

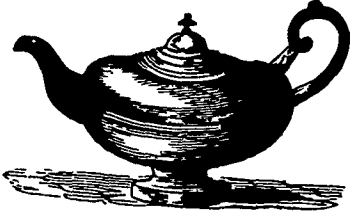
THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 14-20

May is picking violets on a hill.

Repair pleasure boats now . . . Christopher Columbus died May 20, 1506 . . . Full Flower Moon May 16 . . . The nickel was born 1866 . . . Average length of days for week, 14 hours, 42 minutes . . . Armed Forces Day May 19 . . . School attendance compulsory May 18, 1852 . . . Woodpeckers and wrens are back . . . Great St. Louis fire destroyed 30 steamboats May 17, 1848 . . . Nothing is certain except the unexpected.

Old Farmer's Riddle: What does a ship weigh before moving? (Answer below.)



Ask the Old Farmer: Will you please tell me what a "horse-boat" is? V. R., Alexandria, La.

It's a new one on us. Perhaps it has something to do with "horsepower." That is, horses used to haul loads and operated machinery of various kinds by walking on

a tread-mill. We have seen circular saws and grist-mills operated in this manner. It is probable that a horse-driven tread-mill operated paddle-wheels in this boat.

Home Hints: For a better shine, rub children's scuffed shoes with a raw potato before polishing . . . Cover a steel-wool scouring pad with cloth for a pincushion that keeps needles sharp . . . *Riddle answer:* Its anchor.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Cloudy to start, then scattered showers; end of week clear and very warm.

Greater New York-New Jersey: First half of week cloudy and cool; rain and very cool latter part.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins cloudy and warm, then rain; rain continuing to end of week and cool.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Cloudy and cool to start, then rain; clear and mild latter part.

Florida: Most of week cloudy and hot, then rain latter part; clear and cool on weekend.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Cloudy and warm most of week; rain and cooler latter part.

Greater Ohio Valley: Rain and hot first part of week; rain continuing to end of week and cooler.

Deep South: Cloudy and cool to start, then heavy rain; clear by end of week.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Rain all week; temperatures cool to start, then warm on weekend.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Rain and cool most of week; cloudy and cool on weekend.

Central Great Plains: Rain, heavy to start, and cool; rain continuing to end of week.

Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins clear and very hot, then rain at midweek; clear and hot latter part.

Rocky Mountain Region: Light rain and cool to start, then clear and very warm to end of week.

Southwest Desert: First part of week cloudy and cool; latter part clear and very hot.

Pacific Northwest: Moderately heavy rain to start, then clear at midweek; light rain and warm latter part.

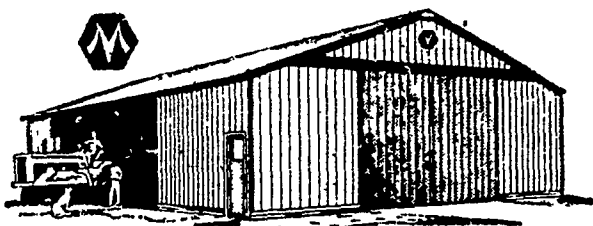
California: Rain and cool at first, then clear and warm; showers end of week.

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Shopping for Specials

Stores offer specials for a number of reasons. Extension specialists at The Pennsylvania State University say supermarkets use specials to compete with other stores, to increase store traffic by attracting

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In comparison to March levels one year ago, base milk was up 51 cents and excess up 56 cents.

The weighted average price for the market was \$7.27 - an increase of 50 cents over March 1972.

A total of 401 million pounds of producer milk was pooled in March of which 66.28 percent was sold as Class I, showing a decrease of 1.13 percent of deliveries made in February, and 1.48 percent increase over March a year ago. 8210 Order No. 4 producers provided 12.9 million pounds per day to dealers during March, averaging 1576 pounds per day per farm. Total value of producer milk was set at \$29,272,743.93 for the month.

Of the \$171 billion spent for social welfare in fiscal 1971 by federal, state and local governments, more than half, or \$92 billion, came from federal taxes.

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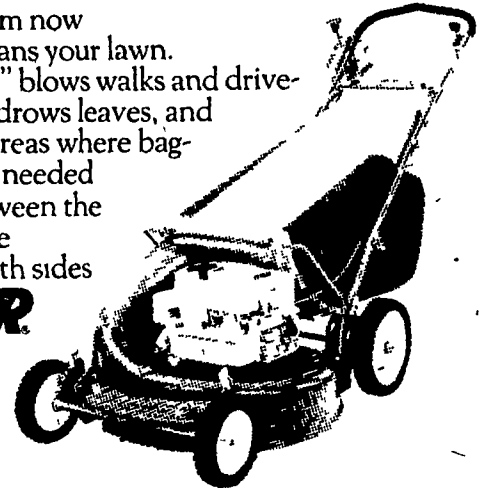
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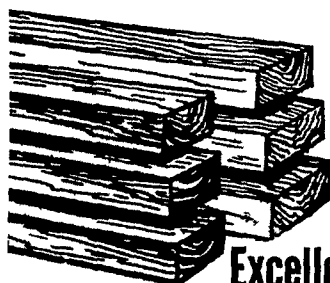
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