

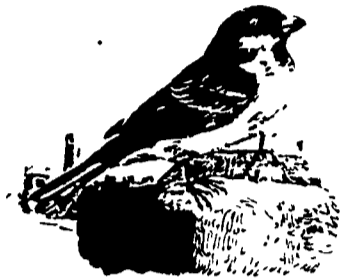


MARCH 11-17, 1974

Fulke signs of spring now.

Fix leaky roofs . . . James Jordan held his breath for 8½ minutes March 13, 1956 . . . Everyone wears green on March 17 . . . Average length of days for week, 12 hours, 50 minutes . . . Third quarter of the moon March 15 . . . The Bible first printed in type this week in 1462 . . . Some robins and crows should be back north now . . . Animal hibernation about over . . . Whatever is begun in anger usually ends in shame.

Old Farmer's Riddle: Why is a clock like a condemned man? (Answer below.)



Ask the Old Farmer: When I recently purchased a small oak desk, I was told it was a Larkin desk — one that was given years ago as a premium by the Larkin Soap Co. How could they give a desk of this kind as a premium for selling soap? G.S., Atlanta.

The profit on the soap must have been substantial. They gave desks, bookcases, dishes and teapots. We own a desk and bookcase combined. Don't know how many hundred-weights of soap it took to earn it.

Home Hint: Pierce the end of an egg with a pin, and it will not break when placed in boiling water . . . Shellac will be difficult to apply and remain sticky unless it has been mixed with denatured alcohol before use.

Riddle answer. Its hours are numbered.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Storm first part of week with heavy rain and 3-5" snow in mountains; end of week very cold with light snow.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Heavy rain changing to flurries at first, then very cold; light snow latter part, then cloudy and raw.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain to start, then clearing and mild; light snow and cold latter part, then warming.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Heavy coastal rain at first, then clear and warm through region; end of week clouding up and cooler.

Florida: First part of week rainy; end of week cloudy and cool then rain in north and sunnier and warm in south and central.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: First part of week very cold with light snow; end of week cold with snow in west, flurries in east and cloudy in Montreal.

Greater Ohio Valley: Rain in east to start, then cold with snow throughout region, 4-6" snow in east; mostly cloudy and very cold latter part.

Deep South: Clear to start, then warm; cloudy and cooler latter part, then rain.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Light rain and cold to start, then rain changing to snow, 2-4" in west; light snow latter part, then sunny and warmer.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Week begins cold with light snow in east and partly sunny in west, then 1-3" snow in west; end of week partially clear and much warmer.

Central Great Plains: Rain changing to snow at first in east, light snow in west and fair in south; sunny and warmer throughout region latter part, then light rain.

Texas-Oklahoma: Mostly sunny and cool to start, then warming in south and central and colder in north; rain latter part and cooler.

Rocky Mountain Region: First part of week clear and mild in central and east and intermittent snow in north; end of week clear and warm with showers in central.

Southwest Desert: Mostly clear to start, then becoming much warmer with highs near 80; end of week partly cloudy and cooler.

Pacific Northwest: Cloudy and showers at first, then clear and warming; clear and warm latter part, then rain.

California: First part of week generally clear and warm; end of week mostly cloudy with rain in north.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly summary
19 Livestock Markets
Week Ending March 1

CATTLE 5114. Compared with 5198 head last week, and 5835 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers unevenly steady. Slaughter heifers steady to 50 cents lower. Slaughter cows uneven, spots 50 cents higher to 50 cents lower, with sharp decline middle of week. Slaughter bullocks & bulls steady to \$1 lower.

STEERS: Few High 46.75, Good 41.75-45.00, Choice & Prime 45.50-50.00, Choice 47.00-50.00, Good 43.50-47.00, Standard 41.00-43.50, Utility 38.00-40.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 43.00-46.75, Good 40.50-43.50, Standard 38.50-40.50, Utility 38.00-39.50.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 34.00-36.50, few to 37.50, Cutters 32.50-34.50, Canners 30.00-32.50, Shells down to 25.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 44.00-

46.75, Good 41.75-45.00, Standard 40.50-42.75, Utility 38.50-40.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-2000 pounds 41.00-45.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 330-700 pounds feeder steers 45.00-55.00, with few Good & Choice 51.00-59.00, Medium & Good 250-850 41.00-50.00; Good 300-650 feeder heifers 42.00-53.00.

