

Forests Menaced By Blister Rust

A recent discovery of a serious infestation of blister rust, known as Pine-comandra rust in the Penderosa pine on Charleston mountain, was the cause of the visit last week of Dr. W. W. Wagener, senior pathologist of the bureau of plant industry from San Francisco, to this area. This is the only known infestation of this disease in the western part of the nation with the exception of a slight outbreak on the Mindoka National Forest in southern Idaho. The disease acts on all young trees up to about 8 inches in diameter, causing a swelling of the bark in the portions of the branch attacked with a later outburst of the inner tissues of the stem of the tree and a scattering of a brownish

colored dust which flies about, lights on other trees and thus spreads the disease. This swelling of the bark appears as a blister on the tree, hence the name "blister rust."

Another form of this rust is killing off hundreds of thousands of acres of White Pine in Northern Idaho, with forest service workers being engaged in combating this for the past ten years with some measure of success to date. The present attack of this rust on Charleston mountain is a serious threat to continued growth of young trees which later on will make the shade which is so much needed. Inasmuch as it attacks only the smaller trees and travels faster than the mountain pine beetle, which is being combated on the mountain at present, a concerted effort shall be made to eradicate this disease during the coming years.

The disease has two hosts in which to complete its life cycle. One

CLARK COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED AT CALIENTE

Jack Willetts of Las Vegas and Gwen McDonald of Overton were united in marriage at Caliente last Saturday evening, the ceremony being performed by Evan H. Edwards, justice of the peace.

Witnesses to the rites were Merle E. Robison of Las Vegas and Ida Edwards of Caliente. Following the ceremony the couple left for Las Vegas where they expect to make their home.—Caliente Herald.

MRS BREEZE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. C. D. Breeze entertained two tables at pan Tuesday. Luncheon was served at the Oasis after which the guests repaired to the Breeze home on Fifth street and enjoyed a pleasant game.

Christmas Tree Cutting Banned

Forest Ranger R. C. Anderson announces that there will be no permits issued for cutting of Christmas trees within the Nevada National Forest on Charleston mountain for this season.

The decision is announced after thorough investigations have been made of all likely places where trees may be cut which would be suitable for Christmas trees.

Considerable private land lies within the boundaries of the Forest, however, and anyone in possession of trees which originate in the Charleston mountain area will be requested to produce a permit from the landowners.

This is in line with a policy to prevent promiscuous cutting of trees along the roads leading into the mountain area, these young trees being the crop which will furnish the larger trees in the future, for which the area is now famous.

A few of the larger trees will be made available to organizations, clubs and churches at a small cost for marking them. They are found a considerable distance from the road and it will necessitate some effort to get them out. Anyone interested may obtain further information by calling Mr. Anderson at 914.

