

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

By Charles Sughroe

Our Side of It



A! HA! ONE OF THESE KNOW-IT-ALL GUNS WUZ JEST IN HERE WITH AN ITEM WHICH HE HAD ALL WRITTEN OUT AND HE HANDED IT TO ME

A! HA! HE HAD MADE THREE GRAMMATICAL ERRORS, FOUR WORDS WUZ SPELLED WRONG AN' TH' ONLY PUNCTUATION WUZ A PERIOD AT TH' END! HAI HAI

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FARM CALENDAR

**Avoid Scrub Stock**  
Dairymen, beware! Scrub stock can "multiply" as rapidly as purebreds but they never get the "right answer."

**Order Asparagus**  
Don't forget to order your asparagus roots for spring planting. Now is the time. Extension Leaflet No. 19 issued by the Pennsylvania State College tells you how to plant this choice vegetable.

**Hard Stuff for Birds**  
Grit and oyster shell should be before the poultry flock at all times. Grit is used for the grinding and crushing of food in the gizzard. Oyster shell, which cannot replace grit, is fed for the lime it contains.

**Have Tools Ready**  
The degree of success in home gardening and also the amount of pleasure derived from working in the garden is largely determined by the kind of tools used. The variety of labor saving hand tools is large and they are inexpensive. Now is the time to look over the equipment of tools on hand and repair them if necessary. In selecting new tools particular soil conditions should be kept in mind as all tools will not work under all conditions. If your garden is one-fifth of an acre or larger in size you should have a hand wheel hoe.

**Bossie's Best Breakfast Food**  
Alfalfa for Pennsylvania is no dream. It is past the experimental stage in many sections of the state. For those who want to know more about it Extension Circular No. 104 is waiting at the Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., for your name and address.

**Pruning Flowers**  
If winter pruning of shrubs is done cut only those that produce flowers on terminal growth, such as roses and hydrangeas. All others should be pruned after flowering.

COOPERATIVE SALES AID LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT

The manner in which co-operative livestock sales are helping to improve the quality of farm animals in Kentucky is described by a stockman of that State in a recent letter to the United States Department of Agriculture. The method is considered to be of general interest.

"The co-operative sales we are having in every town of any size in Kentucky," he writes, "help more to improve the quality of livestock than any other one thing. Before these were organized the traders came to our pastures and bought our stock or we shipped it to the big markets. If we had good-quality stock we never saw it with that of other people where we could compare the difference. And if you did not get as much money for your stock as some one else did you generally thought you had shipped to the wrong man or your stock was not so fat as the other person's. You seldom stopped to think that quality made the difference.

"But every man who brings his stock to these co-operative markets sees it run out in the ring and sold there. He also sees every one else's stock sold and has a chance to see the difference and to compare the difference in prices between good and bad quality. I have heard numbers of persons say that they were going to buy better ewes and a better buck. This applies not only to sheep but to all kinds of livestock."

The foregoing comment is one of numerous suggestions made by farmers who answered a questionnaire sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture in the interests of livestock improvement. Department specialists are now analyzing the replies of more than 650 livestock owners who have reported their experiences in raising scrub, grade and purebred animals.

A MOUNT JOY BOY WILL CAPTAIN TEAM

At least one Mount Joy boy has achieved fame on other gridirons but our own, and that boy is Sylvester J. Dearbeck, formerly of Mount Joy, but now of Potomac State College, Keyser, West Virginia. "Deerie" Dearbeck, as he is known, played in various games on the Mount Joy town football team during the 1920 and 1921 seasons. He then went to school at the Westinghouse Tech School, Pittsburgh. There he played football to some extent, not achieving any wonders.

Last fall he entered the Potomac State College, where he made the guard position in his Freshman year playing brilliantly and gaining the respect and honor of the whole student body. He shone especially in the West Virginia State Freshmen-Potomac State game.

At the banquet of the football team held last month, he was rewarded by being elected captain of the 1925 football team. This is quite an honor for Dearbeck, especially so because of his election as captain while yet in his Freshman year. The "Pasquino", the weekly paper issued at Potomac State College has this to say about Dearbeck: "The climax of the evening of the College Football Banquet was the election of "Deerie" Dearbeck as pilot of State's destiny on the gridiron.

