

# Coaly, The Legendary Mule, Re-discovered in Ag Hill Loft

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A campus tradition of long standing has been re-discovered in the hayloft of the veterinary hospital on Ag Hill.

The tradition, beyond the memory of present-day Penn Staters but deeply etched in the remembrances of many past alumni, is in the form of a mule's skeleton.

This pile of bones is all that remains of Coaly, one of four mules and two horses that hauled stone from a front-campus quarry to build the original Old Main in 1857. With that date began Coaly's long period of service to the College which ended with his death in 1893.



Becomes Pet

As mules go, Coaly was not exceptional. But his innate stubbornness was tempered by good nature and patience which made him the pet of the all-male student population of the time.

Coaly's labor for the College did not end with the completion of Old Main. The mule stayed on until his death, accumulating through the years the love of increasing numbers of alumni.

Coaly gained such a prominent place in their lives that it was seen fit, when he died, to place his skeleton in a wild-life museum on the second floor of the building he helped construct. There he languished, for the museum was not a popular place, it seems.

### Coaly Moves

When Old Main was replaced by the present building in 1929, Coaly's skeleton was stored for a time in the basement of Watts Hall with a few other relics from the museum.

Although preventive measures had been taken, most of the specimens had become so moth-eaten in three or four years that they had to be destroyed. But not Coaly's skeleton.

Dr. James F. Shigley, who retired last year as veterinarian, heard about the skeleton and took charge. He restored the bones as best he could, but never could find a place to display them.

Then, not so long ago, William F. Ackerman of the department of public information at the College re-discovered Coaly's plight. As yet, no action has been taken.

So Coaly gathers dust and cobwebs, while the hay in his loft threatens to evict him. He needs a better home. Any offers?

## Pa. Offers Recreation, Opportunities To Natives, Tourists, Industries

"I'd give anything if I could be back in the green, rolling hills of Pennsylvania."

How often have you heard some homesick son of the Keystone State make this remark? Maybe you've said it yourself after a prolonged stay in some remote region of the country.

You don't have to expound on Pennsylvania's attributes to impress a native. He's already sold. However, some of the actual facts concerning the state's recreation facilities and business opportunities might even surprise the most rabid Pennsylvania booster.

For instance, almost 52 percent of the total area is in forest land, and includes over 15 million acres. Within this vast area there are 32 state parks.

### Abundant Game

Hunting is so good that there are over 850,000 licensed hunters and 625,000 fishermen who spend nearly \$200,000,000 a year on these sports. A drive out to Centre County's Fishermen's Paradise, about eight miles from the College, might give an idea of the number of anglers who tramp the streams throughout the state

Natives and out-of-state tourists bring a \$600,000,000 business to Pennsylvania's mountains, lakes, and resorts.

What about living conditions? Well, there are more accredited colleges and universities here than in any other state. It might surprise you to learn that there are also more churches. Pennsylvania contains many of the great art treasures of the nation. What's more important, this state carries on one of the greatest public health programs in the country, investing millions of dollars each year in maintaining the health of its school children, and for mental rehabilitation.

### Most Industry

Industry? We have it. The U. S. census of manufactures shows that we lead all the states in the amount of money spent on new plants and equipment. Our production accounts for one-seventh of all carload freight shipped and received in the U.S. That amounts to more than three times that of New York, and more than Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana combined. Pennsylvania leads the nation in modern highway development, containing more state highways

## Professor Little And Others To Leave Soon For Europe

Business and pleasure will be combined in a six-week European adventure, beginning in approximately two weeks, for Marguerite F. Little, associate professor of child development and family life extension at the College.

Professors Little and Mabel Satterthwaite were recently given the green light by the College trustees on their request for a leave of absence. Professor Satterthwaite will join her associate two weeks later in London.

The 36-day tour, arranged and personally conducted by Dr. Werner F. Striedieck, assistant professor of German at the College, will be the first foreign journey for both women.

### Party Of Six

Three other College members, Dr. Merrell Fenske, professor of chemical engineering; Dr. Dorothy Quiggle, associate professor of chemical engineering; Liberata Emmerich, School of Mineral Industries librarian; and guide Striedieck, will form the party of six that will see city and country life in 10 European countries.

The tour starts in London Aug. 4 and will come to a close Sept. 8 after an extended period of time in Luxembourg, England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

Among the highlights of Professor Little's trip will be attendance at the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany, and the triennial meeting in Copen-

hagen, of the Associated Country Women of the World.

### Varied Interests

The College group represents several interests and a schedule has been planned whereby time for individual projects has been worked out. Professors Little and Satterthwaite are primarily interested in considering the strengths and weaknesses in family life and the ways in which government and custom serve to build stronger families or tear them down.

Professor Little realizes that she will be able to give her extension service audiences a more complete picture of family life in Europe when she returns this fall, and she says, "I am convinced that today women all over the world see more clearly the importance of playing a bigger role in both the social and governmental policies of their countries."

## Physics Talks

(Continued from page thirteen) dealing with research pertaining to the ionosphere.

Work in this field is conducted at the College by the Radio Propagation Laboratory under the direction of Dr. A. H. Waynick. It was started shortly after World War II under the sponsorship of the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories.

While rockets and intense sounds are being utilized by some scientists to study the upper atmospheres, radio waves are used in the work at the College.

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Another thought to remember the next time somebody asks you "What does Pennsylvania have that we don't?" is that the second largest rural population of all states is to be found in the Keystone State. Nearly two billion dollars invested in agriculture is more than is invested in (Continued on page sixteen)

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