

Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

Each spring I begin to receive inquiries on the control of the blackberry mite, which causes the berries to remain red instead of ripening normally. To date, two such inquiries have reached me. One asks how long this "disease" has been prevalent in Oregon.

The "disease" is not a disease at all but a pest. Its history is rather interesting inasmuch as it is closely associated with the Willamette valley. The first report of the disturbance, known then as "Redberry disease" was in California on the Himalaya berries in 1922. It was first brought to the attention of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment station in 1930 by S. B. Hall, agent of Multnomah county. The same season Evergreen blackberries in the Woodburn district showed the berries in two patches very heavily infested with mites. Ray Galt and Blain McCord of the Woodburn Fruit Growers association arranged to meet Dr. D. C. Mote in Berkeley and together they investigated the control measures as had been recommended and used in California during the eight years the southern growers had been troubled with it. The mite has spread until now it extends in the coastal area from Mexico to Bellingham, Washington. It appears that it may be of European origin. Seemingly it has long been reported from England.

Oregon State college experiment station reports that the mite spends the entire year on the blackberry vines, overwintering in the buds and other protected parts of the plant, and infesting the fruit after it has set in the summer. The host list includes the Himalaya, the blackberry, loganberry, raspberry, Evergreen, L. a. w. on blackberry, blackcaps in certain

sections, and even the wild dewberry here in Oregon.

Considerable has been written of the predaceous mite which attacks and destroys the blackberry mites. But Oregon State informs us that even with this mite, which no doubt helps control, the application of sprays is essential to obtain a normal harvest of fruit.

The experiment station also reports that the pre-blossom spray of either wettable sulphur or of dilute lime sulphur has caused burning or yellowing in the Willamette valley and is not recommended. Thorough coverage is essential as the surface of the blackberry vine is such that it is very difficult to secure contact with the mites.

The control programs suggested by the experiment station are:

Program I. Fall spray. Summer oil at the rate of 3 gallons and 97 gallons of water applied in the fall after the old canes are removed. This is followed by a delayed dormant spray of lime sulphur (30° Baume) at the rate of 8 gallons and 92 gallons of water, applied in the spring when shoots are 2 to 6 inches long.

Program II. Fall spray. Lime sulphur at the rate of 8 gallons and 92 gallons of water, applied in the fall after the old canes are removed. Followed by a delayed dormant spray same as in Program I.

A third program has also been suggested, which might be very effective for those who have not yet had an opportunity to follow either of the other programs. This is to apply a dormant spray of 8 gallons of lime sulphur to 92 of water, in the spring after the buds start to grow, followed by a delayed dormant spray.

The dormant sprays are applied usually in February, while the buds are still dormant. The delayed dormant spray is applied to the vines when the buds which are to form the fruit spurs have grown so that they are from three to five inches long—usually in April.

Wise or Otherwise

By Ethan Grant

It seems to me about high time people stopped poking fun at how Uncle Sam perpetrated the great American income tax form conundrums. The trouble is most persons are inclined toward following the path of the least resistance, in order to do the things the hard way. Particularly when it comes to filling out (or in) an income tax blank.

I have a method of my own which I heartily recommend for universal adoption. When I have an income tax form to fill out, I begin by fortifying the questionable mentality by drinking a quart of black coffee. I then go for a walk down a dark alley, stopping here and there to race up and down whatever fire escapes I happen to find.

My wits are further sharpened by a lively discussion on the legal aspects of the Beveridge plan and by writing a brief outline of the effect of moon shadows on the quantum theory.

All this relaxes the ear muscles and whets the enthusiasm for combat with the inevitable. I then take a handful of aspirins and begin arriving at a figure. For all income tax statements you must have a figure. In the mirror my true figure appears distorted, but I assure you it is only an illusion. The glass may be cracked, for I notice the matter is easily corrected by tightening the belt.

This leaves a taxable gross and I promptly consult the instructions, contained in four long pages of 5-point type. The element of suspense in this remarkable composition is at once noticeable and amazing. Noticeable because it simply cannot be classified, and amazing for its continuance clear into unconsciousness.

Every citizen must make a return, and every return is a potential boomerang. (See Page 1, Para. F, under "Penalties.")

