

# FARM TOPICS

## PASTURE FEED IS FAVORED FOR PIGS

### Clean Field Will Pay Well, Specialist Advises.

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A good, clean pasture for spring-farrowed pigs will pay big dividends at marketing time next fall.

When on good pasture, the sow and pigs are protected from disease and parasite infection and provided with feed essential to health and development. And pasturage is the cheapest form of feed that can be given the young porkers.

Soy beans planted in rows and cultivated twice will furnish excellent grazing from the time the plants are about 15 inches high until frost.

On good land an acre of soy beans will support 15 to 20 sows, provided they also receive a full feed of corn and a good protein supplement.

Such pastures should be sown on land where pigs have not been allowed to range during the previous year or so. Best results will be obtained if the land has been cultivated with some crop since the last time swine were on it.

Land used for hog pasture or hog lots during the past year may be infested with parasites, particularly worms, or other forms of disease-producing organisms.

To get the pigs in top shape for fall market they should be kept on full feed at all times.

## Sunlight Is Source of Vitamin D; Aids Poultry

Sunlight is just as essential to good poultry health as green feed, fresh water and clean quarters. The wise poultry raiser, whether he has a sizable flock or only a few hens, will find profit in providing proper sunshine. Pens, runways, feeding houses, brooders and yards should be planned carefully to take full advantage of the health-giving rays, says a writer in the Los Angeles Times.

Know, too, that sunlight is an important source of vitamin D, essential to normal growth and health of all animals. In the case of poultry, they need the vitamin D of the sun's rays because:

(1.) Adult birds become weakened and soon develop rickets without adequate sunshine. Without the sun, the growth of young birds is stunted and they turn out to be sickly, scrawny specimens.

(2.) Egg production is affected vitally: If your flock is producing soft or paper-thin shelled eggs, the reason may be that it is not getting enough sunshine.

## Yellow Newtown Apple

The Yellow Newtown apple, which has grown for many years in Virginia and is there known locally as the Albemarle Pippin, was brought to that state by Dr. Thomas Walker who was a physician with the Virginia troops during the French and Indian war. After the defeat of Braddock, Doctor Walker returned to his home in Virginia and apparently carried scions of the apple trees in his saddle-bag. These scions were successfully grafted on trees at his home in Castle Hill, Albemarle county.

## Age of Fresh Eggs

The freshness of an egg is not determined by its age, notes a writer in the Philadelphia Record. J. Hansell French, secretary of agriculture, in response to queries explained that the new-fresh egg law contains no time provision. Eggs cannot lawfully be advertised as fresh unless they conform with the following standards: The air cell must be no more than one-quarter of an inch in depth and must be localized and regular; the yolk must be visible but not plainly visible or mobile; the white must be firm and clear; the germ must not show any visible development. Properly maintained eggs will come within the provision of the law after weeks of storage.

## Measuring Straw in Stack

In estimating the number of tons of straw in a stack, multiply the length by the width at the ground by one-fourth the distance over the stack. This last measurement may be found by throwing a rope over the stack. To get the number of tons, according to a correspondent in Wallaces' Farmer, divide the multiplied product by 600 if the stack is well settled, or by 650 to 700 if the stack is new or not well settled.

## Market Old Sheep

Old ewes which have poor teeth should be marketed as soon as possible, says the Prairie Farmer. It is an easy matter to check the age of sheep by looking at the front, or incisor, teeth which are in the lower jaw. Mature sheep have eight of these incisor teeth which fit against the pad in the upper jaw. After five years, sheep begin to lose these teeth, and from then on will have trouble in feeding, and should be disposed of.

