Christmas Days

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other four years ago was a pair of them. This bird is very quiet, and the male ate grapes from Roseann's hand. Breeders have to be careful that they do not domesticate the birds and get so attached that the birds get the "human imprint" and will not breed.

The Reeves pheasant was a beautiful streak of color and hard to photograph. It has the longest tail of any pheasant. One of the interesting collection of rare hens was the one named Mille Fleur (French for "one thousand flowers"). Also in the collection was an English Crele and a Silver Sebright.

Both Don and Roseann work away from home full-time, and so they must spend many of their off hours taking care of the birds. They expressed gratitude to Don's parents, John and Martha Woodward, for their help. Martha washes the waterers and helps with other cleaning and health necessities.

Don speaks with pride about his parents' farm to which his and Roseanne's home is adjacent. His father, John, is at least the fourth generation of Woodwards on the farm, where they remain semiactive. Last year they raised 35 head of Holstein that were sent overseas for breeding purposes.

Years ago, their farm, an adjacent farm, and Don and Roseann's place were all one tract of about 300 acres. John and Martha have 100 acres.

Don worked on the dairy farm with his dad while living at home. Don also worked for some years after he and Roseann were married and moved into their home, which is at least 150 years old. Years ago, the Reeds Gap Post Office was in the home. A typical country store is next-door, and that ground was also a part of the original tract. This is in the very small village of Reeds Gap, about 15 miles south of Mifflin via Route 35.

When taking photos of Don

and Roseann at their sign, newly erected this past summer, Don pointed out with pride that the stones at the base were all from his father's farm. He was also proud of the fact that the sign was made by a friend of his who is a carpenter and an artist but does not make signs for a living.

Commitment To No-Till

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Instead, the water flows off the test surface, carrying any chemical with it.

Real condition research has consistently demonstrated that water soluable herbicides, insecticides and fungicides actually leaves tilled ground much slower and in much reduced levels.

The real-world data did show

that under conditions of a very heavy downpour occuring immediately after an application of pesticide did show a greater loss than in a ridge-tilled field, that was the rare expection.

On the other hand, the average losses over time were much higher for tilled soils than for no-tilled soils.

Overall and over time, the total

amount of pesticide flow from applied fields was at least 50 percent less for no-till than conventional till.

His point in illustrating the abilities of soils developed under a notill system to retard or prevent the loss of chemicals into water stores was to convince the audience that farmers are being faced with pres-

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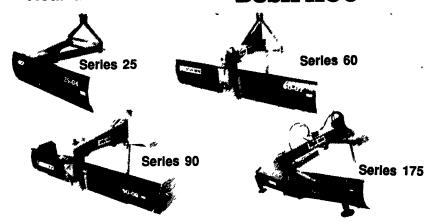
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