

Along Azalea Row

By RUTH B. SMITH

*"No spring nor summer beauty
hath such grace*

*As I have seen in one
autumnal face."*

All of us were reminded that summer had ended and autumn was indeed here when the Azalea Garden Club convened for its first fall meeting at the Grange last Thursday. Mrs. Rapraeger, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Knox with Mrs. Lester Twohy, hostess chairman for the year greeted the members and guests and directed them to the fuschia decorated tables where dessert and coffee had been prepared by the hostesses for the day — Mrs. Archie Anderson, Mrs. Clara Kerns, and Mrs. Edith Ackley. Mrs. Fred Anderson, corsage chairman, had provided each officer with a corsage, in which she used the Rubrum lily, baby dahlias and fern.

Following a short business meeting, and introduction of guests, Mrs. Ruth Bathiany presented her program. Always appreciated, but particularly welcomed after the summer interval were Mrs. Curzon MacKenzie and Mrs. Lee Rice who sang "September" and "It's a Grand Night for Singing". They were accompanied by Mrs. Norine Harvey. Mrs. Pallady spoke on the wild flowers of this area and provided a fine example of the use which can be made of the dry grasses and roadside flowers. For the Bird of the Month, Mrs. William McVay chose the Seagull and told something of their habits and habitat, while Mrs. Almo Newton talked on the Flower of the Month, the dahlia, pronounced by the English, "Day-lia", but beautiful in any language, as evidenced by the display of many varieties.

Then came the speaker of the day, Mrs. Robert Swan, who prefaced her remarks by saying that her husband had commented that it would be worth his day off to

see what she had to say! Perhaps HE didn't mean it but those who heard How to Prepare a Lawn and Landscape It concur that THEIR time was well spent.

First for your preparation of the earth, you spade and spade, turning all the weeds under. Then you wait. When the weeds start up again, the earth should be roto-tilled. This should be done twice before seeding to assure a minimum of hold-over weeds. When seeding the area should be marked off in sections and one section seeded at a time to make certain of no thin spots. Next the watering which must be done gently but frequently, particularly when the wind is blowing to the point of quick drying the soil.

The grass is up and the time has come for the first mowing. For this occasion no power mower should be used as it is too vigorous for the tender shoots. Though Mrs. Swan gives Paul DeBlock full credit for their own beautiful lawn, great credit belongs to all the Swans for the hours of weeding when the family, on hands and knees, lined up and together went straight across the expanse again and again. Now Mrs. Swan's forte is the trimming of the edges for, as she said, a lawn, like a man starting forth for the evening without the extra shave or hair trim, is not a pleasing sight. The extra grooming of a lawn should become a fixed habit.

In landscaping, advantage should be taken of the natural roll of the ground, or the natural trees and shrubs at hand while very special attention must be given to proper drainage. In this area, the handsome rhododendrons and native azaleas should not be overlooked nor the many flowering shrubs which thrive in this climate. Roses are a satisfying addition to any garden but care must be taken in selecting those which have no objection to sea air.

A number of guests shared the pleasures and the wisdom of the afternoon and many of those present joined the club. It is well to remember that while regular dues for the year are two dollars, until October 15 it is possible to take advantage of a special rate of one dollar fifty cents. Bring it to the October meeting, or mail a check to the treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Knor, right now.

Next month there will be a plant and bulb sale. As you work in your garden these next weeks, put some flowers or bulbs for your neighbor and the garden club to profit by. Your surplus can mean the start of a real garden for a friend. Bring the friend — and the pot of garden gold — to the October meeting!

SMITH RIVER

By Ethel Goodlin

Smith River Union School PTA held their first meeting of the new school year on Monday evening at the school house. Mrs. Patsy Westbrook is the new president for the coming year. The first meeting was a reception to welcome and get acquainted with the new teachers, who are Mrs. Vida McCauley, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, Mrs. Elizabeth Ulrich and Robert Browne.

Program chairman was Mrs. Vera Clemens who extended welcome greetings to parents and teachers. Home made cake and ice cream was served in the cafeteria room. Included was a large sheet cake with Welcome Teachers inscribed in the center with icing.

The regular meeting of the PTA will be held on second Monday night of each month.

FASHION SHOW

The Smith River Women's Club is sponsoring a fall fashion show in cooperation with Daly's Crescent City store to be held at the Community Hall on Friday afternoon, Sept. 18, at 2:30 o'clock.

Ladies of the Smith River Community will model some of the latest fall styles. During the modeling musical entertainment will be provided by Mrs. Ross Putman of Brookings who will play selections on the Hammond organ. Refreshments will be served.

Del Norte Pomona Grange will be guests of Lake Earl Grange Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Grange hall in Fort Dick. Lunch will be

served at 1 o'clock, followed by the business session. All Pomona and 4th degree members are welcome.

Mable Maris has returned home from San Francisco where she accompanied her mother, Mrs. Harvey Brown of Crescent City, who underwent a major operation at U. C. hospital.

Ed Kamph, who underwent a major operation at Seaside hospital in Crescent City, is recovering satisfactorily and will soon return home.

Traffic Patrols Protect Children

Oregon's growing traffic congestion has boosted the number of student-manned school patrols to approximately 300, the secretary of state's traffic safety division estimated this week.

The division said upwards of 4,000 pupils — most of them grade school age — will wear the yellow "Sam Browne" belts as school patrol members during the current school year. The majority will guard street and highway

crossings in the vicinity of school buildings.

Purpose of the patrols is to regulate the crossing of other pupils, the division said, but their presence also serves to remind motorists that cars must yield right-of-way to pedestrians at intersections and crosswalks.

Oregon law grants right-of-way to pedestrians at marked or unmarked crosswalks when the walker is in or about to enter the driver's half of the roadway. This law is in effect at all locations and is doubly important at crossings used by school children, safety officials reminded.

The division said it has yet to receive a report of a fatality involving a child at a crossing protected by a school patrol.

It is mind, after all, which does the work of the world, so that the more there is of mind, the more work will be accomplished. —(William Ellery Channing)

Those who busy themselves about ridiculous trifles become ridiculous when they undertake serious business. —(Cato Major)

If you would be wealthy, think of saving as well as of getting. —(Benjamin Franklin)

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