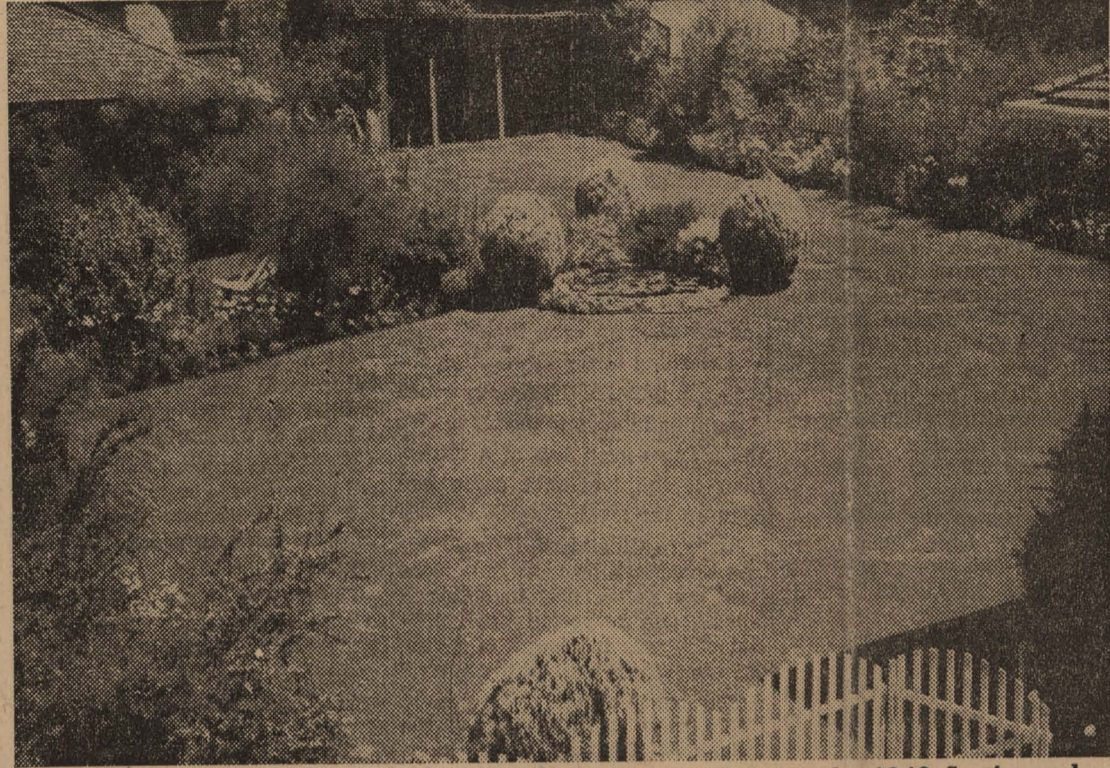


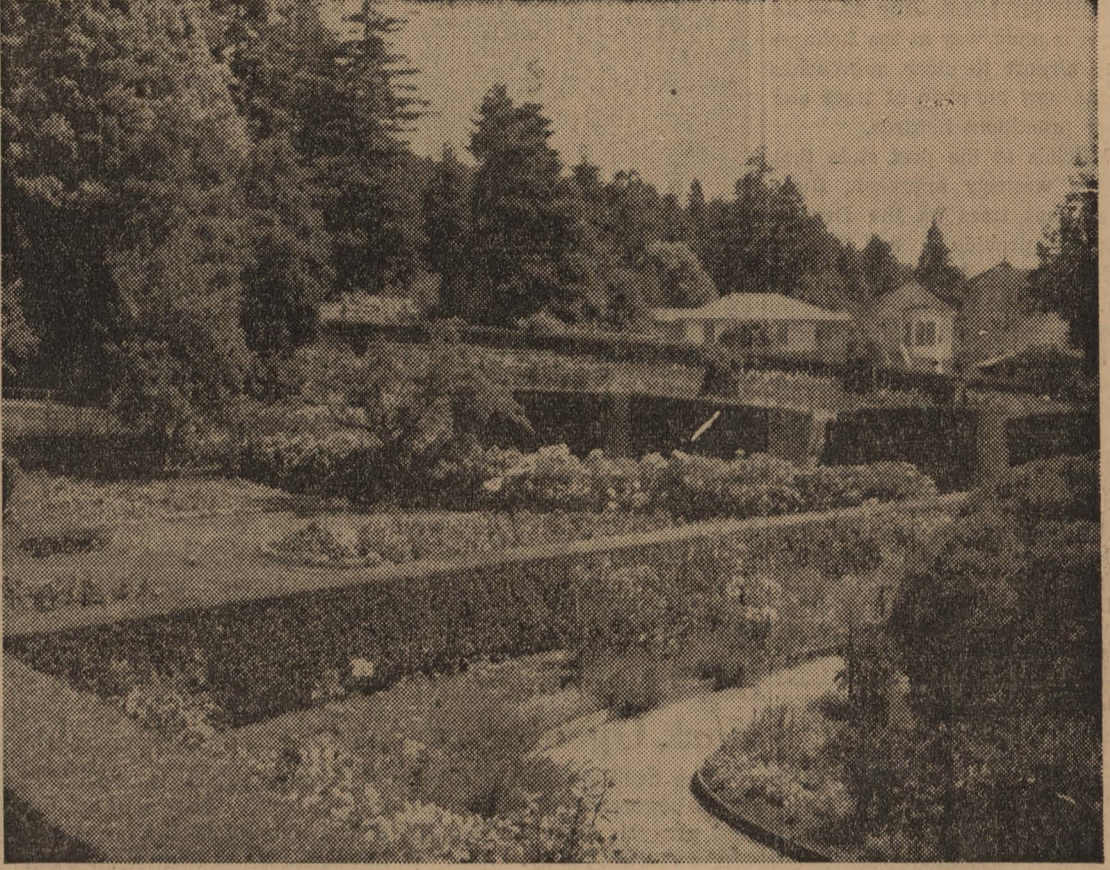
# Scotia's Many Artistic Gardens Enchant Visitors



The Phil Suttons took second prize with this beauty.



Meet the winner! Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Barker took first prize in the 1949 Scotia garden contest with their entry.



A master gardener's work. One of The Pacific Lumber company's gardens, near Scotia Inn.

## RESIDENTS JUSTLY PROUD OF ATTRACTIVE HUMBOLDT TOWN

By CHET SCHWARZKOFF  
 Photos by Humboldt Times

The lady traveler, at dinner in the Eureka Inn, had been charmed by the day's journey up from San Francisco. "This is our first trip through the northern Redwood Empire," she explained to the newspaper man. "Words can't describe it. We've discovered a new land! Don't be surprised if we come here to live."

Her husband nodded approval. "I like everything we've seen today. Scotia, particularly impressed me. Why, there's a company owned town—an industrial community—that's a credit to all of California. It looks as if everyone who lives there really appreciates the place."

"And those gardens at Scotia!" the lady added. "We left the highway and just cruised up and down the streets, admiring not only what people are doing with their homes, but the entire setting."

"Right!" said her husband. "The whole thing is well planned. Those great lumber mills fit into the scheme perfectly. We have seen other industrial towns throughout the country. Some of them are pretty nice—and some are pretty drab. But your Scotia is in a class all to itself. Tell us about it."

"But tell us especially about those gardens," the lady urged. "When you see a town kept up like that, you know there are fine people in it. What attracted them to begin with?"

### AND SO, ABOUT SCOTIA

So you tell them what you knew about Scotia's "background"—how the town was started by The Pacific Lumber company back in the early 1880s, and how it has adhered to an ideal consistently ever since.

Good management did it—good employ relations—and always they tried to have first class equipment to work with. Whether it was a logging railroad, woods machinery, mills—or homes—the "P. L." looked ahead to the future always, and did the job right. It shows in the product they have marketed all through the years. It shows in the ever-increasing numbers of people who have worked for the company year in and year out. People who knew they were with a Grade-A outfit, and that they had a lifetime job.

And today, it shows more than ever—for Stanwood Murphy and the company's directors have carried on from where their predecessors handed over. In fact, Scotia is their pride—aliving entity of an idea and an ideal, achieved and maintained.