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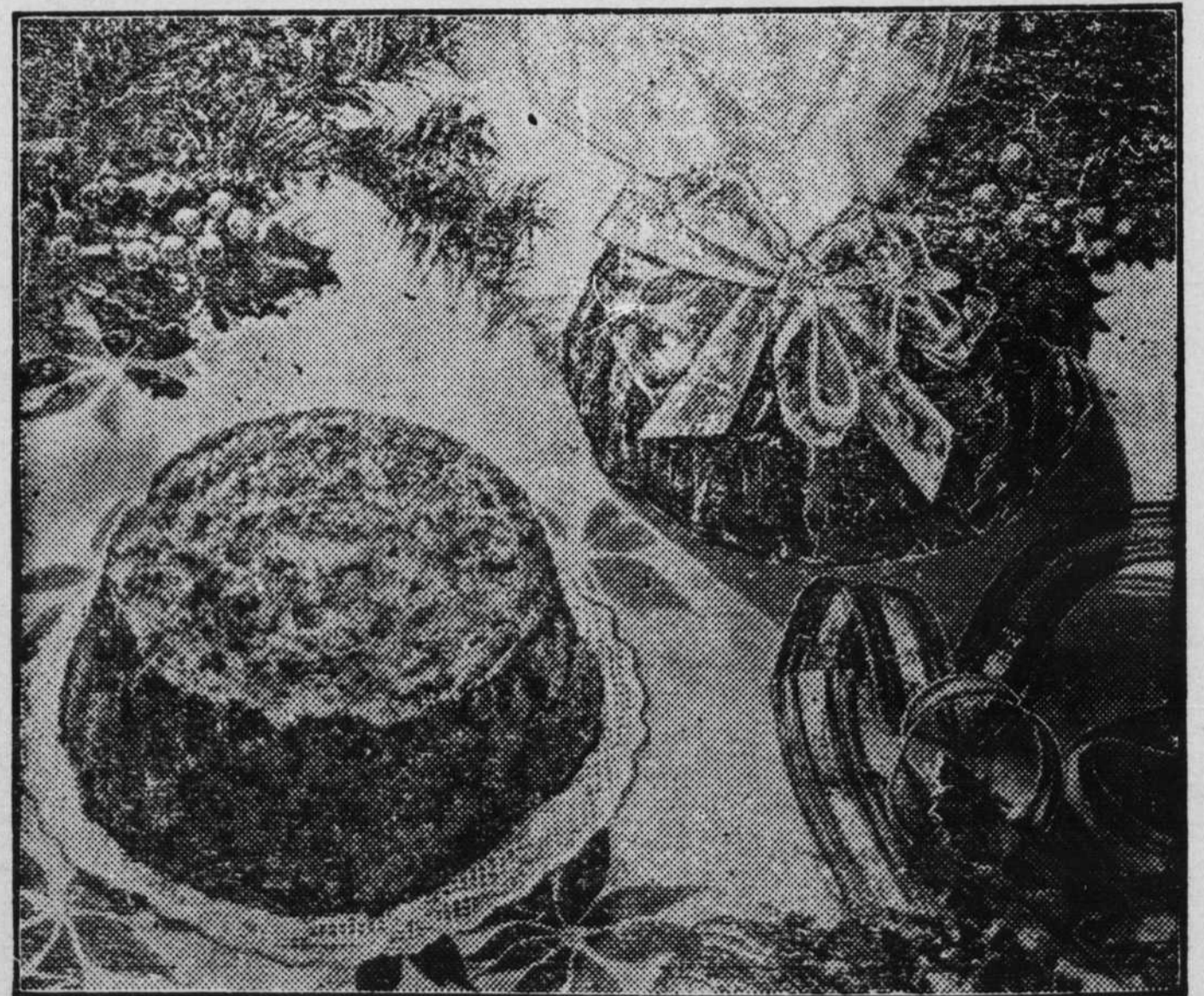


YES, ladies of the airways have their hobbies. Portland Hoffa (1) of "Town Hall Tonight," has one in Boots, whom she hopes to teach to say "Tally-ho". Mary Margaret McBride, the aireporter, (2) likes to talk to unusual people. Gracie Allen (3) makes a hobby of clothes, while Kate Smith (4) likes best to cook in hours away from the mike. Mary Livingstone's (5) number one hobby is her daughter, Joan Naomi Bennay, Rosalind Russell (6), the "Silver Theatre" actress, is never happier than when horseback riding, while Jane Rhodes (7), the Lanny Ross songstress, finds her hobby in badminton.

year it lives on the blister on the pine tree, while the next year it must live on the leaves of the Comandra or toadflax, which is common on the mountain. This latter weed is very small and inconspicuous and Dr. Wagener advises that the best measure to control the disease is to pull or hoe all the toadflax in the vicinity of the small trees.

The survey by Dr. Wagener, who was accompanied by local officers, revealed that the infestation is confined to lower Kyle canyon and it is hoped that it can be prevented from spreading into other young pine stands elsewhere on the mountain. In some areas it has killed from 60 to 80 per cent of the young pine.

Mince Meat Puddings as Christmas Gifts Are Luscious and Thrifty, Too



HERE'S a thrifty short cut recipe for Christmas gift success that can be made weeks ahead of the holiday rush. Break a nine-ounce package of dry mince meat into pieces. Add 1/2 cup cold water. Stir over heat until lumps are broken up. Bring to brisk boil; boil for 3 minutes or until mixture is practically dry; cool. Add 1 egg, slightly beaten, 1/2 cup nut meats, finely chopped, 1/2 cup orange juice and 1 teaspoon grated orange rind to 1 1/2 cups dry cake crumbs. Blend thoroughly. Fold in cooled mince meat. Pour into greased pudding mold, filling 2/3 full. Cover tightly; steam 1 hour, having water half way up on mold.