

Along Azalea Row

By B. Miller

I've been listening to a spinner of stories and weaver of tales! All true, of course, for are they not the most exciting kind?

So many he told! And all ones that I should like to share with you. About the man who wanted to own a mountain, and a story of the Peace Rose, and the ladies garden clubs in Costa Rica!

But first of the man himself, and his opinion of the Brookings-Harbor area. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bacher of Portland, proprietors of the Swiss Floral Co., were recent visitors here and it was my good fortune to be invited to a viewing of some of his kodachrome slides.

Mr. Bacher has been awarded the Johnny Appleseed order for his horticultural achievements. This is the highest award of its

kind in Oregon. He has traveled extensively in Europe, Central America, Canada and our own country. He is the owner of the greatest collection of garden and plant pictures known today, and is in much demand as a lecturer by garden clubs and horticultural societies.

He is a traveler with entre to the world's finest gardens, and his search for horticultural novelties have taken him to many distant scenes. Among his kodachrome slides are many which he has taken hereabouts, and which he uses in his lectures.

There were beautiful slides of Azalea State Park, azaleas in bloom, soft mountains as a backdrop for their beauty. Many, too, of Mr. Crissey's gardens which he says are unique in variety of horticultural specimens.

I asked Mr. Bacher if we could not grow here, the same flowers and shrubs which grow in England. His reply was that we can out-perform anything here in this area that England ever grew. "Kew gardens! You can have finer ones here! Climatic conditions are so much more favorable!"

He continued speaking of English gardens and how unfortunate it is that the fine old estate gardens can no longer be maintained. Lord Abercrombie, a rhododendron enthusiast, was once asked what single factor was most detrimental to English gardens and he replied: "Sir Stafford Cripps."

High taxes, lack of labor, call curtain to the large English country gardens which the Englishman loves so much.

Mr. Bacher has recently been supervising the planting of the Oregon Medical School grounds at Portland. To that spot he moved the first magnolia tree planted in Portland. The tree is 80 years old, having been placed in the Kamm gardens in 1872. Now that the grounds are being torn apart to make way for new buildings, the magnolia has been moved to a setting worthy of its great age and sentimental value.

Mr. Bacher stated that the commercial growing of blueberries here as a crop has so far been overlooked. Blueberries do ship easily, and grow well here.

Scheduled for Thursday afternoon at 1 is the Azalea Garden Club's pot luck luncheon at the Azalea state park. This will be held at the park if weather permits; if not, then in the Grange hall. A tour of Mr. Brady's ocean front property, Ming Tree Park, will follow the business meeting.

Pelican Batting Showed 'Power'

The Pelicans, during the 1950 season, showed a team batting average of .305, healthy in any competition. Leading the regulars who were with the team the entire season were Matson and Astin. The figures, as released by Pete Lesmeister, general business manager, were:

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Staab	13	6	.462
Chandler	11	5	.455
Shotwell	13	5	.385
Matson	86	33	.384
Astin	56	21	.375
McLean	52	19	.365
Barrett	90	31	.344
Clingman	18	6	.333
Holzgang	53	16	.302
H. Westbrook	40	12	.300
Hanscam	62	18	.290
Bafaro	19	5	.263
Finnell	20	5	.250
Jollie	57	14	.246
R. Westbrook	25	6	.240
Salvage	17	4	.235
Fasel	22	4	.182
Desjardin	14	2	.143
Team Average			.305

Summary of Year: 2-base hits: Barrett 5, Matson 3, McLearn 2, Hanscam, Holzgang, Jollie, Bafaro, Staab, Chandler, Clingman.

Three-base hits: Barrett 3, Astin 2, Matson, Hanscam, Holzgang, McLean, Staab.

Home runs: Astin 4, Barrett 2, McLean 2, Matson, H. Westbrook, R. Westbrook, Finnell, Hanscam, Jollie, Bafaro.

Stolen bases: Holzgang 13, McLean 9, Barrett 7, Astin 3, H. Westbrook 3, Hanscam 3, Jollie 2, Staab 2, Matson, Finnell.

Sacrifices: Astin 2, Matson 2, Barrett, Holzgang.

Bases on Balls: Holzgang 14, McLean 10, Hanscam 8, Astin 7, Matson 6, Clingman 4, Barrett 3, Finnell 3, Chandler 3, H. Westbrook 2, Jollie 2, Staab 2.

Strike outs: Jollie 11, Holzgang 11, Hanscam 8, Barrett 8, H. Westbrook 7, R. Westbrook 7, McLean 6, Salvage 6, Staab 5, Fasel 5, Shotwell 4, Finnell 4, Matson 2, Chandler 2, Bafaro 2, Clingman.

Runs batted in: Barrett 30, Matson 22, Astin 16, Hanscam 14, Jollie 10, McLean 9, H. Westbrook 7, Holzgang 7, Bafaro 6, Finnell 5, R. Westbrook 5, Salvage 3, Chandler 3, Shotwell 3, Fasel 3, Clingman 3, Desjardin 2, Staab.

SMITH RIVER

Mrs. Kenneth Layman and brother, Everett Woodruff, received a message Monday telling of the death of their sister, Mrs. Emma Woodruff Smith, who died that morning at her home in Alhambra. Mrs. Smith, native of this place, was the youngest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodruff, attended Del Norte schools, and was graduated from Del Norte High. Since her marriage to Russell Smith, she has made her home at Alhambra. Surviving, besides her widower, are a son, Oliver, four sisters: Grace Sabelman of Gerber, Mildred Maas and Winifred Swanson of Eureka and Eleanor Layman of Smith River; two brothers, Curtis of Concord and Everett of Smith River. Mrs. Layman and brother left on the evening bus for Alhambra to attend the funeral on Wednesday.

The home of Palmer Westbrook was scene of a lively birthday party, honoring their twins, Jennie and John, who celebrated their this week. The group of little folks enjoyed a jolly time with refreshments served at a prettily decorated table, including the large birthday cake, with names inscribed in the icing.

The cake, center of attraction, was cut and served to Kay, Jane, Joan and Owen Westbrook, Julie and Richard Westbrook, Pamela and Diane Barnum, Michael and Sharon Clemens, Melody and John Ferrill, John and Marily Grupp, Jan and Carol Hight, Barbara and Judy Samuelson, Jimmy Tomasini, Gale Reichlein, Myrna Kay Rhodus and the honored guests.

Rev. and Mrs. Porter Knudson will attend the Redwood Empire meeting of ministers of Methodist church at Duncan Springs, Sept. 19 to 21. Rev. E. C. Hicks, former pastor, will have charge of the evening service at the local church, Sunday, Sept. 17, at 8. All are invited.

The proposition voted on by Smith River Union school citizens, Friday afternoon at the school, to bond the district for a special tax for one year to build the fifth room, was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ina Johnson of Modesto who spent the summer vacation as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wells, has left for Modesto, to be instructor in the school.

Miss Billie Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall, left for Arcata where she will enroll at Humboldt State for the fall term.

Realty Transfers

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Z. Smith have purchased the Fred Cleveland ocean-front home just west of Brookings and are expected to take possession shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sandbo have sold the former Ellis place near the Grange hall to Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Dimmick. It is understood that Mr. Dimmick has acquired this property for his father, presently living in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weaver of Rogue River, Ore., have

purchased the Cecil Travis home and acreage off Pioneer road and will move to Brookings soon. Mr. and Mrs. Travis have not announced their plans.

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