You tell the visitors that not only does the company keep its Scotia houses painted and decorated for the employ tenants, without charge—not only does it furnish all the water they want for their gardens gratis, and extra soil, too, if needed—but a minimum rental is charged to encourage people to stay there. A rental so reasonable that, come good times or bad, there's always a waiting list for houses in Scotia.

"Wonderful!" the lady enthused. "But tell us more about those beautiful gardens that practically everybody in Scotia seems to have. I know they have an ideal climate for colorful flowers—and it's obviously a happy town—but I'll bet there's more to the story than that."

### SCOTIA'S GARDENS

There is; you agree—although the entire Redwood Empire seems to bring out the love of gardening in people. But Scotia has been especially fortunate, for there, the company itself has led the way in beautiful and artistic gardening.

Many years ago—1921, in fact—the then president of The Pacific Lumber company, Mr. John H. Emmert, suggested that a contest be held each year in Scotia to determine the best lawns and gardens. Several of the directors donated prizes, and the affair was such a success that it thereafter became an annual event, sponsored by the company as a whole, instead of individuals. Emmert wisely suggested that judges from outside of the town be secured—the only qualification being that they should be interested in flowers and gardens.

And so, the idea grew apace, and today, instead of the original four prizes, the company now offers 24 awards.

First prize is \$60, offered in memory of Mr. C. W. Penoyer; second is \$40, in memory of Mr. Temple E. Dorr; third is \$30, in memory of Mr. Simon J. Murphy; and fourth is \$20, in memory of Mr. John H. Emmert. In addition, there are ten additional awards of \$10, and ten of \$5.

Incidentally, first place in Scotia's garden awards this year went to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Barker; second to Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Sutton; third to Mr. and Mrs. V. Sellens; and fourth to Mr. and Mrs. P. Antongianni. Several photographs of prize winning gardens are shown on this page.

### METHODS AND RULES

"Does the company enter into the garden prize contest, too?" the lady wanted to know. "They maintain some wonderful lawn and flower effects around their offices, and the Scotia Inn, especially."

Definitely not, you explain. The company furnishes material, but one of the rules is that the actual

garden work must be done by the people living in the homes—not by hired help.

However, the company does furnish advice in the person of scholarly-spoken head gardener, Ralph Johnson, who has been in charge of The Pacific Lumber company's gardens at Scotia for a quarter-century.

Ralph is not alone a gardener—he is an authority. A man who has devoted most of his life to study and work with the Redwood Empire flowers, shrubbery, and trees, Johnson always is interested in garden problems. His work shows not alone in the impressive company gardens at Scotia, but in the lawns and flora about the town's privately occupied homes, for he is always at the townspeople's service. Much of Scotia's fine appearance is due to his suggestions and cooperation.

Another rule in Scotia's yearly garden contest is that no one home can win the capital prize for two years running. However, the lesser awards are always open, regardless of prior prize rating.

As a result, there is often a small margin of difference only between prize winners and the general run of the town's gardens. So much so, in fact, that several national home and garden magazines have sent photographers and writers to Scotia during the years to get pictures, stories, and ideas.

The actual contests are under the direction of Gordon Manary, resident general manager of the Pacific Lumber company, at Scotia. A man whose friendliness and integrity have long endeared him to everyone who knows him, Gordon Manary recently took over his present office following the retirement of Scotia's equally beloved "Eddie" Yoder—and is carrying on in true tradition.

"Oh splendid!" enthused the lady. "All you have to do is look at Scotia to know there are real people there. Somebody ought to write a book about it."

