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Letter From Mrs. Frayne Stohler to Alfred L. Shoemaker, December 11, 1956

Frayne Stohler

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Dr Shoemaker:

We enjoy your radio program every Sunday immensely. And we have a few old Pa. Dutch weather predictions we think you might be interested in.

The first one: If the ground thaws in the "Christ Month" (Dec.) it will thaw every month of the winter and that forecasts a mild winter. Incidentally, the ground has already thawed in Dec. this season.

Second: If the acorn trees hang onto their leaves ^{long} after the other

trees have shed theirs, will have
a "hard" winter.

Third: If the rag weed grows
very tall in summer so deep ^{deep} the
snow will be in winter.

I suppose every one knows
that when the sky turns red
in the morning will have
bad weather that day, and if
the sky is red when the sun
sinks in the evening the next
day will be "nice".

Hope these predictions will
be of value in your work.

Mrs Frayne Stahler
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