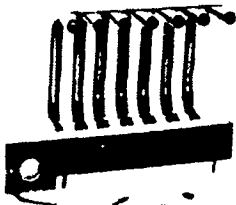
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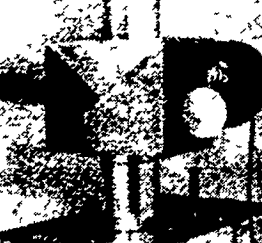
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# Pigs weaned in two days

FORT COLLINS, COLO. — Weaning pigs at two days of age could mean more pigs per sow per year, Henry Menge, a scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported here recently.

Producers must now wait until pigs are weaned at three weeks to rebreed their sows. Weaning pigs at two days would enable producers to rebreed their sows sooner, resulting in more litters of pigs per year.

Menge and animal scientist Lowell T. Frobish conducted experiments at USDA's Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD., in which they fed newborn, cross-bred pigs a variety of diets. "We allowed the pigs to nurse for two days and then fed them cow's milk for either one or two days," Menge said. "After feeding the cow's milk, we fed the pigs different ratios of a dry starter to cow's milk, followed by feeding the dry starter alone."

"Total gains and feed efficiency between pigs in each of the experiments were not significantly different," said Menge. "Our tests show that it would be

practical to feed pigs an all-mash starter after they have nursed for two days and received cow's milk for one day. Early-weaned pigs, however, require more

careful management than pigs weaned at a later date." Menge reported his findings before the annual meeting of the American Society of Animal Science.

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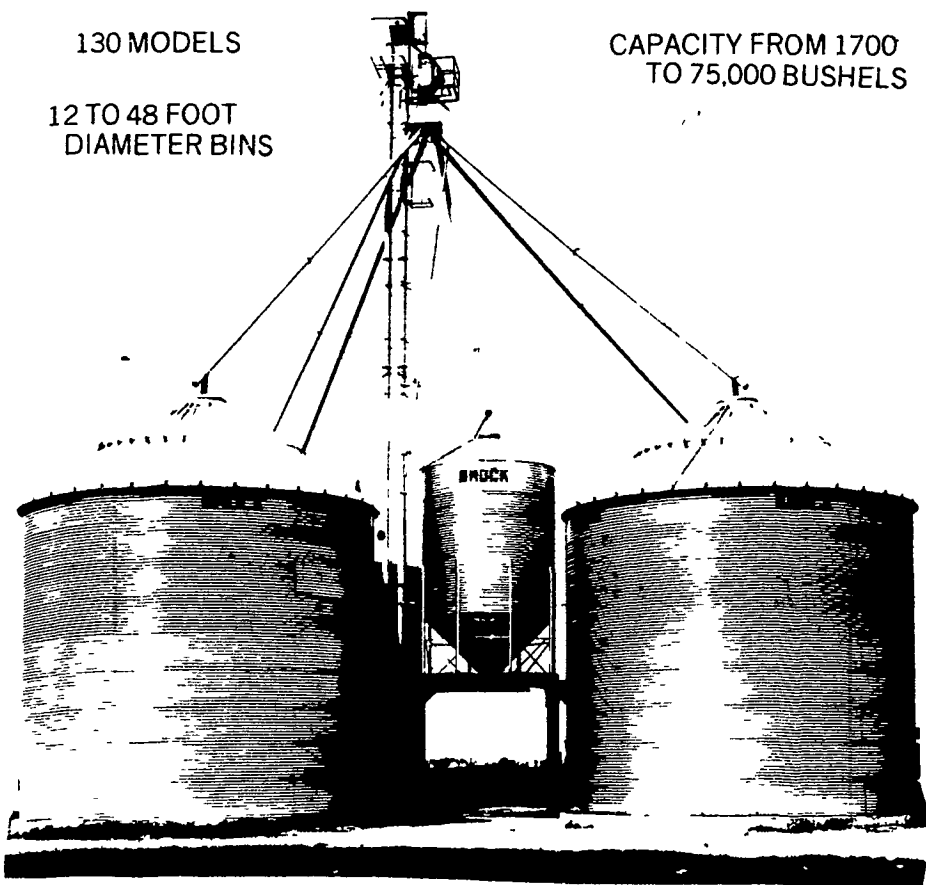
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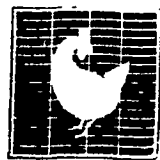
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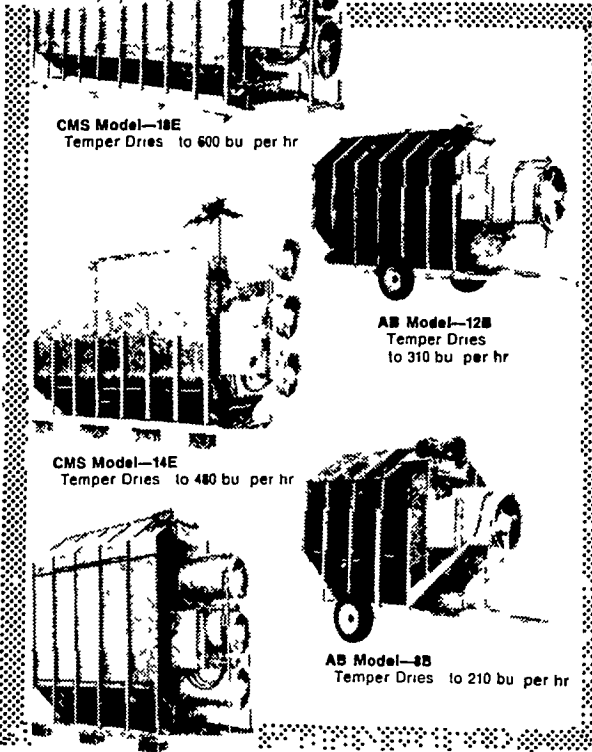


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