

Farm Problems Also Exist on Ike's Pennsylvania Acres, But With Difference

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Gettysburg, Pa. —(U.P.)—The farm problem now agitating politicians and farmers is about the same on President Eisenhower's tightly-policed Pennsylvania acres as elsewhere, but with a difference.

Several differences, perhaps. The main difference probably is that Mr. Eisenhower isn't a farmer. Everyone knows that, of course. But perhaps everyone doesn't know that the President's 189 acres actually are leased for operation to a couple of friends who have other neighboring acres. The whole, including the President's patch,

Ordinary Day For Air Cadets Gets Early Start

Denver —(U.P.)—An ordinary day in the life of a cadet at the new Air Force Academy begins at 5:50 a.m.

An electronic IBM clock sounds a buzzer that ushers in the new day for these 296 future airmen. In each of the academy's 13 barracks, an Air Training Officer makes sure all of his men are up promptly. The men have exactly 10 minutes after reveille to assemble outside in "breakfast formation."

After this hasty beginning, things slow down considerably at breakfast, for which an hour is allotted. But, it isn't likely any cadet will doze off. Each man sits in a "brace" and maintains that position throughout the meal. The cadets can eat as much as they want, but all requests must go through the "head man" — the A.T.O. officer who serves as an upperclassman and sits at the head of each table.

Special Lingo
All requests have to be in Air Force lingo. For example, if a new dish of potatoes has been placed on the table, one of the cadets must advise the "head man" that "the potatoes have met their E.T.O. and are on the ramp, sir."

The cadets have 20 minutes to straighten up things at their rooms before falling out for classes. Classes start at 8 a.m. and generally wind up at 3 p.m. The men have two free periods for studying between those hours. There's another study period between 7 and 9 p.m. All such periods are compulsory.

The Air Force has no confused outlook on education; it knows what it wants in its new institution. The cadets were told on opening day that they would make better Air Force men if they would "learn the material rather than just make good grades."

Freshmen carry seven subjects — English, mathematics, history, philosophy, geography, chemistry and graphics. They attend classes every day except Sunday.

Reveille on Sunday is at 7:30, breakfast at 8. For the academy classes, a number of learning devices have been built to further the cadets' learning potential. For instance, there's a special analytical balance device, designed for the cadets by Christian Becker of New York.

Call Them "Mister"
All of the instructors are officers and most of them hold masters' degrees. The recreation begins at 3 p.m. every day. Some 65 cadets are trying out for the academy's first football team. The others participate in intramural sports of various kinds.

The cadets are addressed as "mister" everywhere, including the football field. Here, too, Air Force lingo has been substituted for "civilian" phrases. As an example, the head coach, Bob Whitlow, told his squad that his men will no longer "tackle" an opponent. In Air Force talk they "shoot him down." He told them to "always keep your wheels down," meaning "stay on your feet."

Lights-out comes at 9:30 p.m., earlier than at either West Point or Annapolis. It's the academy's belief that the men at the other military institutions "don't get enough rest," so curfew was stepped up half an hour.

For most of the cadets, lights-out is a welcome, because it's been quite a day.

ATOMIC COMPLAINT
Hartford, Conn. —(U.P.)—Atomic experts attending a conference at the state capitol here found quick fault with their meeting place. They said the capitol, because of its elaborately carved stone and hidden recesses, would be extremely difficult to decontaminate after an atomic explosion.

runs up to about 600 acres and is operated by a partnership. The partners are P. G. Byars, a Tyler, Tex., oil man, and George E. Allen, one-time Southern football star at Cumberland University and author of a book, "Presidents Who Have Known Me."

The partners do not exactly farm the property, either. Brig. Gen. Arthur Nevins is in charge of overall operations, with special attention to the beautification of the Eisenhower acres. Nevins is a long time Eisenhower intimate. And, then, there are the actual farmers to tend the stock and crops.

Small Town Boy
Allen is a small town boy, himself, but no farmer. This

week when the President's own brown Swiss was having trouble calving, Allen fled the scene although the President stood by with considerable interest. Mother and calf both are doing well.

