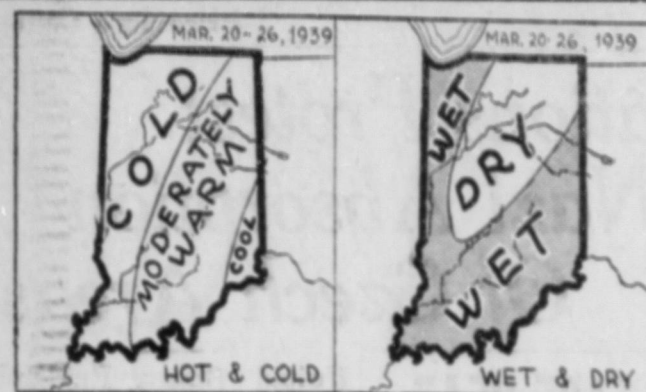


Weather A Week Ahead

As Forecast By PROF. SELBY MAXWELL, Noted Meteorologist



TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL FOR INDIANA, MARCH 20 TO 26.

The N. cen. and W. portions of Indiana will be cold. Moderately warm over the N. E. parts of the cen. and S. cen. areas. The extreme S. E. portion will be cool. The greater part of Indiana will be wet, with a dry area over the N. E. and central portions.

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A COFFEE POT BAROMETER

Many readers ask how to make a barometer to foretell storms. Sorry, readers, but a barometer is too complicated an instrument for most people to make.

But you have a kind of barometer already in your home. It's the good old coffee pot. Your friend, the coffee pot, boiled every morning will give you an idea of weather that is coming, and it is simple enough so that anybody can do it. All you need is some hot water in the pot. Add coffee grounds, boil the coffee, stand some distance away and smell. When you smell the coffee easily, a storm is coming, but when you have difficulty in smelling it the weather is going to be fair and cool. This sounds a bit queer, doesn't it? But it isn't. A coffee-pot weather forecaster is more scientific than one might suppose. It is based upon a definite law of meteorology. When water drops evaporate poorly we know that a storm is near, but

The maps show total effect of Hot, Cold, Wet, and Dry Air to be expected next week.

DAILY FORECAST



when they evaporate quickly clear weather is approaching. The odor of coffee is merely to help detect the presence — or absence — of drops of water vapor in the air.

The vapor which rises from the coffee pot consists mostly of steam. As the coffee boils some of the aromatic oil in the coffee escapes in the water and as the water bubbles some of this odorous oil is carried into the steam. If vapor from the coffee pot evaporates poorly in the air the odor of the oil will be carried a consid-

PUBLIC SALE

80 — ACRE FARM — 80

I will sell to the highest bidder at Public Auction, without reserve, the following described real estate, on

TUESDAY, March 28, 1939

At 10:00 A. M.

Sale will be held on the farm 4 miles West of Van Wert, Ohio on Tile Mill Road, then 1/2 mile South; 1/2 mile North of Road No. 224. 80 ACRE FARM, known as Frank Balyeat farm, all level good, dark soil, located in one of the most fertile sections of Van Wert Co. Land is well tiled, all under cultivation except 10 acres woods pasture. Good 6 room house; Good barn 40x70; Double Crib; Poultry House; Drove Well; Wind Pump. 20 acres of Wheat goes with farm. Immediate possession.

Come look this farm over and be at sale prepared to bid. TERMS—Sold free of debt. \$1000.00 cash; balance cash on delivery of deed. Purchaser will be allowed reasonable time to secure loan.

THOS. McHUGH, Owner

Roy S. Johnson—Auctioneer.

PUBLIC SALE

47 — ACRE FARM — 47

To settle estate the undersigned heirs of the late D. H. Mechling, will sell at public auction, without reserve, the following described real estate, on

TUESDAY, March 21, 1939

Sale to be held on the premises 1/2 mile North and 1/2 mile East of Craigville, at 1:00 P. M.

LAND—47 acres good level, black land; well tiled, good drainage outlet.

IMPROVEMENTS—7 Room 2 Story House with cellar; Barn 36x60 with cement floors; Granary; Large Crib; Drove well; Electric Line 50 rods from farm.

TERMS—\$500.00 cash, balance cash on delivery of deed. Purchaser will be given reasonable time to secure a loan. Farm sells clear of debt with merchantable abstract. Possession on or before April 1st.

D. H. MECHLING HEIRS, Owners

Roy S. Johnson—Auctioneer

Amos Gerber—Clerk.

Betty Crocker KITCHEN CLINIC

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Daily Democrat—Betty Crocker Home Service Department

In Keeping With the Best American Tradition

HAVE you ever stopped to wonder how cakes were made before there was any baking powder? Well, back in those olden days, there were no two and three story layer cakes put together with luscious coconut or chocolate filling. Cakes were of the pound cake or fruit cake type. I'm not sure that angel foods had even been thought of then. Although, of course, angel foods are made without baking powder.

