

### Along Azalea Row

By Faye Sunderland

Gardens in most sections of the country are still snowed in, or at best, the ground still is too cold to plant. In this area, however, we are getting ready for early garden. Please do much better, we have found, if planted in February. In fact, some gardeners up the river from us, planted in December and are now bragging about their peas and carrots being two inches high.

Now, too, is the time to get out the flats and start seed for April or May transplanting. Not having a greenhouse, we have a flat of early Chatham tomatoes doing nicely in the kitchen. Emily Post might not approve, but we find it very refreshing to sit at

our breakfast table and watch our tomatoes grow. We expect to put other flats of petunias, zinnias and broccoli and brussel sprouts in the sunny windows in the attic. When the weather settles enough, we'll put them under a cold frame. We are determined to have early garden and a colorful flower garden this spring.

All of this, brings us back to last week's chat with Mrs. Hubbard and her report on the new All-American winners for 1952. It is the aim of the All-American awards committee to encourage the selection of better flowers. I found it interesting that quite a large percentage of winners was developed in the west. As a result, we should not find it difficult to have some splendid showings of these flowers in our garden. For instance, the Festa (cosmos) has a more or less intense scarlet striping over gold. It was found that in cool weather, the scarlet was stronger than in hot weather. It is foremost on the All-American list for 1952, it being the first time in history that a true scarlet has been added to the range of cosmos colors.

The Persian Carpet zinnia comes in an assortment of deep colors including yellow, bronze, maroon, brown, and copper. The height of the plant depends to a great extent on the soil and the climate, varying from one to two feet. It seems the opinion of all the reports that it is one of the finest edging annuals available. Its deep colors will make it especially popular with the gals who dote on striking arrangements.

Japan sent us the new Globe phlox. Its colors range is still limited and is mostly in rosy red and white. Rock gardens, window boxes and edgings will find it a fine addition as it is an extra dwarf type.

Last, but by no means least, is the Petunia Ballerina. I rather imagine that it will prove to be my favorite. Its soft salmon color and dainty crinkly edges sound lovely to me. It has exceptional vigo and will bloom all summer and into the fall.

Of course, once the gardening bug really gets you, there is no cure. It is our desire to start in at the beginning of our 1300-page

### SMITH RIVER

Del Norte County Federation of Womens Clubs met at Hotel Lauff, Friday, with dessert luncheon at 1:30, sponsored by Crescent City club. Mrs. Eunice Faris, county president, was in charge of the meeting. Presidents of the three county clubs were: Mrs. Maude Luick, Smith River; Mrs. Clarice Myers of Klamath and Mrs. John Hulbert of Crescent City. The long tables in the banquet room were attractively decorated with arrangements of moss, driftwood, beach plants and Japanese figurines. Visitors present were Mrs. George Cornelius of San Gabriel, state federation speech chairman; Mrs. Glyndon Smith, citizenship chairman, of San Francisco district. Following the short business meeting, guest speaker was Mrs. Cornelius. She a former actress, appearing in plays such as "Arsenic and Old Lace." She gave suggestions on the technique of public speaking, even if one were a complete amateur. Her address was enjoyed by more than 60 women. Mrs. Ruth Knutson of Smith River, Bible chairman of the federation, had on display a number of antique Bibles and hymn books, a number of which were more than 100 years old. Miss Flossie Bales read a Psalm from her Braille Bible. The federation extended appreciation to Mrs. Cornelius for her message.

Del Norte Pomona Grange was guest of Lake Earl Grange for January meeting of Pomona. Master Lee Kloske presided at the business session. Several important matters were discussed during the session. Several members were obligated by Pomona. Several resolutions were passed by the resolution committee. February meeting will be at Crescent Redwood Grange. At the close of the business meeting refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ruess have moved to their new cottage which has been under construction for several months. It is next to their former home and shop. The Ruess barber shop has been moved to the front part of their new cottage.

Next meeting of Smith River Womens Club will be an evening affair with social time. A pot luck supper will be served at 7 at the community hall. Mrs. Mabel Browne is chairman of the party, to be held February 15, when club members and families are invited.

Mrs. Eddie Westbrook has been released from Seaside hospital, and has returned to her home to convalesce from a cold she suffered. She is being cared for by her grandson, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Westbrook.

Mrs. Charles Spooner has recovered from a severe attack of flu which confined her to her home for several weeks. She is back at work again at the local post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Tyler and her mother, Mrs. Mattie Knutson of State Line Coffee shop, are taking several weeks vacation—leaving Friday on a motor trip to Arizona and southern California, before returning home.

flower, shrub and tree book and plant everything in it, beginning with Aaron's Beard and ending with Zygopetalum! We have been advised, however, since we are now in a state of great enthusiasm but not much knowledge, to start with just a few choice plants and let our garden grow along with our learning.

The Mothersingers are meeting on Saturday at 3:00 p. m. under direction of Mrs. Lee Rice. This group of singers, in the past, has brought much entertainment to

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