



THOUSANDS OF TULIPS scatter a riot of colors among the trees, in low places and in high places, about the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard von Berthelsdorf. Colors range from pure white to almost black. Many bloom among grass coverage which helps conserve moisture since there is no way of irrigating the informal garden. Chipmunks have carried some of the bulbs far beyond the boundaries of the home grounds where they grow against clumps of manzanita and snow brush. Mrs. Von Berthelsdorf enjoys these blossoms close by a corner window.



THREE CHILDREN, a son and two daughters, come home frequently to the gracious rooms where old etchings and oil paintings by a daughter, Dresden china, sterling and pewter, candlelight and damask make charming surroundings in the big home. There are works of Keats, Dumas, the old German masters of the written word among many volumes on the bookshelves by the native rock fireplace... Grieg and Schubert and Brahms are bywords in the household where both a piano and 100-year organ are used frequently. Ceilings are beamed in all rooms and this part of the actual building program called for ingenuity to swing the heavy timbers overhead into place. This scene looks through the dining room to living room from the den and...

Forest Fires Are Reduced

Forest fires were held to a record low of 83,400 nationwide in 1957, dipping below the 100,000 mark for the first time since records have been kept, according to the Wildlife Management Institute.

Figures compiled by the U.S. Forest Service show last year's record compares with 143,000 forest fires in 1956 and 200,800 10 years ago. The area burned was almost halved, dropping from 6,605,900 acres in 1956 to 3,409,000 in 1957. Fires burned 2 1/4 million acres 10 years ago.

Much credit for the excellent 1957 record, the Forest Service says, is due to the American public. Three programs that were commended for creating public awareness of the destructive nature of forest fires were the Smokey Bear campaign sponsored by the Forest Service and the State Foresters under the leadership of the Advertising Council; Keep Green programs conducted by forest industries and the states; and the Southern Forest Fire Conference sponsored in New Orleans two years ago by the American Forestry Association.



LAND WAS CLEARED of trees and leveled by hand for buildings at Trail's End. Left rear is the garage and woodshed with rock and cement walls built by the couple. A charming small guest house, cozily furnished, is above the garage, reached by wide cement steps. Chokecherry bushes in full bloom along the walkway promise jars of tart jell on pantry shelves next winter. Worn out wheelbarrows and a flock of shovels, dulled by use, are proof that no power machinery lurks in the bushes. Every bit of work has been done by the Von Berthelsdorfs using only hand tools.

Trail's End Is Product Of

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children. A letter to her parents on the dire need of the people, brought immediate results.

A flow of food, clothing, drugs, hospital supplies and bedding, began moving overseas to German families in the American occupied zone of the country. Hundreds of parcels were sent, to the land devastated by war. Postage alone exceeded \$1,000. The humanitarian work was financed through the sale of produce from Trail's End.

Molly von Berthelsdorf dressed thousands of frying chickens in those years after the war, often working far into the night to properly care for the birds because there was no ice except for the family ice box.

And from that effort came recognition to her husband who had bought, packed and shipped the goods abroad, the Gallant Title, the Cross of the Order of Merit, to Herr Richard von Berthelsdorf, Landwirt (landholder) from the President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The ribboned Cross of Merit and its accompanying printed citation, came as an 80th birthday surprise to Richard von Berthelsdorf. He was located through his only son, Dr. Siegfried von Berthelsdorf, who served with the American forces during the war as a lieutenant. The honored American citizen went to Seattle to accept the award in an impressive ceremony.

The thousand acres have been cut to 100, and no longer are hundreds of chicks raised each year. The big pantry, a luxury unknown to apartment and modern home dwellers, is stocked with home-preserved foods... the wicks of the oil lamps are trimmed, a violin lies in its open case atop the piano, a black bear rug nuzzles the fireplace hearth... a new treatise on psychology on a table by a window is marked at a special passage, new grass near the doorstep draws deer from the fringe of the timber, the road winds left through the long valley from Highway 96, past a windmill lazily drawing water for Herefords in a pasture and there is a welcome waiting at Trail's End.

COVER BOX
Photographer Don Kettler found ample material for pictures on recent visit to ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard von Berthelsdorf, in Swan Valley. The home is in natural woodland setting. The ranch is 25 miles from Klamath Falls.

KITCHEN CABINETS
Base cabinets for the storage of towels, table cloths, place mats and other kitchen linens are now being made by some wood kitchen cabinet manufacturers. The units, which fit in naturally with other base cabinets, have a series of deep, sliding drawers, concealed behind a full-length door.

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