



MARCH 31 - APRIL 6, 1975

Like an army defeated, the snow hath retreated.

This is the best time to split wood . . . Jesse James killed April 3, 1882 . . . Last quarter of moon April 3 . . . Shad are running now . . . Average length of days for week, 12 hours, 46 minutes . . . Only fools observe April 1 . . . H-bomb lost off Spain recovered April 6, 1966 . . . Disastrous tornadoes last year at this time from Alabama to Ohio . . . If you cannot obey, you cannot command.



old Romans who ran the show in England, once upon a time. Home Hints You can easily clean pewter by rubbing it briskly with raw cabbage then rinse and dry polish it thoroughly for a beautiful gleam

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Coastal rain to start, then rain mixed with snow with 4-6" snow in north; end of week clear and spring-like.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Partly clear and mild at first, then moderately heavy rain; end of week clearing and warm.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins with light rain in south and heavier rain in north, then mild; clear and warming up latter part.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Early week warming up with showers; rain throughout region and colder by week's end.  
**Florida:** First part of week clear and warm in central and north but cloudy and warm elsewhere; scattered showers latter part.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Moderate to heavy rain and mild through midweek; partly sunny and cool latter part with heavy snow by weekend in north, central and west.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Rain to start, then very warm, end of week fair and warm, then heavy rain in east and much colder in west.  
**Deep South:** Week begins rainy and quite warm; week ends with heavy rain along gulf and central, and showers in north.  
**Chicago & Southern Great Lakes:** Thunderstorms with hard rain to start, then partial clearing; snowstorm by weekend.

Ask the Old Farmer: Where did the expression "By George" come from? G. D., Wilmington, Delaware.

Men used to swear by the name of their king, George, or Godfrey (de Bouillon), a famed crusader. "By Jimmy (Gemini)," "by Jove" come down to us from the

The season for forest fires is approaching rapidly, reports the Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Forestry. Contrary to many beliefs, fires in Pennsylvania occur more often in the spring and fall months than in the summer. The spring fire season usually extends from mid-March to early May, depending on the weather. Spring is usually the worst of the two with as many as ten to twelve times more fires occurring than in the fall.

Forest fires may start in various ways, such as sparks from a trash fire, careless smoking, children playing

with matches, and railroads. In southeastern Pennsylvania, the number one cause in 1974 was attributed to railroads, followed by incendiary or arson fires, smoking, debris burning, children, equipment use, and campfires. It is important to note that every fire which occurred can be related to human carelessness. In 1974, the statewide total of forest fires amounted to 1,562 as reported to the District Offices of the Bureau of Forestry. These fires burned over 8,200 acres and cost the Commonwealth over \$275,000 to extinguish them. Forest fires destroy

**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Snow at first in west, then rain and some snow in central and east; end of week cold with light snow.

**Central Great Plains:** Early week considerable rain and mild, cold snap latter part with snowstorm in north and furies elsewhere.

**Texas-Oklahoma:** Clear and warm in central to start, then some rain and cooler in south and north; general clearing and warm latter part.

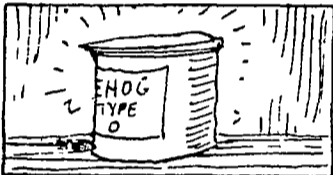
**Rocky Mountain Region:** Week begins snowy in central and south, then heavy snow in central mountains and showers in north; end of week sunny and mild with showers in north.

**Southwest Desert:** First part of week cool with intermittent light rain; end of week generally clear and warm.

**Pacific Northwest:** Cloudy and cool to start, then showers in north and partly sunny in south; light rain latter part, then clearing and pleasant.

**California:** Showery and cool at first, then clearing; rain, moderately heavy at times, by weekend.

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Some people believe that hedgehog blood is good for warts

# Fire Season Approaching

Besides burning over one and a quarter million acres of forest land, destroying entire towns and communities, 1,500 people perished, five times as many as in the great Chicago fire which began the same day.

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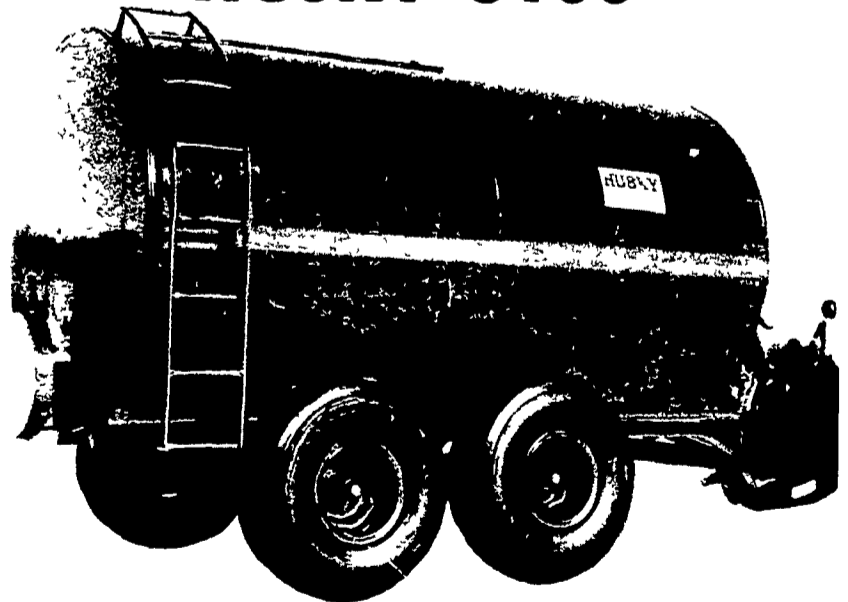
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