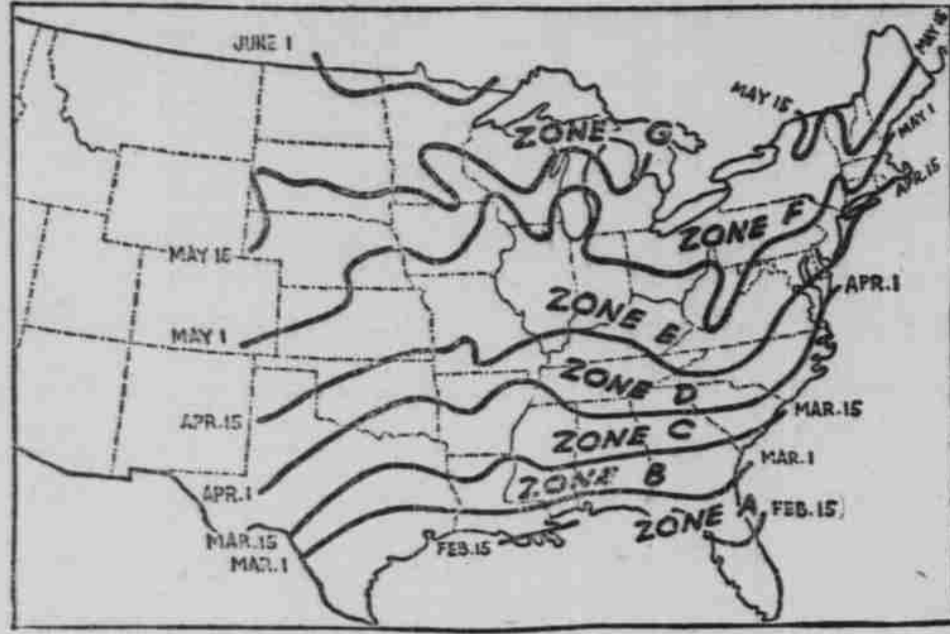


Weather Wisdom for Gardeners



The map above, prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, shows the eastern half of the U. S. divided into zones according to the average date of the last killing frost in the spring.

Christmas is a festival of spring. It is celebrated when the sun starts north from the equator. Newspaper headlines often proclaim that the shortest day of the year is the beginning of winter, but gardeners know better.

Once the days begin to lengthen, signs of spring appear in the garden. Buds swell, bark changes color, mysterious growth processes unfold even in coldest weather. With many hardy plants, the period of freezing is as necessary to their development, as the warmth which follows.

Spring is near at hand and it is time to make plans for sowing seeds just as soon as it is safe. How can the safe date be determined?

"Beating" the weather is a gamble which many a backyard tiller is willing to take on the chance that he may have his first crop of lettuce or radishes a few days before his neighbor. It is still a gamble, however, and the gardener who would rather be reasonably sure of his crop had best make some inquiries of his local weather station.

The date of the latest recorded killing frost in your neighborhood is an important factor. It will give you a basis for figuring just when you can take a gambling chance on an early garden with a good chance of winning. The latest killing frost on record is about a month later than the average date and so it is usually safe

to plant the hardiest seeds a month ahead of it.

The period of time between the latest and the average killing frost date increases as we move away from the seashore. In New York there is a margin of 20 days but in St. Louis the average date is 38 days earlier than the record freezing date. Cleveland has a 36-day difference and Chicago is about the same as Cleveland. Allowing 30 days is playing reasonably safe. Plan to start your garden a month before the latest recorded killing frost.

There are many vegetables which frost will not injure, provided it is not freezing weather. In general all the root crops are hardy and do not mind frosts so long as they are not frozen; most of the crops for greens are in the same category. But only one crop, the immature seeds of which furnish a delicious food, can be called hardy and that is the pea, and only certain varieties of the pea.

So while it is freezing or snowing outside gather up weather data and figure the date for the earliest possible start this year. It is a waste of seed to start too early and a waste of time to start a day too late. The frost records will give you a reliable basis of figuring just the right time.

If the plants should be nipped you are not out much but if they are not you are just that much ahead with the garden and the odds are greatly in favor of escaping a killing frost.

A HARDY PINK WOOD SORREL

Not many of the Oxalises or Wood Sorrels are hardy, so when one is found that will brave the Winter climate about New York it is of special interest. Such a find is the bulbous-rooted Oxalis Bowlii, from South Africa. It is a showy and beautiful plant for a warm, sunny nook in the rock garden, where it should be planted in well-drained gritty soil.

