

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dodd are the parents of an 8 lb. 5 oz. son David Samuel, born June 18 at 11:30 A. M. at the Holliday Park hospital. This is their 4th child and 3rd son. Mr. and Mrs. George Dodd of Brightwood

and Lloyd Mallicoat of Boring are the grandparents. Mrs. George Dodd is at the home of her son and family for the present. Mother and babe came home Friday.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

(By J. J. Inskip, Extension Extension Agent)

On our trip east we visited the largest commercial holly planting on the Atlantic Coast. It belongs to C. R. Wolf, Millville, New Jersey. Mr. Wolf is the President of the American Holly Society. He presided at the society meeting held in Portland last October.

Mr. Wolf and his orchard manager, Daniel C. Fenton, a graduate of Rutgers U. gave us a most cordial welcome. Let it be noted here that Mr. Wolf operates a huge industrial sand business. Holly production is a hobby with him and he gives every pound of holly to his customers at Christmas time. The crop we estimated at 30 thousand pounds.

This planting of about 20 acres is composed entirely of Ilex opaca, or native American holly seedlings. Our so-called English or European holly carries the scientific name of Ilex aquifolium. The leaves of English holly exhibit a deep green sheen not found in the native American holly. However, there may be opaca varieties developed which rival English holly. To keep ahead of the game Oregon growers had better bring on the choicest of our English varieties.

Eastern orchard management problems appeared much the same as ours. Actually the Wolf planting was made on quite flat land and he has a frost problem at blossom time just as we have on our flat lands here. To get around this problem Mr. Wolf has adopted two measures. The first consists of construction of two wind towers approximately 30 feet high. Mounted on these are two electrically driven aeroplane type propellers. When the temperature approaches freezing these machines are set in motion so that the whole planting is provided with good air circulation. The second measure consists of use of smudge pots using some type of oil for fuel.

Mr. Wolf has tried several of our aquifolium varieties without much success. They do not withstand the low winter temperatures encountered there. We talked of the possibility of locating future plantings on rolling hills with better air drainage. Both Mr. Wolf and Mr. Fenton agreed

to this idea. We are still not satisfied that our aquifolium hollies will not thrive in this general area if planted on more favorable orchard sites. In fact, Mr. Wolf has had little success with Chinese or Cornuta holly but we saw excellent Cornuta specimens on rolling land near Philadelphia. Our time was so limited we did not find a single aquifolium tree planted on what we consider a good location.

While in West Virginia we were also told of a holly tree in the town of Romney where we visited. It came from a seed which dropped from a wreath sent as a gift. We examined this tree in blossom and found it to be a female opaca—a beautiful specimen. Absence of a male tree nearby precluded the possibility of a berry crop. While in this town we heard of a commercial planting in Central West Virginia but we did not have time to inspect it.

Kansas farmers have suffered from five continuous years of drought. How they survive is a mystery but they are a tough lot and survive they do. Prospects are eternal hope of a year of adequate rainfall. This year they had it. Prospects are for bumper crops of wheat, corn, sorghum, alfalfa and grass. Everyone is happy. We couldn't help but think of our bumper crops of strawberries and turkeys accompanied with disastrous prices.

In the east its orchard grass. In Kansas its brome grass. And then in Kansas there remain some good areas of native grasses—buffalo grass and blue-stem. Many of the more careful, sold their cattle during drought year so as not to abuse their grasslands. The net result was that we saw lots of grass but few cattle and a few sheep.

We were told that breeding cows were sold at approximate prices of \$60 a head last fall. Animals of the same type are now selling at around \$150 a head.

With all the feed on hand there might be a scramble for feeders next fall.

When one leaves the scene of his childhood he is likely to forget the wild creatures which he considered commonplace at the time. Not for years had we heard the call of a whippoorwill nor had we seen a firefly. The folks we were visiting one evening thought it strange when we excused ourselves to listen to the whippoorwill's plaintive call at dusk. We did not locate him. Doubtless he perched on a gate parallel to his perch and not at right angles like most birds.

There were the cottontail rabbits, the Cardinal redbird, the Eastern jays, the Thrashers, the orioles and an occasional mockingbird, none of which is found here.