Most of the stock on the four farms making up the 600 acres belong to the partnership. But the several hogs, beef cattle and such presented personally to the President are his although they are tended and marketed, if for sale, by the partnership.

The partners—and the President with respect to his few hogs—have something in common this year with the corn-hog farmers who are raising considerable gain with the Republican Party about prices. The part-

ners and the President are not going to make any money on their hogs. Chances are they will sell at a loss if they sell at all. They probably won't get back the cost of the feed.

One reason for that, however, is that the partnership and Eisenhower hogs are being fed a special scientific diet. There is a solid report here that Mr. Eisenhower is convinced that his hogs could be fed for a darn sight less and, maybe, bring a profit. But they are getting the special diet, just the same.

The Aberdeen Angus beef cattle which have had the most publicity among the livestock on the Eisenhower and associated acres should show a profit this year. The President and the

Partners will keep one or two good bulls, keep the best heifers, and market the steers and any heifers which might be less than tops.

If Mr. Eisenhower were able to get out and circulate among his Adams county neighbors, he would find that things were not going quite as well for them as the financially-buttressed 600 acres among which he lives and which his partners operate.

The Adams county farm agent reports the area now to be suffering from a general agricultural slump. Adams county farmers are reported generally dissatisfied. The county marketed 20,000 hogs in 1954 for a total of \$683,913. The price ranged from \$2.50 to \$2.60 a hundred.

The 1955 price has slumped to \$1.60. Farmers say they are lucky if they can get that.

Adams county cherries are down in a year from 11 to seven cents a pound; apples from \$5 per hundred pounds to about \$2.50. The county's dairy industry is doing the best of the lot, though off a bit from last year.

There are hints that the President's neighbors have invested too much in farm machinery. They are hit by higher factory wages which make hands more expensive or hard to get.

Adams, York and Cumberland counties comprise Pennsylvania's 19th congressional district, presently represented in the U.S. House of Representatives by a Democrat, who licked a Repub-

lican in 1954. The 19th was historically Republican until 1932. It has been an in and out since then with the Democrats more often in than out. But registered Republicans outnumber registered Democrats in Adams county.

Dissatisfied Adams county farmers may be, but they are little interested in government subsidies. Only six per cent of eligible wheat producers and

only one per cent of eligible corn farmers signed up for government loans. They are small producers and unwilling to bother with the loan red tape.