This Oxalis begins to flower early in September and continues for many weeks. The flowers are borne in open panicles of ten or twelve at the end of six to eight inch stems, opening a few at a time. Several flowering stems are sent up from each bulb. The color of the flowers is a lively bright pink finely veined with deeper color. They are tubular in shape, opening out almost flat in the sunshine but closing when the light falls toward evening. They are of sufficient substance to withstand the winds and rains of Autumn without injury. In the bud the flowers are slightly twisted and droop from the stalks, but are held erect or horizontally when fully open. They turn with the sun in an amusing manner, seldom appearing in the same position for long at a time.

The leaves are rather fleshy and divided into three large, bluntly heart-shaped leaflets of a bright lettuce-green, slightly downy on the undersides and are handsome enough to constitute a decoration in themselves. Toward evening not only do the flowers close but the leaflets droop to form a little tent. Then the whole plant appears to have gone to rest.

The plantation of lavender or white-flowered Autumn Crocuses in the neighborhood of the Oxalis makes a pretty picture for this time of the year. The bulbs may be planted any time in Autumn, but the earlier the better.

The bulbs may also be potted up in late Fall, three bulbs to a six-inch pot in ordinary potting soil, and placed in a sunny window indoors, watering them as necessary. They will flower for at least three months. After the flowering ceases gradually withhold water and when the foliage dies down, set the pots in some place where the soil will remain quite dry. In the following Autumn they may be repotted in fresh soil and again started into growth. If the bulbs have flowered out of doors during the late Summer and Autumn they will not flower during the Winter indoors, as they require a period of rest. Like most of the Oxalises, they increase rapidly.—By Louise Beebe Wilder in the New York Times.

School Children Invited to Attend Flower Show

Plan to Allow the Children of Iowa and Nebraska to Attend Show at Omaha, Free.

All Nebraska and Iowa school children have been invited to attend the National Flower and Garden show, which is to be held in Omaha, March 30 to April 7 inclusive, free. This announcement came today from the Omaha offices of W. Dale Clark, in charge of making arrangements for children to attend the show.

"We feel the children of Iowa and Nebraska will never again have an opportunity of witnessing such a spectacle. The cultural and educational values of the Flower Show are so great that we mean to make every effort to see to it that not a single child in the Missouri Valley misses the Flower Show. For that reason we are going to admit school children to the show free," Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Clark said that an effort would be made to arrange tours of children to Omaha in groups with their teachers. "Numerous responses have already been received from teachers and principals at Flower Show headquarters, 1813 Farnam street, Omaha, expressing appreciation of efforts being made in behalf of the school children," he said.

At the same time Ford Hovey, Omaha civic leader, in charge of the sale of advance tickets for the Flower Show announced that tickets throughout the Missouri Valley territory would be under the direction of Glen Eastburn, Omaha Chamber of Commerce commissioner. It is planned to distribute these tickets through chambers of commerce throughout the territory.

Fifty thousand of the tickets will go on sale starting February 1. When this number have been sold, admission will be raised to 65 cents for the duration of the show.

In a communication to division heads who will direct sale of the tickets, Mr. Hovey cautioned them of the impossibility of obtaining more when the 50,000 figure has been sold.

"When the national committee in charge of arrangements for the Flower Show was in Omaha last week, I made a personal plea that the 50,000 quota be raised. I felt certain the figure would prove entirely inadequate for this territory. But due to the financial exigencies of the venture, the committee insisted that the reduced price tickets be rigidly restricted. Our quota remains at 50,000," he said.

Alvo News

Mrs. A. B. Stromer was a visitor in Wabash last Tuesday, where she was visiting for a short time with her father, John C. Browne.

Harold Nickel was in Elmwood on last Wednesday, where he had some teeth extracted that have been giving him considerable trouble of late.

Edward Durrell, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is now reported as getting along very nicely and well on the road to recovery.

Sid James, who has been ill at his home on the farm is reported as being some better at this time, which will be good news to his many friends in this vicinity.

W. S. McGrew and A. E. Barber, of Louisville, who are employees of the Nebraska Power company, were in Alvo last Thursday looking after some business matters.