An important item to watch is the marital status, at least up to \$1200, or \$500 prorated and aggregate, especially for the period during which the husband was single, provided he can remember where he left the bottle opener and the mustard.

You are warned to watch this, for it may mean a joint return. If the joint doesn't return it may be lockjaw, in which case you multiply Form 1040 by Form 1040A and take exemption on pabulum spoilage. If the deceased enters into the picture here, you may have a ghost on your hands.

and should call in a neighbor as witness.

But you may still deduct in excess of \$624 as an includible. Whether it is inheritance or surplusage doesn't matter. It still takes two keys to unlock a safety deposit box and two people with a single thought to make another marriage.

All right, so far so good. You are now ready to add up. The total sum of Forms 1040, 1040A, 1040B and 1041 will give you the fiduciaries. These are best when served with anchovies, and many persons prefer a glass of beer with sardines.

March 15 is important. Forget that and you may get a pungent reminder. You must remember that even the collector of internal revenue is entitled to free speech, if confined to matters of policy. The Ides of March arrive about eight days after the Nones, although it has never been explained who they are, except that they were known to the Phoenicians and Columbus.

Eric the Red came over by way of Greenland, but he sailed a biterme with square rig, which caused him to be known as a square-head. The jib was introduced in the carack and carried wheat from Egypt to Gibraltar for orders. You can deduct this provided you kept poultry during the last half of 1943. Postponements due to war (Page 1, Para. E) includes sea duty outside the Americas, but on the 1st day there may be deductions. So it is advisable to have your tires inspected.

Interest on governmental obligations are permissible only in the finest practicable bold-face type, so here you will need a magnifying glass and a copy of Roget's thesaurus. Turn to Page 67, Section 186, for indefinite space and memorize the synonyms beginning with the letter "u." Example, "ubiquity," which is all income tax matters is at a premium.

This brings us down to the Forgiveness Feature (Page 4) which is a minor climax involving Rumi, although he is not specifically mentioned. Study this hastily at first for the effect. If you do not feel the effect, try bathing your feet in a tub of hot water and vinegar. Bath salts cannot be recommended. If on the other hand you feel the effects, eat a dehydrated apple and

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Lt. (jg) Bruce Van Wyngarden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Wyngarden, is awaiting a new assignment having completed training in the navy sub-chaser school at Miami, Fla. His wife, the former Maxine Holt of Salem, is with him.

SCIO — Cpl. James Lettenmaier, gunner on a B24, visited this week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommer. He has been stationed in the extreme south of Texas but recently has been in the Pacific northwest.

His brother, Dean Lettenmaier, is in a hospital in Spokane, recovering from injuries received in action.

MEHAMA — Merle Johnson, USN, storekeeper second class, has returned to Williamsburg, Va., after a week's visit here. Mrs. Johnson returned with him after visiting in Virginia and will remain here.

AUMSVILLE — Sgt. Elvin Warthen spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warthen. He received his basic training at Laredo, Idaho, and left Thursday for Boise, Idaho, where he will be gunnery instructor. Mrs. Warthen and their son will remain here.

SCIO — Alfred Boucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boucher, has been sent to Farragut, Idaho, for his basic training following enlistment in the US navy.

Verl Sims, runner's mate third class, has returned to his base in the Albatross after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Sims.

ROBERTS — Rex Minard, seaman second class, has been home on leave visiting his wife and baby daughter at the home of his parents.

Thomas Alva Rafferty, whose Salem address is 248 South Cottage street, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the army corps of engineers, the war department announced today.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP) — Navy enlistments here today included Leroy R. Heiser, Albany; John H. Stefani, Canby; Raymond J. Summ, Eugene; Orville A. Brannon, George Schreiber, Lebanon; Clifford R. Pule, Ernest H. Kahle, Sherwood, and Lawrence R. Mools, Springfield.

SILVERTON — Clarence and Egil Olson families are displaying Japanese Oriska rifles sent home from Australia by their sons, Sgt. Ronald Reed and Sgt. Donald Olson. The men picked up the rifles during the Salamaua campaign in New Guinea in which they served for 78 consecutive days.

