

Along Azalea Row

By Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger

This column is written for everybody, young and old, on behalf of the Azalea Garden club and we want it to reflect the spirit of that organization. We do not intend to preach, lecture, point with pride, view with alarm, or propagandize. We are not promoting any brand of religion, politics, advice to the lovelorn, or other controversial subjects but will aim at helpfulness, entertainment and friendliness with emphasis upon gardening and the beauty of this world in which we live. This is our New Year Resolution.

No salary is connected with writing ALONG AZALEA ROW therefore we cannot offer silverware coupons, oatmeal dishes or

soap samples, nor make other obvious attempts to encourage reader interest. It is too much to hope that we can please everybody all the time but we hope that we can please most of you a good share of the time.

January is a dull month in the garden but it is a good time to sit in an arm chair by the fire and peruse the latest seed catalogs. Through and beyond the pages one can see the month of June with crops of strawberries, garden peas and tender new potatoes. The strawberries we grow are never quite as large and red as those in the catalog but if Nature keeps on trying she may equal the art of the lithographer.

Even though the soil seems as cold as a lump of ice the spring bulbs are growing. Inquisitive daffodils have been poking their heads above ground to spy out the land. During the autumn and early winter they spent their time getting a firm grip in the soil with their roots in anticipation of better days to come. Now that the days are beginning to lengthen they will appear above ground in increasing numbers. In another five or six weeks the commercial fields will be a blaze of glory to tell us that winter is

over and spring is here.

Our Emden geese are quartered in the garden during the winter months and attract wild kin including a flock of western bluebirds which make a lovely splash of color against the sombre soil. Other species occupying the premises on a rent-free basis are white-crowned sparrows, song sparrows, hermit thrush, house wrens, killdeer, robins, Oregon towhee and California quail.

It is a bit of a surprise but not far from the truth to say that at least 70 and perhaps as many as 90 species of birds are winter residents in the Brookings-Harbor and Chetco river area. In the summer there are many more, including the ones that wake us up at dawn with their jubilant songs.

At the January meeting of the Azalea Garden club to be held at the Grange hall on Thursday, Jan 8, Mrs Lurton Knee will talk about the "Bird of the Month" and Mrs Jack Holmes will give a brief talk on the "Flower of the Month." The main speaker for the afternoon will be Mrs. Webster Hibbard, whose topic will be "The world is your garden." As January is the anniversary month of the Garden club the history of the club will be related by Mrs. Jessie Judkins from the date of its formation in January, 1945, to the present day. A program of music will be given by Mrs. Curzon McKenzie and Mrs. Lee Rice and a talk on Conservation will be given by Mrs. Warren Smith, conservation chairman. A dessert luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m. by Mesdames A. J. Matot, Archie Anderson, D. A. McCarton, and Ray Reeser.

Forests Are Not Being Depleted

Correspondence from Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. states: "Contrary to the alarm of some conservationists our forests are not being depleted. Today the growth of wood and its removal are almost in balance. The tree farming movement is sponsored by private forest land owners, forest products companies, farmers, utilities, railroads, etc., and it can insure a perpetual forest harvest."

Within a colorful booklet put out by this company the way in which timber is managed to provide trees for the future is explained. Douglas fir and hemlock from the Pacific Northwest provide lumber, pulp, paper, plywood, cellophane, rayon, paper cartons, containers and plastics. The tree

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Local News

A. D. Bollinger, his wife and daughter of Silverton, Ore., surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bollinger, by arriving last Wednesday to spend Christmas with them. This is his first Christmas with them since he was in high school. His daughter, Marbeth, is 15 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morgan spent Christmas with their children and grandchildren in Hermiston, Ore., from Dec. 23 through to the 28.

A phone call to Mrs. Karl Ostenberg from the family home in Petaluma, Calif., brought the news that her father, Arthur Evans, had passed away. The Ostenberg family left for the South on Monday to attend services.



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