Dallas Feifer, who has been in the hospital for some time on account of an injury to one of his hips, continues in pretty much the same condition, although splendid care is being given him.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hermance is very ill with pneumonia. Every attention is being given it in the hope that it may pass the crisis safely and quickly regain its health.

Mrs. Frank Edwards was a visitor in Weeping Water on last Thursday, where she attended a meeting of 4-H club leaders and met many of her friends who are engaged in this line of work.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who has been ill for some time, still remains confined to her bed and shows but little improvement, although she is cheerful and hopeful that she may soon be able to be up and about again.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Skinner has been suffering from an attack of flu which has kept her in bed for a number of days. She is now feeling better, however, and is able to be up and about again.

Charles Ayres was in Murdock on last Wednesday afternoon, where he was attending the farmers' mass meeting being held that day to hear the new corn-hog contracts explained in detail. He reports a goodly number of farmers present to listen to the discussion.

Martin J. Nickel was butchering a fine beef Thursday of last week, thus providing himself with an abundance of meat for the immediate future and also providing a quantity for canning, so he will be able to have a supply long after the present cold weather season has passed.

L. D. Mullen to Farm

L. D. Mullen, who has been residing in town, not having any regular employment or prospects of any, has concluded to engage in farming the coming summer, having secured a 40 acre tract. He has purchased the draying outfit of George Hardnock, who has not been in the best of health of late and finds that work too hard to continue regularly. With the elimination of Mr. Hardnock as drayman, George Foreman has been working in the delivering of coal and other like work.

Miss Chloe Buising Poorly

Miss Chloe Buising, daughter of Mrs. E. L. Nelson, who has been at the hospital in Lincoln receiving treatment for her health for a considerable length of time, is not making the desired improvement and her case is perplexing to hospital attendants and the doctors in charge. When the mother was at the hospital on last Thursday she found the daughter in about the same condition. All are hoping that she will begin to show some improvement soon.

Has Fine Cattle Shipment

S. C. Boyles, who is a cattle feeder as well as a banker and knows just how to feed cattle to bring out the very best in them, has just shipped two carloads of very fine cattle to the South Omaha market. The thirty-nine head averaged 1,180 pounds each and brought \$11.75 per cwt, or \$138.65 for each critter. There was also a calf in the lot, which weighed 900 pounds and brought \$90. These figures hark back to more prosperous days and give further proof of the fact that prices are going up, and you can be sure they will be reflected in the price of meat when it comes back to you over the butcher's block.

True, they are not up to the \$18 and \$20 per cwt. of war time, but nevertheless a great advance over the prevailing price a year or so ago.

Resuming Treatment for Eyes

Last Sunday evening, W. H. Warner, who has been having treatment given to his eyes, returned to Lincoln so as to be near the physician and receive the most painstaking care. Mr. Warner had accompanied his

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Wabash News

Mrs. Audrey Stromer, of Alvo, was a visitor at the home of her father, John C. Browne, last Tuesday, and enjoyed the afternoon very much.

Mrs. Allice Bailey and son, Larry, of Lincoln, were visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gerbeling, during the greater part of last week.

William Langhorst has been feeling rather poorly during a part of last week, but is now some better and was able to be down town again the last of the week.

Ray E. Frederick of Nebraska City, president of the Frederick Seed company of Murray, was a visitor in Wabash early this week, coming here to ship three carloads of corn which he recently purchased in this vicinity.

Ralph Richards, who believes in the future of cattle as an investment and is willing to risk putting expensive feed into beef production, purchased a number of calves recently to be pasture fed through the spring and summer and later prepared for market on grain feed.

John Woods continues to do a thriving business hauling coal from the mine near Clarinda, Iowa, to customers in this vicinity. So heavy is the demand for coal at this mine that trucks are lined up for a great distance waiting their turn to get up to the loading chutes.

Busy Putting Up Ice

Neal Golden and Kenneth Munford have been busy during the past week with the cutting and hauling of ice to those in the neighborhood of Wa-

bash who have storage facilities and desire to lay in a supply of the same for summer use. In the old days, before the advent of electrical refrigeration, vast quantities of ice were stored for use during the summer, but nowadays this is almost a forgotten art. Besides providing cheap refrigeration, it also provided work for many men during the coldest part of the winter when other work was hard to find.

The artificial ice plants, followed by home electric refrigeration are responsible for the abandonment of ice harvesting as a business, except now and then in rural communities, and large storage houses in cities like Omaha are being let go to rack and ruin.

