



**A SUMMER IN GERMANY** as an exchange summer student has been a Montague girl's experience this year. Carol Petersen, right, is shown with her German "sister," Maren Vagt. Carol left for Germany in June and will return in September. She has been living with the Vagt family in Bargtheide, where this picture was taken.

### 4-H Girl Spends Summer With North German Family

By BETTY DOW  
MONTAGUE — For the first time in her eight years of 4-H Club work, Carol Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aage Petersen of Montague, will not be an exhibitor in the Siskiyou County Fair. In past years, she has exhibited dairy cattle, fat hogs, sheep and clothing.  
This year her summer activities are of a different trend for she is spending the summer in Bargtheide, North Germany, a city about the size of Yreka, as an American Field Service exchange summer student, and is living with her German "parents" Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vagt. While there she is enjoying the companionship of two of the Vagt children, Carol's German sister, Maren, aged 18, and her German brother, Woffe, who is 15. An older son, Hans-Jochen, is not at home at present.  
Carol, who is 17, left Montague on June 3 for an exciting and educational trip she will always remember. And missing participation in the county fair is not the only "first" event for Carol that this trip has brought about, because for the first time in her life, she boarded a train in Portland. That was only the beginning of train travel for Carol, as most of her transportation in Europe has been by train.  
Upon her arrival in Germany, Carol found that the German schools were still in session, so she had the opportunity of visiting school with Maren. When she visited the English class, she answered many questions for the students. Both students and teach-

## Over the GARDEN GATE

### WILD FLOWER TOUR

By Irene Seely  
Are you looking for a love charm? Or just something different for Sunday dinner? Members of the Klamath District garden clubs who went on the wild flower tour around Klamath Lake recently found those things and many more. Fifty eight varieties of wild flowers were identified and nine species of birds were seen on the day-long trip.  
The tour was under the direction of Mrs. Noah Nyhart, district bird chairman, and Mrs. George Houck, district wild flower chairman. Ten members and their guests made the trip. The group stopped at Kimball Park for lunch and noted with pleasure that the park is in excellent shape with clean facilities and convenient tables.  
Of the 58 varieties of wild flowers found blooming, 20 are edible and formed a part of the diet of the early Indians. Others were used for such purposes as arrow-shafting, soap, weaving, medicine, and at least one can produce a sizable hangover.  
Flowers having edible bulbs include the Harvest Brodiaea or the harvest cluster lily which resembles the potato in taste, the wild tiger lily and its slightly larger cousin, the leopard lily.  
Edible berries are numerous. False Solomon's Seal and Spike-mart are distinguished only by the color of their berries, the former being blue and the latter being red. Both are loved by bears. Low Oregon grape has an acid blue berry. It can be distinguished from the more common Oregon grape by its low growth and weak spines. Golden currant, which is also known as Missouri or buffalo currant, has a bright orange berry and is very noticeable now along the roadsides. Neither the service-berry nor the chokecherry is ripe yet, but both show promise of a heavy crop later. Both were used in making pemmican by the Indians.  
Not all berries are edible. The single fruit of the bitter cherry fulfills its name only too well, while the snowberry, a beautiful and attractive white fruit, is actually slightly poisonous.  
Plants with edible roots include the edible thistle which can be distinguished from the bull thistle because it does not guard itself with spiny points, and the cow parsnip whose boiled roots taste like carrots.  
As with the berries, not all roots are edible. The monkshood, a lovely blue length of dancing bells,

