



OBSERVED PRECIPITATION (APPROXIMATE) MID-FEB. TO MID-MAR. 1956

This chart shows the general nature of the total precipitation which fell during the preceding 30 days. Precipitation is expressed in three classes: light, moderate, and heavy, and the precipitation amounts which determine these classes are obtain-

ed from an analysis of many years of record at many stations. Like temperature classes, the numerical ranges, varying from place to place and month to month, are given on page 4 of the Outlook issued one month ago.

Farm Calendar

(If you wish your Coming Events listed in these columns, write a card or letter to LANCASTER FARMING, Quarryville, Pa. Be sure to include name of sender.—Editor).

MARCH

- March 31—Society of Farm Women 4 hostesses to Society 21, Mountville Civic Center.
- March 31—Bake. in front of Oxford Theater by Oxford Grange
- March 31—Farm Women 23, Easter banquet, Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy.

APRIL

- April 1—Sacred Concert, Memorial Methodist Choir, Quarryville, 7:45 p. m.
- April 2—New Holland Community 4-H Club meeting.
- April 2—Fulton Grange visits Ephrata Grange.
- April 3—County Farm Women's Society Executive Board, 2 p. m., home of Mrs. Henry Reist, R1 Mount Joy.
- April 5—Allis Charmers Field day, opposite Guernsey Sales Pavilion on Route 30 east of Lancaster.
- April 5—Farm Women 9, Sewing Day with Mrs. Helen Zuercher, Martieville, 7:30 p.m.
- April 5—Eastern States local membership meeting, Penryn Fire Hall, 7 45 p.m.
- April 7—Farm Women No. 6, home of Mrs. Ira Heisey, R3 Elizabethtown, 2 p.m.
- April 9—Youth night, Fulton Grange, Oakryn Hall.
- April 12 and 14—"Aaron Slick from Punkin Creek," Fulton Grange, Oakryn Hall.
- April 13—Talent Night, Fulton Grange, Oakryn Hall.
- April 14—Society of Farm Women 18, bus trip to Washington, D.C., Mrs. Raymond Stoner, reservations Chairman.
- April 14—Farm Women 7, home of Mrs. Harold Keneagy, Paradise, 1:30 p.m.
- April 14—Farm Women 13 to be entertained by Farm Women 2, Penryn Fire Hall.
- April 17—Farm Women 6, home of Mrs. Ira Heisey, R3 Elizabethtown, 2 p.m.
- April 19—Farm Women 23 visit Lancaster County Home.
- April 19—Farm Women 15 entertain Farm Women 17 and 20, Union Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood.
- April 21—Society of Farm Women 8 EUB Church Society Rooms, Mount Joy, Society 2 guests.
- April 24—Farm Women 23, home of Mrs. Roy Funk.
- April 28—Society of Farm Women 9 Mrs. Margaret Hagen, Rawlinsville, hostess.

April 28—Farm Women 12, entertain Farm Women 3.

April 29, 30, May 1 - American Angus Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

May 8—Mother - Daughter Banquet, New Holland Evangelical United Brethren Church, Farm Women 13 serve.

Washington Notes

CONSUMER DEBT.

In 1955, consumer credit rose \$6,100,000,000 to a total of \$36,225,000,000. The largest contributing factor was installment financing of automobiles. It soared nearly \$4 billion. However, in January, consumer credit declined \$671,000,000 and was expected to continue to decline during February and March, because heavy repayments are piling away at the big debt built up last year.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

Industrial production in this country remained at near record levels in February, according to Federal Reserve Board reports. February's industrial output index was pegged at 143, on a seasonally-adjusted basis. This was the same level as in January, and only one point below the December peak.

PLANT EXPANSION.

Plant expansion in 1956 will take an investment of \$35 billion, or 22 per cent more than was spent in 1955, according to a joint report by the Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The U. S. surplus-disposal plan gains in Europe.

R. O. T. C. CALLS.

The Army has announced that two-thirds of the 15,000 Reserve Officer Training Corps graduates, scheduled for active duty in the year starting July 1, would be called up for two years' service. The other one-third will take six months active training and then would be assigned to active participation with Army Reserve units.

WEST POINT.

The United States Military Academy observed the 154th anniversary of the establishment of the academy on March 16. Robert T. Stevens, former secretary of the Army, was the guest of honor on that occasion.

NEW HOUSING.

Applications to the Federal Housing Administration for insurance commitments on new housing were reported at 18,500 in February, compared with 15,600 in January and 13,400 in December. Appraisal requests to the Veterans Administration rose even more sharply, from 23,000 in January to 37,100 in February. Total new houses started in February rose to a seasonably adjusted rate of 1,200,000 from the January rate of 1,180,000.

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