

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas,

(NOTE: This column is written by John H. Stanley, acting district ranger, in the absence of Ranger Vitas who is attending the University of Wisconsin. Ranger Vitas will return August 22.)

Since summer is the season of picnics and vacations, it is a happy time for many of us. Yet summer, like so many of life's joys, has its drawbacks as well. Now is the growing and blooming season of a member of the sumac family by the name of poison oak or poison ivy. We find the plant growing in great abundance on most of the district. We find it growing as a two to three foot high shrub, and we find it climbing roughshod over rocks, trees and logs. It is not a backward plant by nature, and seems to thrive anywhere—but best of all, in beautiful spots selected by the unwary picnicker to set the family down for their weekly, monthly or yearly picnic. Usually if the plant was growing on or around the spot selected, the trouble starts within the next day or so. A rash will break out, and it spreads and itches like the hives. To many of us lucky ones, the rash may appear, itch for a day or two, and then disappear of its own accord. To others, it is a far more serious matter. Loss of time from work, expensive medical treatment or time spent in bed, may be the result.

What is the best defense? Learn to know the plant by sight and avoid it. There is an old saying that goes like this: "Five leaves OK — Three leaves stay away." Poison oak (or ivy) is very easy to distinguish — by its pretty glossy leaves and the leaves are always in groups of three. It may be growing as a low shrub, running on the ground, or climbing a tree or fence. Many persons are immune to poison oak—except on occasion. A person may be exposed one time without ill effect, but the next exposure a blistering rash may appear, with all the discomfort and suffering. It might encourage us to know that more than a thousand remedies have been recommended for the treatment of oak (or ivy) poisoning. It can be noted that what may help one victim is often useless on another. There are many home remedies that are tried. These include rubbing the rash with a banana skin, scrubbing with salt water, applying hot water, applying cold water, covering spots with brown or laundry soap, covering rash with baking soda, epsom salts, tannic acid or calomine lotion. The sad part of it is—none of the above home remedies may help YOU. Another sad feature of the picture is, poison oak is on the increase all over the country. It might be noted here, that poison oak can be controlled by use of some of the so-called "weed killers." If you have the vines growing around your house or lawn, it might pay you to try killing it out—from a safe distance. A case of poisoning contracted from the smoke of burning poison oak vines or leaves is VERY serious. The rash will appear over the entire body surface. If you should get a case of poisoning, it may not pay you to experiment with any of the home remedies. Quick successful treatment is always the cheapest, and will save you suffering in the long run.

If you know you are very apt to become poisoned easily—stay AWAY from poison oak. If the rash appears in spite of all your precautions, and you know it may become severe, see your doctor AT ONCE. Don't let neglect or the

possible saving of a few pennies rob you of your full enjoyment of the summer months. It might be added, that every effort has been made to kill-out and remove all poison oak from U. S. Forest Service recreation and picnic areas. However, it always pays to WATCH OUT. The poison oak may get you.

### MOVING NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Finch spent several days over the week end with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mackney, Suzanne and Ronald Scott, in Wilmington, Del. The Mackneys will move soon to make their home in North Hampton, Mass.

### DIBRELLS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dibrell and daughters, Barbara and Dianne of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Dibrell's mother, Mrs. Roy Crawford of Beckville, Texas, spent from Saturday to Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Thad McDonald and Thad III.

### 10 DAYS IN ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Nordhielm and daughter, Connie Lynn, returned Sunday from Galesburg, Ill., where they visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Nordhielm for 10 days. Miss Clarice Lieber, a cousin of Mrs. Nordhielm, returned home with them for a week's visit.

### EXTENDED VISIT

Mrs. Marie Vanstory of Fayetteville has arrived to spend some time here with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pemberton.

### FLORIDA GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ingle of Miami, Fla., are visiting Mr. Ingle's sister and family, Mrs. W. C. Greene and other relatives for several weeks.

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## Legal Notices

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NOTICE

TO HELEN CRISP CROOK  
You will take notice that an action has been instituted against you before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County for the adoption of your child, minor; that you are required to appear and answer or demur to the Petition on file in the Clerk's Office, on or before the 17 day of September, 1951.

You will take notice that if you fail to appear or make your appearance as provided by Statute, the relief demanded in this proceeding will be granted.

This the 16 day of July, 1951.  
J. E. Swain  
Clerk Superior Court  
(July 19, 26; August 2, 9)

### R.C.A.F. BUDDIES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burgess had as guests last Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hunter of Hamilton, Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner of Toronto. The three men served together in the R.C.A.F. during World War II in the E. T. O.

### HOME FROM COLUMBIA

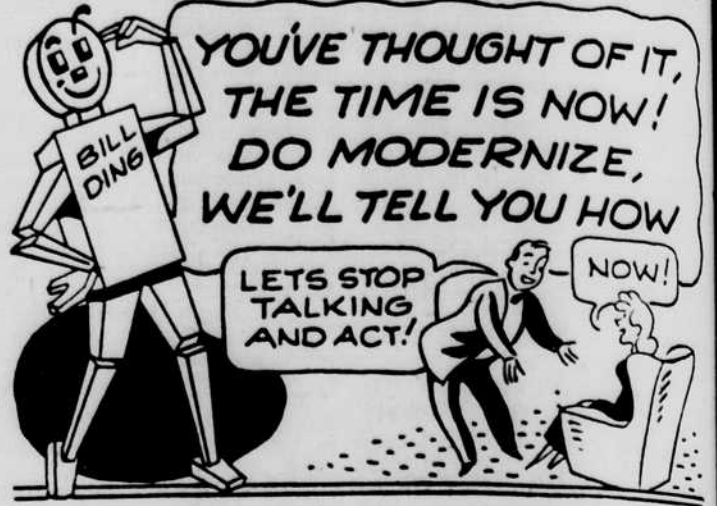
Mrs. Charles Hawkins and Emilye returned Sunday night from a visit with relatives and friends in Columbia, S. C. Emilye spent a week in Pendleton before going to Columbus.

### VISIT PARENTS

Mrs. Billy Stephenson and Miss Geraldine Collins visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins in Rutherfordton over the week end.

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Bonds, Stocks and Accrued Interest .....	11,271,757.55
Loans .....	17,765,412.40
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures—Less Depreciation.....	163,943.27
Other Assets .....	6,644.00
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	\$35,883,097.39

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock (Common) .....	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus .....	1,250,000.00
Undivided Profits .....	559,081.21
Total Capital Account.....	\$ 2,309,081.21
RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES .....	774,138.41
Other Reserves .....	267,820.65
Other Liabilities .....	870,661.75
DEPOSITS .....	31,661,395.37
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