

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND THE BARD UNIT

Mrs. C. F. Schroeder is in Kansas, visiting her daughter at Horton.

J. G. Martin, of Lompoc, California, father of Mrs. Bert Smith, is visiting at the Smith home.

E. A. Biggs and C. W. Johnson were called to Yuma Wednesday of this week on business in connection with the cost review board.

Geo. T. Ratcliffe and George Y. Blair, both attaches of the local experiment farm, are taking in the San Francisco exposition. They will be gone two weeks.

Dave F. Brandt was called to El Centro last week to serve on the grand jury. He returned home Friday. The jury will convene again next week, when Mr. Brandt will make the trip back to the county seat.

The harvesting of the alfalfa seed crops commenced in earnest. The few cloudy and rainy days of this week, however, served to retard the progress of the harvest. Rain at this season is unwelcomed, and we hope that our good farmers may be blessed with a few more days of sunshine in which to put their seed away.

Harlan A. Smith, of Kansas, after spending several months visiting with his friend, R. E. Blair, left last week and is now visiting in Long Beach where he expects to spend the remainder of the summer. Mr. Smith as a writer, contributes articles to the leading farm papers of this country. He is a thorough agriculturist and though still a young man, has displayed a marked ability as a writer.

Through the courtesy of the librarian of the Bard branch of the county free circulating library, Mrs. E. E. Braun, we are supplying our readers with a list of the new books received at the library this week. The Bard people are lovers of good books. Mrs. Braun is having a busy time these days attending to the wants of the people in the book line. We can conceive of no better or profitable way of spending the leisure moments of the time than by the perusal of good wholesome literature. Below is a list of the books: "Ten Boys," Andrews; "The Californians," Atherton; "Maid of Maiden Lane," Barr; "Eben Holden," Bachelier; "Fairy Tale of a Fox," Bates; "Sea Fairies," Baum; "Going

Some," Beahc; "Prescott of Saskatchewan," Bindloss; "Winston of the Prairies," Bindloss; "Lorimer of the Northwest," Bindloss; "Lorna Doone," Blackmore; "Pioneer," Bonner; "Master of Staire," Bowen; "Little Traitor to the South," Brady; "How Phoebe Found Herself," Brown; "That Lass o' Lowrie's," Burnett; "Hey Diddle, Diddle Picture Book," Caldecott; "Mr. Crewe's Career," Churchill; "Tell It Again Stories," Dillingham; "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," Fox; "Jack, the Young Trapper," Grinnell; "Arabian Nights," Hale; "Junior in the Line," Hare; "Old Fashioned Fairy Book," Harrison; "House of Seven Gables," Hawthorne; "Great Captain," Hinkson; "Round the Year in Myth and Song," Holbrook; "Rupert of Hentzau," Hope; "Music Master," Klein; "All Sorts of Stories Book," Lang; "Nursery Rhyme Book," Lang; "Senior Co-ed," Lee; "Lady of the Decoration," Little; "Co." McGrath; "Right of Way," Parker; "Red Mist," Parrish; "Snow Baby," Peary; "Light Fingered Gentry," Phillips; "Freckles," Porter; "Virginia of the Air Lanes," Quick; "Lavendar and Old Lace," Reed; "Weaver of Dreams," Reed; "Lovey Mary," Rice; "Capt. January," Richards; "Indifference of Juliet," Richmond; "Docas, the Indian Boy," Snedden; "Young Surveyor," Trowbridge; "Morgan's Men," True; "Fair God," Wallace; "Gentlemen of France," Weyman; "How It Is Made," Williams; "Truxton King," McCutcheon; "Splendid Hazard," MacGrath; "Bishop's Purse," Moffett; "Miss Billy," Porter; "Girl of Limberlost," Gene S. Porter.

The report of the Horticultural Commission is printed below. It will show that the alfalfa seed fields of the San Pascual Valley are free from all noxious weeds. This gives the products of our farmers added value, as pure seed will command a premium over others of a doubtful source.

INTERESTING REPORT FROM HORTICULTURAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors Imperial County.

The following goods have been inspected and passed into the county during the month of June, 1915:

463 boxes of oranges, 936 boxes of lemons, 37 boxes of apples, 84 boxes of grapefruit, 676 sacks of potatoes, one trunk of lemons, 438 boxes of peaches, 1 sack orange seed, 1 sack of garden seed, 886 grapefruit trees, 2000 eucalyptus trees.

Twenty-one boxes of lemons infested with purple scale was destroyed.

There was a sack of seed shipped into the county marked "Sudan Grass Seed," from Texas. It having the appearance of Johnson grass seed the same was held up, and a sample sent to the University of California for identification. The report was that at the present time it is impossible to distinguish Johnson grass seed from Sudan grass seed. We, therefore, refuse its admittance on the ground

that it is unlawful to admit Johnson grass seed.

