

## Along Azalea Row

By RUTH B. SMITH

MY, HAVEN'T we all had fun, while winds and sea cavorted outside, and we couldn't. Even the little umbrella hats, meant to keep off the rain, assumed quite rakish (no garden pun) angles on the boulevard, this past week. What extra time not spent in watching the rain pour down or the surging sea hit the big rocks offshore was well spent enjoying the riots of color in the plant and garden catalogs and in planning bigger and better things for our spring gardens.

◆ Undaunted by the weather, however, there was a fine turnout on Thursday last for the annual birthday of the Garden club. Business disposed of, the program was under way with the rousing "Happy Birthday" to ourselves, and the charter members rising for proper recognition. Our president pinned on each, a corsage as something special, which is how we consider those who started the group back in 1946. Those unable to be present were sorely missed.

◆ If previously you had been dubious of the name, "Brookings—Home of Winter Flowers," there could have been no more doubts after listening to the Roll Call when each member answered to her number of garden flowers in bloom during Christmas week. The lists were turned into Mrs. Louis Peterson for compiling and she now reports a total of one hundred and fifty-four blooms. Mrs. Ruth Bathiany headed the listings with a total of eighty-six varieties. Mrs. Elmer Hanscam, Mrs. W. L. Crissey, and Mrs. Peterson herself deserves honorable mention, too.

◆ Again, Mrs. MacKenzie and Mrs. Rice provided a musical pro-

gram of high caliber. Mrs. Mete Meyers served as accompanist for the following numbers.

Solo—"A Little Sweet'ning" (Gladys Snell Davis) Nell Mackenzie.

Duet—"Because You're You" (Victor Herbert) Helen Rice.

Solo—"Dry Those Tears" (Teresa del Riego) Wilhemina Donally; violin obligato by LaMerne Christianson (Encore, "The Lilac Tree").

Solo—"On the Shore" (Neidlinger) Helen Rice.

Duet—"It's a Grand Night for Singing" (Hammerstein & Rogers) Nell Mackenzie and Helen Rice

◆ A principal aim of garden clubs is to interest children in gardens and gardening Mrs. Erskine Miller as chairman for Junior Gardening explained the objectives laid down by the National Garden Club council and her own plans for promoting them here.

◆ Mrs. Jessie Judkins explained the types and colors of the Saxifrage plant, one which prolifically shows itself in flower here during the winter months. The Saxifrage is very desirable in rock gardens, on walls or as a garden plant and is of highly decorative value for its foliage as well as for its blooms. This was our Flower of the Month.

For the Bird of the Month, Mrs. Walter Wollam told of the parakeet, citing as a particular example, their own bird in which all took special interest. The parakeet adapts itself readily to family living and is very bright in learning new words and tricks. Clear enunciation and cheerful approach in teaching a parakeet are two important necessities in training a bird, said Mrs. Wollam.

◆ The three driftwood arrangements brought by Mrs. Dale Chapman were much admired and comment upon as was Mrs. Walter Wollam's arrangement of red anemones and green leaves upon the officers' table. The tea

table also received favorable commendation, with the birthday cake in the same colors of soft green and yellow as the centerpiece of acacia branches. Tea hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Robert Swan, Mrs. Ed Ravekes and Mrs. Walt Mollam. Presiding over the tea table were Mrs. Almo Newton and Mrs. Will McVay, the first and second presidents of the club.

That part of the birthday program planned by the past presidents' committee was well balanced, offering both entertainment and garden instruction. Mrs. Clara Kerns and Mrs. Erskine Miller presented a clever skit on gardening which proved that sometimes it is easier to do things yourself than try to tell someone else what's to be done—especially when the helper badly needs a hearing aid! Mr. Max Brainard and Mr. Ben Jones provided the second half of the program Mr. Brainard told of the rare specimens to be found in the back country, which are often more appreciated by noted botanists or other scientists who come here from other places than by those of us right here. He emphasized the care all must take to protect these rare plants, some to be found nowhere else on the continent and the wild-flowers of all types. This is something to stress with our children, be the Junior Gardeners or not. Mr. Jones showed some beautiful colored slides of the back country and some fine pictures in color of Portland and Bend gardens.

