

Extension agents receive service awards

UNIVERSITY PARK — Four members of the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service staff are among 110 agents in the United States who received Distinguished Service Awards at the recent annual meeting of the National Association of

County Agricultural Agents at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Those honored were Harold R. Bock, Clearfield County Extension director; C.R. Bryan, Jr., Delaware County Extension agent; Gordon D. Walker, Mifflin County Extension agent; and Edward J. Woods, Washington County Extension director.

According to R. Blaine Schlosser, Crawford County Extension director and state awards committee chairman, the four men were cited for "outstanding educational contributions to Pennsylvania's agriculture."

The awards program highlighted the annual meeting where about 2,500 Extension agents were convening to review their responsibilities as educators.

Bock, a member of the Extension staff since 1962, was honored for his educational work in improving soil fertility of agricultural land, increasing milk production by reducing herd health problems, and the reclamation of strip mined areas. A native of Philipsburg, he earned two degrees from Penn State.

Bryan, a native of Shillington, has been a member of the Delaware County staff since 1956. He was cited for the development of a comprehensive 4-H program for urban and non-farm youth. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Penn State.

Walker, a native of Erie County, coordinates Mifflin County's 4-H programs and conducts educational programs for beekeepers and dairy groups. A member of the Extension staff since 1954, he received a bachelor of science degree from Penn State.

Woods, a native of Indiana County, has been a member of the Extension staff since 1958. He was cited for his educational programs



C. R. Bryan



Harold R. Bock

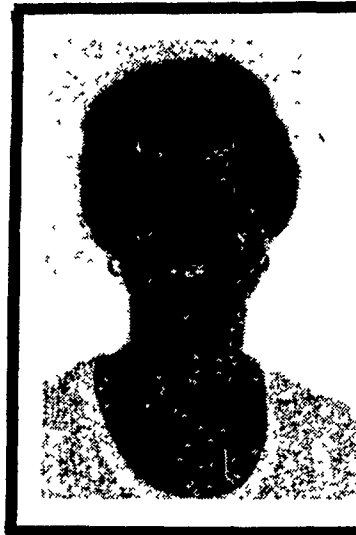


Gordon D. Walker



Edward J. Woods

in the areas of marketing, rural development, dairy and livestock production. He received two degrees from Penn State.



**On being
a farm wife
- And other
hazards**

Joyce Bupp

It has become apparent that my days as a farm homemaker have split into two distinct time periods. In fact, I now wonder how I managed to operate from 1964 to 1980 B.C.

B.C. in this case means "Before Crockpots."

Oh sure, I had the oven, the electric fry pan, the microwave. Still, none of these quite filled the particular need of a cook who frequently departs the kitchen for a full day and dreads to come home to a family wanting supper on the table five minutes ago.

The crockpot, bless its warm, simmering heart, is the perfect answer.

I've discovered I can pack up and leave for a day at a cattle show, for instance, and return

home to a pot of ham and fresh string beans cooked to juicy perfection.

Arriving home an hour later than expected no longer leaves the pot roast dried up and tasteless, only more fork-tender.

On those days when everyone wanders in for supper at different times, the soup, or stew, or chili in the crockpot eliminates the reheating hassle. Besides that, everyone can serve themselves and still leave only one kettle to clean.

And in the midst of this canning-freezing season, I've found the crockpot is right handy as an extra cooking utensil to prepare applesauce, or tomatoes, or pumpkin, or corn for processing.

Now here's a little hint if you'd like to add a crockpot to your kitchen essentials, but just haven't gotten around to doing so.

Mine arrived under last year's Christmas tree. It followed numerous broad hints, suggestions and obviously pointed comments about how "a crockpot would really come in handy for the way we live."

Beware. It is not too early to begin mapping plans to similarly acquire this irreplaceable kitchen necessity. You know there are only 124 days left until Christmas.

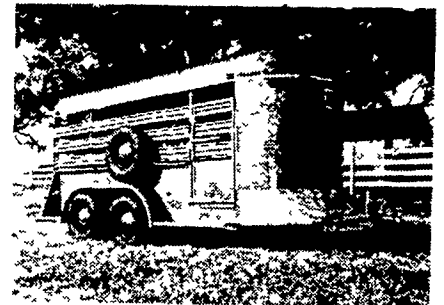


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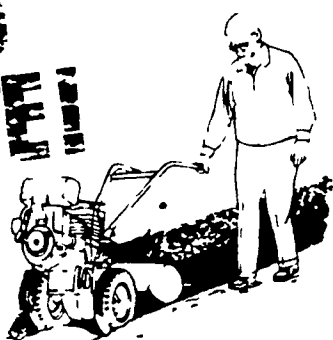


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