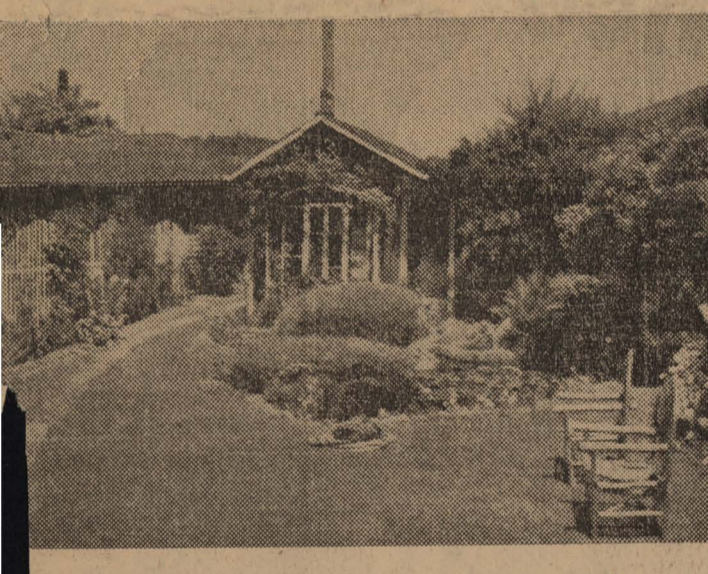
"But tell me," she continued, "what varieties of flowers, shrubs, and trees do best in Scotia? There seemed so many, we were at a loss to identify most of them—although we recognized some varieties of roses, as well as dahlias, camellias, gladiolus, and the like."

### MANY VARIETIES AT SCOTIA

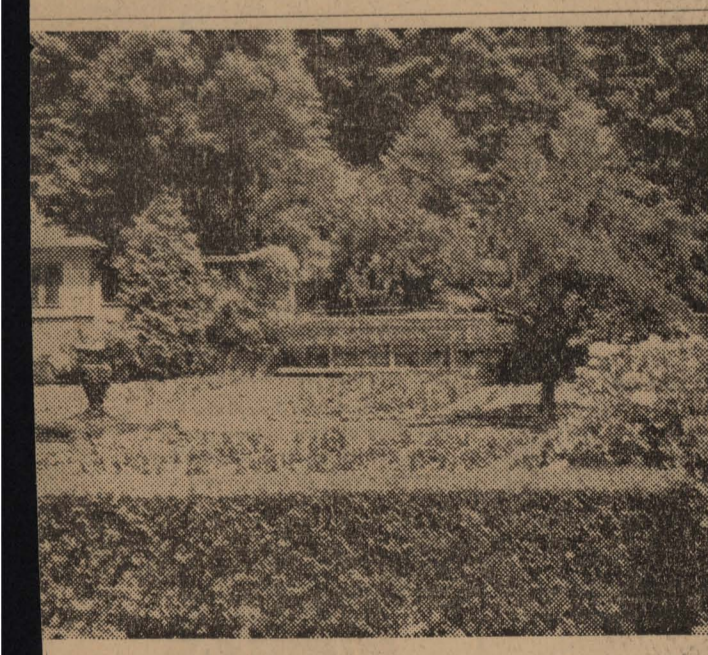
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Corner between Barker and Rasmussen gardens



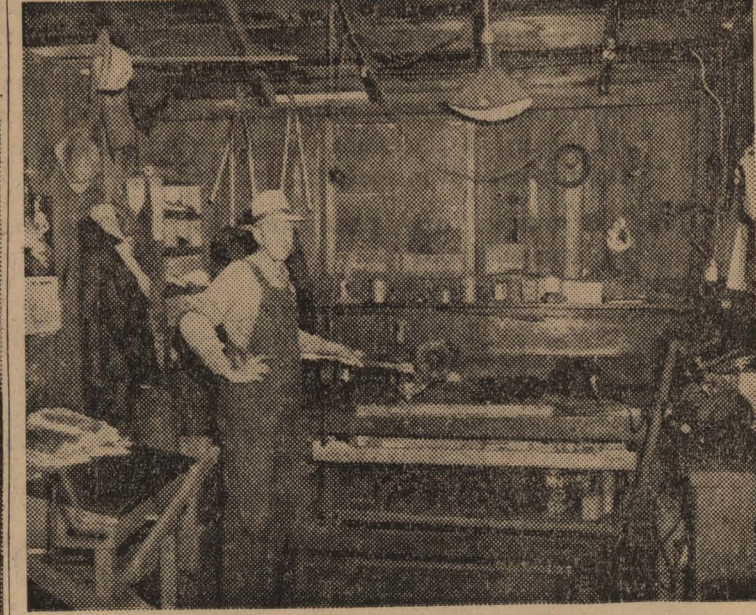
Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rasmussens' lovely dell.



