



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

So much for putting faith in a bunch of woolly worms.

As the last living member and only human among the National Association of Woolly Worm Winter Weather Watchers (NAWWWW), I hereby concede defeat.

Without getting into a detailed comparison of the official prediction and the actual weather conditions, I think it is sufficient to say that the weather has been much colder than NAWWWWW allowed it might be so far.

I don't have the energy to defend the forecast because I've spent all my hands together to stay warm. The several hundred woolly worms who served on the NAWWWWW committee that came up with the forecast in the first place all froze to death, well before Christmas.

Unless the weather takes a drastic turn for the better over the next several weeks their poor souls will have no redemption.

I'm alive mostly because I found two sets of expedition grade, polypropylene, US Marine Corps, extreme cold weather long underwear at a bargain price on Ebay. This stuff costs \$60.00 a set at military surplus stores but I managed to find it for \$12 which is less than the asking price for thermal knit long johns at Wal-Mart.

Unfortunately, the seller only had two sets and I'd like to have about three more. Several times I've put a set of my new long underwear through the washer by itself so that I could come out of the one I was wearing, at which point I change and launder it too.

That may sound like a waste of soap and water to you but I believe in cleanliness and being prepared.

The Pentagon came up with this underwear a few decades ago when some generals were sitting around talking about what they might need if they ever declared war on the Eskimos. Since it costs 60 bucks on surplus now, I figure the going price when it first came out was at least \$50,000.00 a set.

It's so warm that I may break down and sell it for the asking price (far more than I've paid for anything else in my wardrobe) for at least one more set so that I can increase my laundry efficiency by 100%.

In the meantime, I check Ebay ev-

ery day and I stay toasty warm in the process.

People come into my house and start hugging themselves. They want to know if my furnace is working and whether or not I feel cold. Of course, I don't let on about my underwear. Lorena and Chris stay gone as much as they can but the fact of the matter is that I have the thermostat set on 68 and it's at least that warm in the house. If it were summer time they'd be running around in shorts and tank tops waving themselves with those little paper church fans and complaining about the heat under precisely the same indoor conditions.

If they want to appreciate just how warm it is in the house, I tell them, they ought to take a ride to Richmond and back in my truck. I've changed the thermostat in it twice and even filled the hood a few times to make sure the air conditioner wasn't running.

If it wasn't for the Marines, I'd be frozen stiff somewhere in a parking lot because the heater in my truck blows out air with a chill factor of 40 degrees below zero. The best explanation I've had from a mechanic is that these old Chevys are cold natured.

Mine rides rough and in cold weather. I reckon I have mud and ice from it in the springs and shocks.

One morning it was even frozen to the ground and I had to pack five gallon buckets of hot water and pour around the front wheels to get it broken loose.

I was halfway to Berea before the big clumps of dirt and gravel that were frozen to the tire came loose and it looked and felt like I was driving across railroad tracks as I went down the highway. KqWomp, KaWomp, KaWomp.

I would have been about as comfortable, if someone on a fast horse had lassoed me by the heels and dragged me to work. And I would have gotten there quicker.

Junior Helton says that the blessing in all this cold weather is that the Japanese beetles will all be frozen out so we won't have to worry about having to squash them off our bean vines come July.

I'm afraid that all the woolly worms may be gone too. There isn't a NAWWWWW forecast next year because theosophies may be extinct.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves

From Zi's Kitchen Recipe for a Tragic Fire and Results!

Pour about 2 1/2 cups cooking oil in 1 quart stainless steel pan, place on small burner, turn to high heat, mix with a quick trip to the mail box - about ten steps from the porch where my neighbors are also waiting for the mailman to arrive, add a good morning chat with the neighbors and greeting to the mailman before returning to the kitchen and you have a heavy cloud of smoke greeting you that can be smoked, or eaten with a spoon, and flames reaching the ceiling in the kitchen that plainly tells you that the pan of oil, intended for deep frying chicken nuggets, was too hot to handle. That is what I did the morning before yesterday.

