

Out of the Woods

By JIM STEVENS

"The evergreen huckleberry has a fine future in my eyes," said George Herkimer Jr. "So has the salal, for that matter. These wonderful little native shrubs were looked on as brush for so many years that it is hard to get folks to see their promise."

"Times change," said George Jr. "Everytime a big evergreen in town blows over on a house it's a sales argument for huckleberry, salal, sword ferns and other Northwest natives that are the best of shrubs for Northwest gardens."

We had stopped over at the Herkimer farm, up in the Lemolo hills. A creek canyon opened on a pasture and hayfield. On up the creek was a rare show of what my companion, Bill Denny, a forester, called "an Elysian field of minor forest products." This is the general term for small species of plants found on forest lands.

The Greatest Garden County.

"During the war I was in England," young George went on to tell us. "There I learned what an art of living gardening can be. And I was amazed to find in some of the finest gardens native plants of our Northwest—evergreen huckleberry, salal and tall Oregon grapes."

"I talked to an English gardener who had lived here and in British Columbia. He was a sarcastic customer, and some of his jabs about how little we appreciated our own native shrubs set me to thinking. I remembered the back fifties of the Herkimer farm had loads of such natural growth that was never noticed except as brush and weeds in the stumps."

"The gardener made cracks about the big evergreens that were so favored for home hedges in our country. 'Tortured trees,' he called them. But this man's argument was that the Pacific Northwest was the great-

est natural garden spot on earth and that the first and greatest need was for the people here to learn what was right use and wrong use of native plants and what would grow best in imported plants."

"I came home with many more ideas," Herkimer went on, "most of them on how to sell what we have on land that is of no use to us except for woodland crops. I am selling all the huckleberry brush I can harvest and take to Green Home."

Salal in June.

We went up into the woods, on the benches and slopes. There were seedling trees in sight among stumps and greening ground cover. We came to a handsome spread of salal that was yet in bloom. The shrubs were loaded with flowers like little pink pitchers. The rich dark-green foliage had a depth of texture like waxed leather. Salal grows just about everywhere west of the Cascades—except in the fanciest gardens. George kept talking about boosting its home use as the use of the Christmas tree had been promoted. He had the same hopes, of course, for the evergreen huckleberry.

Already e was harvesting and selling huckleberry and salal foliage the year round, except for the spring period when the new leaves are easily crushed. The market is with florists who use the foliage in decorations.

George Herkimer Jr., and his younger brothers, Fred and Nels, are demonstrating that "brush" has money in it.

DETROIT

By MRS. J. A. WRIGHT

Mrs. Lola Christianson and children Gayle and Norma Lee came Monday for a two weeks' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson.

Dr. E. E. Baird of Toledo was here on a business trip, also visiting over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Layman. Bob Layman, son of the Earl Laymans, is spending two weeks in Salem at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jayne Layman. He will also pick cherries while away.

A wedding of interest to his friends here was that of Lon Goodrich and Miss Jimmy Hall of Silverton, solemnized at Vancouver last Friday. He and his father, Omer Goodrich, were employed here by the Atkinson Construction Co. last summer. The latter is working here for the Army Engineers. The young couple will live in Silverton where he has employment.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Santiam Aerie, had a dance Saturday night at the Rod and Gun Club. A fair sized crowd attended. Good music was furnished by a local orchestra, Mrs. Gordon Skidmore, Eldon White, Frank Wilson and Dick Haseman. Refreshments were served. Another dance will be given in two weeks.

Recently some windows were broken at the library building. The Women's Civic Club feels that the children of the neighborhood should take an interest in trying to care for our public buildings instead of destroying them. They hope there will be no further trouble, or it will have to be taken up with the proper authorities.

Mrs. Guy Wilson entertained Friday afternoon in honor of her daughters, Ruby, who was nine June 25, and Thelma, seven June 23. The children played games and a door prize was won by David Payne. Present were Donna Rae Stevenson, Di-

The Human Race



ane White, Claudia, and Perry Fry, Carol Campbell, Nina and Gene Walter, LaWana, Marilyn and Linda Morgan, Meirily and Johnnie Hanan, Sally Fletcher, Jimmie Cook, Dickie Jacobs, Dale McDaniels, David and Jackie Payne and Evelyn Wilson. Additional guests were Mrs. Perry Fry and Mrs. Ed Hanan. Refreshments were served.

The parents of Jack Fidel, newly appointed assistant deputy here, visited here, from Santa Monica, Calif. They were on their way to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Crawford returned the first of the week from Reno where they had been to attend a reunion of her family.

Delores Morgan arrived this week from Boise to spend her two weeks' vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Delmar Nelson.

Mrs. Curt's Howard and son Kenny returned by bus Thursday evening from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bowen of Fresno, Calif.

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Morning Worship 11:00
Evangelistic Service 7:45
Wed. Bible Study 7:45

Mrs. H. E. Agee and children were shopping in Salem Monday.

Mrs. R. R. Case of Mehama was operated on Monday Morning for tumor and gall bladder at the Salem Memorial Hospital.

Jack Bardsley, formerly with The Enterprise, underwent an operation at Veterans Hospital Monday. His condition was reported good.

Mrs. Tinsdale of McCully Mountain is also a patient at Salem Memorial Hospital. Her daughter is Betty Hane of Mill City.

A Cherry of Dallas spent Sunday with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mel Robinson.

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