

Along Azalea Row

By EDITH ACKLEY

The president of our Garden Club suggested it might be interesting to the newcomers of this area to hear in part what Azalea Garden Club has accomplished in the few years since it was organized in January, 1945. Twenty interested persons were Loeb State Park was an out-Harry Smith of Cave Junction, who was then state president, suggested the name of Azalea Garden Club, and brought out in her talk the importance of belonging to the Federation of Garden Clubs. She explained that much more could be accomplished by joining the federation. For instance, saving the myrtles on the Chetco River by forming the Loeb State Park was an outstanding accomplishment of the Azalea Garden Club. This could not have been done without the aid of the federation.

As the club got on its way, many different projects were discussed and carried out such as flower shows, plant sales, Victory gardens, 4-H scholarships, bird houses for juveniles; also helping with community projects, the Azalea Festival and many other worthwhile projects too numerous to mention.

These are just a few to let the newcomers know that we are not just a play and dress-up club, but really love our gardens and spend a great deal of time in them.

Last month a group of the

garden club members made a trip to Ashland to the district meeting at the home of Mrs. F. W. Jermark. Mrs. Jermark is vice director of the Siskiyou district, and gave us a short resume on her trip to Missoula, Mont., to the national convention. The new national president has taken as her project this year horticulture, conservation and membership. Horticulture was particularly stressed. Each member is asked to try out three new flowers or vegetables in her garden as well as the old standbys. Mrs. Jermark also told us how very short Arizona is of water in the underground source. Around Yuma, only enough for a year or so unless they draw from some other project. We here hate to see our lawns drying up, but it could be so much worse.

One thing I noticed particularly on the Tour of Gardens last week is how very effective Montebretia are when grouped and used for a background. They need watching, however, or they will take over the whole garden. Another "easy to grow" flower is the nasturtium, with a range of colors and long blooming period most satisfactory to all gardeners. A handsome row of these are now in full bloom on the Turley place. At the Struebing home we were projected into spring of 1952 when we saw the hundreds of boxes of daffodil bulbs ready to be shipped. For year-round pleasure, there is nothing quite like a green velvet lawn, which in this area is possible as is demonstrated by the grounds around the Swan home.

SMITH RIVER

Family Reunion Held in Oregon
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hargreaves at Oswego Lake, Ore., was the scene of the annual gathering of a family reunion on Sunday, August 5, when the seven sisters and brothers, their children and grandchildren of the late Daniel and Fanny Haight, pioneer settlers of Smith River valley, were present for the affair.

At 2 o'clock a bountiful chicken dinner was served on tables set on the patio among the shade trees and flowers overlooking the Oswego lake. Eighty-seven guests were present for the occasion.

The oldest present was Mrs. Sophronia Hursh, who is 89 years old; the youngest was little 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hargreaves.

Following the banquet, visiting was enjoyed by all. The young folk went boat riding and swimming on the lake.

Among those attending from Smith River were Mrs. Eddie Westbrook, Mrs. Ada Hursh, Mrs. Edna Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Westbrook and children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Westbrook and children, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Haight and son, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hursh, Mrs. Everett Woodruff, Miss Lois Haight,

and Fred Haight. Plans are being made for 1952 reunion to be held at Smith River.

The residents of Smith River and vicinity are sorry to hear that Dr. H. M. Kelty, who opened up his office in the Frossini building July 1, and later went back to Mayo Brothers clinic in Rochester, Minn., for a check-up on his health. Due to his failing health Dr. Kelty will not return to Smith River. The office has been closed. Mrs. Kelty spent several days here attending to business matters and returned to Chico where Dr. Kelty is convalescing at the home of their daughter and son-in-law. Dr. and Mrs. Kelty made many friends during their stay here who are sorry indeed to hear of his illness.

An enjoyable picnic was held Monday at the park among the shade trees at Gasquets, honoring Mrs. Letsy Beckstead of Carpenteria. Present were Mrs. Edie Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Woodruff, Mrs. Ada Hursh and Mrs. Edna Ross, besides the honoree.

The Red Cross swimming classes held for two weeks in Hiouchi, held their closing day on August 11 with a large attendance of parents present that day, and watched the review of the youngsters who took swimming lessons under the instruction of ranville Thomas. Pins were given out to beginners and advanced swimmers. More than 50 youngsters attended the classes for the two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Zee and sons have returned home from a two-week vacation trip. They visited relatives at Santa Rosa and Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Kinne motored to Bandon, Ore., where

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they visited relatives of their grandparents. They returned the same day.

Mrs. Letsy Beckstead left on Tuesday morning for her home at Carpenteria, following several days visit here with relatives and friends, after attending the family reunion in Oregon. Mrs. Beckstead went by plane to Portland, Ore.

LOCAL NEWS

A group of 20 young people and adults celebrated the birthday of Sharon Center and Connie Jaklewicz on the evening of Aug. 7 with a party at Harris Beach. The huge bonfire was the center of interest with loads of good eats and games keeping everyone busy from 7 to 11:30.

Hugh Akers invited some of his playmates to help celebrate his sixth birthday on Aug. 7. Jimmy Tygart, Nancy Hendricks, Nancy Kerns, Tommy Berger, Lou Anne Sanders, and Dickie Kerr spent the afternoon very pleasantly. "Happy Birthday" was sung, before departing when all the youngsters exclaimed about the merry time they'd had.

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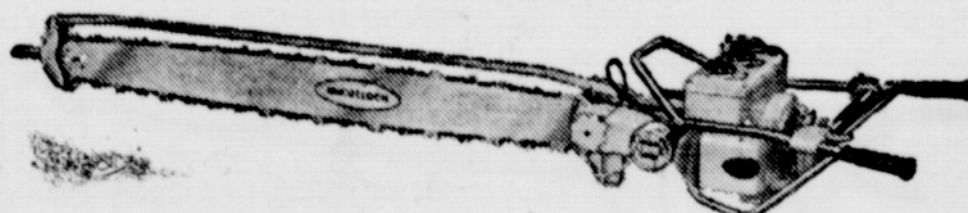
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