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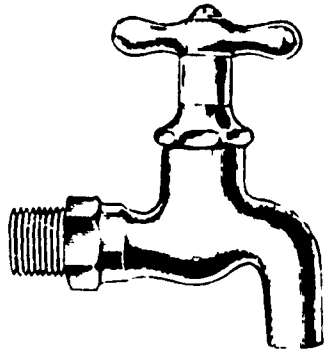
As the days shorten, the heat'll scorch 'em.

Now's the time for a hammock in the shade . . . Wild Bill Hickok assassinated Aug. 2, 1876 . . . Last quarter of the moon July 31 . . . Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 33 minutes . . . Grasshoppers invaded S.D., Nebraska, and Iowa, July 28, 1931 . . . First Masonic Lodge opened in Boston, July 30, 1733 . . . Diamonds found in Arkansas this week in 1906 . . . Good china, like a good reputation, is easily cracked.

Old Farmer's Riddle: What has one foot at each end, and a third foot in the middle? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: My grandfather used to say he could tell it was going to rain by the sound of a distant train. I was too young to disbelieve

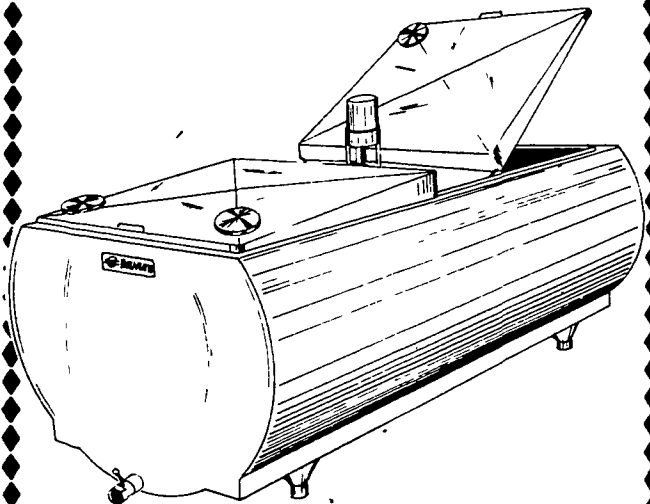
him. Any truth in what he said? H. D., Grand Forks, N.D.



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Home Hint: After your next painting job, wash your paint roller with a fabric softener. The roller cover will dry soft and fluffy, just like new . . . Riddle answer: A yardstick.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Somewhat cloudy all week, with intermittent rain and thunderstorms; cool temperatures at week's end.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Most of week partly cloudy and quite warm; rain latter part, then clearing by weekend.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with fairly heavy rain in west, then clearing and very hot by midweek; heavy rains in north, clear and hot weather in south and central by week's end.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Partly sunny and hot to start, then moderately heavy rain in north and south; week ends with partial cloudiness and showers in central and south.

Florida: Early week sunny in central and north, cloudy in south; general cloudiness and hot latter part, with showers in central on weekend.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Partly cloudy with intermittent showers most of week; partly clear in south latter part.

Greater Ohio Valley: Cloudy with rain to start, then partial clearing; partly cloudy again with highs near 90.

Deep South: Week begins partly cloudy and very warm; light showers in north and east, then partial clearing latter part.

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Cloudy and very hot at first, with showers in west, then gradual clearing, slightly cooler temperatures by week's end.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Early week slightly cloudy and cool with scattered showers; end of week very hot, with thunderstorms in central.

Central Great Plains: Week starts with rain in east, north and central; latter part cloudy, but clear on weekend, except for some showers in south.

Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins clear and very hot in central and south, showers in north, partly cloudy with scattered showers latter part.

Rocky Mountain: Clear and cool, then clouding up with showers in south, end of week clear and warmer in central and west, cloudy in east with rain.

Southwest Desert: Cloudy with thundershower activity and highs near 110 to start; week ends with gradual clearing, high temperatures.

Pacific Northwest: Early part of week partly cloudy and cool, rain in north by midweek, clearing, then clouds and rain again in north.

California: Clear and hot to start, some morning clouds along coast, some light drizzle and partly overcast latter part, clearing and hot again by weekend.

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Local auctioneers participate in Keeneland sale

Paul Z. Martin, well-known auctioneer and horse fancier from Blue Ball and his son Vernon Martin of New Holland recently participated in the famous Keeneland Sale of yearling thoroughbred horses.

Paul Martin got involved in working the sale several years ago after meeting the auctioneer George Swinebroad at a horse sale. Eight years ago, Vernon Martin was also selected as a spot bidder and has been going to the prestigious sale ever since.

The Martins were present at the sale as spot bidders and reported that the event grossed some 18 million dollars.

The auctioneering staff is now under the direction of Tom Caldwell of Ontario, California. Spotters from other portions of the country are also hired for the sale.

The sale is held annually and offers only the most select yearling race horses. Some 340 head were offered on the block with the top selling animal selling for \$715,000. The yearling was from the famous Clairborn Farms and was consigned by E. B. Hancock III. Other top selling animals ranged from \$500,000-275,000.

While the actual sale was exciting for the Martins, they have another thrill in store, as the CBS television network will be televising a video tape of the sale at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday evening.



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Wheat farmers cautioned

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wheat. "Pathogens are carried over on crop residues. All straw and stalks should be plowed under and left below soil surface to control the disease. All known varieties of wheat will be scabbed if spores are present and weather is favorable."

To this we might add the observations of a USDA official that scab is easily identified by the off-white or granite color of the kernel. The kernels are very low in test weight and may be eliminated during harvest by turning up the aspirator on the combine - although without plowdown afterward, the diseased kernels will undoubtedly reinfest the field.

In the case of sprout damage the condition is one of over ripeness in which the seed is beginning the growing process. Sprouts appear at the germ end of the kernel and cause a darkening. However, the sprouts may be knocked off in harvesting. Cutting the germ end with a razor will disclose the interior of the kernel to be yellow and not white.

Opinions differ as to the maximum acceptable level of sprout damaged grain before flour quality is affected - some say 10 percent, others 15 percent. The ultimate use of the flour will have much to do with the limit. However, it is certain that once sprouting occurs, the standards on which flour quality are based are altered.

Both sprout damaged and moldy or diseased kernels are classified as "damaged kernels" in the U.S. Grain Standards and the following are the maximum percentages of damaged kernels (total) for each grade; No. 1 - 2 percent; No. 2 - 4 percent; No. 3 - 7 percent; No. 4 10 percent; No. 5 15 percent. Above these levels wheat is classed as "Sample" grade.

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