



OCTOBER 15-21, 1973

The Sun withdraws and aged grows the year.

Pick all apples before month's end . . . Mata Hari executed Oct. 15, 1917 . . . Last quarter of the Moon Oct. 18 . . . Mars closest to earth this week . . . Average length of days for week, 10 hours, 56 minutes . . . First ladies golf championship tournament Oct. 17, 1894 . . . Geese flying south . . . If Oct. 16 (Gallus Day) is dry, so will be next spring . . . 11 Nazi war criminals hung Oct. 16, 1946 . . . Pike's Peak railroad completed Oct. 20, 1890 . . . Trees almost bare now . . . If not ruled by the rudder, you will be by the rock.



**Ask the Old Farmer:** A friend and I are having a discussion about an old superstition about which shoe to put on first. He says it had something to do with the devil, and I say no. Can you straighten us out? G. B., Omaha.

Your friend is right. Anciently, the devil was supposed to prowl about on earth and men were afraid

of being mistaken for him and maybe assaulted before they could prove their identity. The devil's left foot is supposed to be cloven, so men would put the right shoe on first to prove that they weren't afraid to exhibit the left.

**Home Hints:** One pail with two compartments is handy for housecleaning; use one side for soapy water, the other for clear water for rinsing . . . Save your fingers by placing a tack between the teeth of a comb. Start hammering to get the tack in place, remove the comb, and drive the tack in place.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

**New England:** Cloudy and cool to start, then showers; generally clear and warm latter part.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Week begins clear and cool, then showers; end of week clear and hot.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Cloudy and cool at first, then rain by midweek; clearing and very warm latter part.

**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** First half of week rainy and cold; end of week clearing with moderate temperatures.

**Florida:** Week begins cloudy and cool, then rain; hot temperatures by end of week.

**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Most of week clear and mild; light rain on weekend.

**Greater Ohio Valley:** Clear and cool to start, then rain; end of week partly cloudy and hot.

**Deep South:** Light rain and cool to weekend, then clearing and hot.

**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Partly cloudy and warm for most of week; rain and cool on weekend.

**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Mostly clear and cool through week; cloudy and flurries on weekend.

**Central Great Plains:** First part of week clear and warm; cloudy and hot latter part, then rain.

**Texas-Oklahoma:** Clear and progressively warmer through week.

**Rocky Mountain Region:** Most of week clear and very warm; cooler temperatures end of week.

**Southwest Desert:** Cloudy and hot through week; clearing and cooler on weekend.

**Pacific Northwest:** Clear and hot most of week; cloudy and cooler on weekend.

**California:** Clear and hot to start, then overcast and cooler; partial clearing end of week.

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# Grange to Look At Ag Problems

Action on serious problems confronting agriculture in Pennsylvania will be taken at the 101st annual convention of the State Grange in Reading October 22-25.

Among the key issues to be discussed, according to State Master A. Wayne Readinger, will be:

Effective implementation of the state's Clean and Green program that is aimed at easing the tax burden on productive farm land;

The future of Pennsylvania's dairy industry and, particularly, the future role of the State Milk Marketing Board;

New regulations of the Department of Environmental Resources pertaining to agriculture, especially those relating to run-off of surface water and drainage from farms into streams;

Food prices and their impact in agricultural income in Pennsylvania.

"Agriculture, with an income of more than a billion dollars, is a major industry in the Commonwealth," Readinger pointed out. "It is vital that we protect the state's agriculture, not only because of its economic impact, but also as a source of food for millions of people."

"The dairy industry is typical. It accounts for more than 40 per cent of the state's farm income, but production is slipping and the number of dairy cows in Pennsylvania is lower than at any time since Civil War days.

"It is a serious situation, especially since Pennsylvania is the fifth largest milk producing

**Fuel And Food**

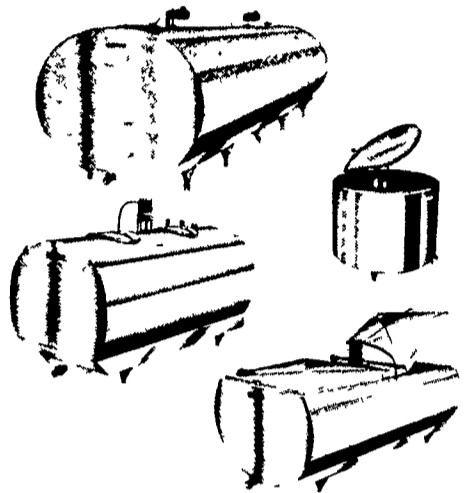
The fuel shortage has become crucial to food production in the United States. Petroleum products are needed for trucking livestock and crops from farm to market to processor to food store and are essential to the operation to today's heavily mechanized farms. Not only can a fuel shortage hamper production and marketing of food products, increased prices for fuel are reflected in the cost of food in the retail stores.

# Brubaker Farm Equipment Changes Hands

L. G. Brubaker, Inc., 350 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, has been sold to Park Lefever for an undisclosed sum. The farm equipment business, formerly owned by L. H. Brubaker, will retain its original name and no personnel changes are planned.

Mr. Brubaker, age 69, is semi-retired. He is a member of the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Strasburg.

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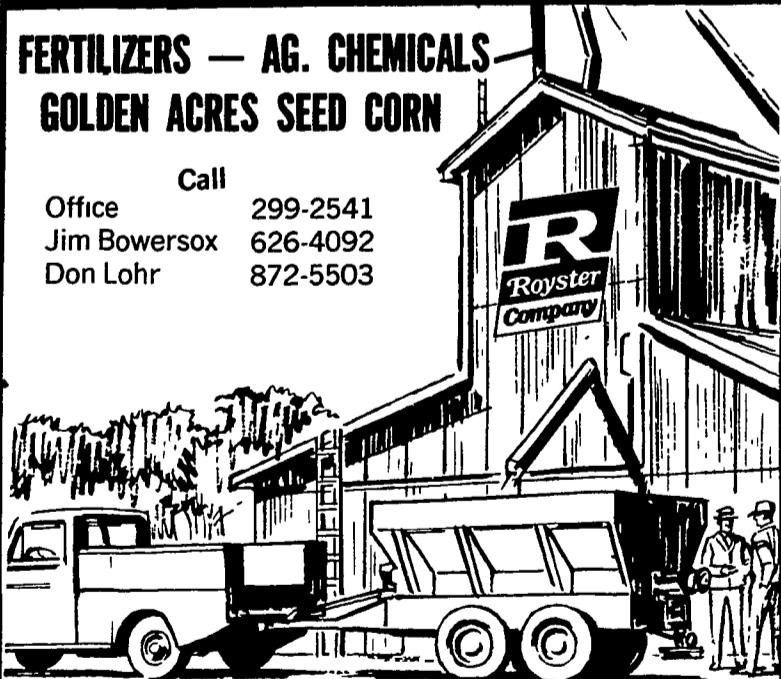
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