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Atmosphere far from clear.

Gather greens for Christmas wreaths John L. Lewis fined Dec 4, 1946 New moon Dec 2 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 15 minutes 76-inch otter trapped in Portage, Maine Dec 3, 1949 Phi Beta Kappa Society founded Dec 5, 1776 The moon was green Dec 7, 1883 Anger dies soon with a wise and good man



Old Farmer's Riddle: What book has the most stirring chapters? (answer below)

Ask the Old Farmer: A recipe that has been in our family for at least three generations is "fritters" Dad used to call them "dough godies" Can you tell me about them? H.B. Litz, Penn

Dough gods, or godies, as we knew 'em, are simply slices of bread dough fried in hot fat like a doughnut. They are sprinkled with sugar or maybe swabbed with syrup, and served hot

Home Hints: When you have to make repairs in a dark place, tape a pencil flashlight to the tools you are using Riddle answer a cook book.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Clear and colder to start, then moderate to heavy rain; latter part rain, heavy at times, in south and coast, snow in north and mountains

Greater New York-New Jersey: Early week cloudy and seasonably cold with light to moderate rain, rain becomes heavy by weekend.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Partly cloudy and cold to start, with some light rain and light snow in mountains, cold and rainy latter part

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins with light rain, light snow in mountains, then clearing and cold, rest of week rainy and warmer

Florida: Rainy at first, then sunny, mild but unseasonably cool in north, sunny, showery and warmer latter part.

Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: First part of week partly sunny with intermittent light rain, then seasonable, some light rain latter part, becoming heavier by weekend, snow in mountains

Greater Ohio Valley: Generally cloudy all week, with some rain in west and central and snow in east, north and southeast.

Deep South: Partly cloudy and cool to begin, then rainstorm, latter part rainy in central and east, then generally clear and cool by weekend.

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Seasonable at first, then light to moderate rain throughout latter part, with snow in north and west

Northern Great Lakes: Early week mild and sunny in west, then light snow in central and east, frigid and cloudy, light snow latter part.

Central Great Plains: Partly cloudy and cool at first, then showers in east and windy in west, light snow in north, showers in east and south, clear, mild and windy in west latter part.

Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins with warm days in central and south, clear and cold in north but warmer midweek, end of week turning cold in central and north, still mild in south.

Rocky Mountain: Early week light rain, snow in northern mountains and sunny and mild in central and south, becoming clear in north, rainy in central and south latter part, much colder with snow by weekend.

Southwest Desert: Clear and warm to start, then slightly cooler, latter part windy with some sandstorms in west.

Pacific Northwest: Rain, heavy at times, at first, some snow in northern mountains; cloudy and colder, light rain in north by week's end.

German farm life described

By Dieter Krieg

KLEMPAU, West Germany — Life on a German farm has tremendous appeal to me, but maybe that's because I was born and raised in such surroundings. Nevertheless, any visitor to northern Germany should be impressed by the different customs, methods of architecture, and layouts of farms.

Some of the differences between American and north European farms can be seen from the air, although this is not the only way. Parcels of fields and meadows are divided by "knicks" which served as windbreaks and boundaries in years gone by. Today farmers are removing more and more of these growths, but compared to our open land areas, it is hard to believe that any knicks have been removed at all.

Most farm buildings are clustered in villages and small towns. Fields and pastures surround the villages, which are connected by a network of up-to-date highways and excellent rail or bus service.

The Germans use bricks the way Americans use two-by-fours and plywood. The architecture of these old buildings is not only strikingly beautiful, but also very practical. Severe winters caused builders of several hundred years ago to build accommodations for humans, livestock, feed storage and equipment under one roof. While the idea may strike a foreigner as being unpleasant, it actually causes no discomforts of any kind.

Most impressive of all is the neatness surrounding German farms. Trees, flowers, shrubs and fences are found around every farmstead. Nothing is out of place. This conscious effort for immaculate appearance does not stop with just the exterior surroundings but is carried on to every aspect of housekeeping and family life.

Homes are spotless inside and out. Soiled workclothes are seldom seen anywhere but in the barn or out in the fields. Unlike his American counterpart, who allows himself to be seen in any attire, the German farmer is careful to be dressed in some of his better clothes when he is not actually working on the farm.

Germans have, for the most part, a reputation to be hard working and efficient; what may not be so well known is that they are also good in setting time aside for food, drink and conversation. Many families still adhere to the old custom of having breakfast at 6 a.m. and again at 9 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. It is the biggest meal of the day and may be more than what an American will eat in three separate meals. At about 4 o'clock it's time for cake, cookies, and coffee or tea. Supper is consumed at about 7 p.m., it usually consists of dark bread and a dozen varieties of cold cuts and sandwich spreads.

Elegant home furnishings, including modern gadgets such as TV's and stereos are found in most homes. Large kitchens, while old, are frequently equipped with a variety of time and labor saving devices, leaving the housewife time to help with the milking or field-chores.

Most homes have been changed over to oil-fired central heating systems in recent years, but the totally enclosed, tiled "fireplaces" are still on duty. Running hot and cold water, however, is not available in some farm homes, and if so, then not always in the most convenient locations. The house may have hot water in the kitchen, but not in the bathroom, or vice-versa.

With Germany being the home of Volkswagen, Opel, Audi, BMW and Mercedes automobiles, a visitor should

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