

A Revival Cultivation of Herbs Again in Limelight

Colonial housewives would highly approve the current revival of interest in herbs. Indeed, they would be surprised to learn that the cultivation of herbs in America had ever declined.

Among the most precious possessions brought by the Pilgrim mothers were the packets of herb seeds and roots, for at that time herbs were used in daily use in England, and Europe. Recipes current at Jamestown and Williamsburg indicate that herbs were brought over also by the women of the earliest colony in 1607. According to Helen Noyes Webster, in Plymouth, grows today the descendant of a mint planted in 1620, or very soon after. With no drugstores round the corner, the colonial folk depended on herbs for healing as well as for flavor in cooking. Scentbags were popular for linen shelves, chair backs and cushions. Potpourri recipes were handed down from mother to daughter.

Exchanges of herbal friends were made with the friendly Indians. To keep church goers awake during the long sermons "meatin' seeds" were nibbled, dill or caraway. Bibles and hymnbooks were scented with

costmary, called Bibleleaf. Up to the early 1800s every New England yard had its "yarb patch" or its row of spearmint, camomile, or tansy. The Shakers in Pennsylvania were the first to grow herbs extensively for medicine. Johnny Appleseed planted fennel seed by the hedgerows and fences of Ohio.

With the coming of drugstores, refrigerators, and commerce in prepared herbs from Europe and Asia, there ensued a long decline in the growing of herbs. However, for the past decade or so, there has been a marked revival of interest in herbs, quickened by the disruption of trade caused by the World War. Digitalis, caraway, marjoram, thyme, and sage, as well as various mints for teas, are again grown.

Today one could plan an interesting herbal itinerary through the United States. At the Cottage Herb Garden in the Washington Cathedral Close, there is a replica of the Shakespeare herb garden in Stratford-on-Avon. The restored Mt. Vernon herb garden is a perfect example of formal gardening in the peaceful years after 1700. Old Williamsburg, Virginia, has many restored herb gardens, one of the most picturesque being that of the governor's palace. New England boasts many such restored early American gardens. Of interest also are the Wild Garden at Milton, Massachusetts; Cloister Garden connected with the Metropolitan museum of art in New York; and the herb garden at the Harvard Botanical Gardens, sponsored by the Herb Society of America, with the aim of finding what wild plants are adaptable.

To purchase herb plants or to see the processing of herbs for tisanes, seasonings, or fragrances, one could visit the Weathered Oak Herb farm at Bethesda, Maryland or the Tooles at Baraboo, Wisconsin. In Portland, Ore., Miss Constance Cole has recently replanted her herb farm at Lavender Lane. Near her at hand are the 65 acre dill farm in the Chemawa vicinity and the peppermint fields near Buena Vista, the latter a lovely sight when being sprayed at sunset.

Altogether, it is appropriate for the Chemeketa chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to recognize the early usage of herbs by organizing an Early American herb tea for the general public at the home of Mrs. John H. Carlin, 405 North Summer, on Thursday. The hours are two to five and seven to nine p. m. Herbs for fragrance, cookery, and teas will be displayed together with books, pictures and scrapbooks on herbs. Cuttings of herbs will be shown in bottles labeled with botanical and popular names and a bit of early lore and usage. Everyone is invited to attend the affair.

Etokta Club Will Meet Tuesday

Members of the Etokta Woman's club will meet on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Richard Erickson, 1815 North Liberty street at 2 o'clock. Assisting Mrs. Erickson are Mrs. E. A. Boyle and Mrs. O. H. Morning.

Delegates to the Marion county Federation and the third district convention will be named. Mrs. Wilber Agkney will review a late book during the program hour.

Swegle Couple Are Entertained

SWEGLE — As Mr. and Mrs. William McKinney have sold their home on Garden road and will be moving from the district soon, a group of friends gathered at their home Thursday night for a farewell party. Refreshments were served and a gift presented by a committee from the Swegle Woman's club. Mrs. McKinney has been president of the East Salem extension unit for two years and both have been active in the community social life and will be missed.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brandt, Donna Mae and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biggerstaff, Mrs. James Lyke, Mrs. Otis Dawes, Mrs. Homer J. Conklin, Mrs. Louis Neuman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Curry, Letha and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. George Yost and LaVonne, Mrs. Lester Bolton, Delbert and Mary Louise, Mrs. Charles Bottdorff, Mrs. Joseph Brennan, Mrs. Ralph Becker, Mr. and Mrs. William Hensell, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Jones, Richard and Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Dalke, Mrs. E. E. Welty, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Salter, Mrs. Albert Patz, Dona Marshall, Mrs. Warren Miles, Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney and Robert.