Elevator Meeting Postponed

There was called for last Monday a meeting of the stockholders of the Wabash elevator, but the weather being so cold, very few came, and the meeting was put off until a future date.

Showing Good Improvement

Mrs. Ira Bothwell, who has been at the hospital in Lincoln, receiving treatment for a growth on her face, was able to return home last week and is getting along very nicely at this writing. It is expected that the affection will be entirely cured in a short time. Her many friends are well pleased at the nice progress she is making.

Visited the Dentist

Lloyd Richards, who has been having considerable trouble with his teeth, concluded to part with them and made a trip to the dentist at Weeping Water, where he had them extracted. When the soreness heals, he will have a new set made to take their place.

WARNS OF FRATERNAL TAX

Omaha.—Opposition to the proposed legislation seeking to tax fraternal institutions was promised in an address here by A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, national president of the Modern Woodmen of America.

"We must not permit any agency, governmental or otherwise, to tear down this organization," Talbot said. "The average legislator does not understand fraternal organizations. He seeks to classify us with stock insurance companies, and if some of the bills in the Nebraska legislature are passed we will have a hard time to survive."

NORRIS TO INTRODUCE BILL

Washington.—Senator Norris indicated he will introduce his bill for a Missouri valley authority and co-ordinated development of the valley and fight for its approval, even if President Roosevelt opposes him.

Norris, when informed the president had indicated he favored only an advisory commission to study future development of the Missouri valley, appeared discouraged.

"I suppose that means I'll have to introduce my bill," he commented, "and fight for it, altho it's probably a losing cause if the president is against it."

Meanwhile, proponents of the tri-county power and irrigation project in Nebraska, another matter close to the heart of the senator, were awaiting careful study by the public works administration of an amended application.

George E. Johnson, consulting engineer for the project, conferred with the Nebraska expeditor for the PWA. He was assured that as soon as technical experts of the PWA finish tasks they are on now, some will be assigned to speed reatudy of the tri-county.

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SEEK BONUS COMPROMISE

Washington.—The Patman bonus bloc decided to go to American Legion officials themselves to see if a compromise can not be reached which will align bonus supporters behind one proposal.

The Legion has a separate bill, introduced by Rep. Vinson of Kentucky, democratic member of the ways and means committee. House bonus advocates have split on the issue. Overtures from one side or the other apparently have not been fruitful.

The legion measure seeks to finance the cashing of the adjusted service certificates thru ordinary channels. The cost is estimated by Vinson at less than 2 billions. The measure by Rep. aptman (d. Tex.) calls for issuing new treasury notes.

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Take an inventory of your household goods Before you have a fire.

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CONFER AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington.—A group of power executives called at the white house and surface indications were that they sought a compromise with Mr. Roosevelt on proposed holding company legislation and other utility problems.

Mrs. Armstrong Some Better

Mrs. Joseph Armstrong, who has been so seriously ill for a long time, following a slight stroke which came upon her, is showing considerable improvement at this writing. The many friends of this excellent woman are pleased that she is better and are hoping that she may continue to improve.

DON'T SOAK MINING NOW

Most authorities are now predicting a substantial rise in mining activities. If the rise comes, the legislatures of the mining states will have a good deal to say as to whether it is to be permanent or transitory. Before the depression, mining was continually plagued by unfair tax and regulatory laws. The result was that normal development was slowed down even when demands for metals were high. Jobs were lost, capital was discouraged. Long before economic storms swept the country in general, mining faced many problems.

Treat mining fairly when it starts to come back and it will contribute much to increasing employment and purchasing power. It will cause the investment of money and develop business and industry. The benefits will felt far beyond the borders of the mining states—throughout the entire nation.

Your home town merchant will do more to accommodate you than any big city store, mail order house or radio station peddler. Isn't he entitled to your trade?

MEXICANS KILLED IN FIGHT

Piedras, Negras, Mexico.—Three Mexicans were dead and two wounded after a gun fight at Villa Union when Mexican state rangers and police attempted to dispossess about twenty-five agrarians from lands illegally held. The chief of police, the leader of the agrarians and another combatant were killed. The fight was still in progress when federal troops arrived. They forced the insurgents to surrender. Soldiers disarmed twenty-five and confiscated a truck load of arms and ammunition.