The election was participated in by the entire squad, the balloting being under the direction of Athletic Director Grimes and Coach Parrish.

The choice of a leader to succeed retiring "Dick" Winters was faultless. The Mount Joy footballer gained his way into the hearts of the Potomac State students and followers soon after the first blast of the whistle in the West Virginia Freshmen-Potomac State game.

It is an ever-present trait with him to be an instigator of pep and fight. It is the story of his 1924 efforts, and features every minute of play.

Plans are already being made for the formation of the 1925 Potomac State schedule, and with Sylvester J. Dearbeck as leader, prospects for another strong football eleven are shaping themselves for the coming season.

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Recommendations Regarding Tuberculosis Eradication Work

That \$2,000,000 be appropriated for indemnity purposes in bovine tuberculosis eradication for the next fiscal period June 1, 1925 to June 1, 1927.

That the 1923 general appropriation act be amended so that the \$300,000 limit for indemnities will be removed and the unexpended balance in the dog fund be made available to pay indemnity claims.

That any increase of indemnity an appropriation be supplemented by an appropriate increase in appropriation for maintenance.

That the importance of the poultry industry and the urgent necessity of the work warrants an appropriation to the Bureau of Animal Industry of at least \$15,000 to maintaining poultry disease work in a satisfactory manner.

That two additional fieldmen be added to the State Meat Hygiene work.

That the present Meat Hygiene legislation be amended or new legislation be obtained looking to the licensing of slaughtering establishments.

HOUSEWIVES VICTIMS OF RECENT HAM FRAUD

Selling packinghouse cured shoulders and hams as country cured hams at a price in excess of prevailing values is the latest misrepresentation and fraud designed for the unsuspecting housewives. This practice was recently unearthed by the Bureau of Foods and Chemistry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

A group of men operating under the guise of farmers with headquarters in Harrisburg have been selling "country hams" to housewives in a door-to-door canvass in different parts of the State. These defrauders were found to be selling shoulders instead of hams to housewives who do not know the difference between packinghouse cured shoulders and country hams. The ham salesmen are shrewd so that in case the housewife shows some knowledge of the difference between ham and shoulders, the ham is sold to her. Otherwise she will be sold the shoulder at a fancy ham price.

Consumers who do not desire to be defrauded in this manner are warned by State officials to be on their guard when solicited by anyone offering hams for sale. Both the shoulders and the hams sold by the above defrauders can be distinguished from country cured hams by the fact that they carry government inspection stamps which country cured hams do not carry.

Recommendations Regarding The Work And Needs Of The School Of Agriculture Of The Pennsylvania State College

That there is great need for expanding research work in order that the teaching and extension work may progress and, therefore, it is believed that the State should appropriate the full amount of \$355,746 which the college requests for agricultural work.

That the agricultural extension work of the college is upon a sound and efficient basis and that this work should continue to expand at least to the point where State support will match Federal support.

That the student body and the faculty in the School of Agriculture have decidedly outgrown the space available for efficient work and therefore there is urgent need for more buildings. The requests for \$300,000 for a new botany unit, \$150,000 for a horticultural greenhouse, \$500,000 for a dairy building and \$32,000 for expanding the poultry equipment, in the State College budget were endorsed by the Council.

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MAKES REPORT TO FARM LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The State Council of Agricultural Associations representing twenty-six farm organizations in Pennsylvania made its report on January 21, 1925, to the members of the Legislative Commission appointed to study agricultural conditions in this State. The report covers many different problems including game damage to farms, taxation, rural electrification, willful trespass and depredations and the need of an emergency fund for sudden outbreaks of plant and animal diseases and insect infestations. A number of recommendations are likewise made covering the activities of the State Department of Agriculture and the School of Agriculture of the Pennsylvania State College.

Ban "Fat Lady"

"Fat ladies" will be banned from future Oxford fairs, municipal authorities have decided. Corrupt women seated on a stage before scores of gaping eyes constitute "the most vulgar sort of shows," a civic committee decided after visiting a recent fair.

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