Everett M. Jaekel, pharmacist mate first class, has written his mother, Mrs. Minnie Jaekel, route 1, box 227, from a rest camp where in the south Pacific, telling of his participation in the battle of Tarawa and of his hope that "people back home will begin to realize we are at war." He states that he and his brother, Irving C. Jaekel, met for the first time in two years just two hours before the bloody Tarawa action took place—and that both came out unharmed. Both are Salem high school graduates.

Edward Hugh McCaffrey, private first class in the marines and cousin of the Jaekel boys, also was in the Tarawa battle and writes Salem friends: "I came out of Tarawa in one piece and am now in a rest camp. I certainly enjoy the Statesman as all Salem boys do." He adds, "I wish all the ration grumblers and John L. Lewis could have been with us boys in the battle of Tarawa." McCaffrey is a Salem high graduate and son of Mrs. Clarence Smith of Bend.

Wesley C. Kelley has been promoted from the rating of seaman second class to seaman first class and has returned to duty at the Sandpoint naval airbase in Seattle after spending the weekend in Salem with his wife and baby daughter.

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Raymond Walter Coy, above, whose home address is 315 Ash street, Dallas, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant in the air corps, the war department has announced.

Gordon L. Sines, son of Mrs. Josephine Sines, 714 19th street, Salem, has been promoted from private first class to sergeant, skipping the grade of corporal, at the ferrying division, ATC, base, Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo., where he is on duty as an operations clerk.

Sgt. Sines enlisted in the army at Portland on December 21, 1942, and served at Fort Lewis, and fields at Fresno and Los Angeles before going to Rosecrans. He attended Woodburn, Oregon, high school and was employed by Kaiser Shipbuilding corporation in civilian life.

Pfc. Derrine I. Dingman, son of Mrs. Vera Dingman, 796 Seventh street, Independence, has been wounded in action while serving in the southwest Pacific war zone, the war department has announced.

SILVERTON — Weldon Hattberg, who has been stationed at a Washington base, has been transferred to Klamath Falls, Hattberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hattberg, Silvertown, is with the US navy.

Richard Madsen, grandson of Mrs. M. J. Madsen, Silvertown, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Madsen, formerly of Salem, has been advanced to petty officer third class. He was transferred recently from Houston, Texas, to Treasure Island, where he is taking some special work in radio engineering. Madsen enlisted in the navy last May just before he was 18 years of age. He enlisted at La Grande the day following his graduation from high school there.

Pfc. Paul Almus was transferred recently from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to Chanute Field, Ill., to attend an army air force technical school. He is taking a three months course in aircraft sheet metal work, which he finds interesting, he has written Silvertown friends.

Aviation Cadet Alfred Crockett, who has been in training since June, has written his mother, Mrs. George Crockett, that he has soloed for the first time. He is training at Gibbs Field, Fort Stockton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Arland Sliffe, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sliffe, recently wrote that he was recovering satisfactorily following an operation on his right arm. He was transferred from the south Pacific area to the army hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., two months ago. Arland went to the south Pacific some two years ago.

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Deferment Of Loggers Hit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — Selective service, the war manpower commission and the army joined together in opposition to proposed legislation for the draft deferment of workers in the lumber and logging industry.

Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson said some effort is being made to help the logging industry through use of war prisoners but said their use was limited under the "hazardous occupation" clause of the Geneva convention agreement on use of war prisoners. Patterson added that local selective service boards now have authority to give deferments to workers on an individual basis.

Motley estimated the total manpower shortage in the lumber and logging industry and allied businesses at from 65,000 to 75,000 men. But he said WMC was recruiting some 12,000 a month for the work, thereby keeping on a level as about that many were leaving each month. On the average the downward trend has been checked, however, he said.

Landon Blasts 'Palace Guard'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 12 (AP) — Calling on "anti-totalitarian democrats" to join with republicans and prevent President Roosevelt from being elected to a fourth term, Alfred M. Landon, GOP presidential nominee in 1936, bitterly attacked the New Deal and a group he called "the palace guard."

Speaking to a Lincoln day dinner audience, Landon said he realized the importance to Tennesseans of remedying "the unforgotten wrongs of the south."

"But, important as the question is, what difference will it make what freight rates are to be, if all of us are to be regimented into a national socialistic state?"