But in addition to these pound and fruit cakes, there were some early American favorites made with yeast. The most popular of these being the Election Cake. Election days, you see, were festive occasions in the early days of our nation. When the annual election for the jurisdiction took place, a pillow was fastened behind the man's saddle, and the good wife rode with her husband to the seat of government, to exchange some yarn she had been spinning, for ribbons and other foreign goods—as well as to gather up the gossip of the year. On such occasions, a store of cake was provided beforehand—and that is how "election cake" became one of the American institutions handed down from generation to generation.

Now these Election Cakes were very rich butter cakes full of raisins, and citron, and liberally flavored with sherry or brandy. I have never come across an account of making this "election" cake with chocolate in the old days. Although it might well have been made with chocolate since this was well known to the American colonists. However, its use seems to have been limited to beverage-making. We read that after the Boston Tea Party the colonists turned to chocolate in place of the royally-taxed tea.

So a Chocolate Cake—made with yeast—is surely in keeping with the best early American traditions—whether the colonial wives ever made it or not. Furthermore, it's a wonderfully delicious chocolate cake with a soft velvety smooth texture that makes for pleasant eating. You can make it with laying out together with a delightful and unusual Cream Fudge Icing. Here are the recipes:

Early American Chocolate Cake

(made with yeast)

3/4 cup shortening

1 1/2 cups sugar

2 eggs

2 sq. chocolate (2 oz.), melted

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1 cake compressed yeast, dissolved in 6 tsp. lukewarm water.
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup milk
3/4 cup nuts
1/2 tsp. soda
1 1/2 tsp. boiling water

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream thoroughly. Blend in well beaten eggs. Stir in melted and slightly cooled chocolate. Blend in dissolved yeast. Sift flour once before measuring. Sift flour and salt together, and add to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Blend in the nuts. Let stand in the mixing bowl in refrigerator overnight — covered with a damp cloth. In the morning, remove from refrigerator and let stand at room temperature for about an hour. Blend in soda and boiling water which have been mixed together. Stir until well mixed. Pour into 2 well greased 8x4 round 9-inch layer pans. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in a moderate oven, 350° F. When cool, spread Cream Fudge Icing between the layers and over top and sides of cake. Note: For the typical old-time 3-layer cake make 1 1/2 times the recipe — figuring 1 1/2 times the amount of each ingredient. Bake in three round 9-inch layer pans.

Cream Fudge Icing
Mix 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 cup brown sugar (packed in cup), 1 cup sour cream (25% butter fat), and 2 sq. chocolate (2 oz.) — not in small pieces) together in a pan. Heat slowly to boiling point over low heat—keeping pan covered first 3 minutes. Boil slowly until icing will form a soft ball when a little is dropped into cold water (234° F.). Let stand until cool. Beat until icing will hold its shape. If necessary, add a little cream (2 to 3 tsp.) until icing is smooth and glossy and easy to spread. Amount: Generous for 2-layer cake—sufficient amount for 3-layer cake.

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tity of water vapor to properly humidify the air of a large room. Keep your kettles boiling. As spring advances the air outside will normally become wetter, and this will help the air in your room. As the air becomes wetter you will see the tab on your humidity card turn lavender and then turn pink.

Q. Why is March called the stormy month? J. T. H.

A. In March and April the heat of the torrid zone comes north and spreads over the icy air from the frigid zone. This makes violent wind and storm.

SPRING FROSTS AND SPRING RAINS

Prof. Selby Maxwell has prepared a chart of spring frosts and spring rains. Gardeners, farmers, everybody interested in the out of doors will be interested in the possibility of rains and frosts this spring. This forecast will be sent to you FREE, with the compliments of this newspaper. Just address Prof. Selby Maxwell, care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped (3c) self-addressed envelope for your reply.

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"Penn Land" Regained

Sellingrove, Pa. (U.P.)—A 30-foot-square plot of ground in Monroe Township near here, on which the 1784 Albany Treaty Line was established has been presented to the Commonwealth. The plot originally was deeded by William Penn to Christopher Forward in 1681. Since then it has had 16 owners.

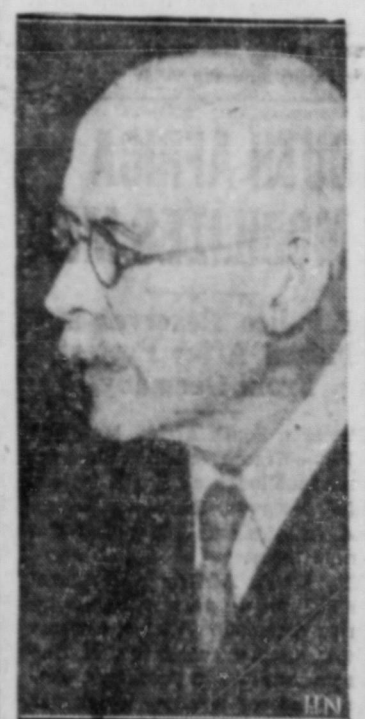
Bonaparte to Read Napoleon

San Francisco (U.P.)—Napoleon Bonaparte knows what's in a name, especially in a name like that. Arrested on a charge of intoxication, he repented before the court and promised if the mid-measure could be overlooked he would spend his spare time not in drinking but in the public library reading the life of his illustrious namesake. The court sent him to the library.

