

Plastics Used for Protection of High Quality Silage

Chicago — (U.P.) — There's something new for farmers — a plastic silo.

A Purdue University research team conducted eight years of laboratory and field study on the use of plastics for protection of high quality silage.

Guided by Prof. H. W. Gregory, the team made quality silage ensiled in polyethylene film at far below the cost the farmer now pays.

Because of their research, today's farmer need add to his present equipment only a specially designed black film to cover grass silage stacks and ensile as much of his forage crop as his land can produce.

During research, the flexible plastic silos were constructed close to where harvesting occurred, greatly reducing the time in which silage was exposed to air — an enemy of fermentation.

When a stack was completed, the Purdue report said, a plastic silo tarpaulin was placed over the stack and the ends buried in an 8-10 inch trench to give an air-tight seal.

Protected from puncture or damage, they said, the plastic silo offered air-tight and weather-tight protection for the stack, eliminating any surface spoilage.

Under these conditions, the Purdue study reported that silage made in the stacks was very good as determined by acid development, odor, appearance and animal acceptance.

The Purdue scientists found that temperatures in the black film silos did not rise above 110 degrees and averaged below 98 degrees — about 25-30 degrees lower than temperatures recorded from uncovered stack silos.

Two uses for plastic silos were revealed by the study — one as the primary storage for silages, and second as emergency or temporary measures to increase storage capacity above present silo facilities.

The black polyethylene film is manufactured by Visking Co., Plastics Division, Terre Haute, Ind., under the trade name, "VisQueen."

Two From SOC Are Attending Confab

Ashland — Dr. William Sampson and Dr. Elmo Stevenson of the Southern Oregon college faculty have been appointed delegates to the Western Regional Conference of the President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School.

This joint conference of educators, state officials, and laymen in the history of higher education in the West will convene at the Saint Francis hotel in San Francisco on April 10 and 11 to discuss problems of education beyond the high school in the future.

Attending the conference will be about 400 legislators, governors, university regents, college presidents, and leaders in business, labor, and agriculture from 11 western states and Alaska and Hawaii. They will consider what steps western states can take now to prepare for the increase in college enrollments that is expected during the next two decades.

Six western governors have agreed to take part in the conference. They are Governor George D. Clyde of Utah, Governor Robert Holmes of Oregon, Governor Stephen McNichols of Colorado, Governor Millard Simpson of Wyoming, and Governor Charles Russel of Nevada.

Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Simpson left Tuesday for the San Francisco conference, and plan to return on Friday.

ONE FOR THE ROAD

Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — A judge dismissed a drunkenness charge against John H. Coggins, 40, Tuesday so he could return to where he started his tippling. "I was just celebrating after spending four years in prison," Coggins, of Thomasville, Ga., said. "If you'll let me go, I'll go on to Georgia where I started."

CONSTIPATED?

New laxative discovery un-locks bowel blocks without gag, bloat or gripe

Constipation is caused by what doctors call a "thrift" colon that, instead of retaining moisture as it should, does the opposite: robs the colon of so much moisture that its contents become dehydrated, so dry that they block the bowel; so shrunken that they fail to excite or stimulate the urge to purge that propels and expels waste from your body.

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Ed Gardner of Duffy's Tavern Fame To Make Rare Appearance on TV Saturday

By WILLIAM EWALD
United Press Correspondent
New York — (U.P.) — Ed Gardner who used to manage a tavern owned by an absentee proprietor named Duffy, will drop into TV this Saturday when NBC salutes that madman known as baseball. Gardner, for the benefit of the recently weaned, is the fellow who used to play Archie on "Duffy's Tavern," one of radio's more mellow efforts. Now 55, a little balding and nursing an ulcer, Gardner works for an ad agency in New York.

He is fairly rich, fairly irreverent and still speaks in the lush New York accent that made his Archie characters one of the

most captivating capers in the old medium. "What do I do at the ad agency? Well," said Gardner Monday. "You might call me a kind of floorwalker. I walk from one floor to the other to ask guys what's going on in the joint."