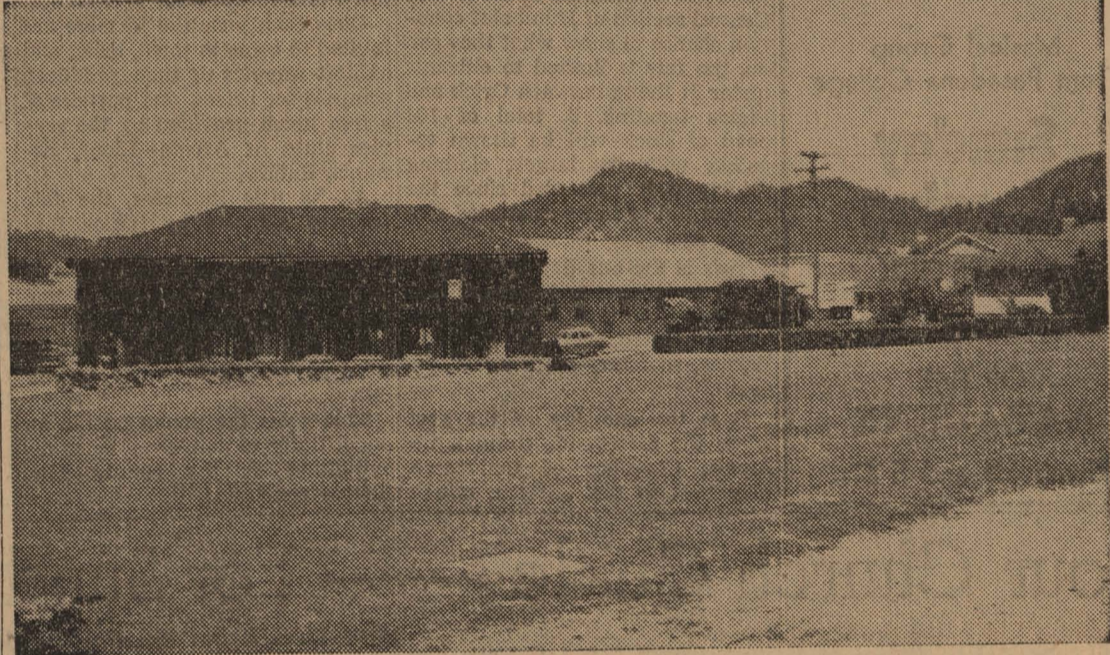
A flower-garlanded corner by the Scotia Inn.



oad avenue, Scotia, offers a decided contrast to most streets along main line tracks.



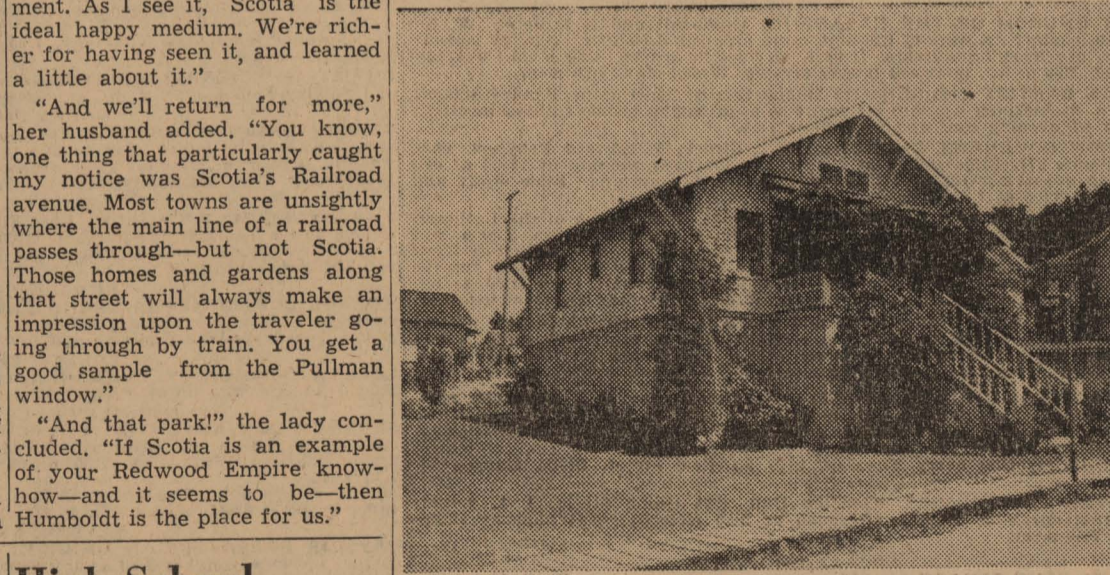
The man of the hour. Scotia's head gardener, Ralph Johnson, at work in his shop.



