

PLANT LIFE, VIEW OF PACIFIC ALONG PROPOSED HIGHWAY TOLD

By Minna S. Akers

The road to the Indian Flats by way of a bulldozed road gave us a chance to enjoy the natural shrubbery, trees and wildflowers growing profusely. Nine distinct colors of azalea and perfect formed Christmas trees by the hundreds have grown unmolested on the 160 acre DeBlock ranch. Only

By the time we were ready to leave I was a little confused in my own mind just how many homes she had planned.

Indian Flats, covering almost an acre of ground, so close to the ocean and yet far because of a screen of trees is six degrees warmer in winter and that amount cooler in summer than the

was moved to the out of doors", chuckled Mrs. DeBlock.

As we gathered flowering mint on our return to the house we were happy to see that the white faced cattle had come to drink at their spring fountain caught by a half barrel trough. A small calf gave us a scrutinizing look before scampering off to find her mother.

Upper Forties was our next conquest. The high level gave us a good view of the larger timber, Sitka Spruce, which I was interested to know is now being



undesirable underbrush has been cleared out of portions of it making numerous open cleared spots.

As we came to these Mrs. DeBlock said "This we had thought would have been a nice sheltered spot for a home of the view from this level would have made this nook a cozy spot for a home".

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atmosphere at the house. As we walked through an opening of the trees we were greeted by a calming view of the Pacific. This section I was glad to hear would be a point of the proposed Coast State Park along the new highway.

Returning we followed a trail along a creek worn by sheep and cattle. One section of the stream that the DeBlocks had once planned a dam to make a natural trout habitat, grew skunk cabbage luxuriously. Once an artist guest at the ranch desiring to paint the cabbage in its healthy state had gathered some of the blossoms to take to the house. She had been warned of the skunkish odor but did not heed. "The painting progressed for two days but on the third both artist and can-

used for panelling and drain-boards sliver which made it most suitable for plane construction during World War II.

The grass on Upper Forties was mowed and raked with jeep by the DeBlocks when they lived there. From this rolling section we viewed Bosely Butte in the distance, Brother Colegroves place adjoining and the hill between covered with dense growth of rhododendron—15 acres in all. At blooming season this must have been a sight to behold. Upper Forties would make an ideal landing strip. The prevailing winds are perfect for take offs, I was told.

As we wended our way to the highway again a finishing touch met our eyes—a doe and fawn crossed in front of the car, one to either side. They were soon hidden by shrubbery and peered at us with watchful eye. Looking across to cars passing here and there on highway 101 I was brought back to realization. The thought came to my mind that if all young people grew up in surroundings similar to the ones we had just visited there would be less need for Juvenile Courts and people in general would be at peace with themselves and with one another. It was truly uplifting.

FOUR FINES LEVIED FOR SPEEDING HERE

Violation of the basic rule caused four fines to be levied in the last week by Brookings municipal judge Hans Nelson. Fined were Vernon Marker, Smith River, for speeding. He was assessed \$20 and given a 30 days suspended sentence.

John Musses, also of Smith River, was fined \$15, Bernard De Villemane, forfeited \$10 bail, and Norman C. Yack was fined \$10, all on violation of gasic rule charges.

Richard W. Lee forfeited a \$0 bail, as did Larry Johnson, both on a charge of intoxication in a public place.

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Crescent City Centennial Plans Big Week End

The climax of the Crescent City Centennial celebrations gets underway in that city Friday night with the first night opening of the historical pageant to be held at the fairgrounds and the selection of Del Norte county's "Plum of Pulchritude", and a rally parade in the afternoon.

Friday too, Wanda Ramey, a T. V. star will present the crown to the winner of the Male Beauty contest. The pageant will get underway at 8:15.

Saturday highlights will include concessions, historical society museum, rides for the kids, and a personal appearance of Miss Ramey at 1 p. m. After the Saturday pageant a centennial dance will be held.

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Sunday at 1 p. m. the parade, featuring the Grants Pass Cavemen, will get underway at 1 p. m. There will be a lady's Log Bucking Contest in Centennial city.

Monday the big event will be the boat races in the Harbor.

Residents of Del Norte county were asked to wear western duds and centennial costumes during the four days celebration.

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