CALVES 3702. Compared with 2958 head last week, and 3927 head a year ago. Vealers steady to \$2 lower.

VEALERS: Prime 78.00-85.00, Choice 72.00-80.00, Good 65.00-72.00, Standard 55.00-65.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 45.50-55.00, 70-85 40.00-45.00. Farm calves active, Holstein bulls 90-130 51.00-66.00; Holstein heifers 90-140 61.00-81.00, few to 110.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-120 50.00-64.00.

HOGS 7633. Compared

with 6171 head last week, and 6887 head a year ago. **BARROWS & GILTS** mostly \$1.50 to \$2 lower.

BARROWS & GILTS: US - 1-2 200-240 pounds 40.50-41.50, few to 43.00, 1-3 200-250 39.50-40.50, 2-3 190-260 38.50-39.50, 2-4 245-300 37.00-39.00, 2-4 150-190 32.50-38.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-550 pounds 33.00-37.00, 2-3 300-650 30.00-34.00. Boars 25.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 716. Compared with 754 head last week, and 736 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 16.00-30.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 22.00-33.50, 1-3 50-80 29.50-40.00, Utility 25-60 13.00-35.00 per head.

SHEEP 505. Compared with 733 head last week, and 412 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs steady to \$1 lower. Few Choice 40-90 pounds new crop lambs 50.00-69.50, Choice 80-100 woolled slaughter lambs 39.00-44.00, Good 65-100 33.00-40.00, Utility 50-80 25.00-33.00. Slaughter ewes 8.00-22.00.

H.F. Nixon Heads Pest Committee

Henry F. Nixon, Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, has been appointed chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Interstate Pest Control Compact.

respective crop and forestry receipts. The goal is to have a million dollar fund available for emergencies. At present, funding is just under \$300,000.

Pennsylvania is a charter member of the compact and Nixon has served as a member of the governing board since the General Assembly passed enabling legislation in 1967. 14 states are now members of the compact.

The IPCC provides emergency funding, expertise and cooperation as they occur throughout the United States. Acting on their own, most states would require additional funding through an act of their legislature to meet emergency pest problems. In most instances, this would be too time consuming and a new pest could be established before effective controls could be started.

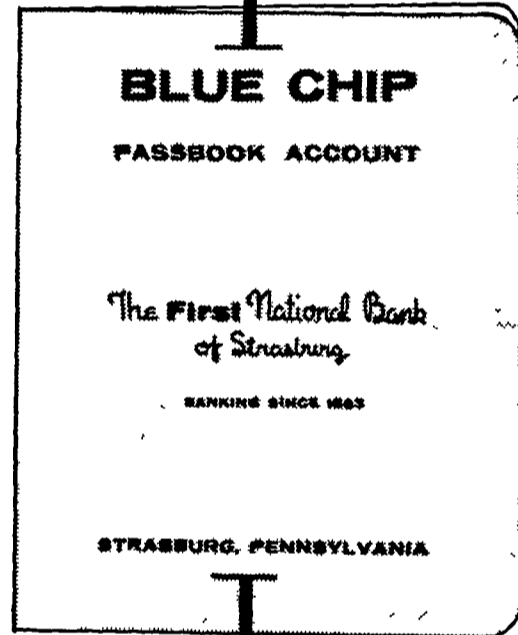
Nixon will head a committee comprised of representatives of three other member-states and one representative each from USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, U. S. Forest Service and Environmental Protection Agency. The newly-formed committee is charged with recommending emergency pest proposals to the governing board of the compact.

Already under consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee are several proposals to initiate a complete gypsy moth control program in areas where gypsy moth eggs have been discovered but still far removed from those areas generally recognized as having a heavy, well-established infestation of the voracious leaf-eating pest. A complete program progresses in three steps beginning with the application of pesticides. This is followed up with use of Disparlue, a sex attractant, which confuses the male moth and discourages mating. The final step is the introduction of all known parasites that feed on gypsy moth eggs, larvae and pupae.

Successful compact projects in the past included a four-state survey to determine the potential of gypsy moths to be spread throughout the nation in recreational vehicles and the checking of a golden nematode outbreak in Delaware. The golden nematode is a plant parasite that infests potatoes.

Member states of the compact are assessed pro rata based on their

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