

Yaldro Mountains and Mexican wasteland wild horses once roamed form backdrop as

John Wolfe, cowpoke turned shepherder, holds to flock on Otay Mesa frontier where dogs run wild.

DOGS PROBLEM, TOO

ack Of Barley Stubble urbs Mesa Sheep-Raising

by NEIL BALL

MESA — Beacon-flocks that presently ed thistlene fields of stubble here each now are shipped a head from El to the Sacramento summer feeding. here are sheep the ound on Otay Mesa. Vicinity where with ave replaced wild

shepherd's name is Wolfe. 51, lifelong resident, horse and cowpoke. He few years with herds at around with and a flock of 100 former Twin Bread he herders with

the toughest sell ed progress pasture country when dusk Wolfe worked for ason Airport and Otay. It was the pasture when Navy planes from Lindbergh to every

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plodders keep the wolf," said Wolfe soon to the Walker ranch, after dogs the flock on the then ranch near San

dogs came from a Yaqui group said. Counting to exactly 24 hours he a bell and I can was easily out dogs any time I'm sel camp here or there

sold many stock. are sold domestic ot no charge at that ge in Mexico. Fresh ed on Mexican dogs and is heard with domestic stock ake a real sheep

hundred sheep will e," said Wolfe. "It ld for a woodcutter s a seriously large great expense to the lyrics to bind wa- ation a day's sheep feeding. It can ge with Rambouil- ot make eight gets- rn a profit by build- o 600 sheep.

sold for $100 and even miles through gates with sacks nd seven boys" an and, January (Phil- , claims but quiet Bally five miles horse locked gates- ps dogs at his fords ish to "keep the ks from rotting his

said. "I've seen pens but never eight ve" and it has "kept it into summer." to go over winter. The k has nobody but an mucho my farming ey. Dollar only go hats and pants, cum- with 50 Henry Dyer th irrigation. Wolfe This is why the Dyers all sheep go else ready on barley stub- grass in summer," said.

ERRORS

a bonus the sheep eat ng from daylight to 11 and 4 p.m. and visit a bell on each sheep to warn of dan-

on Advised ocado Spraying

get. The bells come from Spain and Switzerland, he said. He said Basque bells have too soft a tone for alarms.

Wolfe has not the same Mexican resources for 50 years and they charge 25 cents a head now. Sheep average 25 to 33 pounds of wool at only 35 cents a pound, he said. Spring lambs he buys for $15 sell for 75 cents a pound to "corn-fed $1 lamb shops."

The rate for sheep shorn in Mexico is 50 cents a head and the wool price is 42 cents a pound there, he said.

Lack Of Water Blamed For Avocado Loss

A natural thinning process and inadequate irrigation during hot spells has been blamed for the avocado fruit drop observed by county growers during the last month.

Bud Gustafson, University of California farm advisor, said it is impossible for the avocado tree to carry extra heavy crops to full maturity, and the tree must reduce the amount of fruit during the growing season.

THINNING PROCESS

He said the natural thinning process takes place in the silvercup stage, the early fruit setting period, and throughout the season until harvest time.

Gustafson said hot weather as experienced between July and October causes trees to lose and lose great quantities of water. Inadequate water supply weaken fruit, causing it to develop improperly and resulting in fruit drop, he said.

CRITICAL PERIOD

The next three months, he said, will be a critical period for the Fuerte variety and to crop there are certain cultural requirements. Irrigations every 7 to 10 days with a deep soaking irrigation every 4 to 6 weeks should provide sufficient moisture during the warm period, Shroat.

Water should penetrate into the soil at least 18 to 24 inches during the regular application and the resulting irrigation should wet to the depth of the soil, he said.

He recommended watering phone lines are retired but to of ground area for insects call too early. We might get drivers four to five feet beyond the drip line.

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Image Of Farmer Undergoes Change

By LARRY FREEMAN

The image of a farmer more about Lions than the city-owned property in the streets counterparts. Whether many of those who have always-the manager of his work, better lived on the asphalt acreage organization, or extensive use of the city, most likely from its of automation, he has more individual to individual.

But if there are those who for lack of contact with the dwindling number of growers, conceive of him as an unsophisticated lumbering clod, harnessed to the soil, they can erase the picture.

The average man of the soil who was the victim of jokes lacking pocketprotectors, slipping hooks and lightning rods, is obviously long gone.

DISCRIMINATE CHOICE

Today's farmer, it would be difficult to pick him out of a crowd of executives in the city's slickest grille. He'd get to be the topmost specialist in growing his single holdings with his brother.

Once he could be told by his sunburned face but this is now a status badge of city dwellers.

Whatever he's a jack-of-all-trades or master of things to eat or a moderate sized one, he's on to what's going on in the world. He's probably never seen a pair of galluses but to journalism snagging them he can come as close to discuss the existentialism as most of his city cousins.

Indeed he's apt to know

Better Quality Sought In Farm Exports

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP) — Foreign market studies show that the United States must improve the quality of some of its important food crops if new customers are to be gained and old ones held, officials say.

A current evaluation of the way American foods are being received in West Germany — as a typical dollar market sought by all agricultural exporting countries — raised warning signals about quality.

Citing wheat as an example, the report said dissatisfaction with the U. S. product on the part of the German trade has fronted effectiveness of efforts of the Agricultural Department's Foreign Agricultural Service and cooperating grain trade groups to develop expanded markets.

Other reports in recent years have told of lack of attention paid to quality by exporting of some other U. S. farm products.

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