Six Months a Bum
"Actually, I only work six months a year for the agency. The other six months I'm a bum. It's the way I want it. I've got

a non-nerve straining job and I play around the edges of TV now and that's about all I need." Gardner, whose last TV appearance was about a year ago on the Ed Sullivan Show, will appear on NBC-TV's "Salute to Baseball" this weekend. He has, he admits, shied away from TV pretty much. His only sustained fling in the medium was a filmed version of "Duffy's Tavern" which is in syndication and still may be seen in outlying areas.

"I was stiff on TV," confessed Gardner. "I'm not an actor. I got into this business by accident and when the show was done on TV, it was the first time I had ever worked without a script." **Old Gang Come**
"Another thing is most of the original gang that had made 'Duffy's Tavern' on radio what it was weren't around for TV. Shirley Booth who played the original Duffy's daughter went on to bigger things. Charlie

Cantor "Clifton Finnegan" suffered a heart attack. And Eddie Green "Eddie the waiter" died." "Duffy's Tavern," which developed into a variety and comedy show, had its small beginnings back in the late 1930s when Gardner created the character of "Archie the manager" for a radio opus called "This is New York." Gardner wound up playing the role when other actors failed to pan out at auditions.

"I guess I played Archie for about 15 years," said Gardner. "In 1951, I retired and my wife and I took off for Europe. I had made enough loot so we didn't have to worry about dough, my wife is French and she loves it over there." "Then we filmed it for TV in Hollywood for a year and then back to Europe again. To tell you the truth, I had about enough of Archie." "However, I may get back for

a little bit in the business. It looks like I may do some cartoon commercials for TV, I'll do the voices. It'll be a breeze and just enough work to satisfy the ham in me."

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Fire Chief Lauds Speed of Horses In Racing To Fires

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — (U.P.) — Were fire horses really fast, or did their thundering gallop just cause a lot of excitement?

If you drop by Wilkes-Barre sometime you're liable to get a pretty good argument in behalf of the horses, especially if you talk to Chief Ambrose Sarks. He has been fire chief longer than any other man in Wilkes-Barre, and in years of service he is the oldest paid department chief in Pennsylvania.

In answer to your question, he probably will tell you something like this:

It was on May 16, 1904, when two big, high-spirited, cream-colored buckskins set a world's record never to be tied or broken. When the bell alarm sounded the two horses dashed from their stables and raced 28 feet to an overhead harness where they were hitched to a combination hose-chemical wagon. All this in three and one-tenth seconds, less time than it takes to man a modern-day hook-and-ladder.

The event knocked seconds off a record held by a pair of horses of a Paris, France, fire company, and to this day it has never been equalled.

Careful Training
It was heralded the world over in newspapers and firemen's journals and for years after firemen throughout the nation visited Wilkes-Barre just to shake the hands of Capt. Michael Umbewust and Chemical Engineer Phillip Malloy who hitched the horses of Hose 8.

Not just any horse could be a fire horse. There was an art to training fire horses. It took a keen eye to select just the right type; then weeks of practice and practice and more practice before the horse learned his duties.

The horse was placed in a stall. A bell would be sounded and then the door in front of the stall would be opened and the animal would be guided over to a spot under the harness. This process was repeated time and again until the horse knew at the sound of the bell he was to go at gallop to the spot under the harness.

After many more tries at all hours of the day and night the horse would be tested on his own. If he balked a little, there usually was a man at the rear of the stable to give the horse a tap on the rump until the animal reached perfection.

Students Become Investors in Class

Harrisburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Some 90 members in consumer education classes at nearby Dillsburg Northern Joint High School recently became investors as part of a unique class project.

The class members collected \$32, delegated three students as representatives, and invested the money in the stock market. The stocks were purchased in the name of Robert Habig, head of the school's business department because the students are minors and not legally permitted to purchase stocks.

The stocks will be held until May when they will be sold and the principal and any accrued dividends redistributed among the class members. Habig originated the project as a means of demonstrating the workings of the stock market to his students.



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