

OUTDOOR LIVING

Annual Picnic Set by Club

WALNUT LAKE—The annual picnic for members of the Walnut lake branch of the W.N.P.G.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert A. Carter, 3322 West Shore, Orchard Lake, at 12:30 p.m. June 2.

A meeting of the planning committee of the Flower show will be held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Smith, 4761 Cinnamon, May 29 at 1 p.m.

Committee chairmen, who will chart the course of this September project are: Mrs. R. C. Banker, judges and hospitality; Mrs. E. J. Maund, staging and properties; Mrs. Floyd Vine, publicity; Mrs. D. E. Irwin, special exhibits and

Mrs. Kenneth Bielby, horticultural exhibits.

Others are Mrs. Julian Ostefstein, conservation exhibits; Mrs. Charles L. Green, wishing well; Mrs. O. J. Winkelmann, finance; Mrs. John A. Smith, program; Mrs. M. B. Norland, 4-H exhibits and Mrs. Otis Fockler, girl and boy scout exhibits.

The show, to be held at the home of Mrs. Julian Ostefstein will be September 17.

Mrs. Parker Rockwell and Mrs. Floyd Vine will represent the club at the 32nd annual meeting of the Michigan Division of the W.N.P.G.A. at Kellogg Center, Lansing, June 6.

Potluck Luncheon

Osage branch of the W.N.P.G.A. will meet for a potluck picnic luncheon and a flower arrangement competition with the awarding of prizes at 12:45 p.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Roger Blackwood and Mrs. William Dewey. Mrs. G. D. Robb will be installed as president. Retiring president is Mrs. W. T. LaRue.

In a project sponsored by the University of Kentucky, 20 tobacco farmers in Kentucky—one of the nation's top burley growing areas—are trying their hand at raising Turkish tobacco.

A 48 per cent increase in farm crops and rural products is planned for 1958 by Communist China.

The first horticultural society was founded in Belgium in 1780.

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NATURE NOW

Color, Fragrance, Quiet
Woo Woodland Hiker

WALLOON LAKE—Our first spring trip to the north woods is always particularly rewarding. Perhaps this is true because the experience banishes for another season any dregs of winter which may yet lurk in the mind and heart. And now once more the clean park waits as I sit at my desk by the window framed with white cedar.

Needs must take on new dimensions. In the afternoon sun the heart-shaped leaves of the wild ginger shine like green taffeta. Have you ever looked deep into the bell-shaped calyx of the hidden flower of this plant to see the perfection of the geometric design within? A toad, his grey-brown and warty body at one with the forest floor, shared my curiosity and then went on about his toad business.

At no other season is the quietness of the woods so satisfying. And now when few summer residents about, it seems all the more so.

The gentle lapping of water, the sound of tree trunks bending to the swift boat of the first insect wings—these make a thick and white-starred trout is not empty but full of meaning.

EVERYWHERE about us the stillness is punctuated by the music of nature; the morning song of the white-throated, the noon-time "teacher, teacher" of the oven bird, the sandpiper's piping call as it stalks the empty shore. With twilight comes the wood thrush's benediction and the night call of the barred owl—the "seven-hooter" of the deep woods.

I am so glad of the color of things, write the poet who must have known fine along the wooded shore line of our inland lakes. Here is the pale new green of maples, the grey-green of leafing white oak and poplar, the dark green of hemlock and pine. Here, in truth, are all the greens of the spectrum marching down to the water's edge to meet the chunky white trunks of the paper birch.

In the low woods adjoining the cottage we walk under the cool shadow. A pair of big jack rabbits crossed our path, unconcerned and unafraid. Great holes of beech and sugar maple lead up to the ridge where the trilliums are thick and white-starred. Trout lily, dutchman's breeches and squirrel corn have just finished blooming. American and pine. Here, red-berried elder and bladder nut are under-story shrubs.

At this season your scribe's favorite flower is the Canada violet. In rich valleys its purple buds, borne on forking leaf-stalks, open to a sea of fragrant, white flowers, their throats yellow-tinted and purple-veined. Add the delicate circling fronds of anuring maidenhair fern and the word "beauty"

An Herb or Two Can Make All the Difference

You would be surprised what an herb garden can do!

It can season a stew, cure asthma, dye textiles, scent your closets, make a tonic for your cat and for that matter, a tonic for you too; garnish a salad, calm your nerves, provide poultice for your cheeks, make jelly, repel fleas, add to a potpourri or just add that special tang to a mint julep. These are just a few of its virtues.

And what's more, herbs have been contributing to the welfare of man since before the days of written history. Sweet basil, which seasons our foods, makes a stimulating tea and calms the nerves, is regarded by the Brahmins in ancient times as holy and women prayed to a basil plant every day.

THE GREEKS and Romans thought one should curse when sowing the basil to insure its germination. Perhaps we should thank the basil for our colorful vocabulary.

Thyme, another herb that seasons and garnishes food and cures our headaches, grew on the Grecian hills in the time of the Greek Theophrastus in the fourth century B.C.

Sage, a most ornamental herb, has been curing sore throats since ancient times. Dill, the old and favorite pickler was the "Ariste" of Biblical days mentioned in the Bible.

HYSSOP, another Biblical herb, today provides an essential oil in liquors and perfumes.

Sweet marjoram, was very popular with the Spanish colonists. We use it for potpourri, asthma, headaches and house plants as well as seasoning.

As the different nationalities brought their favorite herbs with them.

So don't forget when you're planting your seeds this spring, plant a little history, too. Plant herb seeds and see what they'll do for you.

MANY THINGS

... are required of you at this time of the year—If you want to capitalize on the things you have done and the results you have in mind.

- LAWN:**
- CRABGRASS**—You may still apply 72% CHLORDANE as a pre-emergence control. Some seeds may have germinated and these will not be affected this year. BUT, bear this in mind—THIS IS A 3 TO 4 YEAR TREATMENT and the material you apply now will control ungerminated seeds this year and for 2 or 3 more years.
 - BROADLEAVED WEEDS**—The best way to control these weeds in your lawn is to spray the ENTIRE lawn now . . . and again about September 15th. The material to use is DUPONT'S LAWN WEED KILLER or ORTHO'S WEED-B-GONE. Spray the whole area and use a little PRESSURE when you do it. (For every weed you see there are 37 1/2 you can't see but which are very easy to kill at this stage).
 - CHICKWEED**—Use 2-4D a bit stronger than for dandelions. Apply spray at each clump. Repeat at 4 day intervals for two more sprays. Rake out debris. BUT, bear this in mind—THIS IS A 3 TO 4 YEAR TREATMENT and the material you apply now will control ungerminated seeds this year and for 2 or 3 more years.
- BOWLING:**
- The McClellan-Ball Co. team WON the Tricity Bowling championship this . . . its first . . . year. (The boss did not bowl). This is why we were short-handed after 5 o'clock on Thursdays.

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ROSES:

(These are flowers also)—Use 3 to 4 oz. of ROSE FOOD once a month. Dust or spray at regular 10 day intervals for insect control and as a fungus preventative. (You may get blackspot or mildew anyway). (If you do, call us).

ALL SHRUBS, PINES, FIRS, SPRUCE, etc. SCALEs are PREVALENT. PINE-SHOOT MOTHS are PREVALENT.

Examine all shrubs, ornamental trees, roses, etc. on the underside of the branches. The scales are easy to see unless there are none.

If they are there: **SPRAY WITH ISOTOX** once a week for four weeks. GET BUSY!

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