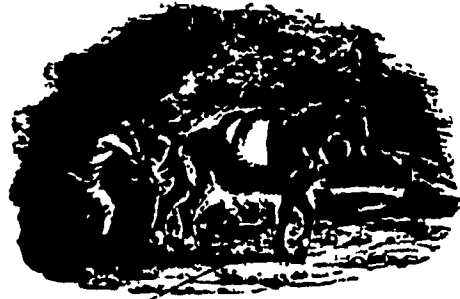




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Wrap up, cold snap.

Fill your ice house while you may . . . President Nixon arrived in China, Feb. 21, 1972 . . . First quarter of the moon Feb. 19 . . . Women first admitted to bar Feb. 20, 1879 . . . Average length of days for the week 10 hours, 47 minutes . . . Daylight Savings Time begins Feb. 23. Set clocks ahead one hour . . . It is said a modern house does well if it lasts as long as the mortgage on it.



tale? D. E., Huntington, West Va.

We figure you never saw much spinning done. The real sleight of spinning lay in the way that the spinner "stretched" the yarn. In fact, the whole process depended on it. Size, length, and twist. So, when old timers wanted to indicate that somebody was stretching the truth, they likened it to spinning a yarn.

Home Hints: Save the water in which potatoes are boiled and soak tarnished silverware in it for an hour. Wash and dry, and your silverware will be sparkling . . . Riddle answer: A bawl game.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: First part of week mostly cloudy and mild with light snow; end of week clearing and turning very cold.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Light snow to start, then clearing and cold; thaw and unseasonably warm by weekend.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Becoming clear and not so cold by midweek, then cold again; end of week very cold and clear, then warming considerably.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Clear and warm to start, then showers; end of week increasingly cloudy and very warm for season.
Florida: Clear with gradual warming up during the week.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins mild with flurries or light snow, then clearing and colder; end of week very cold.
Greater Ohio Valley: Clear and not so cold at first, then cold with flurries; sunny and warm with some rain latter part.
Deep South: Week begins fair and warm, then some showers in central; week ends mostly warm and cloudy.
Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Clear and mild to start, then colder with some snow; latter part warm with heavy rain in west, light snow then clear and warm in east.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Early week seasonably cold with light snow in west; end of week warmer with scattered showers.
Central Great Plains: Clear and warm at first, then turning cold; clear and very warm latter part.
Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins fair and warm, then turning colder; end of week milder with light showers.
Rocky Mountain Region: Clear and mild in south to start, then cloudy and cold in north and central; end of week rainy in central with snow at higher elevations.
Southwest Desert: Week begins clear and warm in west and partly cloudy in east; end of week heavy rain in west and light rain in east.
Pacific Northwest: Cloudy and cool to start, then rain; rain continuing to end of week with some snow in mountains.
California: Early week cloudy and cool in south and rainy in north; heavy rain latter part in south with low-level flooding.

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The Rural Housing Alliance and Rural America, Inc. recently issued a call for a four-day Conference on Rural America, April 14-17, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. The Conference will deal with a whole range of problems which affect opportunity and the quality of life in rural America - defined to include the 60 million people who live outside the great metropolitan areas.

"The Conference will assess our present social and economic needs," Richard J. Margolis, RHA chairman noted, "against the historic shortcomings of both government and the private sector in dealing with rural people. Delegates will seek ways to assure rural Americans of their fair share of society's goods and services - health care and decent housing, jobs and educational chances, public transportation and public assistance - those benefits, in short, which taken together, go far to define the quality of a citizen's life."

"We hope the Conference participants will bring forth the broad outlines of a platform for rural Americans, including positions on such critical questions as access to land, credit, resources, energy and production. The focus will be on people - the right of rural people to determine what actions their governments take, the right of farmers to produce the food needed by society in an economical manner without being the first link in some corporate chain, the right of rural people to control and conserve the land and resources around them."

The two convenors of the Conference are joined by more than 35 sponsors, including farm organizations, labor unions, church groups, cooperatives, community action agencies, rural housing advocates, and consumer organizations. A partial list includes: National Farmers Union, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, National Area Development Institute, United Presbyterian Church, National Rural Housing Coalition, and Citizens Against Rural Poverty.

Included on the program are Senators George McGovern, Richard Clark, James Abourezk and Edward Kennedy, Congressmen Mark Andrews, William Alexander, Parren Mitchell, and Andrew Young, James McHale, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Arnold Miller, President, United Mine Workers, and more than 100 national and rural spokespeople covering 11 major topics. Scheduled for discussion are: Self-Government in Rural America; Rural Poverty; Land, Resources and People; Rural Health; Agricultural Production - Everybody's Business; Employment, Jobs and Training; Housing and Community Development; Energy and Rural People; Public Education in Rural America; Rural Economic Development; and Rural Public Transportation.

The National Advisory Council for the Conference includes more than 70 distinguished citizens, including 32 Senators and Members of Congress.

Registration fee for the Conference is \$30 if mailed before March 21, after that date, \$45. Fee includes cost of resource materials and copies of conference papers. Checks should be made payable to National Conference on Rural America, 1346 Conn. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Rural Housing Alliance is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C. and formed to help low-income rural Americans obtain decent housing. RHA conducts research; publishes a newsletter, reports and handbooks; provides technical assistance to groups developing housing for migrant farmworkers, conducts workshops and administers a rural land development fund.

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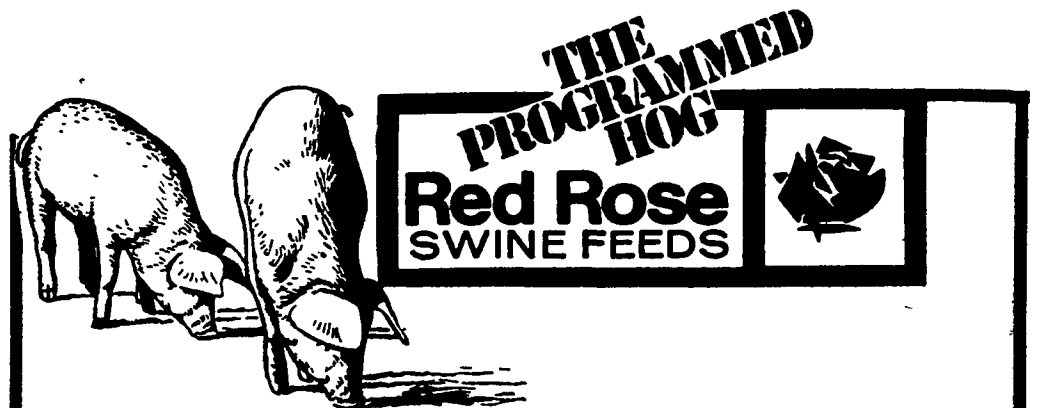
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