

Just for Wunnerfitz

Well, old Jonas Grosskup keeps getting himself in trouble.

As you know, if you've been reading these columns, Jonas is the mythical character who is portrayed by the late Marco Bean, who was the editor of the *Sellersville Herald*, before it merged with another paper. These "letters to the editor," written in Pennsylvania Dutch appeared weekly for a number of years and the readers eagerly looked forward to his "dumheid." Here is an English version of a column that was dated November 3, 1914:

Jonas begins, as always, with: "Mishter Drucker (editor): My troubles here just have just started right. I think I told you that I bought a piano for Sal, say? Well, I wish I wouldn't have. Why, Tom, our cat that was here on the place for 19 years already, left us. Jericho (his horse) got lame because this irresistible rag came over him, and he danced until he was lame. Our mooley cow blew so hard that her horns came off and now her milk is full of notes. Three of our neighbors sold out and moved away. One is moving out today, and one is having a sale tomorrow. The chickens are all dead but one, and that is a rooster. Sal is so taken in with the music teacher that he always stays for two hours and just charges her for one. Yes, this is nothing to laugh about! I would swap that piano any day for the measles or the whooping cough if I could.

I must do all the cooking, wash

the dishes, make the beds, the dish rag wringing, and so on, because Sal sits at the piano, and hammers on it from 5 o'clock in the morning til 11 o'clock at night. I am positively tired of it, and I have a scheme that will fix her. Next week, it will give peace. Why, I would rather be in Germany now than in Littleback.

P.S. Now here is one I must do in English because we can't spell some of these 1915 words in Dutch because we Pennsylvania Dutch people are a little behind. Here it is:

A city man once visited his country cousin. The man from the city wishing to explain the joys of metropolitan life, said: "We have certainly been having fun the last few days. Thursday, we autoed to the country club and golfed until dark, then trolled back to town and danced until morning. The country cousin was not to be stumped in the least, so



Dave Hendricks

began telling of some of the pleasures of a simple life.

"We have had pretty good times here, too. One day, we bug-gied out to uncle Ned's and went out to the back lot, where we base-balled all that afternoon. In the evening we sneaked up into the garret and poked til morning.

"A sturdy old farmer who was listening, not to be undone, took up the conversation at this point and said: "I was having some fun about this time myself. I muled to the cornfield and gee-hawed until sundown. Then I suppered until dark, after which I bedstedded until the clock fived, after which I breakfasted until it was time to go muling again."

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Tuesday, September 18: a. cheese sticks w/dipping sauce; b. pork rib-B-Q sandwich; mixed vegetables; fresh fruit; variety milk.

Wednesday, September 19: a. breaded chicken patty; b. Salisbury steak w/gravy; pasta; California blend; roll; peaches; variety milk.

Thursday, September 20: a. spaghetti w/meat sauce; b. fish sandwich; tossed salad; jello w/fruit; Italian bread; variety milk.

Oley Valley Elementary

Friday, September 14: Taco Bell beef and bean burrito; peanut butter/jelly sandwich; green beans; 1 oz. cup of dried cherries; sliced pears.

Monday, September 17: chicken nuggets w/sauce; peanut butter/jelly sandwich; whipped potatoes; steamed broccoli; 2 rolls; mixed fruit.

Tuesday, September 18: pizza w/cheese; ham on roll; fresh veggie w/dip; fresh fruit; cookie.

Wednesday, September 19: chicken pot pie w/potatoes; Lebanon sandwich; lettuce salad/carrots; 2 snowflake rolls; fruited gelatin.

Thursday, September 20: Oley Fair burger on bun; turkey on roll; shoe string fries; applesauce.

Oley Valley Middle/High School

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Monday, September 17: Salisbury steak w/gravy; veal patty w/gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; two dinner rolls; pudding pop.

Tuesday, September 18: rigatoni w/meat ball and sauce; turkey sandwich; Popeye salad; two diner rolls; fresh fruit.

Wednesday, September 19: pretzel bun w/ham and cheese; cheese croissant; hash brown; bake beans; Oley Fair funnel cake.

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