

Along Azalea Row

By Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger

I like June the best of all the garden months but I like July too. July is the month when the flower borders are generally excellent and the summer annuals are giving an abundance of color. In the vegetable garden cauliflowers and greens are flourishing. If green peas had no food value whatsoever, I still would plant them just for the sheer joy of eating them.

In our flower garden the sweet peas are now at their best. We have been picking off pods and withered flowers from the sweet peas in order to promote more and better blooms. We have also been giving them an application of liquid manure. We make this by putting a sack of animal manure in a pail or large container filled with water and after two or three days apply the steeped liquid manure to the sweet peas. Tomatoes also like this treatment. Mention of liquid manure reminds me of my father who was an avid gardener and a great advocate of liquid manure. Dad lived in London, England, where the ingredients for liquid manure were not easy to obtain. Whenever a horse came down the street dad rushed out with his bucket and shovel and acted as street cleaner for the benefit of his garden much to our amusement.

Are your nasturtiums blooming nicely? Everyone who attended the flower show during the Azalea Festival received a packet of nasturtium seeds because this is the garden club flower for 1952. I expect many gardens in the area are now ablaze with the vivid blooms in a full array of colors which even a skilled artist could never quite reproduce. My small daughter planted some nasturtiums this spring painstakingly pushing each seed into the ground with the aid of a stick and then she promptly forgot them. In spite of the inattention the flowers appeared and she is now very proud of her garden. That is the

NOTICE

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Clerk of School District No. 17C, Brookings, Curry County, Oregon, at her post office address in Brookings up to 12 P. M., August 2, 1952, for the erection of a 36x40 foot sheet aluminum school bus garage. All bids must be sealed and labeled.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of O. D. Arp, city building inspector, Brookings, Oregon. Successful bidder to furnish all labor and materials, and to comply with the Oregon school law regarding labor on school district projects. The board of directors of School District No. 17C reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

DORA E. BEAULIEU, Clerk,
School District No. 17C
July 17 and 25, 1952.

Call For Bids

Sealed bids for construction of a second story to the fire hall will be received by the City Clerk up to 6 p. m. Tuesday evening, July 29 at his office. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

A 10% performance bond will be required to accompany each bid. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

R. V. GUERRETTAZ, City Clerk

nice thing about nasturtiums, everyone can grow them, and with the minimum of effort can enjoy a long period of brilliant blooms. This is a good flower to start the youngsters on as their first introduction to the field of floriculture. The vigorous growth will sustain their enthusiasm and the primitive colors will appeal to their young hearts.

During the week a school of whales spouted off-shore in the bay near the mouth of the Chetco. Their exact size is hard to determine but they were probably 60 feet or thereabouts in length.

Their broad black backs glistened when they came to the surface and as they spouted a mist of vapor and water appeared—looking much like a small geyser on the surface of the sea.

Perhaps no group of mammals is so little known or so difficult to study as the whale. We landlubbers see them very briefly as they come to the surface to blow. Vernon Bailey in his book on the Mammals of Oregon, lists about two dozen species of whales or mammals which could easily be mistaken for whales. The largest of these is said to be about 100 feet in length with a weight of 147 tons which would make it the largest creature ever to appear on this earth, even exceeding in size the dinosaurs of early days.

While this article is being written, J. J. O'Connell, manager of the Weyerhaeuser Sawmill at Pottlatch, Idaho, stopped for a visit. When he was a young man he served aboard a whaling ship in these water and mentioned one voyage when they took two fin-back whale and two hump-back whales in this vicinity.

The food of whales is quite varied. The Bible tells of a whale which swallowed a preacher named Jonah but most whales seem to

prefer small crustaceans and minor forms of animal and plant life found in the plankton currents.

Whales are warm-blooded and nurse their young. It is believed that a cow has one calf at a time at about two-years intervals. In the case of whales seen off the Oregon coast the breeding grounds are probably in California and Mexico. The calves are born in the early spring. The bulls, cows and calves seen in the summer are probably migrating along the coast. Although whales are seen at all seasons of the year they are discerned most readily in the summer and fall when the sea is calm and the spouts are most noticeable.

Isn't this a wonderful place to live where you can grow gardens on the seashore and see whales playing about in the ocean on the edge of your garden?

Local Adventists Attend Conference

The pastor, Manson Metcalf, of the local Seventh-Day Adventist church, and a large number of members are attending the annual camp-meeting at Gladston Park, July 17 to 27. The first three days of the meeting were devoted to the art of soul-winning, with Elder D. N. Reiner, home missionary secretary of the Oregon Conference, as chairman.

Others taking part were Elder George Vandeman of the ministerial association, Elder J. E. Edwards, of the home missionary department of the general conference, Elder L. E. Biggs, president of the Oregon Conference, and C. S. Joyce, home missionary secretary of the North Pacific Union.

Among those going from this area include the Gilbert Christensen family, Karl Ostenberg fam-

ily, Howard Adams family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Graham, Mrs. Alice Overman and children and Mrs. Marguerite Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunter Martin of Wenatchee, Wash., friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dam, called on them Wednesday of last week.



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