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**Notes by the Wayside**

(By John J. Inskeep, County) We expect to do a little more checking south of Molalla and in the Boring-Sandy area, but it appears that the goatweed, Klamath weed, or St. Johnswort beetle is now well distributed over Clackamas County. This small iridescent purplish black beetle consumes plants of the above mentioned weeds which has the three names and no other food.

However and element has entered the picture. The scientific name of the weed in question is Hypericum perforatum. We have an ornamental ground covering plant called St. Johnswort which must be a cousin of the weedy one, for it is called Hypericum Calycinum.

Dr. Helen Gilkey in her recent book "Weeds of the Pacific Northwest" has this to say about the St. Johnswort family: "St. Johnswort family - Hypericaceae. Both native and introduced members of this family occur in the Pacific Northwest, but only the species here described is of concern generally as a troublesome weed.

"In all our species, the flowers are yellow, with many stamens, these typically organized into 3 groups within the flower. A cultivated species, H. Calycinum is an attractive shrub commonly known as a ground cover, for banks or borders. Its shining foliage and large golden flowers with a mass of yellow stamens give it a deserved popularity. But this species too spreads rapidly by means of stolons or rootstocks and when it gets out of bounds, may become a nuisance.

"St. Johnswort is a native of Europe where, in early centuries it was considered a bringer of good fortune. It has not so proved in America since its introduction many years ago, for it has become one of our most pernicious pasture weeds. It is particularly abundant west of the Cascades and in certain sections east of the mountains where it is rapidly spreading to previously uninfested areas.

"The plant is poisonous to stock but is not eaten when grass is present in sufficient quantities. This situation, however may result in over grazing of desirable plants and consequent invasion by St. Johnswort. The weed is not a serious threat in cultivated fields.

"After flowering and seed production, the plants in late summer turn a rusty brown, and remain standing thus until new growth appears in the spring. Shriveled petals, stamens, and often leaves, remain with the seed pods, each of which by this time has split into 3 twisted segments; and patches of these brown ragged weeds are becoming too familiar part of the wintry scenery nearly through-

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out our area." At least two in the county have sought goatweed beetles to rid their premises of hypericum calycinum, the ornamental. To our knowledge the goat weed beetle will not consume the ornamental St. Johnswort. So that is that, unless we learn otherwise.

The weedy leafed St. Johnswort is found growing along roadsides in dry gravelly areas almost anywhere in Clackamas County where it can gain a foothold. This plant is often confused with tansy because of its bright yellow bloom.

Briefly told, the controlling beetle was found in France. From there it was introduced to Australia across the equator with opposing seasons and consequent dormancy problems.

From Australia colonies were introduced into California with the same dormancy problems. Colonies were first introduced into Clackamas County from California in 1951. They were turned loose on the Albert Barth place at Marquam along the roadside on Little Eagle and on the airplane strip in the LaDee burn, southeast of Estacada. In subsequent years there appeared to be a little increase in these introductions, or so we thought. We may have obtained the poorer of the two strains.

Last summer, 1957, we obtained two new colonies from Arthur Kulin, County Extension Agent, Clark County, Wash. These were released in goatweed infestations along the highways between West Linn and Willamette and near the old airport along Beaver Creek road. From these introductions we had hoped to obtain ample new colonies for re-distribution this summer. But when we made recent inspections we found all the goatweed in these two areas nearly eliminated and only a few live bugs near the golf course, none between West Linn and Willamette.

From there we started looking. We have found live bugs in the Rosemont area above West Linn, near the Red Sulis Experimental area, south of Oregon City and along the Lower Highland road, the latter in quantity. On June 9 we found them feeding on plants growing in the new county forest demonstration area, southeast of Colton near Fernwood School. Last summer the beetles were found devouring goatweed infestations near Timber Grove. We failed to locate bugs north of Milwaukie this year. As we stated previously we expect to look over the north end and the Molalla area shortly. If none are found we expect to take care of the situation and presume the job to be finished.

How do goatweed beetles migrate. Garnet Best, retiring County Extension Agent of Wallowa, our old hunting partner dropped in recently for a chat. Hundred of thousands of acres of otherwise good rangelands in that county had been rendered practically valueless by goatweed infestation.

