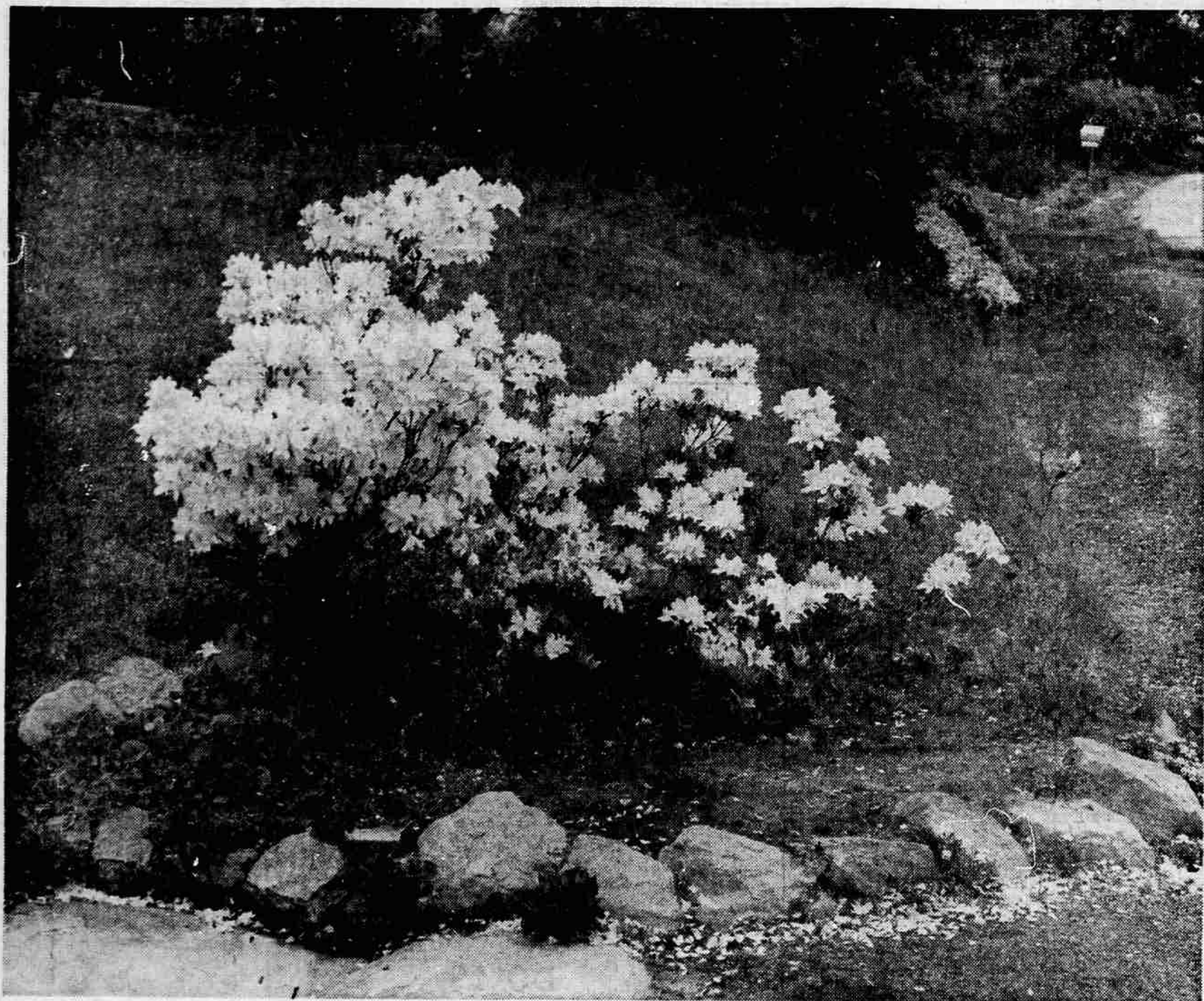


Blossom Time



The red-orange hue of Chinese Mollis azaleas make a brilliant splash of color on the front lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Anderson, 2607 Eastover terrace, Medford. Other plants that can be seen in full bloom now throughout the valley are tulips, pansies, bleeding hearts, wisteria, lilacs and dogwood. Between showers, bees are working rapidly to take advantage of the peak of the nectar harvest.



Blossom time in the Rogue River valley, when the weather is a mixture of warm sun and spring showers, means that winter is on its way out, and the flowering trees and smaller plants, in their finest regalia, seem to be celebrating the coming of summer. Above, Pat Rushton, Miss Jackson County, wears a bright smile as she stands against a backdrop of pear blossoms that were in their prime early in April. (Kenn Knackstedt photo)



The rock garden of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davidson, 1708 Lenora drive, Medford, contains a myriad of gay-colored blossoms. White mounds of candytuft, growing amongst craggy rocks and dark green juniper, form an over-all pattern, while, here and there, pansies, tulips and bleeding hearts provide a dash of color. A closeup of the candytuft (below right) shows that each "head" is made up of a bouquet of tiny, trumpet-shaped blossoms. The white and yellow tulips in the picture above, also in the Davidson's garden, stand out brightly against a dark fence as the sun shines through their petals.

