

Dried Plant Material for Bouquets

A technique which has captured many local garden folks is the conditioning and drying of choice plant material to assure constant bouquets for the winter months, especially for the obscure table top, chest, and for prime admiration on the dining room table.

Up to last year I placed this art in the category of collecting stuffed birds, etc. but I am now over. This entire field of horticulture is all ways giving you lessons to prove to you that you should not allow yourself to get set in your ways.

AS FOR THE TECHNIQUE of carrying over the garden "beauties": Gather them in groups and tie them together and hang them upside down, bury the stems in sifted beach sand and place in a dry location to dry, or bury the heads in powdered borax.

Some folks like to use cornmeal but they have to add a small amount of borax so the weevils won't have a choice meal with the corn mixture alone.

The mallein from the fields makes a handsome grey-green focal point in an arrangement and Mrs. Burlingame for this specimen you only form the petals the

into a corrugated box, and HAVE THE WINDOW OPEN. You may want to dip the weeds which have been sprayed in glitter.

Perhaps you want to arrange a container of fruit with the Fall hospitality around the corner. Plan on shellac crabapples, lemons, lemons, cranberries which have been strung to be nestled in an appropriate basket or piece of pottery.

ONE OF THE FINEST garden specimens you can dry is artemisia, the white flowers of rhubarb are stunning, too. Ferns can be dried between weighted papers which will assimilate the moisture.

If you have some dried "mosses" from last year just sprinkle them with lukewarm water and allow to dry, again they are ready to pay you dividends.

Excuse me please while I put on my walking shoes to find some interesting flowers in the nearby woods, and the walk won't do any harm. All are welcome to visit the

Rep. Broomfield To Tour Oakland In Mobile Office

A traveling congressional "office" will bring the federal government closer to Oakland county residents this fall.

Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland) said a house-trailer equipped as a mobile office will tour all cities, villages and townships in the 18th district, starting Sept. 18.

Broomfield said regular office hours will be maintained in the swing of the 40-foot long trailer through the county. Day-long stops will be made in most of the larger communities.

THE TOURING office—the first of its kind in Oakland county—is an effort to "clear away the red tape" which residents often find in dealing with far-away Washington agencies of the federal government.

trailer when it visits their community, said Broomfield. "I will be glad to do what I can to solve problems dealing with the federal government."

"THE TRAILER will allow me to talk over problems personally with my constituents," said Broomfield. "Many of these problems can be cleared up almost immediately during the 'off season' when the press of congressional business is not so great."

No appointments will be necessary. Supplies of government bulletins and other literature of general interest will be on hand in the trailer for those Oakland county residents who desire it.

A SCHEDULE for the county congressional tour will be announced in the near future, Broomfield reported.

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BHS Student Goes Down Wrong Portuguese Road

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of articles written by Pete Brink, Birmingham high school student who spent the summer in Portugal on an American Field Service scholarship. He is staying at the home of Tomaz da Fonseca, who attended Birmingham high school last year under the AFS exchange program.)

By PETE BRINK

CASCAIS, PORTUGAL—The boys picked me up and we started for Sintra. We drove about 20 miles and climbed a hill when we noticed people were staring at us. Finally Lucile realized that the road was for pedestrians only. So we had to turn around.

But in a tight hall when the road is seven feet wide with a gutter on one side and a wall on the other. We backed up and found ourselves stuck with the tires spinning in the gutter. There is one wonderful advantage in driving a European car—we picked up the rear end and turned it around. We returned to the right road and again started climbing and ahead was Sintra.

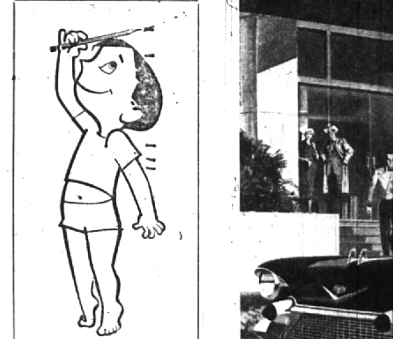
Sintra is very beautiful and very much like New England. It has all kinds of trees and shrubs with pines everywhere. We passed several ancient houses and finally arrived at the castle. I can't begin to describe it—the walls, the ceilings, the floors, the furniture—everything is magnificent.

IT WAS the home of the last king of Portugal before he was murdered. I took a tour of the palace, which included going to the very top of the domed tower, from which we could see Lisbon and Cascais—beautiful.

I arrived home in time to dress for Maria's party. Talked to a couple of her friends about cars and American teenagers. At dinner I sat with a very interesting woman who is French and lives in Portugal and speaks perfect English. And finally to bed at 1:30.

The next morning I was ready to start for the beach when Mom asked me to go to the market with her—I thought she just meant to the regular stores, and I couldn't understand her enthusiasm. On the way she explained that once a week the farmers display all types of fruits, fish and meat, at a large square that the government built for this purpose.

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