Pvt. Leland E. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Russell, 1395 North Liberty street, has been selected for specialized army training with the sixth regiment, ASTP, Fort Benning, Ga. He will have 13 weeks of intensive military training in basic infantry subjects, then will be eligible for assignment to college for further specialized training in engineering, medicine, languages or some other field. He will be eligible also for appointment to officer candidate school.

Returning to Camp Farragut, Idaho, after a 15-day visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Boyle, 1590 North Winter, is Edward R. Boyle, seaman second class.

SILVERTON — Pfc. Alvin Lund has wired his mother, Mrs. Anna Lund, that he is now at Camp Carson, Colo., after two years in Alaska.

Mrs. Don Burch (Frances Nelson) received word Thursday that her husband is now stationed at Bend. Burch was inducted into the army in January.

Larry Carpenter, former local service station operator and popular member of the local firemen, has written home that he has been standing guard lately in mud halfway up to his knees. Carpenter is at a camp in Louisiana.

Cpl. Raymond V. Kaser is in England, his sister, Mrs. Audie Tokstad learned this week. Cpl. Kaser took his training at Gardiner field.



Alvin Lund, aviation radio mate third class, USN, son of CAP Lt. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon, has been transferred to a scouting squadron. His parents have been notified. Young Cannon has been serving in the Pacific.

Mrs. Elsie Duff, 1535 Trade street, has received word from her son, Staff Sgt. Melville G. Duff of adventures he has experienced as a tail gunner on a Flying Fortress. Young Duff has figured in some of the recent great air battles in the Battle of Germany. On one occasion Duff's plane, returning from a bomb run, was forced to fly a bare 50 feet above the ground to elude German fighters, being an easy target for Nazi attack. The ship subsequently crashed, landed in England, with seven of the 11-man crew injured, Duff being lucky enough to escape unharmed.

Robert Burns, hospital apprentice second class, has arrived in New Caledonia according to word received by his mother, Mrs. H. P. Gustafson of Salem.

MONMOUTH — Ensign J. D. Haworth, former OCE student, died January 21 in a plane crash 36 miles from Corpus Christi naval air station in Texas. He was 25 years old and entered the service in March 1942. He took his pre-flight training at Pasco, Wash., and finished final training at Corpus Christi where he was made flight instructor.

He is survived by his widow, Jean Haworth, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Haworth of Newberg; a brother, James Haworth, US navy engineering school at Farragut, Idaho and two sisters.

This is the fourth OCE student to die in service. Others are Capt. Ray Williamson in France, Maj. John H. Chute, killed in an accident in Australia; Sgt. Harold Crook, New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Loundagin, 453 Shipping street, have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Carl A. Coulson, stating that he is in a hospital "somewhere in Italy." Cpl. Coulson has been overseas since the fall of 1942, having participated in the November 8 landing at Casablanca.

Home on leave from Bremerton, Wash., is Omer Roberts, jr., machinist's mate second class, who along with his wife is now a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Roberts of Salem. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Roberts gave a dinner in their son's honor, inviting his friends.

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Lt. Raymond Shirley, Salem, gives Pfc. Audie Bennett of Swine, West Va., instruction on a 50 calibre machine gun somewhere in England.—US army pictorial service.

MARION — The 13th naval district has announced that Edward Keith Keesacker has recently been given a rating of seaman first class upon his graduation from naval air technical training center at Norman, Okla. Young Keesacker will be assigned next to active duty at sea or will be sent to a shore station for further instruction.

At the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams this weekend are Lt. (jg) Bruce Williams, who came from Florida, and Barbara Williams, FAVE, now stationed in Seattle.

Mary Opal Gans, 1315 Center street, has received word of promotion of her husband, Robert H. Gans, to technician fourth grade at the engineer unit training center at Camp Claiborne, La.

AUMSVILLE — Joseph L. Perry, 26, son of Mrs. Celia Perry, route 1, has been promoted to sergeant at the field artillery replacement training center, Fort Sill, Okla., according to word from the public relations office there. Sgt. Perry, a former Salem carpenter, is now with the instructing cadre of specialists attached to the eighth training regiment at the center.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hinkle, 595 South 15th street, received word of their son, Seaman First Class Grover F. Hinkle, somewhere in the south seas. This is the first letter his parents have received in two months. Hinkle was shipped out in November.

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