

Slipper's Soliloquies

Fourth of July!!!



Another Fourth of July is fast approaching. This year the main concern is the weather. As us old timers say, I've lived in this area, man and boy, for many a year, and I can't remember so much rain. My garden is just standing still, that is, the seeds that did sprout and didn't rot in the ground, and the only good crop I have is my lawn and plenty of slugs.

I have an electric power rotary lawn mower, and it worked fine in Eastern Washington where the grass grew slow and I didn't have to worry about it getting too tall. But this year it has broken down twice already due to the heavy grass and I'm just hoping it holds out until the weather gets better and I can mow more often.

As always there has been a lot of work and planning going on to get the Loggerodeo celebration ready for the Fourth. It has reached a point where everything seems to be well planned and in working order, but we are at the mercy of Mother Nature as far as the rain goes.

Most of the attractions of the Loggerodeo are at the mercy of the weather - the pet show, the street dance, the kiddies parade, the foot race, the Grand Parade, the Log Show, the fast draw competition, softball tournament, the community picnic, the Rodeo which is on for three days, and of course the Rainier Shows, which accounts for the bulk of the Loggerodeo income. About the only thing that doesn't mind the rain is the log that floats down the river, but the fellows riding herd on it as it comes down the Skagit could do without the moisture from above.

But I guess our part of the country is really blessed as far as weather goes, as we don't have real extremes. We read about hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, really disasterous floods where lives are lost, etc., so I feel the old Northwest is a pretty good place to live after all. Besides, there isn't much we can do about the weather except complain.....
