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Weather Adages . . . True or False?

by
E. A. (Eube) Harnstein
of the
Dominion Public Weather Office,
Halifax, on the CBC program,
"Ask the Weatherman"

Bunions, aching backs, corns and broken bones have long been the stock in trade of many amateur weather forecasters. The most amazing fact in this connection is that I've seldom come across the person who claims to be an expert of this kind. Usually after an after-dinner talk, I'll have someone inform me very confidentially that his wife can always foretell the weather by her pet corn much more accurately than my scientific weather forecasters can through the use of their weather charts; or, in the case of a lady heckler, she'll tell me of the amazing personal forecasting success which her old maiden aunt has achieved through the aches attendant on her long-standing case of rheumatism. Only rarely do I come upon someone who is eager to admit to the possession of the necessary ailments. Yet there are many scientists who flatly refuse to ridicule this aid to amateur forecasting. There seems to be fairly good evidence that scar tissue and certain joints of the body may be affected by the rapid changes which take place in certain climatic elements preceding a storm. Pet bunions may therefore be fair forecasters, even though they're not infallible.

It must, furthermore, be kept in mind that physiological reactions by either human beings or animals are poor long range weather forecasters. They're useful only in telling something about what weather is already at hand. If squirrels are seen gathering an unusually large number of nuts in the autumn, a hard winter is not necessarily in prospect despite the oft-repeated superstition to this effect. It means simply that the nut crop has been good, no doubt because of favourable weather during the nut-growing season.

In like manner, the most recently honored prophet, the woolly bear caterpillar, is a fraud and a deceiver. This woolly bear caterpillar theory states that the width of the dark band in the larva's coat foretells the severity of the coming winter, but this is pure poppycock. Coincidence may make the woolly bear look good in some years but they don't hold up over the long haul.

The thickness of the fur on your cat, dog, horse and cow, or the rabbits, squirrels and deer you have shot, indicate nothing whatsoever concerning the ruggedness of the coming winter.

Tricky human memory recalls only what it wants to remember. If the winter has been particularly severe with one blizzard heaping its snow upon the last, we're apt to recall "Yes, I said it'd be a hard winter when I saw the bees building their hives high." But should the winter prove to be mild, your statement is better forgotten.

Turning to quite a different type of adage, the one that fine weather can be expected during a rain when "there's enough blue in the sky to make a pair of Dutchman's breeches" is generally true. The reason for this runs along the following lines: the major storm systems that bring rain or snow cause many layers of clouds to form from near the earth up to six or

eight miles above our planet. For this reason, if a hole in the lower cloud appears, only more clouds can be seen above. If, however, the storm is moving away, or if the rain is from local shower activity, a hole in the lower clouds, from which the rain is falling, will reveal the blue sky above, heralding the passage of the shower or the end of the storm.

Many times, too, I've heard ladies say that rain is brewing because of the increasing curliness of their hair. That's a pretty good sign. Curls grow curlier and more unruly, because as a storm approaches the air becomes more and more humid, affecting the hair like a damp comb being run through it. Not only does curly hair become curlier, but doors and windows are more likely to stick, table salt is more inclined to pack, and a handful of other household annoyances occur.

From what I've just said, then, it can be seen that most weather proverbs or superstitions fall into one of two categories. First, there are the adages based on nature — plants

and animals — which should be viewed with the greatest caution, if not entirely ignored. Second, there are the predictions relating to winds, clouds, increasing moisture general appearance of the air or content of the atmosphere or the sky. Amateur weather-forecasters may rely on these signs up to a point since they've been found to be generally reliable for the section of the world in which they originate.

FARM NEWS

Milk Producers Examine New Bulk Haulage Plan

An executive meeting of District No. 12 Milk Producers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hunter, Norval, on Wednesday evening. The twenty directors in attendance represented all sections of Halton, the township of Erin and North Westworth. President W. R. Boyle and secretary John M. Bird were in charge of the excellent programme which included addresses from Wm. Hoyles, president of

both the Toronto Milk Producers' Association and the Ontario Whole Milk Producers League; and William Wilnot, the secretary-manager of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association.

Both Messrs. Hoyles and Wilnot dealt at some length on the "Bulk Haulage Plan," which threatens to invade the district. From the discussion which ensued it would seem that only shippers who produce six cans or more per day could afford to stay in business. According to Wm. Hoyles who has investigated "Bulk Haulage" as it operates in Ontario, as well as in several large centres across the line, "Bulk Haulage" adds to the farmer's cost of production. Irrespective of what type of refrigeration a producer may have at present this, stated Mr. Hoyles, would have to be replaced by a special vat costing, in the neighbourhood of \$2100.00. Such vats would require a milk house, at least 12x16 inside. Other factors mentioned, included the thought that the special tank truck would require a lane which would support a 16 ton truck.

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CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Church
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PALM SUNDAY:

Holy Communion 8 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Matins 11 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m.
Good Friday — Three Hours' Devotion from twelve noon to 3 o'clock.

St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams

PALM SUNDAY:

Matins — 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School — 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School — 10:30 a.m.
Good Friday: Community Evensong at 8:00 p.m.

Georgetown Baptist Church
Rev. A. J. Barker, B.A., B.D.
10 a.m. — Church School
11 a.m. — "Empty Words"
7 p.m. — "The Cruel Purpose"
8 p.m. — Friendly Hour.

St. John's United Church
Rev. John M. Smith, Minister
Norman Laird, Director of Music
Sunday School 10 a.m. — Come to S.S. Stay for Church.
Morning Worship 11 a.m. — Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Reception of Members.
Nursery 11 a.m. — Child care while parents worship.
Junior Worship 11 a.m. — Bible themes for children.
Evening Worship — Holy Week Pictures.
Preparatory Service 8 p.m. Friday

Knox and Limehouse Presbyterian Churches
Rev. Alex J. Calder, B.A., B.D.
Mrs. Edgar Gowland, A.T.C.M.
Organist and Choir Leader
Mr. Joseph Young, Carillonneur
Knox Church — 10:00 a.m. Church School. 11:00 a.m. Public Worship.
Limehouse Church — 1:30 p.m. — Church School. 2:30 p.m. — Public Worship

Holy Cross E.C. Church
Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays: Mass at 11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays: Mass at 9 a.m.

Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches
Rev. G. Lockhart Royal, B.A.
Norval
10:00 a.m. — Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. — Praise Service
Union
2:00 p.m. — Sabbath School
3:00 p.m. — Praise School

Norval and Glen Williams United Church
Rev. C. D. Lemke, B.A., B.D.
Norval
10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Public Worship.
Glen Williams
7:00 p.m. Public Worship.
Home Church
2:30 p.m. Public Worship.

Norval, Norval, Stewarttown Church of England
Rev. J. E. Maxwell, B.A., L.Th.
St. Stephen's Church, Norval
11:00 a.m. — Morning Service (Except 1st Sunday in the month 3:00 p.m. evening service.)
St. John's Church, Stewarttown
10 a.m. — Children's service.
3:00 p.m. — Evening Service (Except first Sunday in the month 7:30 p.m. evensong.)
St. Paul's Church, Norval
7:30 p.m. — Evensong (Except 1st Sunday in the month 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion.)

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Rev. F. M. Fletcher
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