

## Along Azalea Row

By Ruth B. Smith

"This world that we're a-livin' in  
Is mighty hard to beat;  
You get a thorn with every rose,  
But ain't the roses sweet!"

We just haven't said a word  
about ROSES and if we don't  
hurry up it will be almost too  
late—just as we inadvertently  
passed up SWEET PEAS DAY,  
which in most circles coincides  
with Washington's birthday.

The growing of Roses has become an ever increasing industry in the Pacific north-west, with the many growers who now specialize only in Roses, though their acreages may be small. Mrs. Nicholas Van Hevingen, head of an 185 acre nursery thinks the interest in the rose as part of

gardenscaping is due in great measure to the annual selections of the All American winners. Roses which enter into competition are subjected to rigid tests in different soils and climates all over America, and if they can pass the trials, only then can they be considered All-American. Because of these trials, the buying public has increased confidence in its purchase and acquires the incentive to experiment with a particular rose in his own garden.

It is better to acquire fewer roses and get the best stock rather than to gamble on success with many of poorer stamina. You may wish to make your choice because of certain color preferences or it may be that you are a firm believer only in the florabunda or in the hybrid teas. The rose family is sizable enough to permit you to find more than one real favorite classification.

Should you want to set in a new rose where roses have already been growing, don't do it without refreshing the ground and even replacing with new soil. According to experts, a rose long in one place imparts a toxic quality to the soil. Dig a good sized hole, they say, taking that soil to another part of the garden and return with some good loose, well-aerated garden loam. Roses have no aversion to clay but enough sand should be added to insure good drainage.

Mr. Archie Selwood of Vancouver, B. C., renowned as one of the north-west's outstanding rosarians has been known to guarantee success to the beginners if they use his method of planting Roses, so that method should be worth passing along exactly as he recommends:

"... Fortunately roses of excellent quality can be grown under conditions considerably less than ideal. They like lots of sun... and prefer afternoon rather than morning shade. They dislike heavy winds... but they also like a good circulation of air. They should not be planted less than twenty feet from large trees, eight feet from shrubs and six feet from hedges.

"The recommended depth for the beds is two feet if the beginner digs it or has it dug by someone other than me. It is surprising how many times I find myself preparing the beds myself, possibly having my guarantee of success in mind. In such cases, I am afraid that I settle for a depth of eighteen inches.

"A light sandy loam must be fortified by the addition of compost, rotted cow manure, peat moss or other material which will make the soil more retentive of moisture... Thirty inches to three feet is about right between plants.

"A hole amply large enough to accommodate the roots without curling is dug and after firming the soil on which the plant root ends will rest a cone of clean soil is built in the center of the hole and the lower end of the main stem of the plant is placed on top of the cone of soil with the roots carefully spread in their natural directions and pointing slightly downwards.

"The cone or mound should be adjusted so that when the planting operation is completed the union (the swelling just above the roots) will be about one third below the soil level. With the plant held in position, clean soil with a moderate addition of peat moss is worked among the roots and firmed by hand. More soil should now be added... and must be firmed with the feet... There is no danger of damaging or disarranging the roots if the soil in the lower spit has been properly firmed beneath the cone of soil on which the roots have been placed.



MISS NPPA—Miss Betty Everhard, Miss National Press Photographer of 1953, poses for a couple of press photographers during last years Miss NPPA pageant. The girl who is selected Miss Oregon Press Photographer at the Press Photographers Ball in Portland May 1 will compete June 9-12 for the title of Miss National Press Photographer at Atlantic City. Any girl between 18 and 25 and who is not married is eligible to enter the competition.

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### Visits O. E. S.

Hazel Graham, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon O.E.S., now Grand Deputy of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, visited Satellite Chapter No. 165 O.E.S. Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Graham outlined procedure for forming a Chapter of Rainbow for Girls, which the local organization is considering.

### WEEKEND WITH PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stevens of Portland spent the week end with Mr. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Newton of Harbor. This was Mrs. Stevens' first visit at home since it was remodeled under the direction of Mack Malcolm, and she was very pleased with the results.

"A pail of water should be poured into the hole to eliminate all danger of pockets. When the soil in the hole has dried somewhat, the hole should be filled and surplus soil drawn up around the plant. Planting should not be done during wet weather as the soil should be in a friable condition or it will compact when treaded... A liberal dusting of bonemeal is always applied during the planting operation." Mr. Selwood concludes by saying there is nothing for the beginner and himself save to look forward to late May and June,—the beginner "with eager hope and expectancy and I with confidence." Perhaps with Mr. Selwood's magic touch and "confidence," his roses may not need it but it would seem that to spray or dust against insects might be an added act of precaution now and then!

A few excellent proven roses for this area—some All Americas: President Hoover (Blend of pink, scarlet and yellow); Charlott-Armstrong (Carmine buds opening to cerise); Etoile de Hollande (Red — prolific bloomer, Helen Traubel (Salmon-pink to apricot); Sutter's Gold (Deep yellow edged with red—gorgeous in bud); Peace (Yellow with red in bud, opening into huge pink and cream blooms); Frau Karl Drusekhi (White, Huge blossoms); Cecil Bruner (Pink, dainty floribunda); Forty-Niner (Bicolor, Cerise and yellow); Talisman (Multicolor). Regretfully, it must be stated that the gophers like two new ones very much indeed! Let's add to our proven list and please do report, also, on your success with the new 1954 prize winners; Mojave and Lilibet.

## No Baseball, No Field for Bruin Team

It looked this week as if the Brookings Bruins had completed an unbeaten and untied home baseball season... but no one's very happy about it.

The only home scheduled game for the high school team went by the board last Friday, as Bandon and Brookings were rained out. Another game, scheduled for this Friday, was cancelled, as the erection of construction shacks in left field would have made the game difficult.

A mid-week game at Gold Beach was out, too, with the field there too muddy for play.

Construction of the new high school blots out any chance of more home games on the regular field. The Brookings Beavers, hope to build another diamond, but weather has stymied them to date.

Art Guthrie's sitting up in his little ivory tower, taking great satisfaction in his pitching staff's earned run average to date... 0.00. Only trouble is, he doesn't know who his pitchers are.

### VINCENTS GRANDPARENTS

Mrs. Ralph Vincent writes from Portland that their daughter, Nancy is the mother of a little girl, Susan Eileen, born March 24, 1954. The little girl has one sister, Patricia Claire.

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### Contest Ends April 16

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