

What's the Weather in Beaver?

Clair Ekborg's the Man to Ask

If you want to know what the weather was in Beaver on, say, January 25, 1952, the man to ask is Clair Ekborg.

Ekborg, who operates a tavern at Beaver, will look at his chart of weather records and give you the answer without hesitation:

"Rained all day."

On his wall, Ekborg has a running account of the weather ever since 1950. On calendars he blocks out the date with black pencil for rainy days, in red pencil for sunny days.

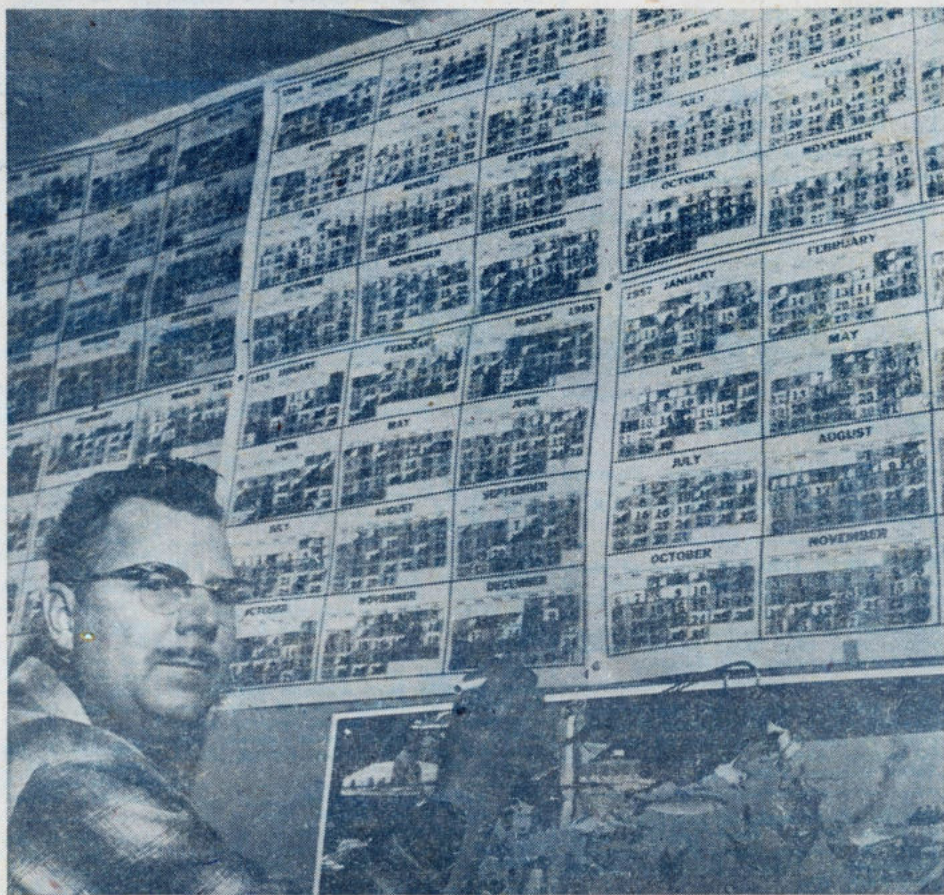
"It all started as a wager," he explained. "Some of the natives around here said that it rains half the time in Beaver. Well, I knew it rained a lot but I didn't think it rained that much. So I started keeping track of the weather. Well, eight years of records show I was right—for every rainy day we have in Beaver, we have three sunny days."

Ekborg hails from San Diego, California, where it hardly ever rains. "Gets darned monotonous, too, all that sunshine day after day. I like it better here—the weather is more exciting. And anyhow, the rain makes the back country green and pretty. In San Diego you have nothing but a desert."

Looking at Ekborg's charts, it's obvious that 1957 was a good year: Only 83 days of rain (although it rained 93 inches during that year).

There were 94 rainy days in 1952. Heaviest rainfall was during 1950—153 days of rain.

"Another thing the natives are always telling me is that it always rains on the Fourth of July and on Decoration day. Well, it rained only on one Fourth since I've kept the records—in 1951. And that was only half a



Clair Ekborg, of Beaver, points to chart depicting the weather in Beaver over the last eight years. Ekborg won a wager when he claimed there were more days of sunshine than rain in Beaver.

day of rain. The only time it rained on Decoration Day was in 1955.

"Of course, these charts apply to the Beaver area only. We check the Portland papers closely, however, and we've found when it rains in Beaver it also rains in Portland. The only difference is that while Portland may have only a light drizzle, Beaver has a downpour — maybe a couple of inches.

"Naturally there's a little variance between here and Tillamook, but not much. It does seem, though, that they get more rain in Pleasant Valley than we do here. Seems to be one little spot around there where it rains a lot."

Other interesting tidbits that Ekborg has gleaned from his charts:

—In 1958 there were 13 days with temperatures over 80 degrees. During some years there are no plus-80 days.

—Portland has four times as many plus-80 days as Beaver.

—Hottest days of 1958 was July 27—it got to 90.

—Most of Beaver's snow comes in March. In 1958 it snowed the morning of March 8.

"Weather seems to run in cycles around here," says Ekborg. "I think we're going into a warming trend. Four or five years ago we had some cold weather, but last winter it never froze at all. Yes sir, I think the winters are getting warmer."