

October 18, 1944

Just as you write, our losses from the hurricane were somewhat offset by a good rainfall, but this has not made up for the long dry period. The ponds are still far from full, and I am concerned what will happen this winter if they do not fill so that the bogs will be flooded.

I am very much excited about the Holly Committee that you have formed in New Jersey. I am sure you have taken a big step in advance in starting research on this most important tree. Could I be included in the party to visit Judge Brown on November 4? I should certainly like to meet the people and see the place of interest. If you think this would not be proper, don't feel any hesitancy in telling me.

I am glad you think well of the "Emily" holly. In some respects this is the best of my selections and I have a fair stock, fortunately, for the Army destroyed the original tree and so there is no more chance to get cuttings. I find that they root readily, and that the plants begin to fruit when very young and apparently continue this good habit.

Mr. Wolf's full name and address are C. R. Wolf, Millville, N. J.

Wilfred Wheeler

October 20, 1944

Since reading your letter which came this morning, I have phoned Dr. P. P. Pirone who is contacting Judge Brown about the arrangements for the Holly Committee meeting at the Judge's place on November 4, Dr. Pirone is sure that everyone will be delighted to have you join us for the inspection, and will start a letter to you this afternoon.

Dr. Pirone told me during our phone conversation that he knew of Mr. Wolf's interest in holly, but he had not been asked to join the Committee because he lives so far south and because his holly orchard is a hobby - entirely a sideline to his business of sand and gravel.

Perhaps you can manage to visit Mr. Wolf in connection with the trip to Judge Brown's. If you can get there by taxi from Red Bank, you could drive home with me and we could drive to Mr. Wolf's place on Sunday.

Elisabeth C. White

October 29, 1944

There were so many calls for help from people whose places were wrecked by the storm, and especially on weekends when it is the only time they have to look over their places, that I felt I should not be away for any length of time. I was disappointed in missing the meeting.

You will recall the hollies at St. Mary's in Centerville - the "St. Mary" and "St. Ann" trees. It would make you heartsick to see them now. "St. Mary" has hardly a leaf on it, and the other is only a little better. Most of the trees on the Island are gone. The whole place looks as though a bomb had exploded. I had an opportunity to look at some hollies farther inland; they are better but the effects of the salt spray is still evident.

I am digging out our hollies from the trees which fell around them and am surprised at so little damage.

Wilfred Wheeler

November 9, 1944

I am indeed sorry that you could not be with us on the trip to Judge Brown's last Saturday. It was a most interesting meeting. This Committee promised very solid and practical work in the advancement of holly culture.

Judge Brown has a very considerable estate at Locust on the north bank of the mouth of the Shrewsbury River. It is only a short distance from Atlantic Highlands which, as you doubtless know, is the highest point on the entire eastern coast.