The text of Mr. Brainard's and Mr. Jones' contribution to our program, so much enjoyed, can be summarized by the sun dial inscription:

"One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Then any place else on earth."

Flowers in bloom Christmas week, 1953, Brookings-Harbor, Oregon:

Abelia, Abutilon, 2 varieties Acacia, Acanthus, Ageratum, Alstroemeria, Alyssum (annual perennial), Anemone, Anthemis, 3 varieties, Azalea, 2 varieties Begonia, Bleeding Heart, Breath of Heaven, Calla Lily, Calceolaria, Calendula, Camellia (2 varieties), Candytuft, Canna, 2 varieties Carnations, Cerastium, Cestrum, Chinese Lantern, 4 varieties Chrysanthemum, Cineraria, Clematis Ranona, Coreopsis, 7 varieties Daisy, 2 varieties Dahlia, Dianthus,

Two varieties Dryas, Dandelion, Everlasting, Escalonia, Fatsia, Feverfew, Forelstem, Forget-me-not, Forsythia, 7 varieties Fuchsias, Genista, 5 varieties Geranium, Gladiolus (Baby), Guava-pineapple, Heath, 3 varieties Heather tall and dwarf), Honeysuckle, Hyacinth (grape), Ice-plant, Iris (blue, yellow, purple), Jasmine, Jerusalem Cherry, Johnny-Jump-Up, Latsin, Laurustinna, Lavender, Linarias, Lobelia, Mexican Orange, Dusty Miller, 2 varieties Narcissus, Nasturtium, Night Bloomer (yellow), Oregon Grape, Oxalis, Pansy, Pelargonium, Penstemon, Peruvian Lily,

Poppy (California), Pleroma, Pittosporum, Primrose (multiple varieties), Pyrethrum, 2 varieties Flowering Quince, 9 varieties Roses (tea), 4 varieties Roses (Florabunda), 2 varieties Roses (climbing), Rock Rose, Romneya Coulteri, Sage (Purple Flower of Bethlehem), Salvia (red), Saxifrage, Scotch Bloom, Spirea, Snapdragon, Stock, Strawberry, Strawberry Tree (Arbutus Uredo), Sultana-Impatiens, Tritoma, Verbena, Veronica, Vinca, Viola, Violets, Wall Flower, Watsonia, Wax Plant (Hoya Carnosa), Weigelia, Sweet William, 3 varieties Succulents, Youngberry.

GOES TO PORTLAND

Mrs. F. N. Tygart is leaving this weekend for Portland where she will undergo surgery on Monday.

## March of Dimes Making Progress

The March of Dimes was making excellent progress this week in the Brookings area, according to Al Phillips, chairman of the committee of Lions club, who are carrying on the drive.

Response to the cards mailed by the group has been good, as it also has for the many small banks distributed around town.

Brookings - Harbor residents were evidently taking a closer personal interest in the drive this year, since little Frieda Matlock has been stricken with polio. Funds from the March of Dimes will aid Frieda in her fight against the disease.

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## BREAKS HIP IN FALL

Mrs. Orpha Brown, who makes her home in Brookings with her daughter, Mrs. Vern Smith, fell in Crescent City Monday and suffered a broken hip.

Mrs. Brown is confined to Seaside hospital and expects to undergo surgery Thursday.

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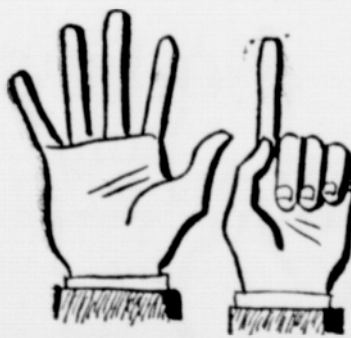
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