Silvertonians Wed in Portland

SILVERTON — Mrs. Nellie Dick and Mr. Lewis Yates, both of Silverton, were married in Portland at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. They have gone on a two weeks trip to the Oregon beaches and upon their return will live at 307 Oak street.

Mr. Yates is street commissioner of Silverton, as was his father, the late Lafayette Yates. Mrs. Yates has lived in Silverton some two years.

The Oregon State Bar association convention at Gearhart will be attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce M. Spaulding. They will leave Wednesday to be present at the board of governors banquet and remain through the convention, returning Sunday.

Mrs. J. K. Coffin of Whittier, California, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Russell Catlin and Mrs. Frank Spears.

Girl Reserves Corner

The first meeting of Parrish 8th grade Girl Reserves was held Monday at the YWCA with their new advisor, Mrs. Kay Halverson. Marlene DeWitt was elected president to fill the vacancy of Joan Farrell, who is attending school in Portland. Dolly Davidson is replacing Joan Elliott, who has moved. Plans for a club party was discussed.

Jeanne King, president of Leslie Girl Reserve club presided at the initial meeting at Leslie school Monday.

The first summer officers of the Leslie 8th Grade Reserves club were elected Tuesday after school at Leslie. President, Pat Olson; vice-president, Beverly Caster; secretary, Barbara Flagg; treasurer, Sharon Sprout; song leader, Donna Brunkal; inter-club representative, Shirley Welton.

Janet Miller, president of Tri-Y, Betty Lou Edwards, song leader of Tri-Y and Mrs. Mary Brown were guests of the Chemawa Girl Reserves Thursday.

Verdict of the Ages

In a study of 375 films made through 18 consecutive months in 1942 and 1943 the American Business Men's Research Foundation reported 1,128 drinking scenes, 845 of which — 55% — implied approval of drinking.

Should Prohibition return? Since America entered the World War in December, 1941, the liquor traffic has taken from the pockets of the American people more than \$10,000,000,000 (10 billion dollars) in alcoholic beverage sales.

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Camp Fire Girls

Of special interest to many Salem residents is the fact that Mrs. George W. Bagnall has returned to Salem and is helping Mrs. Emma Maxwell, executive secretary of the Camp Fire Girls. For the past three years she has been a member of the Portland area staff as area field secretary after completing training at executive school at Mills college.

First fall project for Camp Fire girls of Salem, with their leaders, will be to help the Marion county public health office with Christmas seals. Girls will meet at the YMCA, October 18 at 4 o'clock to help on this project.

The first fall guardian's association meeting was held October 10 in the First Presbyterian church. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. C. S. McCollam, president. Plans for the fall training courses for Camp Fire guardians and Blue Bird leaders were made. This will be the first meeting for all Camp Fire guardians and Blue Bird leaders of Salem, Corvallis and Dallas and is to be an all-day field trip to Camp Kilowan. They will leave Salem at 9:30 a. m., October 17.

A training course schedule for guardians of the fifth and sixth grade groups, will open in the First Presbyterian church club room from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m., October 24, the subject is, "Objectives of Camp Fire girls, music for ranks and group singing." Other meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

Blue Bird leaders will hold their training course meetings in the Camp Fire office, 319 Oregon building, on Friday mornings from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Their schedule opens on October 26 as follows:

A new addition to the training course program this year is a special course for old leaders and leaders of girls of junior high school age. They will meet in the Camp Fire office, 319 Oregon building on Wednesday nights beginning at 7:30 o'clock October 24.

The courses will be under the leadership of Mrs. Emma Maxwell, local executive, assisted by Mrs. George W. Bagnall.

Of interest to many girls is the news that Mrs. Erwin Bacterman is to be the guardian for those entering junior high from the Englewood district and particularly for those girls formerly in groups under Mrs. Don Patton and Mrs. C. S. McCollam.

Groups at St. Vincent dePaul are under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Gamroth, Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Dorothy Shepard.

Miss Kay Lovett will continue to lead girls from Highland district now in junior high school. Mrs. Daisy Chance is meeting with girls from the Garfield and Grant schools, now in junior high and Mrs. W. C. Cavender is meeting with Leslie girls from the Richmond district.

The Muriel Morse Horizon club held its first meeting October 8 at 7:30 o'clock in the Camp Fire office with Suzanne Huggins, presiding.

RATION CALENDAR

MEATS, FATS, ETC.: Book 4 — R. through V1 good through Jan. 31. A1 through V1 through Oct. 31. E1 through K1 through Nov. 31. L1 through Q1 valid through Dec. 31.

