



MAY 27-JUNE 2, 1996

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27.

RED POPPIES AND PEACE

Since World War I, poppies have been a symbol of remembrance at Memorial Day, formerly Decoration Day. The red poppy was used to symbolize the blood of those who died in service to their countries. After World War I, veterans sold artificial red poppies to help raise money for French and Belgian war orphans. Today, donations to veterans' groups are often marked with a token paper red poppy. The crinkled crepe paper closely resembles the texture of the real poppy (*Papaver*), which is grown as a hardy annual or perennial. "In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row" - John McCrae

Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A dripping June brings all things in tune.

If the pigs are carrying straw in their mouths, look for high winds.

Rainbow at morn, put your hook in the corn.

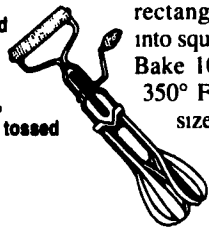
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TIP OF THE WEEK

To prolong poppies' life as a cut flower, plunge their stems in hot water after cutting.

HERMITS

- 2 scant cups sugar
- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 3 cups flour (heaping)
- 3 eggs, separated and beaten
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup seeded raisins, chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup currants, washed, dried, tossed in flour



Mix ingredients in order given, then drop by tablespoonsful onto buttered cookie sheets, allowing plenty of room for spreading. The finished hermits will be ragged, but toothsome. If you prefer, roll the dough into a rough rectangle, bake, then cut into squares before it cools. Bake 10 to 20 minutes at 350° F, depending on the size of your cakes.

Makes about 1-1/2 dozen squares.

Mercer Livestock

MERCER, PA
MAY 21, 1996

CATTLE 216... PDA ..Compared with last week's sale...steers lower, cows steady to 2.00 higher.

STEEERS: Choice 925/1275 lbs. 57.00-60.25, few down 54.00, Select 51.50-58.00, Standard 45.50-51.25.

HOLSTEINS: Choice 1125/1500 lbs. 50.10-53.75, few Standard 37.00-42.00.

HEIFERS: few Choice 975/1075 lbs. 56.00-64.50, couple Select 54.50 & 55.00, few Standard 42.25-43.10.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.50-38.50, few 44.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 29.50-35.75, Canner and Low Cutter 22.00-28.75. Shells down to 20.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1025/1875 lbs. 39.00-44.00, few No. 2 1150/2020 lbs. 34.50-42.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Large Frame No. 2 550/990 lbs. 30.00-39.00; HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 425/650 lbs. 37.00-42.00, Large Frame No. 1 500/1000 lbs. 31.00-38.00, few Medium Frame No. 2 375/550 lbs. 35.00-36.00;

BULLS: few Medium Frame No. 1 325/800 lbs. 37.00-45.00, few Large Frame No. 2 525/900 lbs. 32.00-35.00.

CALVES 62...VEALERS: couple Good 210 & 270 lbs. 50.00 & 67.50, Standard and Good 70/105 lbs. 25.00-39.00, few

Utility 50/80 lbs. 5.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 95/115 lbs. 100.00-115.00, No. 2 90/125 lbs. 60.00-95.00; few No. 2 Holstein heifers 75/145 lbs. 42.00-75.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 75/145 lbs. 45.00-80.00.

HOGS 58...BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 240/250 lbs. 64.00, US 1-3 200/260 lbs. 59.50-62.50, few US 1-3 150/185 lbs. 45.00-52.00.

SOWS: few US 1-3 265/430 lbs. 38.50-44.00.

FEEDER PIGS 10...US 1-3 40/65 lbs. 14.00-34.00.

SHEEP 2...NO MARKET TEST!
GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction

Sat., May 18, 1996

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 40.00-55.00.

STOCK HEIFERS 30.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE 52.00-57.75; MEDIUM TO GOOD 40.00-44.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 38.00-42.00; LIGHT 30.00-37.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 45.00-52.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 38.00-44.00.

BULLS HEAVY 38.00-49.50, LIGHT 34.25-49.75.

COWS FEW HIGH DRESSING UP TO 40.25, UTILITY HOLSTEIN 28.00-35.50, CANNERS 24.00-30.00, CULLS 24.00 AND DOWN.

VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 71.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 40.00-55.00. BOB CALVES: 30.00 AND DOWN. HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. 60.00-96.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM 100-120 LBS., NONE AVAILABLE.

BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 75.00.

HOGS: TOP QUALITY 57.00-60.00, HEAVY 56.00-59.50, LIGHT 40.00-55.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, UP TO 47.00.

SOWS: UP TO 38.00.

MALE HOGS: 20.00-32.00.

SPRING LAMBS: 20-40 LBS. 90.00-105.00, 45-90 LBS. UP TO 110.00, CULLS 80.00 AND DOWN.

SHEEP: UP TO 38.00.

GOATS: LARGE 50.00-100.00, MEDIUM 30.00-60.00, SMALL 10.00-40.00, ALL BY THE HEAD.

Hay And Straw Sales Will Start At 10 A.M. Every Wed.

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