

## Along Azalea Row

By B. Miller

Brookings and Harbor are indeed the home of winter flowers! The seasons run together here, and the posies of late summer, fall and early spring are blooming simultaneously. In Mrs. Ernie Jones' garden are gladiolus and chrysanthemum. Here, in our own garden, the fragrant Chinese lilies (narcissi) have added their beauty since Dec. 16. Of course, the real proof of our mild winter is the fact that Bob Stanhurst has shipped King Alfred daffodils commercially in sizeable numbers, flying them out air freight from Crescent City, since Dec. 19.

(Since this was written, Fred

Gustafson has joined the list of shippers).

But for all that, the indoor gardens have their day during the next month, and the windows are filled with potted plants. The indoor gardener dreams of a greenhouse. She would gladly live in a glass house and promise to never throw stones.

One of the most rewarding house plants is the African violet. I never see one that I am not reminded of my daughter, Dorothy's home in Charlotte, N. Car. Dotty has been an African violet devotee for many years and has about 30 varieties blooming in her home. She is rewarded by always having a bloom-laden plant to dress up the living room or as a gift for friend or relative. Dotty writes that North Carolina is very African violet conscious—and fads in flowers being what they are—her friends are raising them commercially.

There is an African Violet Magazine, and several books on the subject as well as numerous articles in Garden Magazines and periodicals. There are hundreds of varieties of these charming little plants. They can be grown outdoors in the summer months in North Carolina if they are placed in the shade where only a little of the morning sun can reach them. African violets require plenty of water, but must be well drained with well-aerated soil. Soil should be light, sand and peat moss mixed. Planted outdoors, the bees pollinate them and they set seed.

African violets can be grown in driftwood, or small partially-rotted logs with suitable cavities. And in the October, 1950, issue of the Home Garden Magazine is an interesting account of how to grow African violets in a strawberry jar.

It would be fun to see if we

could grow them outdoors here during the summer months. However, flowers naturalize so easily here that we might find ourselves in the same plight as some of the communities in So. Africa where they are regarded as weeds and removed from the lawns as a nuisance.

Indoors, they grow well in any window where not exposed to direct sunlight for too long a time. They should be well-watered, but as house-plants care must be taken not to let the water stand on the leaves, or indeed to have the plant in water, either. They are propagated by root cuttings, and divisions, and by starting a leaf in sand or water. In the latter case, the leaf itself must not touch the water. Over a jelly glass filled with water, stretch a piece of heavy wrapping paper. Cut a slit in it, and insert the end of the leaf, letting it reach into the water, and allowing the leaf itself to rest on the dry paper.

African violets (saintpaulia) are named for their discoverer who found them growing near Victoria Falls, So. Africa.

Happy New Year to all of you, and many happy planting times. And may you reap the rich rewards of successful harvests.

## With The Churches

### Catholic Church

Rev. Fr. Donald Denman  
First Sunday of month at 12 noon.

All other Sundays at 8 a. m.

### Christian Scientist

Services Sunday at 11:00 a. m.  
"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 31.

The Golden Text is "When he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he

will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come (John 16:13).

Among citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119:18), together with the following correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christian Science reveals incontrovertibly that Mind is all-in-all, that the only realities are divine Mind and idea" (page 109).

### Baptist Community

J. L. MUMBOWER, Minister  
Mrs. A. F. Pierce, Sunday School Superintendent.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a. m.

Worship Service at 11 a. m.

Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, and Bible Study at 8:00 Wednesday eve.

Choir Practice, Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

### Episcopal

Rev. C. W. Lever in charge; residence, Gold Beach.

Service the first Sunday of the month at 11 a. m.

### Seventh-Day Adventist

Sabbath School—Saturday at 9:45 a. m.

Church Services—Saturday at 11:00 a. m.

Young People—Saturday at 3:45 p. m.

Prayer Meeting—Wednesday evening at 8:00.

There will be no prayer service this week only.

"Our spiritual condition, inventory, resolutions and remedy" will be the topic for the Sabbath service, presented by H. H. Granger, a returned missionary from Honduras and Costa Rica. The Saturday services are being held at the Grange hall.

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### Smith River Methodist

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Grace VanZee, supt.

Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Rev. Knutson will deliver the morning sermon.

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## OREGON JUNIOR GROWERS CAPTURE FOUR NATIONAL CONTEST AWARDS

OREGON junior vegetable growers were named winners of four state awards in the 1950 production-marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association as the NJVGA concluded its sixteenth annual four-day convention at New Orleans, La., today.

State-wide honors went to Merrill Kommer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kommer, Eugene; Lewis Hackett, 17, son of Mr. Lewis E. Hackett, Eugene; Richard Hull, 17, son of Mr. Walter E. Hull, Eugene, and Violet Kay Klobas, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klobas, Bend. Each received a cash prize from the \$6,000 scholarship fund provided each year by A & P Food Stores to encourage better production and marketing of vegetables by farm youth.

Also announced by L. J. Allen, State 4-H Club Leader and State NJVGA chairman was the awarding of the national championship and the top \$500 scholarship to James L. McBee, 19-year-old grower of Philippi, West Virginia.

The Kommer boy's plot was three-fourths of an acre in extent, planted to the usual kinds of table produce. The crop was valued at \$145, with a net profit of \$109 on an original investment of \$16.25.

The entire produce of lima, kidney, and string beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, celery, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, peas, potatoes, tomatoes, pumpkins, squash, onions, and rhubarb was used at home, if not immediately as they ripened, then later as canned or frozen and stored in the deep-freeze.

Young Hackett's garden plot was also three-fourths of an acre, planted to mixed vegetables that produced a \$133 harvest. The only vegetable that was sold for cash was the cucumber crop. Everything else was used at home, much of it canned. Mrs. Hackett instructed her son on the size, color, and ripeness of each vegetable desired for canning, and he picked them in conformance with her standards.



Merrill Kommer



Richard Hull

Richard Hull cultivated a quarter-acre tract near his home, and grew a \$109 crop of 16 vegetables. Because he doesn't live on a farm, his costs were inordinately high, but nevertheless, after paying himself \$25 for labor from gross returns, he still realized a net profit of \$47, stating, "Even if I broke even financially, in the best sense I got a profit from the quality and freshness (of the produce), and from the experience and being able to exhibit at the fairs."

Violet Klobas lives on an 80-acre farm with her parents, and took over 4060 square feet for her own project. She grew nearly \$80 worth of vegetables on this small plot, of which more than half was clear profit. She spent only 30 hours on the project. Enclosing glowing character testimonials from her school officials and others, Violet's report is a documentary proof of achievement. She has held the posts of secretary for the garden and dairy branches of FFA, and has won numerous FHA awards for canning, gardening, dairy work, sewing—and perhaps most surprising of all—woodworking!



Violet K. Klobas



Lewis Hackett

**Brookings Laundry Will Be Closed  
from Dec. 21 to Jan. 3!**  
**A Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year to Everyone!**

## THANKS TO ALL MY FRIENDS

I wish to thank all those kind friends who patronized me so liberally during my months as lessee of the Chetco Cafe. It is with regret I cannot serve you longer at the moment. Perhaps in some future date I will be able to do this.

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