

fine foliage.

Many of the wild roses still have their "pips" or fruit at Christmas time. Some of the better ones are multiflora, prairie, and Virginia rose. Their red stems also add color.

The shrubs from our yards furnish a wealth of material. The nandina with its compound leaves and large clusters of red berries is a long-lasting material. These are sometimes dipped or sprayed with aluminum paint to be used with other ornaments.

There are two good firethorns that have large clusters of berries. The Leland firethorn has orange berries and the red firethorn has small red berries. The Formosa firethorn, not so hardy in this area, has berries almost as large as grapes.

The Barberries are rather common and most of them furnish berries at this time of year.

The Viburnum nearly all have berries that can be used. Most of these are blue or purple and a few are red. There are also some wild viburnum that can be used. Some of these are known locally as Arrowood, nannyberry, wild cranberry, blackhaw and tea viburnum.

The Cotoneasters and the Oleasters also are good berry shrubs. The Oleasters (Eleagnus) are also attractive because of their silvery leaves. Bush honeysuckles are sometimes a source of berries. The best of these here are the Tartarians and the Belle.

There are, of course, many other berry plants not listed, and the color range is wide. With some imagination, many original decorations can be had. Try a new one this year.

47 YEARS AGO AT KILL DEVIL HILL

The Wright brothers conquered the air, over the golden sand of Kill Devil Hill, on December 17, 1903. Where they succeeded in making their flimsy contraption fly, Congress in 1927 established as a monument to their courage and genius a huge granite pylon overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

The 60-foot high pylon stands on the 90-foot Outer Banks drive that is Kill Devil Hill.

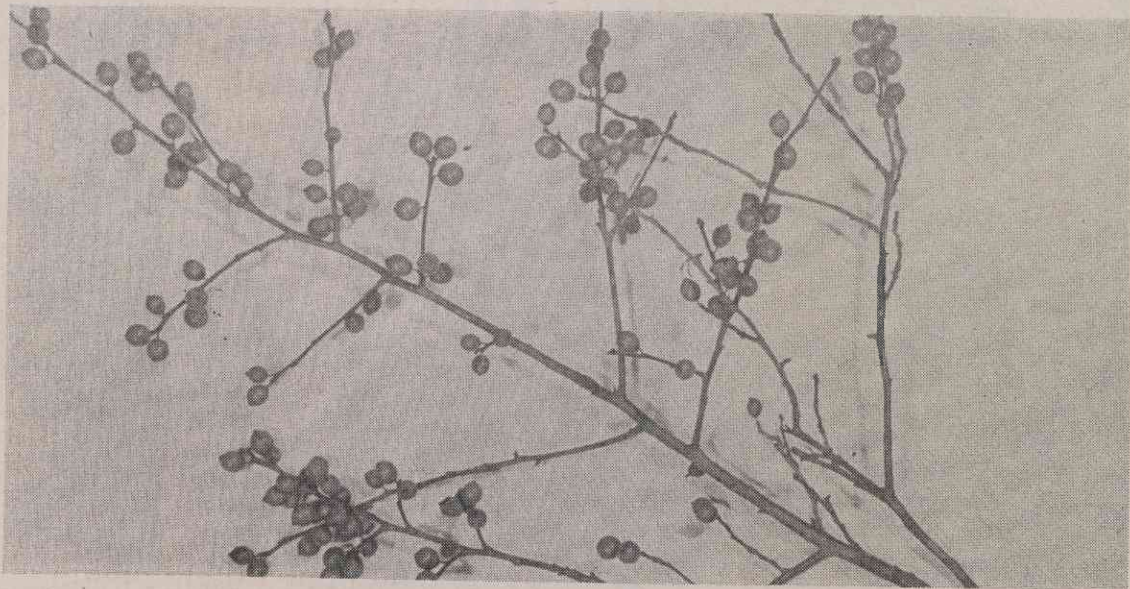
Nearby is a granite boulder marking the spot where the crude and fragile flying machine first left the earth under its own power.

On December 17, 1949, the little post office at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in the shadows of the now-monumental hill, did as much stamp business as it normally does in a year. The reason for this enormous one-day sale was the new Wright Brothers memorial stamp, released to stamp collectors from that post office only on that day.

One day in December and for each year hereafter, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hill communities will be the focal point for all the great and famed of the air world, as planned by the Air Force Association and the Kill Devil Hill Memorial Association.

Only a woman can rave over a pair of nylon stockings when they're empty.

You are doing your best only when you are trying to improve what you are doing.



TOP LEFT: The clusters of large, brilliant red berries of the Formosa firethorn resemble bunches of grapes. These berries usually stay on the shrub until early spring.

ABOVE: The Winterberry or black-alder. This native holly loses its leaves in winter, exposing stems covered with beads of small red berries.