The farm dog followed us as we inspected a 240 acre farm in Kansas. As we returned to the farmstead he set up a powerful commotion. As we approached we found he had a very large blacksnake at bay. He must have approached 4 feet in length.

Our partner and owner of the ranch wanted to destroy him forthwith but we begged for his life and pointed to his merits as a destroyer of gophers and rats. Old Shep put up a bold front but since we gave him no encouragement, he decided he didn't want to tackle 'no snake no how.' And so we met and left in peace another creature of our childhood.

Our companion told us later "I am afraid of snakes and I noticed you gave him a wide berth also." We had to admit we did—Oh, Well!

St. Johnswort beetles released on the emergency airport strip on LeDee flats above North Fork Guard Station, Clackamas River in 1954 have now spread over the entire area. This is what we found on an inspection trip to the area the second week in June.

St. Johnswort, Klamath weed or goat weed is common to the roadsides and many uncultivated areas of Clackamas County, although this weed is not so serious as in cattle and sheep rangelands. Millions of acres of such lands have been taken over by St. Johnswort in California, portions of Eastern Oregon, and Idaho. Much of this present situation is the result of overgrazing. The program now is to eradicate the weed and to give range grasses a chance to come back.

Nevertheless, this is a rather serious weed pest here, partially because it is often confused with tansy ragwort which resembles in the blossom stage.

The beetle in question feeds only on St. Johnswort and, in time, effects complete eradication. Entomologists discovered the beetle in France. From France it was introduced to Australia and from Australia it was brought to California. We obtained our beetles from

California via Southern Oregon.

We visited the airstrip during a heavy rain but did find enough beetles to turn loose above Lazy Bend on the Clackamas River. It is our intention to gather additional colonies to release in the Clarks area and in the foothills east of Molalla. St. Johnswort is found in every portion of the county.

MOLALLA BUCKEROO TO LAST FIVE DAYS

A bigger and better show, to run 5 full days with 6 arena performances, is promised for the 34th annual Molalla Buckeroo July 3-7.

Western Oregon's biggest Western spectacle opens Wednesday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon with both matinee and evening performances Thursday, July 4th.

Two hundred of the rodeo circuit's top professional cowboys are expected to compete in arena events which will include Brahma bull riding, wild cow milking and trick roping and riding in addition to such standard events as bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf roping and bulldogging. The famous rodeo stock of Christensen Bros. will be used in Molalla, and only in Molalla on July 4th.

Continuing a policy of presenting top personalities from the world of Western entertainment, the Buckeroo Association has obtained the services of Cochise, leading character of the popular television show "Broken Arrow," who will be featured in all six arena shows. The Apache Chief, in the person of Michael Ansara who created the favorite TV role, will share honors with Montie Montana, a favorite at previous Buckeroos, and Zeck Harper, Western entertainer of television and radio as well as a "Bloodless Bull Fight."

A carnival and midway will offer fun and rides for the youngsters all five days of the celebration.

Official hostess for the Buckeroo will be Queen JoAn Newland, with her attendants, Princesses Marcia Bull and Marcia Olsen, both of Tigard. Expert horsemanship as well as beauty qualify all three for their positions on the Buckeroo Royal Court.

A free, spectacular display of fireworks will follow the night performance in the arena July 4th.

NAVY TO ENLIST ALL OREGON GROUP

Lieutenant Commander C. Helm, USN, Officer in charge of the Portland Navy Recruiting Area announced today that he has been authorized by the Navy department to recruit another "All Oregon Group" during July 1957.

Last year in June, 108 youths were enlisted in two All Oregon companies called the 'Ducks' and the 'Beavers.' The 'Ducks' established a record average mark on their classification tests and the 'Beavers' were honor company and returned to Portland after training in chartered busses to parade in uniform.

The Oregon group this year will be formed with approximately 150 men and will be sent to San Diego, Calif., for training. Ceremonies at the Pioneer post office in Portland are still in the formative stage but it is planned to ask Oregon's Governor Ribert Holmes to address the group. Captain W. J. Barry, USN, Inspector of Navy Recruiting, Salt Lake City will conduct the swearing-in ceremony.

Young men from Clackamas County will apply at the US Navy Recruiting Station, 6727 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Portland

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