



FEB. 3-9, 1975

Think of the violets under the snow.

Go tobogganing now for the most fun you'll have this month . . . Vessel Normandy caught fire then capsized Feb. 9-10, 1942 . . . Last quarter of the moon Feb. 3 . . . Northern thunder now, as strange as it seems, means fine fall crops . . . Average length of days for the week 10 hours, 10 minutes . . . Price of sperm whale oil in New Bedford, Mass. soared to \$1.30 per gallon Feb. 9, 1857 . . . 200-400 fireballs just missed NYC Feb. 9, 1913 . . . Ease makes for a poor conscience if it be not well-earned.



**Old Farmer's Riddle:** Why didn't the ghost want to go fishing? (Answer below.)

**Ask the Old Farmer:** Years ago people maintained that "oak apples" forecast weather. What are oak apples and how

do they forecast the weather? F. B., Lincoln, Nebraska.  
An oak apple is what tree folks call a "gall" that grows on a leaf after a fly has stung it. It's green to begin with and grows a little larger than a horse chestnut. After a while it turns brown and the inside is full of brown powdery junk. Old timers used to soak them in vinegar to make ink, and all kinds of folks figure that their size, color, heft, and so-on, indicate the kind of winter to come.

**Home Hints:** To make the job of varnishing easier, place the container of varnish in a pan of hot water. The varnish flows on easier and dries faster . . . **Riddle answer:** He liked to go haunting instead.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

**New England:** Fair with thaw to start, then 1-3" coastal snow and up to 12" snow in north; end of week clear and very cold.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Week begins cloudy and unseasonably warm, then rain changing to snow and colder; partial clearing and cold with flurries latter part.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Cloudy and mild at first, then light rain; week ends generally clear and cold.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Warm spell with light rain to start, then clear and cold; mostly clear and cold latter part.  
**Florida:** Week begins warm with scattered showers, then clearing and cool; end of week mostly sunny and mild.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Rain at first, then rain changing to snow, 3-5" in north; light snow latter part in central and north.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Heavy rain to start, then rain mixed with snow; week ends partly sunny and moderately cold.  
**Deep South:** Light to moderate rain at first, then clearing and cool; latter part fair and cool in north, rainy in central and along Gulf.  
**Chicago & Southern Great Lakes:** Week begins rainy, then cold and cloudy; end of week clear and seasonably cold.  
**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Mostly clear and not so cold to start, then light snow in east; clear and cold latter part.  
**Central Great Plains:** Snow in north and rain in east at first, then clear and warm; week ends generally clear and mild.  
**Texas-Oklahoma:** Week begins cloudy and cool, then showers; end of week rainy in central, clear and cool in north and partly cloudy along Gulf.  
**Rocky Mountain Region:** Snow to start in northwest and central mountains, clear and mild elsewhere; end of week generally sunny and mild.  
**Southwest Desert:** Clear and mild to midweek, then slightly warmer; cool with light showers in east latter part.  
**Pacific Northwest:** Drizzle or freezing rain in north and heavy rain in south to start, then light rain; sunny and warmer by weekend.  
**California:** Early week clear and mild in south and cloudy in north; latter part cool and clear, then warmer in south but rainy in north.

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**Warwick FFA Gives Awards**

Recently the Warwick FFA Chapter held a Citrus fruit sale, selling about 350 cases of Florida's oranges and grapefruit.

The chapter sells this fruit annually as a money-raising project. This year the chapter made a little over \$500.

The top 3 FFA citrus sellers were David Derr,

selling 75 cases; Ken Sonnen, 60 cases; and Steve Marks, 55 cases. Each of them received an award.

The chapter also visited the 59th Pennsylvania Farm Show on Monday, Jan. 6.

Some of the most interesting displays they saw were the 4-H baby beef cattle, Duroc and Yorkshire hog judging, the modern

tractors, and the many modern implements that go with them, and of course, the good food served throughout the building. Later that evening, everyone enjoyed the exciting Police Rodeo.

In the future, the chapter will be holding their annual Donkey Basketball game, where the Faculty of the

Warwick High and Middle Schools will play against the Warwick FFA members.

The chapter officers are as follows: president, Lee Witmer; vice president, Richard Grube; secretary, Mike Gross; treasurer, Jim Shirk; reporter, Tim Grube; sentinel, John Grube; and advisor, Clifford Grube, Warwick High School Vo-Ag teacher.



Discussing the year's upcoming events are the newly elected officers of the Warwick High School FFA chapter. (Seated from left) Lee Witmer - president and Richard

Grube - vice-president. Standing from left: Mike Gross - secretary; Jim Shirk - treasurer; Tim Grube - reporter and Tony Grube - sentinel.

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