During the month the commissioner inspected 49 ranches for noxious weeds and investigation of insect pests. The eradication of Johnson grass is going along very successfully.

I am pleased to report the eradication of Johnson grass from 16 of the farms inspected this month. The larger infestations are being handled in a way best for all interested—with a view of complete eradication, at least expense possible to the owners.

I visited the Bard district during the month and found the farmers very much interested in eradication of all weeds detrimental to the growing of alfalfa seed.

A petition signed by over one-half of the land owners of the district was presented to me requesting that all fields be inspected and the law enforced to eradicate all noxious weeds injurious to growing alfalfa seed.

My inspector, Mr. W. E. Henson, of the Bard district, was immediately instructed to go ahead with the inspection. Up to July 1, 1252 acres of alfalfa fields have been inspected with very few exceptions all the farmers are assisting Mr. Henson in a general cleanup. Those who do not comply with the request to clean-up will be served with notice to do so and the law enforced.

Through the courtesy of A. N. Kelly, of the U. S. R. S., at Yuma, I was privileged to inspect a ditch in lower Yuma valley that was infested with Johnson grass, last year.

This ditch, which is 3100 feet long, was treated with Dinamine, weed killer, at different times during the summer, beginning in July, the work not being completed until late in the fall or until after the frost.

The results are very noticeable as the work in July is 100 per cent successful, all Johnson grass completely eradicated, while that treated later was less successful and that part treated late in the fall was mostly a failure.

It goes to prove that the best time to treat Johnson grass with Dinamine is during the summer while the sap is moving freely. It was also found not necessary to cut off the tops of the grass as given in the directions, leaving the tops it tends to assist in keeping the ground moist which is essential for best results.

In order to reduce the cost of applying the weed killer we have found it best, when there are fields badly infested, to fit up a barrel with nozzle to make a very small single stream; placing the barrel on a wagon, putting in 5 gallons of Dinamine, filling barrel with water.

In this way a very small stream can be applied on each plant as needed and not putting it on the ground right where there is no grass as in the case of a common sprinkler.

One man can operate the outfit. This plan is in operation with entire satisfaction.

Considerable experimenting is going on in the control of the melonaphis. Power spraying outfit is in operation, under the supervision of V. I. Safro, in interest of Black Leaf 40.

J. E. Graf, of U. S. bureau of entomology is noting the results of these experiments. So far the reports are very satisfactory. It is the opinion

of the commissioner that a spraying outfit will be a part of the equipment on all successful farms where fruit and garden crops are grown.

Upon request of the cantaloupe growers of Brawley district, through the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Prof. Woodworth gave a talk on melonaphis and the control by lady birds.

It is the opinion of Prof. Woodworth and other entomologists that the lady bird does very little good, and it is rumored that the shipment of lady birds will be discontinued. This will not be done until an investigation has been made to determine the benefits derived by the lady birds, we are again promised assistance along this line.

Yours very truly,
F. W. WAITE,
Horticultural Commissioner.

REV. CHAMBERLIN IS LAID TO REST

One of the most unique funeral services ever held in Yuma took place at the Yuma Baptist church at 8 o'clock last night over the mortal remains of Rev. R. W. Chamberlin, late pastor of the Baptist congregation. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hall, and appropriate talks were made by Rev. McCourtney of Phoenix, Rev. Lovejoy of Yuma and Rev. Tomlinson, of Yuma Valley. The Methodist choir sang and the large audience then adjourned to the Yuma cemetery, where one of Yuma's most beloved pastors was laid in his last resting place. Rev. Chamberlin was 65 years of age, and this was the second year of his pastorate here.

BAYONNE STRIKERS WILLING TO ARBITRATE

NEW YORK, July 23.—Whether the militia will be called out was a question last night in Bayonne, N. J., where two more men were killed in fights between the striking employes of the Standard Oil company and armed guards. The deaths since the inception of the strike thus total three.

Sheriff Kinkead, who worked earnestly to pacify the strikers, called on Governor Fielder for troops after he was jeered by crowds after the fight. Wilbur Saddler, adjutant general, has been ordered to Bayonne, and on his report rests the calling of the militia. The sheriff also has appealed to Washington for federal mediators and two will be sent immediately by the department of labor.

Fifteen hundred strikers accepted the offer of Henry Wilson, commissioner of public safety for an arbitration board to be composed of five city commissioners. This development, it is believed, may end the strike, or at least, bring a truce.

THE WEATHER REPORT

At 5 p. m., Thursday, July 22, 1915, the temperature stood at 96 degrees, with a relative humidity of 53 per cent.

Joe Obelied was fined \$25 for peddling without a license before City Judge S. Frank Stanley yesterday.

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