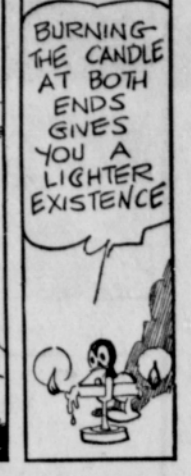
# Fun for the Whole Family

## THE FEATHERHEADS

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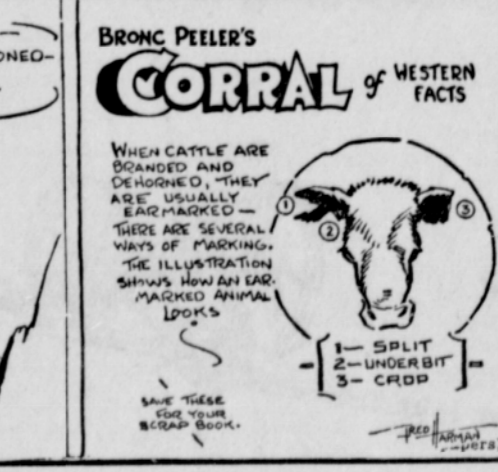
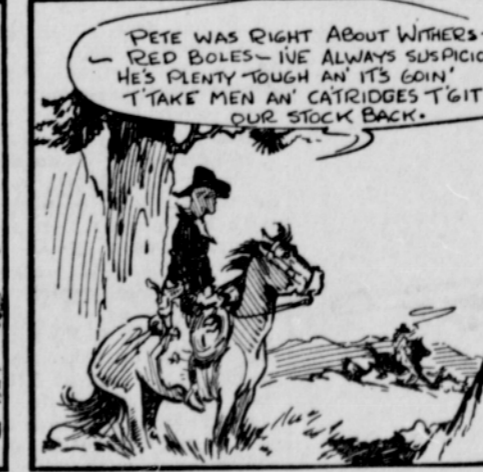
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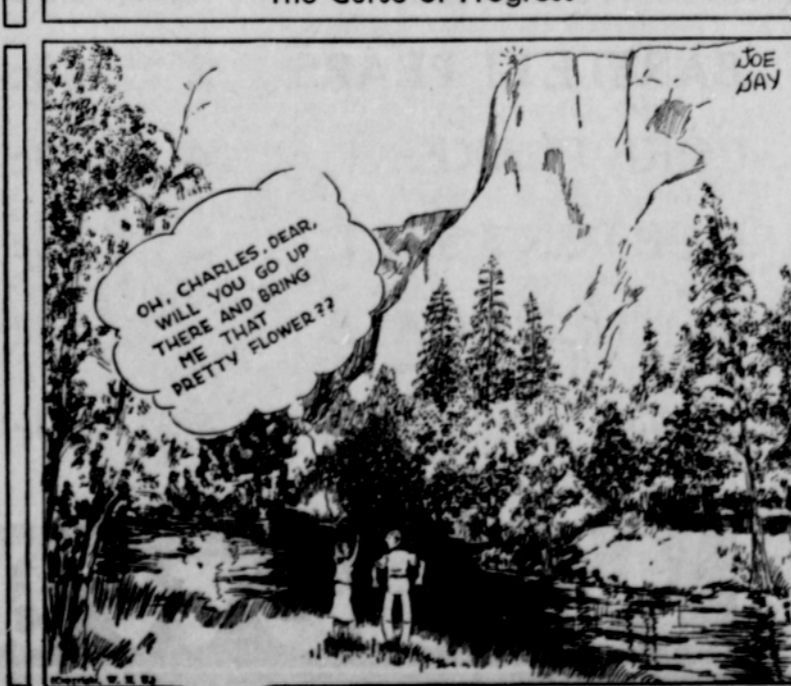
## BRONC PEELER—Bronc Identifies the Rustlers

By FRED HARMAN



## The Curse of Progress

JOE JAY



## Musical Temperament

"Were you slumming today?" asked the inquisitive friend. "What do you mean?" rejoined Miss Cayenne. "I saw you looking into several pawnshop windows." "That was for musical satisfaction. It delights me to see so many saxophones and nobody playing any."

**Polly Put the Kettle On**  
Donovan and his wife went for a picnic. They found a pretty spot in a wood; and Donovan, putting down the basket, said he'd be away to get some sticks for the fire. "Ah!" said his wife, "don't be bothering. We'll not need them. Haven't I brought the gas-ring?"

**Cultured Swearing**  
Fred—When I returned Smith's lawn mower with the nicked blade, Smith swore. Nell—We don't want that sort of thing to happen again, dear. The next time borrow from the minister. —Philadelphia Bulletin.

## TWO HANDS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

