

# Along Azalea Row

By Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger

ON THE MASTHEAD of the *Brookings Harbor-Pilot* appears the slogan, "Nowhere a Finer Climate." In this country of free speech every person is theoretically entitled to say what he thinks. Some of the things that were said about the weather during the recent floods were not in full harmony with The *Pilot's* slogan and some of the language was hardly suitable for use in front of bishops or the tiny tots. Tsk! Tsk!

But why all this flutter and fuss about the weather? Why can't we have the kind of weather we want? In this modern age of science and invention it should be possible to modify the weather by making use of cloud seeders, rainmakers, rain stoppers, and Indian medicine men with their secret lore, signs and omens. In eastern Oregon the wheat farmers hire someone to make it rain and the cherry growers hire someone to make it stop. If they can do it why can't we? Are you willing to admit that the people of eastern Oregon are more progressive than you are?

First of all though, we will have to decide what kind of weather we want. We should call a convention where people will have a chance to agree on the

amount of rain and sunshine, the amount of wind and which direction the wind should blow from. Then call in the rainmakers, Indian medicine men and other experts. While all this is going on, the city council should adopt an ordinance providing that the first man who complains about the new weather will be taken to Azalea Park in chains and hanged from the stoutest limb on the tallest tree as an example to all others.

Now then, a few words about the weather in February. We looked up "February" in a combination calendar and almanac put out by our esteemed fellow townsman, E. E. Hanscom and Sons of Harbor, in order to see with what sinister signs and omens this month of rain, wind, and bock beer was fraught. To our surprise we find that February is chock full of happy events such as Ground Hog day on the 2nd, Lincoln's birthday on the 12th, new moon on the 13th, Valentine's day on the 14th, Ash Wednesday on the 18th, and Washington's birthday on the 22nd. After taking a second look the only thing sinister about February is Friday the 13th. On the whole it looks like an early spring so start polishing your garden tools and get your muscles limbered up.

## The Long Way Around

Mr and Mrs. A. Louis Langendoerfer and children returned Sunday from a week's stay in Coos Bay. The Langendoerfers left Brookings the previous Saturday, going by way of Grants Pass. They were turned back at Myrtle Point by a cold deck or logs in the highway. From Roseburg they went to Drain and from there to Coos Bay or about four hundred miles out of their way.

They report the road to Coos Bay along the coast is now open but very hazardous.

Mr. Langendoerfer is proprietor of the Brookings Furniture company in the Kerr building.

## LOCAL NEWS

Coast Freight Lines truck was seen in town Saturday, making the trip around by Roseburg and Grants Pass. This route the trip is 140 miles farther than the usual coast highway.

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## Gamma Globulin Available for Polio In 1935 Season

Special to The Pilot

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 29.—Basil O'Conner, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said in a statement tonight that the total amount of gamma globulin reported on hand in the United States on Dec. 18, 1952, was 6,100,000 ccs., of which 5,000,000 ccs. were in the hands of the armed forces.

The total amount of gamma globulin that can be produced between Jan. 1 and June 30, 1953, is 5,940,000 ccs., of which the National Foundation has agreed to purchase 3,090,000 ccs. at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000 so that they can be placed in the national pool to be distributed by an allocation board to be appointed by the National Research Council in Washington, D.C.

If the presently existing 6,100,000 ccs. of gamma globulin and the 5,940,000 ccs. of gamma globulin to be produced were placed in the national pool, there would be 12,040,000 ccs. available for polio, measles and infectious hepatitis (jaundice).

However, there has to be deducted from this 12,040,000 ccs. of gamma globulin, 3,500,000\* ccs. presumably to be retained by the armed forces, leaving in the national pool 8,540,000 ccs. of gamma globulin. Of this amount it is estimated that 2,000,000 ccs. will be required for civilian use in measles and infectious hepatitis, leaving available for polio in the 1953 season only 6,540,000 ccs. of gamma globulin, or 934,000 average doses.

In the relevant age group there are 46,000,000 children and adolescents who may need gamma globulin this year as a temporary protection against polio. In these circumstances the lack of sufficient gamma globulin for polio this coming season is obvious. There will be available for polio only 934,000 average doses, of which the National Foundation will have purchased 440,000 average doses at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000.

Whether or not it will be possible for the armed forces to release for polio more of the 3,500,000 ccs. that will remain in their hands is not known. If this were released it would make available an additional 500,000 average doses for polio.

## U. of O. Dad's Day

Special to The Pilot

University of Oregon students will be hosts to their fathers February 27 at the university's annual Dad's Day.

The schedule for the day, as announced thus far, includes an all-campus luncheon in the Erb Memorial Union, a business meeting of the dads, and a choice of attending either the Oregon-University of Idaho basketball game or the University Theater's production of "Death of a Salesman," in the evening.

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ment of Roses at Pasadena, attended the Santa Anita races and visited in Monrovia.

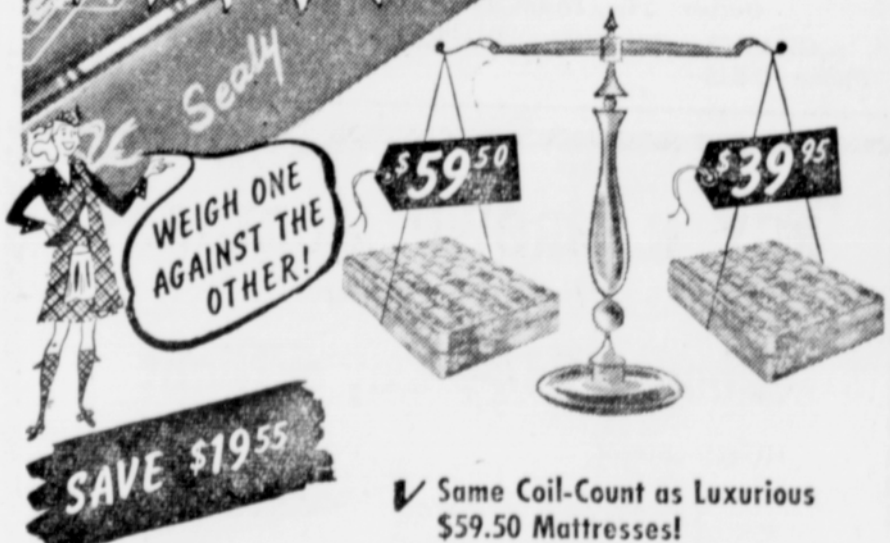


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