

## Is That So?

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Come fall, one of the West Coast's most successful florists has his crews busy along the roadsides collecting weeds which he dries, dyes and sells to eager customers all over the land.

No wonder. Stunning arrangements can be made with dried weeds and leaves. To add variety simply introduce fall flowers, fruits, vegetables, or leaves that are handy.

Now that fall roadsides are

Before your flowers wilt strip the foliage from stems and tie in small bunches, say from 12 to 18 each. Be sure no worms or insects are included. Hang them, flowers-down, in a dark, dry room. (If room is bright, colors fade; if damp, flowers mildew.)

### Use Cold Water

Should the flowers wilt badly before you can get around to tunching, place stems in cold water until they become fresh. Then hang as described.

When materials are well dried—about a month—store them in out-free containers until you are ready to use them. With seed pods and grains, look out for mice.

To use, place the dried plants in a container of sand; no moistening of course is necessary. If such sturdy materials as okra and artichoke are too stiff and straight for arranging attractively when dried, you can make them pliable by holding the stems over the spout of a tea-kettle. But let them dry again in their new curved positions before placing them in your arrangement.

If the container opening is wide enough, you may wish to pour wax over the sand and in between the flower stems to hold your arrangement perfectly and permanently. And when guests come to admire your "roadside" harvest, try not to look too smug.

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beautiful, why not give "drying" a whirl.

For fun, try everything and anything which looks as if it had the slightest potential. You'll be astonished. An amazing number of flowers, weeds and foliage-plants dry well retaining their natural forms and brilliant colors. And don't overlook seed pods—even those of iris, snakeroot, lily, or yucca.

You'll find it takes experience—that will come the second and third year—to know at what stage plants should be cut in bud, opened or fully bloomed. Some flowers, you see shatter when picked in prime, others will not develop properly if picked too early.

Grains, such as rye, millet, barley, wheat and oats together with many of the grasses you'll want to collect in two or three stages from green to tan; okra when green; leaves when their fall colors are brightest; gourds when the vines have withered and the shells are hard; dock when it is green, tan and brown.

For experience, sure go ahead and select those which have been fairly well protected from rain, wind, insects and spray. But mind, an imperfect leaf with an insect-chewed hole may be more attractive than a perfect specimen.

### Guide for Cutting

As a guide, you'll want to cut pearly everlasting, strawflower and joe-pye weed when it is still in the bud. Those which dry better at a little more advanced stage say about three-quarters opened, are thistle, clover and larkspur.

Stock you'll want to cut before the florets on the base begin to fade; cattails before the shattering starts—and you may wish to spray it with clear plastic which you can get at hardware stores; and this goes too, for kale flowers, Queen Anne's lace, rhubarb flowers, spirea, winged everlasting, goldenrod, butterfly weed, cockscomb, zinnia and yarrow.

Rose hips, sumac and seed pods should be gathered when they are of good color.

With corn, you'll want to pick it for foliage as well as tassels and ears—perhaps painting the foliage in gold or silver. And gull back the husks of corn ears before drying. (In a subsequent piece I will tell you how to preserve leaves and infuse them with rich color tones.)

## Karl's Remodeling Nears Completion

Remodeling of Karl's Shoe Store, 230 East Main st., Medford, will be completed Thursday, according to Clay Lee, manager.

Grand opening of the store will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and continue for three days. The store will feature special sales, free candy and toys for children, and free shopping bags, Lee said.

Features of the remodeling include complete new lighting, air conditioning, heating, ceiling, merry-go-round for children and display windows. About 6,000 was spent during the two weeks of remodeling, Lee said.

Eugene — (UPI) — The State Board of Higher Education has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Robert D. Clark to be new dean of the College of Liberal Arts at University of Oregon.

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## Quotes From the News

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Mason City, Iowa—Sen. Estes Kefauver on the administration's foreign policy.

"I prefer to think that President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles have been guilty only of stubborn refusal to remove their rose-tinted glasses."

Hollywood—Film star Jayne Mansfield obtaining a divorce from public relations man Paul Mansfield.

"He believed a woman's place was in the home, and most especially in the kitchen from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Detroit—Mrs. Marie Hayes of Detroit going through the ordeal of proving the baby she gave birth to unaided was really hers.

"The hard part is getting a birth certificate."

Memphis, Tenn.—John Lee Tolliver, a Coldwater, Miss., Negro, telling police he shot a faith healer because of a voodoo hex that killed his mother.

"I jumped George Webster about killing my mother and he put the voodoo on me and my sister. Every time I buy a new tire, it blows out in a week."

Memphis, Tenn.—Rock 'n' roll idol Elvis Presley receiving his draft questionnaire.

