



APRIL 28-MAY 4, 1975

The woods are ready to bud and bloom.

You are late if you haven't started your spring cleaning... Emperor Hirohito of Japan born April 28, 1901... Last quarter of the moon May 3... Bees are seeking first pollen now... Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 3 minutes... If it rains May 1 it will be a fertile year... New York's 1939 World's Fair opened April 30... Twenty-cent pieces dropped May 2, 1878... The question still remains: did Hitler commit suicide April 30, 1945?... Love knows no evil.



Old Farmer's Riddle: Why did the corn stalk hear so much? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: Where did the expression "smart Alec" come from? F. D., Alexandria, Louisiana.

Our impression is that the term is very old, and that it originally indicated a person of unusual skill and sleight. We have a fragment of an old book, some 300 years old, in which there is a description of an entertainer of some sort. It calls him a "gay Alexander of exceeding smartness."

Home Hint: Varnished surfaces may have a rough look if the finishes are applied in rooms where dust has been stirred up by people walking around. Riddle answer: Because it was all ears.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Early week fair with nice warm days, end of week rainy then clearing with normal temperatures.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins generally clear and warm, then quite heavy rain; end of week clearing and seasonably cool.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Warm and partly cloudy to start, then rain continuing to end of week and generally cooler.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Clouding up at first, then showers; rain latter part in central and north, then clearing and warm.
Florida: Partly cloudy to start, then thundershowers; end of week cloudy with showers in central and south but warm and dry in north.
Upstate & Western New York-Toronto & Montreal: Showers to start and warm spell, then fair in west but rain in south and east; end of week clear and cold, then rainy.
Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins partly sunny and very warm, then quite rainy; end of week clearing and warm.
Deep South: First part of week cloudy and warm; end of week sunny and warm in central and along Gulf, and intermittent rain in north.

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Early week warm with some scattered showers; end of week rainy.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Heavy thunderstorms in east and some snow in north and west to start, then clear and cold; storm with heavy rain by weekend.

Central Great Plains: Week begins cloudy with rain in east and south, then clearing and cool; heavy thundershowers in east and south latter part.

Texas-Oklahoma: Clouding up at first, then heavy rain; end of week generally sunny and warm with occasional thundershower in north.

Rocky Mountain Region: Week begins rainy in central with snow in mountains, then clearing; week ends sunny and warm in south with showers in central and north.

Southwest Desert: First part of week clear and very warm; end of week alternately clear and cloudy with very light rain.

Pacific Northwest: Light showers in north to start, then generally clear and mild in south; end of week clear and cold in south and cloudy with light rain in north.


California: Early week clear and pleasant in north and cloudy in south; latter part generally overcast and cool with some clearing by weekend.

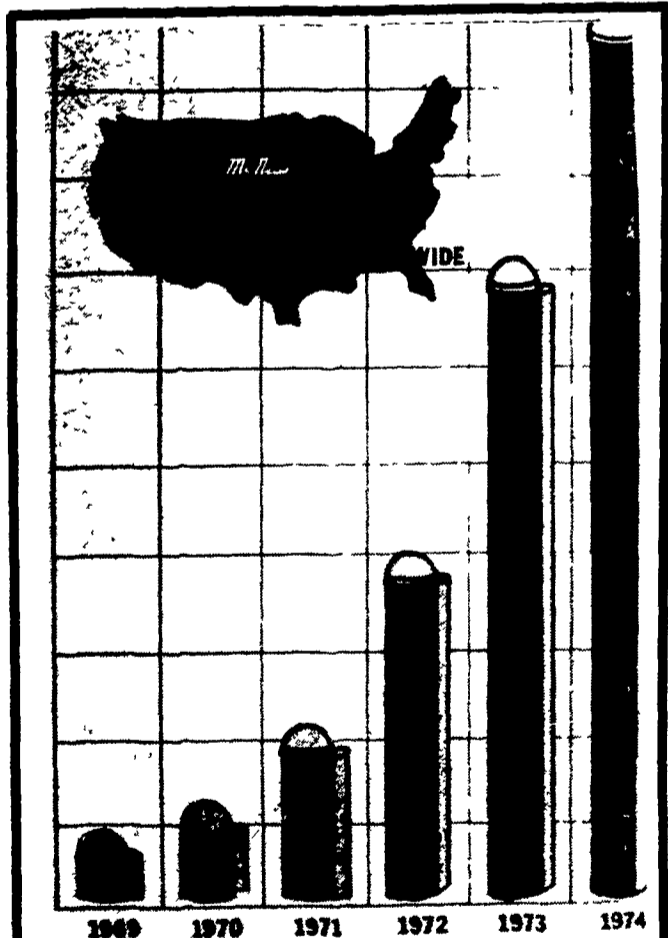
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April 21, 1975
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STEERS: High Choice & Prime yield grade 3-4 1075-1200 lbs. 45.00-45.50, Choice yield grade 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 42.00-43.50, Good & Choice 40.00-42.00, Good 35.00-40.00, few standard & Low good 29.00-32.00.
HEIFERS: Choice yield grade 2-4 850-1025 lbs. 36.00-38.00, Good & Choice 35.00-38.00, Good 800-1200 lbs 28.50-33.00, Standard 600-850 lbs. 22.00-26.75.
COWS: Utility 20.50-24.50, several 24.75-25.00, Canners 20.00-22.50, few yield grade 4-5 17.85-20.00, Cutters 18.00-21.00, Canner & Low Cutter 15.00-18.00.
BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1050-1885 lbs. 25.00-28.50, High Dressing individual at 31.00; Standard bullocks 675-900 lbs. 22.00-28.50, individual Good 1100 lbs. at 34.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: Good & Choice steers 450-530 lbs. 30.00-32.50, 675-850 lbs. 30.00-33.00, Good & Choice heifer calves 360-500 lbs. 20.00-22.75; Good heifers 435-600 lbs. 17.75-19.50.
HOGS 700: Barrows & Gilts 50c higher. US No. 1-3 200-240 lbs. 42.00-42.25, 56 head 42.50-42.00, No. 2-3 230-260 280 lbs. 40.50-41.50.
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