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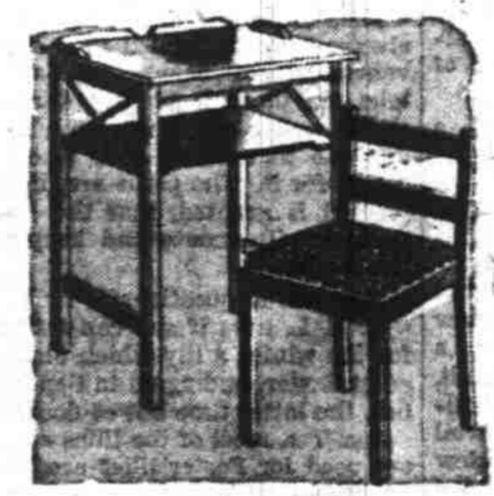


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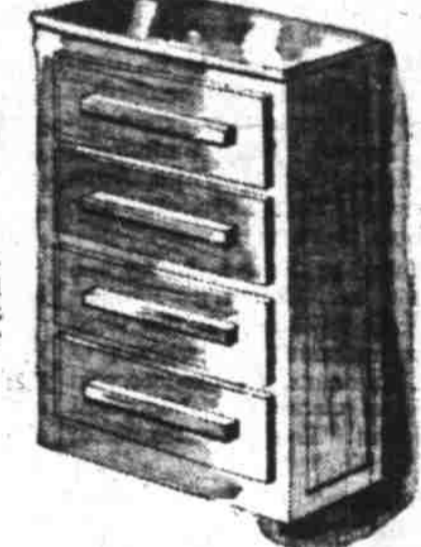
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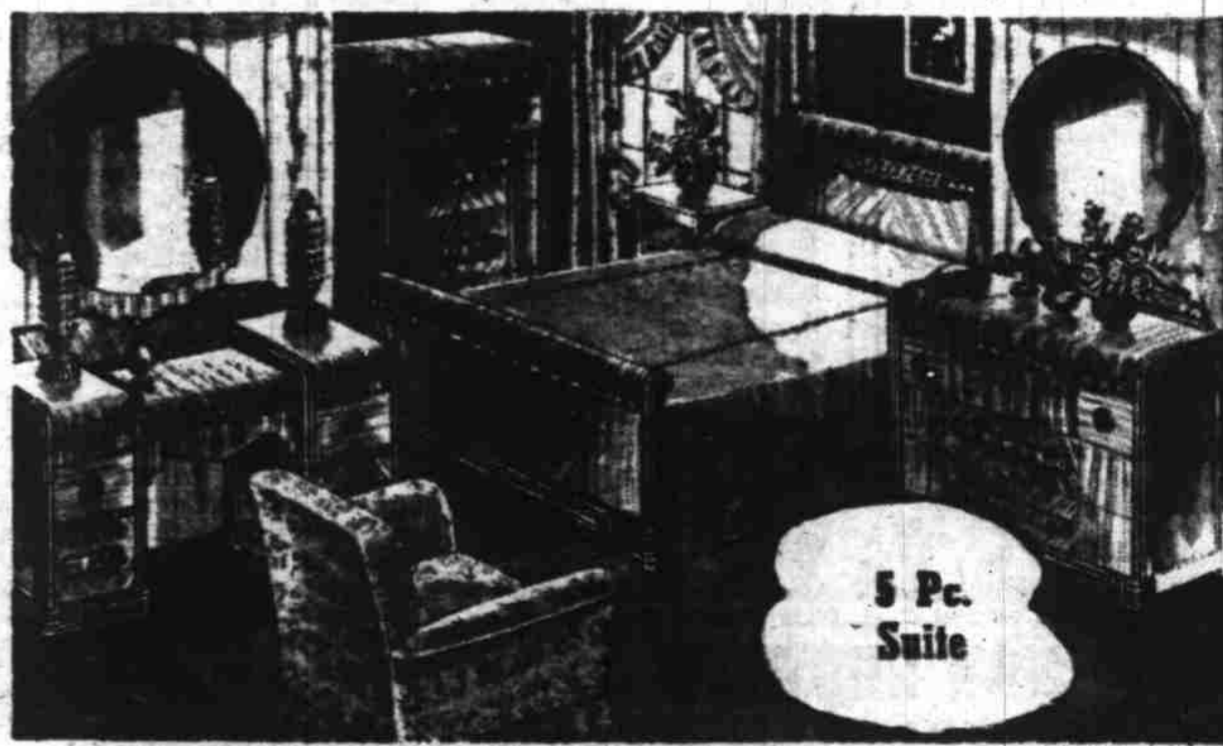
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