

**Anderson Assigned To Navy Air Service**  
Robert Arnold Anderson, Airman Apprentice, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Anderson, of 2128 Middlebrook Road, has qualified for the Air arm of the U. S. Navy and is assigned to duty.  
Anderson, a recent student of Torrance High, took advantage of the opportunity to report to Chase Airfield, Beeville, Tex., for duty upon completion of his 14-day leave period.

## Garden Edges Enhanced by Blue Lobelia

One color in the flower line which seems to have been somewhat neglected when nature painted flowers is blue. Although found in several of our modern flowering plants, by and large this color is lacking. One way to be assured of blue coloration is by planting lobelia, which in most cases is used as a border plant and has both dark and light blue flowers. These blooms, although small are generally scattered over the entire top of the many stocked plant. Not only are these flowers blue but in the more shaded areas the leaves and stocks are also of a blueish hue. However, when planted in the sunny areas the foliage has a tendency to turn to the copper tones.

Because of its low height, not more than six to eight inches high, it serves well as a border plant for the taller growing plants. Beds of this prolific blooming plant will enhance any garden area with its light airy effect.

If one desires the lighter shades in blue the Cambridge Blue is recommended. However, the more popular lobelia is the Crystal Palace with its dark blue flower. Another member of this family worth your consideration is the trailing lobelia which finds many uses in rock gardens and shade areas and should not be overlooked in any hanging basket arrangement. Because of its trailing habit this plant is used for the base covering for fuchsias, tuberous begonias and other plants grown in various hanging containers.

Many months of bloom can be obtained by planting lobelia immediately and your reward will be dividends in blue, lasting in most cases until the first frost of next November.



LOBELIA

## DWARF CITRUS PRODUCES EARLY

Happy the gardener with dwarf citrus trees—few within a few short months of planting time he is enjoying delicious, normal sized fruits instead of waiting three to five years as you must when growing regular citrus trees.

Dwarf citrus are a rather recent gardening innovation—the result of hybridizing and experimenting by growers to develop fruit trees that will grow in a limited area—in some cases even in tubs and containers.

And today, as a result of that experimenting (dwarf citrus trees are created by budding or grafting on dwarfing rootstocks) there are many types of such citrus available for the home gardener: orange, lemon, mandarin, grapefruit, tangelo, lime and kumquat.

## Now is Time To Consider Patio Plans

It is patio planning time now. Get your ideas down on paper, for summer building weather will soon be here.

Your patios can be modest or elaborate, large or small. Patios can adjoin the home or be completely separate installations.

Here are a few ideas for simple and inexpensive patios adjoining the home. The simplest is a terrace floor of brick, flagstone or fir two-by-fours just big enough for a few lounging chairs, a bridge table or a snack table. If you use wood, allow for drainage underneath and lay fir two-by-fours with space between each one to let hose water drain away.

Next step is to add a wooden louvered screen to keep off sun glare. Four-by-four posts of fir or cedar will support a simple screen built up of one-by-six or one-by-eight inch boards. Permanent wooden benches with comfortable backs can be installed along one or more sides of the patio floor. Portable barbecues work well or you may have time and money to build your own barbecue pit. Study prevailing winds before you locate it to keep smoke from blowing into guests' faces. Build it to suit your need of the sun—cool or hot.

## Nurseries Featuring New And Striking Carnations

Cut flower growers have long demanded and received from the seed industry and other plant hybridizers, new and more striking colors in carnations. After years of work today's seedling and cutting carnations have a wide range of colors with many hues of each color from which to choose.

A carnation plant grows to the approximate height of two feet and should be planted twelve inches apart in your garden. This plant is a true perennial, but the color-show it creates matches that of the gay-colored annuals. It is used for borders, beds, edgings, rock gardens, or pots.

Your local nursery has the seedling varieties available right now. In most cases the plants are available in mixed colors, but because of the increasing popularity of carnations, are becoming available in straight colors.

parent plant and you can be assured that it will be the same as the bloom displayed by the parent plant.

For an interesting combined plant form in your garden, try mixing in other members of the Dianthus family. The old-fashioned, but much improved Dianthus with its showy single bloom and the Sweet William with its unusual and different multiple single blooms, make interesting combinations.

All members of the Dianthus family make excellent cut flowers. Look for original and unique ideas for arrangements in local florist window displays, magazines, and on the billboards. Watch for the flower arrangements on the table in the cigarette ads, or the corsage the model is wearing. Thousands of dollars have been spent for this advertising and you can obtain these suggestions free of charge by observation.

To make your garden arrangement more attractive, use a low border of lobelia, ageratum, or begonia in front of the carnations or Dianthus.

## GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Most nurseries are now offering Tuberous Begonia plants which can be transplanted into the garden.
2. There is no need for Gladiolus to be ruined by thrips. Your nurseryman can recommend an effective dust or spray.
3. Start fertilizing acid plants such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias now with a good acid plant food.

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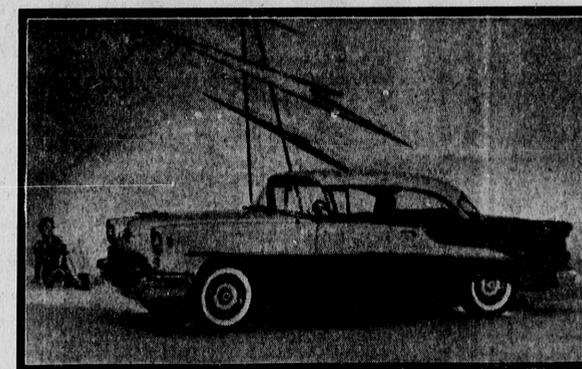
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