

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JUNE 16-22, 1975

Summer arrives this week!

Summer begins June 21 at 8:27 PM EDT... Bernard Baruch died June 20, 1965... First quarter of the moon June 16... Fireflies around now... Average length of days for the week, 15 hours, 19 minutes (longest days of the year now)... Battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775... First U.S. baseball match, Hoboken, N.J., June 19, 1846... This month is always the weather vane for the summer. Summer copies June.

**Old Farmer's Riddle:** Why are a man's trousers so short? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: I'm sure you remember Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which was made quite some time ago. But do you know the words to the old song that begins (or ends): "All Hail to Lydia Pinkham / Saviour of the human race"? H. M., Lynn, Mass.

The stuff used to be made in your town. The song was sung to the tune of the hymn, "I will sing of my redeemer." I will sing of Lydia Pink-



## FFA Activities Week Planned for June 17-19

A record enrollment of over 1800 FFA members, including 228 girls, are preregistered for the annual FFA Activities Week to be held June 17 to 19 at The Pennsylvania State University. Twenty young women will compete for the title of Pennsylvania FFA Princess.

Preregistration shows 106 more members planning to attend than last year. Involved will be 1,537 students, 62 state delegates, 73 band and 47 chorus members, and some 250 teachers and supervisors of vocational agriculture.

Making his state FFA president's report June 18 will be Gary R. Butters of R.D.1, Morris. James C. Fink of the Department of Education, Harrisburg, will present his state FFA advisor's report at the same general session in the Recreation Building, starting at 8:15 p.m. The first day's general session June 17 will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Recreation Building.

Of 19 contests, 224 students will take part in dairy cattle judging, 177 in livestock judging, 167 in land judging, 88 in forestry and 63 in floriculture. The other contests are agricultural mechanics, agricultural salesmanship, agronomy, chapter procedure, dairy foods, horse judging, interview, meats, nursery landscape, poultry judging, two contests in public speaking, small gasoline

engine operation, and tractor driving.

Co-chairmen for FFA Activities Week are Dr. Norman K. Hoover and William Williams of the Department of Agricultural Education at Penn State and Charles F. Lebo of the Department of Education, Harrisburg.

New officers of the State Association of FFA will be announced at a final assembly starting at 9:30 a.m. June 19 in Schwab Auditorium. Awards to

ham / And her love for the human race. / How she sells her vegetable compound, / And the papers all publish her face. / Oh Lydia Pinkham, Pinkham, Pinkham, / All the papers publish your face!

Home Hints: When tying bundles, wet the string first. After it dries, the bundles are tied as tightly as possible... Riddle answer: Because his legs stick out by two feet.

### OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** First part of week cloudy and cool; end of week heavy showers.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Most of week partly cloudy and warm; some showers latter part.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins cloudy, then partial clearing and hot; showers in west at week's end.

**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Hot and partly cloudy all week. Florida: Partly cloudy and very warm to start, then increasing cloudiness; rain latter part in south.

**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** First part of week clear and warm; scattered showers end of week.

**Greater Ohio Valley:** Partly sunny and hot at first, then some thunderstorms in central and east.

**Deep South:** Generally clear and very warm throughout week; some showers along Gulf.

**Chicago & Southern Great Lakes:** Occasional showers first part of week; end of week partly cloudy and very warm.

**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Clear to start, then rain in west; end of week partly cloudy and showery.

**Central Great Plains:** Cloudy with intermittent showers all week.

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**Texas-Oklahoma:** Cloudy in north at first; generally clear and hot throughout week.

**Rocky Mountain Region:** Moderately heavy rain in central and west for most of week; clear in east and south.

**Southwest Desert:** Clear and warm all week except for showers in east on weekend.

**Pacific Northwest:** Cloudy all week with rain to start and again on weekend.

**California:** Cloudy all week in north; clear to start in south, then increasing cloudiness.

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### Banned in Britain

U.S. hog producers can change that "banned" to "welcome" since the United Kingdom lifted its 20-year embargo on American pork on April 1. Reason for the about-face is that no case of hog cholera — called "swine fever" in England — has been reported in the 50 States over the past year. The hog industry is hoping that other countries that have barred U.S. pork products will follow Britain's lead. Before the U.S. hog cholera eradication program began in 1962, the highly contagious disease was costing U.S. producers more than \$50 million a year.