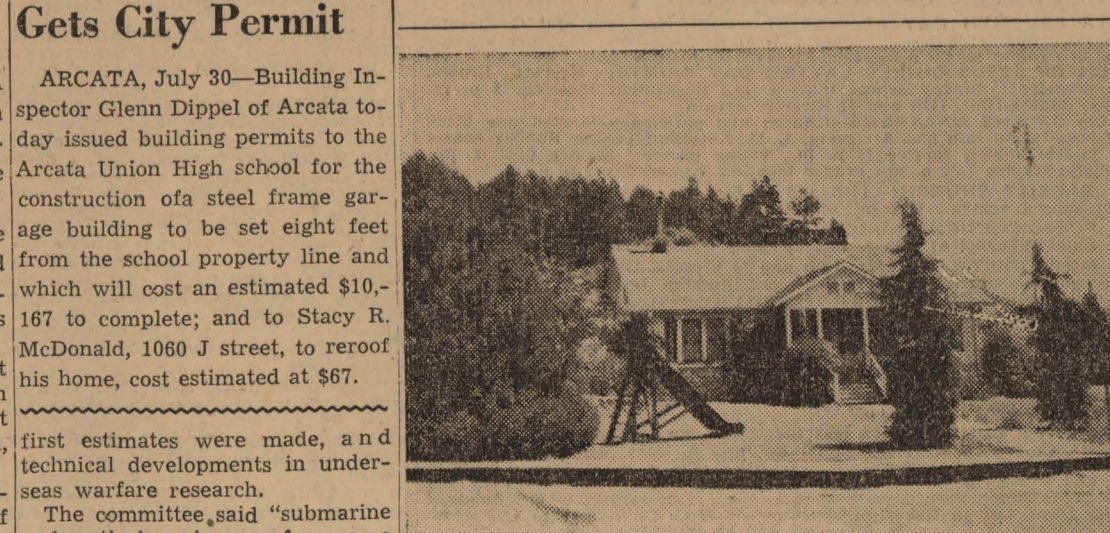
The generous lawn beside Scotia's bank looks like a golf green.



The Nellie Thompson home, near NWP station.



The V. Sellens home is a former prize winner.



The R. J. Blich home has pleasing grounds.

## Bill for Navy Subs Favored

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP)—A bill to let the Navy spend an extra \$11,000,000 on two new experimental submarines passed the house today and went to the senate.

The measure would allow the Navy to spend \$41,000,000 instead of the \$30,000,000 originally authorized, on submarines started this year. It passed by a voice vote.

One submarine is being built at the Electric Boat Co. shipyard in Groton, Conn., and the other at the naval shipyard in Portsmouth, N. H.

The house armed services committee, recommending passage of the bill, said the additional money is necessary because of increases in labor and material since the

## High School Gets City Permit

ARCATA, July 30—Building Inspector Glenn Dippel of Arcata today issued building permits to the Arcata Union High school for the construction of a steel frame garage building to be set eight feet from the school property line and which will cost an estimated \$10,167 to complete; and to Stacy R. McDonald, 1060 J street, to reroof his home, cost estimated at \$67.

first estimates were made, and technical developments in under-seas warfare research.

The committee said "submarine and antisubmarine warfare are now the first priority in the department of the Navy."