

# Along Azalea Row

By Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger

The island of Guernsey, besides being famous for its dairy herds, is also noted for its early spring flowers, most of which go to the London market. It is not an unusual practice to cut a crop of daffodils for the cut-flower market in the early spring before the grass and clovers come on and then pasture the field for the rest of the year until the bulbs are dug. Cattle, cut flowers and greenhouse tomatoes are the chief exports. The island is a five by nine-mile triangle and the number of greenhouses is unbelievable. They cover a tenth of the island's total 15,500 acres. Probably no other area in the world is so thickly studded with greenhouses.

Guernsey lies at the southern end of the English Channel off the coast of Normandy. At the northerly end of the channel beyond the Straits of Dover lie the bulb fields of Holland. The Dutch claim that nine out of ten of the new bulbs blooming this spring will be the produce of Holland. The entire bulb-raising industry of Holland is concentrated in a narrow strip of land along the North Sea coast about fifteen miles long and three miles deep which a geological chance-aided by Dutch industry—has made the perfect soil for raising bulbs. In this small area which you can explore easily in a day there will flower this year tens of millions of bulbs, turning the flat land into a checkerboard of color. But for most of the flowerers their life will be brief. To ensure all the strength of the

plant going into the bulbs, the flowers are beheaded soon after they appear, and beauty is sacrificed so that in succeeding years there shall be more beauty in countries hundreds and even thousands of miles away.

The next meeting of the Azalea Garden Club will be held at the Grange hall on Thursday 12th February with a Dessert luncheon to be served at 1:00 p.m. preceding the meeting. Hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. Lloyd Moss, chairman, Mesdames Clara McIndoe, Ed Fisher and Mabel Maris. Group singing will be under the direction of Mrs. Lee Rice. Mrs. Louis Peterson will talk briefly on the bird of the month, the Chickadee, and Mrs. Arthur Knox will give a short talk on Tuberous Begonias. The speaker for the afternoon will be Mrs. Webster Hibbard whose subject will be "The World in Your Garden." A Valentine exchange of plants will terminate the meeting.

## INITIATION SERVICES FOR LOCAL WOMEN

Initiation services were held Thursday evening by the Emblem Club, ladies' Elks, Crescent City, for three Brookings and five Crescent City ladies.

The supreme president from Connecticut was present as well as guests from Eureka and nearby towns. Officers were also installed.

Brookings ladies initiated were Alice Bordwell, Mabel Ostrander and Pauline Carpenter.

## SMITH RIVER

The Smith River Women's club will hold their regular monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, Feb. 6 at the Community hall.

President Mrs. Bettie Mello will preside at the business meeting at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be in charge of the library committee. Mrs. Martha Ulrick and Mrs. Frances Westbrook. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Alexander Lake of Pelican Bay, near the Oregon line north. He will talk on his experiences in Africa where he spent many years hunting wild game. Mr. Lake has written a book on Africa and will be published soon by Doubleday Publishing Company. All members and friends are invited to attend and hear this interesting talk which will be at 3 o'clock.

The many friends of Rev. E. C. Hicks are sorry to hear he suffered a paralytic stroke on Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Una Rowley, at Harbor, Ore. Rev. Hicks, a former pastor of Smith River church, has been convalescing from a heart ailment.

Mrs. Mabel Brown is back in Westbrooks Market where she is employed as clerk, following two weeks vacation. She spent a few days visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horn, and children at Klamath Falls.

The Westbrook brothers, Palmer and Henry E., are building a modern service station north of the Westbrook Market, near the new freeway. Work is being done by Contractor Leslie Saxelby. This station will handle Shell products.

The Ladies' Society of the Smith River church is holding a food sale on Saturday afternoon,

Feb. 7 at Westbrook's Market. Sale will open at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Trula Reuss is chairman and this project proceeds will go toward purchasing a new piano for the church.

Harry Brown has returned to his home here at Smith River Coffee Shop following a month's vacation spent with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brown, at Portland. Mr. Brown underwent a medical checkup while in Portland.

Joe Sierka of Castle Rock returned home Sunday by Southwest Airways from Santa Cruz where he attended the funeral of his father, who passed away Jan. 28.

Mrs. Carlton Haight is convalescing at her home from a broken ankle when she slipped while getting out of a truck. She is able to get around on crutches.

## Phone Numbers

Bill Brown, police.....2531  
Ambulance .....2181  
City Recorder .....2854  
Fire .....2181

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## LAMBING SEASON

The lambing season is underway in Curry county. Olylie Ferguson of Gold Beach was one of the first to start lambing this year, having started during the recent storm. A little extra feeding during lambing and until the grass is good will add dollars to your sheep income because the ewe will milk heavier, the lambs will gain faster and can be marketed earlier when the prices are generally the highest.

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