

RATTLESNAKES SEEN IN VARIOUS PLACES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller visited at Mrs. Miller's sister's home, Mrs. Jasper Hannah on the river above Dodge Bridge, Sunday. Mrs. Nornie who lives on the river below the Ginger Roger's ranch, reported a narrow escape from a rattlesnake a few days ago. She was walking down near the river in her field and had just raised her foot to take another step when she heard a rattler buzzing. She held the foot in the air being afraid to put it down and glancing down she saw the rattler crawling across the path where she would have stepped. He was a huge fellow and on being killed later was found to have had eight rattles. Some men who were working about a mile above there killed two large rattlesnakes, one having ten rattles. The men reported that it was about the largest rattlesnake that they had ever seen.

It was also reported that in the Table Rock district there have been a number of rattlesnakes being found in the clover while they were irrigating.

Instructions Given In Home Painting

Home painting tasks will give that professional wear if three fundamentals are followed.

Requirements for a successful paint job, says John C. Campbell, O.S.C. extension housing specialist, require proper application timing, a well-prepared surface, and use of a good quality material.

To answer the question—when to paint—Campbell says to start before wood has begun to rot or nails have started to rust. Rotting and rusting will continue after the paint has been applied, he points out. New wooden buildings require a priming coat as soon after construction as weather permits.

Don't paint when it is too cold. That is, when the temperature is lower than about 60 degrees. Temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees are best. On the other hand, it can be too hot. Campbell suggests that painting not be done in direct sunlight or when the temperature has topped 90 degrees.

Regardless of temperature, choose a time when insects are not plentiful and when dust is not blowing freely.

As to preparing the surface, the specialist says it may take longer to do than the actual painting job. Dry surfaces are absolutely neces-

sary. Allow at least a week to pass after a hard rain to insure thorough drying. Surfaces must be clean, free of grease, oil, dust, loose dirt, and soot. Old painting surfaces that are chalky will require dusting only.

Buy paint made by a well-known manufacturer. After all, you get about what you pay for in paint as well as anything else. To insure buying a good quality paint, study the formula which shows on the outside of the can. Most ready-mixed house paints, for example, contain a white lead or white lead and zinc oxide pigment. The pigment may vary from 25 to 65 per cent of the total weight. Addition of gloss oil, fish oil and mineral oil makes inferior paint.

Moro Princess Speaks at O.S.C.

"I am trying to cement better understanding between my people—the Moros—and the Christian Filipinos," Miss Bai Plang told members of the central extension staff at OSC. Miss Plang was on the campus until July 3 studying the Oregon extension program on a fellowship sponsored by the United States state department.

Daughter of a Moro chief over some 24 thousand people on the island of Mindanao, Miss Plang came to the United States in September 1948. The American Association of University Women gave her a scholarship to study social work at the University of Chicago.

Filled with enthusiasm for her people, Miss Plang is collecting knowledge and donated materials to set up a training center for Moro girls. She hopes to revive crafts, using modern equipment. Craft products will be sold to tourists. American women's clubs and business men have already given pressure cookers, silverware, books and magazines, a colored camera and kitchen equipment.

Descendants of Mohammedan Malays, the Moros are a minority group of approximately one and a

half million people. The Moros face the frustrations of discrimination although intermarriage and education are bridging the gap between them and Christian Filipinos, explains Miss Plang.

The Moros need a land grant college, she believes. Extension work is still in its infancy in the Philippines.

The U.S. state department has granted Miss Plang a fellowship for three months. She has already studied extension methods in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington. From Oregon State she will go to California, then to the field laboratory in applied anthropology at a U.S. Indian school in New Mexico. She leaves the United States August 23, spending two weeks in the Hawaiian islands before reaching home.

Clover Seed Yields More than Doubled

Ladino clover seed yields were more than doubled in 1949 in Josephine and Jackson counties by dusting for lygus bug control, and alfalfa and lotus seed crops were also substantially helped with dust applications, L. G. Gentner, entomologist for the Southern Oregon branch experiment station at Medford, reports.

Dusting can easily mean the difference between a paying crop and little or no crop in ladino clover and without dusting it is impossible to produce profitable crops of alfalfa or lotus seed when heavy infestations of lygus bugs are present, the entomologist points out.

The ladino clover seed yield in-

crease resulting from dusting is conclusive evidence of the value of pest control measures. In 1948, when only a few acres in Josephine county were dusted for lygus bug control, the average yield of seed per acre in the county was 57 pounds.

In 1949, the 66 growers who dusted their combined 852 acres of seed with DDT had an average yield per acre of 141 pounds. In contrast to this, 98 growers with 566 acres who did not dust received an average of only 63 pounds per acre.

Translating these increased yields into dollars and cents on the basis of the government support price of \$1.25 per pound for seed, the increased gross return to those who dusted was \$97.50 per acre. After deducting \$9.00 for cost of materials and two applications, there was still a net increase per acre of \$88.50 from dusting.

Good control of lygus bugs on ladino clover was achieved last year with either one application of 20 pounds of 10 percent DDT dust or 30 pounds of 5 percent DDT dust per acre. Applications can be made either by airplane or with ground

dusters but are best made in the early morning or late evening when bees are not flying, to hold bee losses to a minimum.

INJURED—

James Ronald Lees, 30, of Central Point, was treated recently at the Community hospital for cuts,

bruises, and an injured back sustained when the empty logging truck he was driving went out of control and plunged down an embankment near Trail, Oregon. Conger-Morris Ambulance attendance, who brought Lees to Medford for treatment said that he is employed of Everett Skeeters of Prospect.

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