VISITING MENNONITE FRIENDS

This country has changed
so much
  Pete Lowen said
but go to Hilmar
where Bergitta lives
  a few meadowlarks there
  a now and then cottontail
  a patch of Queen Anne's lace

WEEKENDS

115° in Red Bluff today
  I heard it on TV
but Kevin drove up there
  anyway
to see a girl he met at
the rodeo last year
  been going there
  every weekend since
  with three hours sleep
his father worries
  I hope the boy's mind
comes back
  before his tires play out

VISITING ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY AT ESCALON

That's all wrong
his epitaph should read
John Jay Hillman
grew pumpkins near
Escalon
thousands of them
had a wife
who never baked a pie