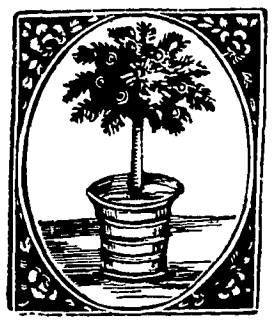
THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 30 1974-JAN. 5, 1975

The old year drips as you raise a toast to your lips.

Make only one New Year's resolution this year, but stick with it . . . Last quarter of the moon Jan. 4 . . . Some say it's bad luck if you don't take your Christmas greens down now . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 7 minutes . . . Days are starting to lengthen now . . . Car crossed Sahara Desert in 3 days vs. camel in 9 days, Jan. 4, 1924 . . . Ring out old year, ring in new; ring out false, and ring in true.



Old Farmer's Riddle: What changes a pear into a pearl? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: Why is the name "tumbler" applied to an eight-ounce, straight-sided, flat-bottomed drinking glass? G.C., Boston.

There are two traditions about this. One claims that originally the drinking cup or glass was made with a round bottom and had to be held to prevent it from capsizing. When a drinker had arrived at the point where he couldn't do this, he was expected to call it a day. The other claims that the flat-bottomed glass was designed to help the unsteady lad, or "tumbler."

Home Hints Broken window glass can be removed easily by first putting soft soap on the putty. In a few hours the putty will have softened and can be removed with an ordinary knife *Riddle answer* The letter L

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Partly cloudy to start, then cold; end of week partly cloudy with flurries.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cloudy and drizzly at first, then clear and mild; end of week clear, then increasingly cloudy.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins partly cloudy and mild, then showers; end of week sunny and mild.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Early week mild with light rain; heavy coastal rain latter part, then clear mild weekend.

Florida: Partly cloudy to start, then rain; light rain latter part, then clearing and cooler.

Upstate and Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Light rain at first, then flurries; some sun and cold, then 3-5 snow in north by weekend.

Greater Ohio Valley: First part of week mild with light rain: end of week flurries, then clearing and very cold.

Deep South: Overcast and cool to start, then clear and cold; mostly clear and mild but rain in west at week's end.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Light rain changing to snow at first, then becoming very cold; week ends raw with snow flurries.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Week begins snowy and cold, then clear and very cold; end of week cloudy and seasonably cold with light snow.

Central Great Plains: Cold snap and flurries at first, then mostly clear and very cold; end of week sunny and considerably milder.

Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins with cold snap, light rain and snow in north, then mostly sunny but very cold; end of week cloudier and much warmer.

Rocky Mountain Region: Very cold and snowy to start, then mostly clear and seasonably cold; week ends cloudy with 2-4" snow in central and north.

Southwest Desert: Partly cloudy and cold to start, then cold snap with lows in 20s; rain latter part, then clear and warm days but freezing nights.

Pacific Northwest: Partly sunny at first, then light or freezing rain, cold rain continuing to end of week.

California: Most of week clear and mild with warmer temperatures in south; increasing clouds in south by weekend.

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December, when a bill was finally signed into law by the Governor.

There were meetings on the farm assessment act as well as on the state's toughened conservation law.

Senator Richard Schweiker, at the PFA meeting, told farmers he didn't like the fact that dairy imports coming into this country were hurting Pennsylvania dairy farmers. He said he also didn't like the fact that these imports were often laden with filth.

April - A Shocker for Lehigh Members

In April, the Lehigh Milk Producers Cooperative board of directors voted to oust Richard Allison from his post as president of the coop. It was the first step in a long chain of events which culminated in a board decision to ask members for funds to bail out the financially troubled coop.

April was also the month for FFA banquets and awards, with many area youths honored for their accomplishments during the year.

May - New Beginnings

A calf born on the farm of Dr. Thomas Conrad, Bird-in-Hand, became the first local animal resulting from the newly developed embryo transplant operation. The Simmental calf became part of a growing herd which Conrad hopes to develop into a purebred Simmental breeding operation.

In May we featured another new beginning, this one by Howard Miller, a southern Lancaster Countian who planted 10 acres of French hybrid grapes. Miller became one of the ever-increasing numbers of area grape growers, a crop that many expect to overtake tobacco in cash value.

This was also the month that PennAg Industries Association began probing railroad abandonment, an issue which is of vital concern to many of PennAg's agribusiness members.

June - A Fair Month

A pair of Lancaster Farming stories on the search for agreement on whether or not to hold a Lancaster County Fair highlighted our June pages. The initial meetings were shot through with pessimissim, an attitude which eventually proved to be justified.