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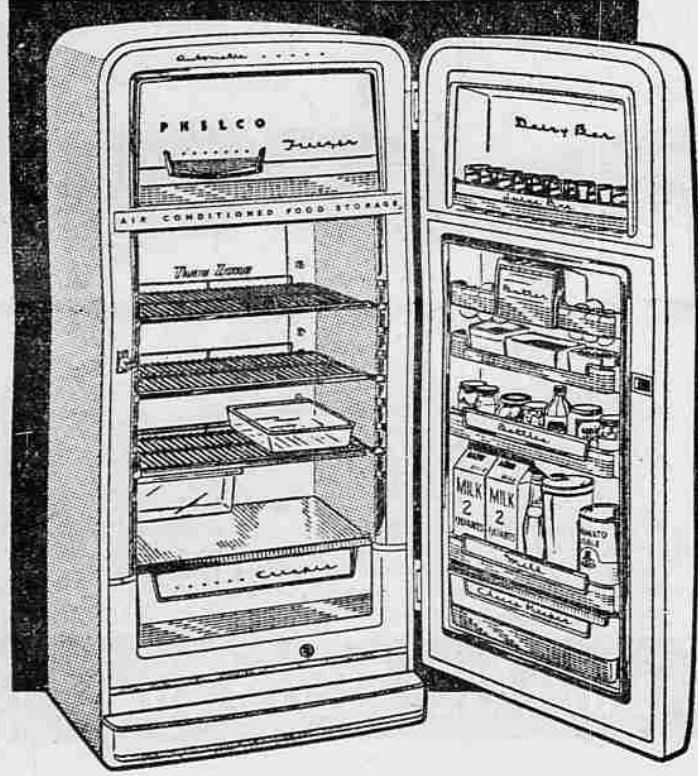
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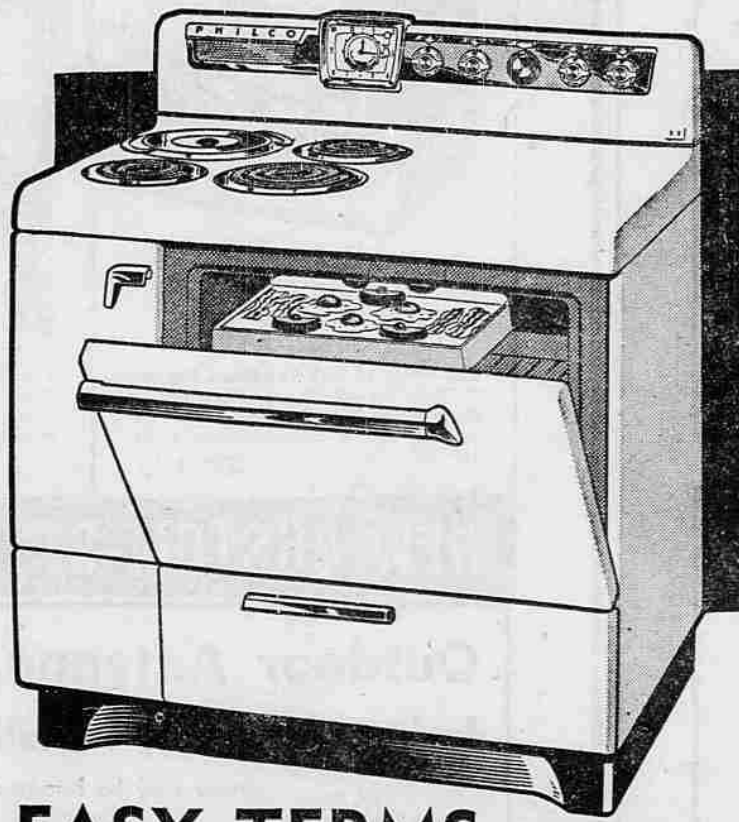
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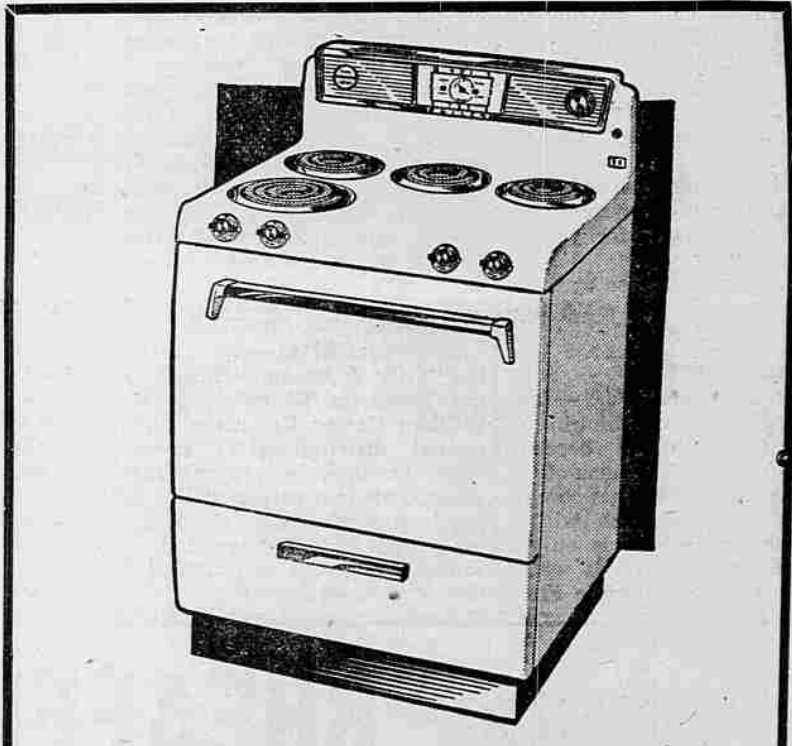
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