TODAY'S COMMON ERROR

Do not say, "I was most home when it began to rain," say, "almost home."

New Governor



Luren Dickinson

At the age of 79, Luren Dickinson becomes governor of Michigan, succeeding the late Frank D. Fitzgerald, who died suddenly following an attack of influenza. Dickinson was lieutenant governor under Fitzgerald.

By Billy De Beck

FOR SALE—Jumbo sandwich shop in Monroeville. At a bargain. Inquire at Ross Service, on Road 224 state line. 64-31x

FOR SALE—CHICKS. BAUMGARTNER'S Super Quality Bloodstock Baby Chicks Hatching now. See or write before buying. Priced low. Baumgartner's Hatchery, Route 4, Bluffton, 6 miles west, 9 miles south of Decatur. Craigville phone. 65-m-11f

FOR SALE—Baby Chicks. Get our disease control plant with 100% replacement first two weeks. Also bargain prices on sexed chicks. Place orders early. O. V. Dilling, Decatur R. 2, Craigville phone. 65-m-11f

FOR SALE—9 room modern home, garage, two blocks from court house. Priced to sell. Inquire 513 Jefferson St. 65-21x

FOR SALE—5 650x16 new U. S. Royal tires, bargain for quick sale. Lee trade ins. Knapp service. 65-31

FOR SALE—9x12 Brewster Broadloom maroon rug; practically new. Inquire 134 So. 5th St., Decatur. 65-31x

FOR SALE—Lula Belle and Scotty are not in the old hay loft because it is full of good used furniture. Bargains in everything. I pay cash for furniture and sell for cash. Frank Young, 110 Jefferson St. 64-31x

FOR SALE—Fresh Guernsey cow with calf by side. Richard Thieme, phone 719-K. 64-31x

FOR SALE—2 fresh cows, calves by side. P. H. Drum, Phone No. 865-J. 64-31x

Poker Friend? False

Redding, Cal. — (U.P.) — Verne Carleton not only believes that there are such things as "poker faces," but that there are also "poker friends." One of the latter induced him to enter a poker game on the inside tip that a third man in the game had \$25,000 which they could easily win by playing together. In three hands Carleton lost \$3,000. He told police.

Trade in a Good Town—Decatur.

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FOR SALE—7 makes Used Washers \$7.50 up. Bargains in sweepers. Gasoline stoves, refrigerators. Small down payments. Decatur Hatchery. 62-1f

FOR SALE—Oliver No. 141, two bottom, 12-in. tractor plow. Good condition. Cheap, if taken immediately. M. F. Sprunger, phone 8660. 64-31

FOR SALE—Purebred Duroc male hog. Year old. Ed Miller, 1/2 mile south of Salem. 65-31x

FOR SALE—Chicks—Special Day Old and starter chicks, Leghorn corksels 2 cents. Book orders now for April. Decatur Hatchery Phone 497. 64-31

FOR SALE—2 wardrobes; 8 old fashioned rockers; 2 glass door cupboards; 2 old kitchen safes. 2 sewing machines, good ones; 1 2-hole oil burner stove; 1 lantern type oil burner; 2 large mirrors; 2 breakfast sets; 1 2-piece living room suite, \$12.50; 1 3-angle davenport, \$7.50; 1 baby bed, \$1.50; 3 dining room tables; 1 old fashion Hall Tree, with mirror; 36 chairs; 9 tables for restaurant; dressers, rugs, stoves, mattresses, dishes, cabinets, many other things. We buy used furniture. 145 S. Second St., Decatur Upholster Shop, phone 420. 63-31

FOR RENT—Four room furnished apartment, heat, light, water furnished. Over Madison theater. Phone 666. 65-31x

FOR RENT—Seven room house, motor plumbing; hardwood floors. Shades and set-in screens, all windows. Furnace. Garage. 504 N. Second St. Phone 674. 65-31x

FOR RENT—2 light housekeeping rooms, outside entrance, furnace heat. 325 North Fifth St. 65-31x

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Drainage hose from gasoline truck. Inquire at city hall. 66-11f

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. State the official name for Russia.

2. What proportion of U. S. Senators are elected biennially?

3. Can the President order the collapse of U. S. money?

4. Name the capital of the Madeira Islands.

5. Has an absolute vacuum ever been attained?

6. What is the correct pronunciation of the word laboratory?

7. Name the only city in the U. S. where two Presidents of the U. S. have been born.

8. On what island in the Pacific did the mutineers of the ship "Bounty" settle with their Tahitian wives?