is also known as wolfsbane because of its poisonous root. It was sometimes used by the Indians to poison arrowheads.  
Seeds also played an important part in the native diet. Both the common sunflower and the balsam root which resembles it furnished seeds which were ground into an oily meal in stone mortars and made into a form of bread or used to thicken soups. The sticky tarweed or common madia which opens at night and fades during the day contains an oil equal to olive oil.  
Two of the plants which formed the principal crop of the Indians are in bloom now. They are the wokus, or yellow pond lily, sometimes called spatterdock that can be seen growing literally by the thousands along the west side of the lake. The oily seed of this water lily formed the principal food of the Klamath Indians. A special two-horned form of pestle was developed to grind the roasted seeds into meal.  
Every moist roadside ditch is filled with the other mainstay of the Indians — the cattail. Every part of this plant was put to use. The tender shoots were eaten, the fibers furnished thread for weaving everything from pots to floor-mats, the fluffy down became padding and the whole leaves were used to construct a sort of grass skirt.  
Many plants have a medicinal value. The wild geranium, known as the Oregon crane's bill, is a check bleeding, dysentery and diarrhea. Some have magical powers. The common pest known as St. John's wort, or Klamath weed, which can ruin a pasture and is said to be poisonous to sheep, also has the power to dispose of evil spirits, and was known as "devil chaser." On the other hand, the yarrow, which raises its still white head everywhere along the road, is a potent love charm guaranteed to get results.  
A few rare specimens were found, and some not so common seen. A yellow form of Indian paint brush was found, and a specimen of pine drops. The latter is found only in the pine woods of the North American continent, and is a parasite, having no green coloring at all. Kin to it is the pyrola, sometimes called wintergreen, which is halfway to being a saprophyte.  
Jacob's ladder, salmon-colored colomia, butter-and-eggs (a lily dead man's bones or impudent lawyer) yellow monkey flower, mullein, goldenrod, fleabane, Ore-



**PFC. LARRY BUELL**, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Olson, 1804 Wiard Street, recently finished his course in radio teletype operation at Fort Gordon, Georgia, with the U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School, and is now stationed in Chicago.

### History Group Names Emcee

Paul Dellar will emcee the program planned for the annual picnic of the Klamath County Historical Society to be held Sunday, August 24, at the Bly recreation picnic area. The picnic grounds are six miles east of Bly on Sprague River. The turnout will be plainly marked.  
Women members of the Bly Grange will have a concession where lunch may be purchased. Those going should provide own table service. A program of music and the history of the Bly homesteaders, to be given by Ken McLeod, president of the society, will start at 2:30 p.m.

gon sunshine, bleedingheart, nutka rose, mallow and wild hollyhock, blue flax and pink spirea, delicate oceanspray and sweet syringa, columbine and buckwheat and even one last Shasta lily purple with age lend color to the fields and open woodlands.  
Fiddleneck and bed-straw, wild mint and pennyroyal, cinquefoil and bog orchid are not so forward but very sweet. Chingquapin covers the hillsides and fireweed and evening primrose borders the marsh.  
The hangover? The root of the many-leaved lupin if eaten raw while it is young and tender in the spring is said to give all the effects if not the pleasure of a bottle of Scotch.

## BASIN BRIEFS

**In France**—Army Pvt. Jimmie R. Cuttler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Cuttler, Weed, recently arrived in France and is now a member of the 780th Military Police Detachment at Maison Fort. Cuttler, 20, is a 1956 graduate of Butte Valley High School, Dorris, and attended Shasta Junior College, Redding.

**Houseguests**—Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dow in Montague for four days recently were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francisco and small son, Ian, from Los Angeles. Francisco will be remembered by many Siskiyouans for his production of a pageant during the Siskiyou County Fair in August, 1952.

**Returns**—Lollie Smolsky, Siskiyou County court reporter, has returned to her Yreka home from a week in Houston, Texas, where she attended the national convention of court reporters, and a week in the Bay Area.

**Vacationing**—Mr. and Mrs. Jess O'Roke of Yreka recently flew East to Michigan where they will pick up a new car, and will continue their vacation travels by automobile. They expect to return home about August 25.

**New Residence**—Mr. and Mrs. Park Karney, who have owned and operated a ranch in Little Shasta for years, have moved into Montague to establish their residence. They recently sold their ranch and home to Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen of Chico.

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