There were more meetings on tax relief, two of them in Chester County, and more news about Lehigh and Country Belle, financially troubled coops.

Sperry New Holland's Kenneth Thompson said he wants to sell balers to Russia. Berks County's Jack Kooker said he wants Jim McHale's job - but he didn't get it.

June was the month Lebanon County Agent Glenn Miller was feted at a retirement party. It was also the month a new byline began appearing in the pages of Lancaster Farming. It belongs to Melissa Piper, our first full-time associate editor.

July - Wheat Harvest Presages Bumper Crops

Wheat growers in the Lancaster Farming area harvested an excellent crop this year, becoming the first farmers to benefit from an excellent growing season.

The Lancaster County 4-H Dairy, and the District Holstein show held back-to-back runs at Lancaster's Guernsey Sales Barn, with Maurice Welk, Quarryville R2, capturing grand champion honors at the Holstein show.

Penn Staters working on an ambitious dairy herd health project were featured in a July 27 article. The research project is unusual in that it is funded largely by private donations from individual dairymen and agribusiness firms.

Diane Crider, Nottingham R2, smiled out from the page of our July 6 issue in a photo taken after she was chosen Lancaster County Dairy Princess for 1974.

August - Summer Happenings

The Midwest burned and

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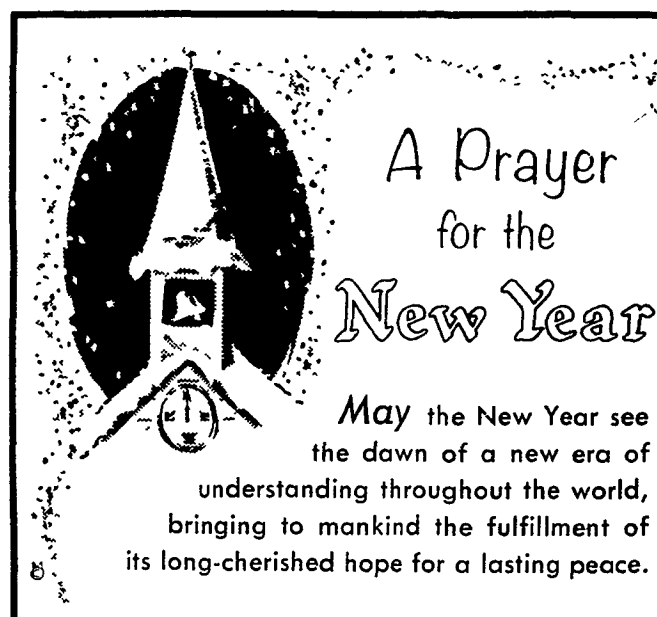
February 2 - County FFA officers elected this week were, front row, left to right: Don Weaver, vice-president; Barry Wissler, president; Jeff Glackin, recording secretary; Dwight Houser, treasurer; Bob Buckwalter, sentinel. Back row: Gerald Phillips, advisor; Nelson Martin, chaplain; Brian Ober, corresponding secretary; Dwight Martin, parlimentarian, and Kevin Rohrer, reporter.



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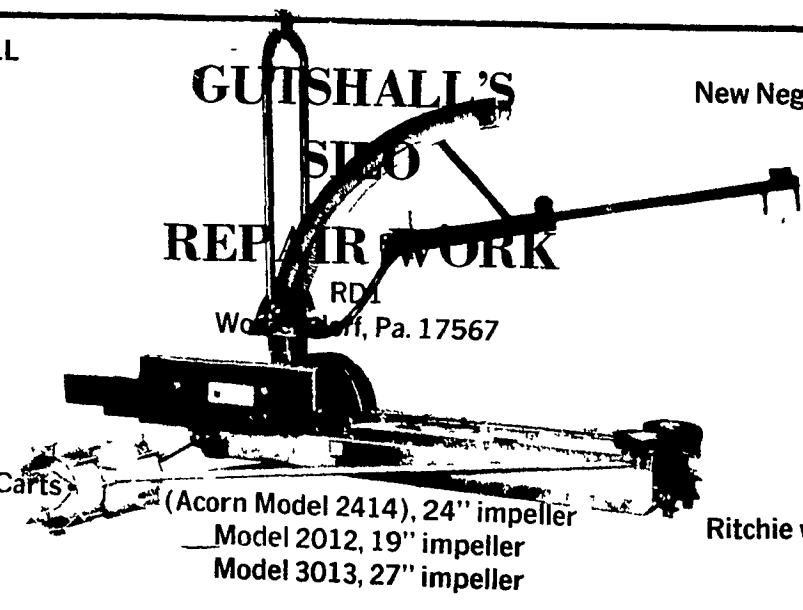

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