I did not panic and try to take care of it myself for I realized it was out of my control. But, my voice must have had panic in it as my frantic cry of "Fire! Fire! Call the Fire Department!" was heard by my neighbor before she got in her door and also another neighbor who arrived almost instantly, offering assistance.

The garden hose, lying close by, was put to use by the neighbors, soaking the walls and roof to keep the fire from spreading till the fire trucks arrived. The fifteen minutes it took for them to get there was long enough for the fire to demolish the kitchen and everything in it, including all appliances, cabinets and their contents. The firefighters handled the fire quite well by keeping it contained there. But the smoke was not that kind.

The heavy, greasy, black smoke was relentless as it sought out every nook and cranny in the house, including the closets and drawers in every piece of furniture containing them.

Cards of Thanks

Thank You

MYES Girl Scout Troops would like to thank John D. Bullens for letting us participate in the Christmas Parade by riding on his float.

Jesse "Earl" Shepherd

The family of Earl Shepherd would like to express our thanks to everyone for their prayers, comfort and kindness during the loss of our

and everything had to be removed and sent to a cleaner. The medicine cabinet and its contents, plus all cosmetics were ruined by a greasy black film. The house has to be rewired, ceiling fans, lighting fixtures, carpets and wall paneling have to be replaced. Three broken windows have already been replaced, also the back door. Maybe I am impatient, but it seems like the work crew could work a little faster. I may not have a terminal illness but my 87-year-old tell me I don't have many years left to enjoy the house being redecorated because of my forgetfulness.

It has taken me two months of living in one room at the motel, and eating alone at the restaurant daily, to realize that I feel like a prisoner, and one of my own making. I am free to come and go as I please and well as when it comes to a comfortable bed, warm room and a cup of coffee, along with my paper brought to my room every morning, but something is missing, the comfort of my own house and belongings. I missed the meowing of "Sweetie," my cat, and jumping on my bed at bedtime. (Yesterday I had him put to sleep after finding him hopelessly ill when we feed him Saturday.) I miss the privilege of going to the refrigerator when I want a snack in the middle of the night. I guess it took all this to make me realize that smoke, caused by a grease fire, does more damage to one's possessions than the fire that caused it. And that one pays dearly for carelessness acts.

I am not recommending this recipe to anyone. The consequences are not worth the time it takes to turn the burner off before leaving the room.

dear loved one. We appreciate all the food and flowers. Thanks to the Virgil, Bustle for all his comforting words. Errol Cromer, Kim Hines, Bev Virgil and Bessie Bustle for their beautiful songs. Faith Chapel Church for their flowers and their prayers. Phyllis Holbrook, Julie Ham, Laura and Reva Shepherd for their food and their help during our loss. Thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. God bless you all.

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"What Is Written"

Today we want to study about Cornelius and his group being baptized in the Holy Ghost in Acts 10 & 11

In vs. 34-41 we read of Peter's speech to this group. Then something very interesting happens as Peter was speaking, notice in Acts 10:44-45, "While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter; because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." As with the apostles, there was no "seeking, praying, anointing, going to the altar, laying on of hands in order to get baptized in the Holy Ghost." God simply poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. Peter in Acts 11 was "called out on the carpet" about what took place with the Gentiles. Peter rehearse this matter step by step of what took place. Notice in Acts 11:15-17, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, I remember then as God gave them the gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ: what was I, that I could withstand God?" Observe that Peter calls this a baptism of the Holy Ghost. Notice also, that he has to refer to the way back to Acts 2, to find anything like it. Peter did not say, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us since the beginning," as if this was an everyday occurrence. Why was Cornelius and his group baptized in the Holy Spirit? In order to prove to the Jews that the Gentiles can be Christians. Acts 11:18. Holy Spirit baptism does not take place today, he not be deceived.

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Dear Editor,

To the people that dropped the puppies at the corner of 1152 and 461.

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ing for their master to return. Every car that came by they raised their little heads to see if it was you. No wonder the world is in the shape that it is. What are we teaching our children, if you can, or do not want to except your responsibility just dump it on someone else. That is a good lesson in life. I hope that you can sleep at night.

Karen Ackerman
Mt. Vernon, KY



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