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## Suit Filed Against Partner in Court

Clarence L. Smith, 312 Clark st., Medford, has filed a complaint in circuit court against his business partner, Ben L. Wells, 880 Shafer lane, Medford, according to records in the county clerk's office.

The two men entered partnership on Feb. 1, 1954, in Orchard Home Builders' Supply.

Smith charges that on Oct. 1, Wells assumed exclusive ownership and control of the business and property. According to the complaint, Smith also charges Wells refused to allow him on the place or into the partnership. He further states he believes Wells has received in excess of \$5,000 over and above his just proportion of the business proceeds.

He asks dissolution of the partnership, that an account be taken of the business and that the defendant be ordered to pay to the plaintiff the amount of money due him.

He also asks that a receiver be appointed to collect money and debts due, conduct the business until it is sold and make

## 15 Cosmeticians Attend Eugene Program Sunday

Fifteen cosmeticians from Jackson county attended educational program in Eugene Sunday, Oct. 21, sponsored by the Oregon Beauticians association.

Attending were Mrs. Elaise Logan, Mrs. Lorraine Miller, Mrs. Billie Powers, Mrs. Christine Rose, Mrs. Vernivus Fry,

distribution of property and effects of the business after the sale.

Smith also asks that Wells be ordered to pay costs and disbursements of the court action. Representing the plaintiff is George Rode, Medford attorney.

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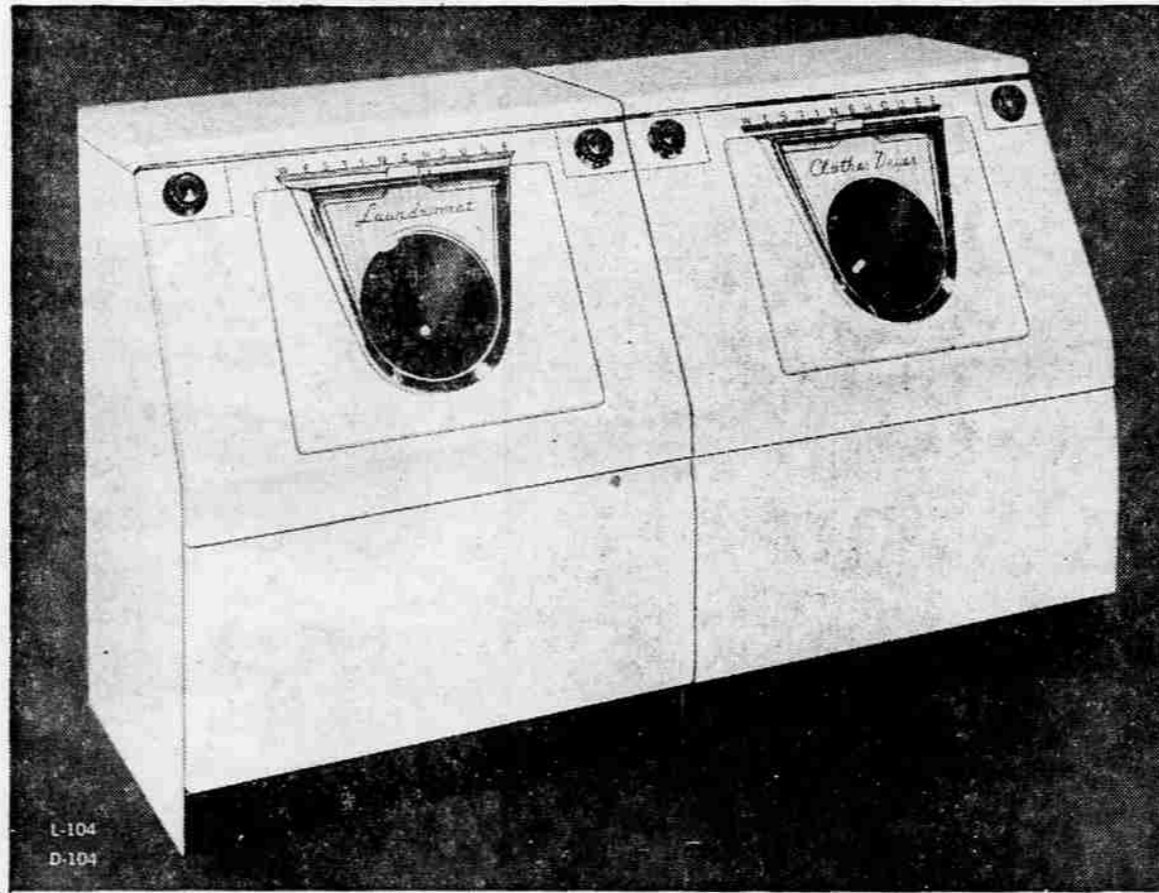
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