"We are now seeing the last of the goatweed in our area," said Garnet. "One of our ranchers was real angry because he sold his ranch before finding that goatweed would be eradicated."

"I have watched these beetles migrating in the fall. They fly into the upper air currents and alight by chance. I have seen them settle on bunch grass to rest. Finding no goatweed present they take off again. Millions of them must die for lack of food."

And there you have the story to the best of our knowledge.

**NO COMMENT**  
By James W. Douthat  
Washington, D. C. June 25—The long fight to protect state's rights against Federal encroachment has reached a crucial stage in Congress.

A bill by Rep. Smith (D-Va.) directed against federal preemption of state functions is awaiting action by the House. It has been approved by the House Judiciary Committee and cleared for floor consideration by the Rules Committee.

If the House passes the bill, quick action by the Senate Judiciary Committee and by the Senate will be urged. Already pending in the Senate is a similar bill sponsored by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) along with ten other Democrats and four Republicans.

Supporters of the legislation are firmly convinced that the states should not be deprived of sovereign power unless there is some clear and compelling reason. They believe that the Smith bill would accomplish this purpose and should be enacted. Responsible for the legislative proposal is a series of Supreme Court decisions nullifying many state laws by the doctrine of federal preemption. Under this doctrine, a state law is invalid if Congress has passed legislation in the same field. For example it was held by the Supreme Court that merely

because Congress has passed a law dealing with communist activity the states were powerless to deal with this problem. Such decisions brought about widespread criticism that the Court was indulging in judicial legislation by finding in statutes a legislative intent (not expressed by Congress) to occupy whole fields to the exclusion of state and local governments.

The purpose of the Smith bill is to prevent the courts from presuming a legislative intent not expressly stated. Here is the reasoning behind the legislation, as developed by its supporters on the House Judiciary Committee:

Under the Constitution a federal act is supreme in any field involving exclusive federal power—such as foreign relations, war, naturalization and coinage.

More than 1600 foresters serve as inspectors for the voluntary Tree Farm program, which is helping small landowners to grow timber as a crop.

**'OLD YELLER' AND 'LASSIE' TO BE AT MOLALLA RODEO**  
"Old Yeller" the dog that rose from a Van Nuys, Calif., dog pound to star of a Walt Disney color film that bore his name, will be featured along with "Lassie" top TV canine star in this year's Molalla Buckaroo.

This year the nationally famous Molalla Rodeo event, will run four days, July 3, 4, 5 and 6. Heck Harper, foreman of KGW-TV's Circle 8 hoedown show, will also be featured on the Buckaroo entertainment card.

A full card of familiar rodeo events will take place at Molalla this year. World champion rodeo stars will compete for top purses; largest in Molalla Buckaroo history, in the bronc riding, calf roping, Brahma Bull riding, steer bulldogging and

wild cow miking events. The childrens parade will begin at 10 AM this year on July 4th, while the finale parade, preceding the last days event will be held on July 6th at 1:30 P.M.

Open air church services will be held in the Molalla City Park, Sunday, July 6th at 9 AM

**EC AGENT ADVISES ON MOTH CONTROL**


R. L. Smith Clackamas County Extension Agent, advises he has just received word from the Entomologist at Oregon State College that the Filbert Moth has now begun to emerge. Smith says now is the time to make the first application of spray or dust for effective control. For the dust program he advises the following:

40 percent lead arsenate dust. Apply the dust at the rate of 40 lbs. per acre.

For the spray program Lead arsenate 3 lbs. plus spreader to 100 gallons of water. THOROUGH coverage is important—cover all parts of the tree with the dust or spray to the point of run off. Because NOT ALL MOTHS emerge at the same time, 2 applications should be made for effective control. Make second application three weeks after the first.

A number of insecticides have been tested for control of filbert moth—none has been superior to lead arsenate. In orchards heavily infested, a soil treatment of 2 lbs. of actual DDT per acre (applied when moths first emerge) has helped. This is in addition to the regular lead arsenate control program.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayden and family attended a family reunion at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leibold of West Salem on Sunday.

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