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**Old Farmer's Almanac
Not Just Another Book**

The Old Farmer's Almanac isn't just another book, it has become an American institution.

The 194th annual edition hit the stands Oct. 1 and as usual the mustard-colored book, chock full of many things, will be gobbled up by millions of readers and not just farmers.

Since everybody likes to talk about the weather, December is expected to be cold in the Piedmont, keep your woolies hand and stock the woodpile. The late Fall and winter are expected to be quite variable but overall to be warmer and drier than normal. November may be quite mild, with little rain, but December should be cold and wet with above average amounts of snow in the higher elevations and snow in the north at Christmastime. Unseasonable warm spells in January should result in a very mild month on average, despite some cold waves. Heavy rains are expected in early January and a storm near the end may cause flooding in western sections. February should be warmer than normal and spring is expected to be cooler and wetter than usual. Several cold snaps are anticipated for March while frequent storms could cause some flooding. A cold stormy period is expected in April.

The 224-page book, published by Yankee Publishing Co., has become famous for its advertisements, its weather predictions, humorous one liners and touching human stories.

Former President Jimmy Carter hit the public with fishing worm ads in the almanac before his smile hit the White House. Although its doubtful the worms made him the favorite for the 1976 Presidential race, the bait from Plains, Ga. reportedly made people (and fish) happy. With its four million circulation, the book isn't strictly rural.

And Editor Jud Hale admits without embarrassment, some folks buy it to keep in the bathroom. "It's a quick read for a long period of time", he said.

That doesn't mean that farmers don't use it. Daddy used to plant crops by it. The planting charts, which show the precise length of day and time of twilight for every day of the year, can be a useful tool on the farm.

The Almanac is probably best known for its 12 month weather predictions for which it boasts 80 percent accuracy. They are based in part on a "secret formula" of founder Robert B. Thomas, but to a larger degree on the work of Richard Head, a former NASA scientist who now works full time for the Almanac.

There's a lot of interesting stuff in the new Almanac besides weather stories and ads. This year's book, for example, has articles on how to find the perfect mate, a story about when Jesus Christ ran the news room, a story on the father of our mule, how to make nice, fresh homemade sausages, why is the sky dark at night? when and where to see Halley's Comet, how come no two snowflakes are alike, and for fishermen only tells them if they could afford to fish anywhere in and around the United States where they could find fish biting best every month of the year.

**LOOKING
BACK**

From the Thursday, Oct. 23, 1952 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald.

Final services will be held in the present St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Razing of the structure will begin next week as the St. Matthew's congregation builds a new church to replace the present building which would have been 75 years old next year.

An atmosphere of rare beauty and simplicity prevailed at the wedding of Miss Patricia Ann Neisler and John Oates Plonk, Jr. at 8 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 11th, in First Presbyterian Church.

Saturday is the final date to register for the Nov. 4th general election.

Cleveland County Citizens for Eisenhower will hold a county wide rally at the courthouse in Shelby Thursday night at 8:30, according to Les Roark, publicity chairman.

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club's 49th floral fair, "Autumn Harvest", will be held at the Woman's Club Wednesday.

Calendar

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SATURDAY:

9-12 p.m. - American Legion Dance at the American Legion Building. Halloween dance and prizes for best costumed. Admission \$10 couple.

MONDAY:

7:30 - City Board of Commissioners in Council Chambers at City Hall.

TUESDAY:

7:30 - American Legion Auxiliary at the American Legion Building.

WEDNESDAY:

Bertha Parker and Margaret Dover, hostesses.
10 a.m.-8 p.m. - Kings Mountain Woman's Club Fallarama at the Woman's Club, East Mountain St. Lunch from 11:30 until 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Crafts, exhibits, Country Store.

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