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Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW

Often times when a special type of tree is desired for a particular spot in a new garden a variety of Eucalyptus will answer every desirable factor the homeowner is looking for, but when the word Eucalyptus is used, the prospective buyer shudders for he is condemning the whole Eucalyptus family without any reason other than his particular association with some of the larger types growing about Southern California.

There are some beautiful hardy and small growing varieties that are very suitable for home garden conditions and that will not become undesirable creatures in later years. Several of these are new to the public and many more can be noted in gardening books and nursery sales yards.

Eucalyptus blackleyi is an evergreen medium-sized tree with very long leaves having a conspicuous midrib. A fast

Players Plan Yule Program This Weekend

Two popular South Bay groups, Manhattan Players and Roger Bushell's Choralaires, are uniting their talents for a joint Christmas benefit show to be presented at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at the El Camino Playhouse, 526 S. Irena St., Redondo Beach.

The Christmas presentation will be a blend of music and drama. The Manhattan Players will appear in "Why the Chimes Rang," a one-act play for the entire family. The musical phase of the show will be selections of holiday songs sung by the Choralaires. The Choralaires will also lead the audience in a Community Sing featuring well known Yuletide songs.

The admission price is a toy or tin of food for each person attending. These in turn will be delivered to the California Baby's and Children's Hospital for dispersal at Christmas. Toys or food offered should be brought unwrapped. Reservations can be obtained at FRontier 4-1690.

growing variety that is ideal for shade planting as the tree develops a good spreading dense crown.

Eucalyptus calophylla is also a medium-sized evergreen tree having ruff, corky bark. The thick rounded dark green leaves give this type an appearance entirely different from the other eucalyptus. Attractive large flowers, pinkish-white in color, are borne in early summer. Here is a fast growing tree that is wonderful for planting as a shade or specimen plant.

Eucalyptus gunni, or Cider Gum, is also one of the newer and very interesting varieties. This one has thick, dark, shining foliage and smooth whitish bark. This is also a medium-sized tree that is fast growing. And also makes an ideal specimen.

Eucalyptus lehamanni, while not exactly new, is nevertheless very desirable and planted to a great extent in the Palos Verdes Peninsula. This small growing variety is very popular because of its picturesque rough bark. Foliage is large and light green in color. It is used successfully as a roadside tree, where bushy growth is desired, and also for specimen planting.

Eucalyptus perriniana is similar to the variety that the florists use so much in cut flower work, but the leaves are a great deal larger, much like huge rounded saucers. It too is excellent for cutting and floral makeup. The tree is very hardy and grows to medium height.

Perhaps you will find one or more of the above interesting enough to use in your yard. Do not condemn the Eucalyptus through the growth habits of a few. These varieties are available at your nursery or if he does not have them in stock, he knows where they can be obtained and will be glad to help you.

Long Odds
Joe Louis held the world's heavyweight prize fighting championship for 12 years, 1937-1949, longer than any other fighter in modern ring history.

64 Per Cent of Telephone Employees Buy U. S. Bonds

Results of the company-wide U. S. Savings Bond Drive conducted by General Telephone Co. of California from Sept. 10 to 28, revealed that over 64 per cent of General's 8663 employees utilized the payroll deduction plan this year, representing over \$53,000 in total company deductions per month.

Local representatives in charge of the drive, Don Fischer, industrial relations assistant in the general office, and Stuart Purcell, industrial relations supervisor in the western division, received the United States Treasury award

'Operation Santa Claus'

"Operation Santa Claus," a campaign to collect and distribute toys to needy children in the local area, will be sponsored again this year by the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, according to Daniel Desmond, governor, announced.

The Moose fraternity is sponsoring this program internationally in an effort to assure a "joyful" Christmas for every needy boy and girl in the United States, Canada and Alaska.

"The Moose locally," according to James Johnston, committee chairman, "will soon announce an organized plan whereby the people of this community may contribute either new or undamaged toys which will be distributed to the children on Christmas eve."

A number of collection depots will be set up throughout the city and colorful posters and banners will clearly mark these collection depots. The Moose lodge will supply all the manpower needed for the collection and distribution of the toys.

Needy children in homes, orphanages and hospitals whose names will be obtained by the Moose lodge from recognized social welfare agencies will be the recipients of these toys. All of the toys will be distributed in the local area, and none will be sent to outside institutions or homes.

"We want this to be very much a local project," said Gov. Desmond, "and one that will bring much cheer to our own needy kids."

this week from Clare Harp, U. S. Treasury Department Savings Bond division area representative, who said, upon making the presentation:

"General Telephone Co.'s bond drive was a classic example of management and company employees working together to make a substantial contribution to the future economic stability of each community it serves, as well as furthering the government's sound economic program."

In the western division, which includes the Lancaster, Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, and Redondo Beach central offices, 1602 employees constituting 69 per cent of the total number of employees in this area are taking advantage of this plan, representing approximately \$16,716 in bond subscriptions per month.

During the campaign, General Telephone Co. not only contacted 8663 employees personally, but sent out a direct mailer to more than 530,000 customers throughout California, urging citizens to buy bonds. In addition, a special newspaper covering the benefits of buying U. S. Savings Bonds was mailed to many of the large companies throughout the U. S. It is now used by the Los Angeles office of the Treasury Dept. to promote bond sales.

Two Dogs, One Ailing, Disappear on Friday

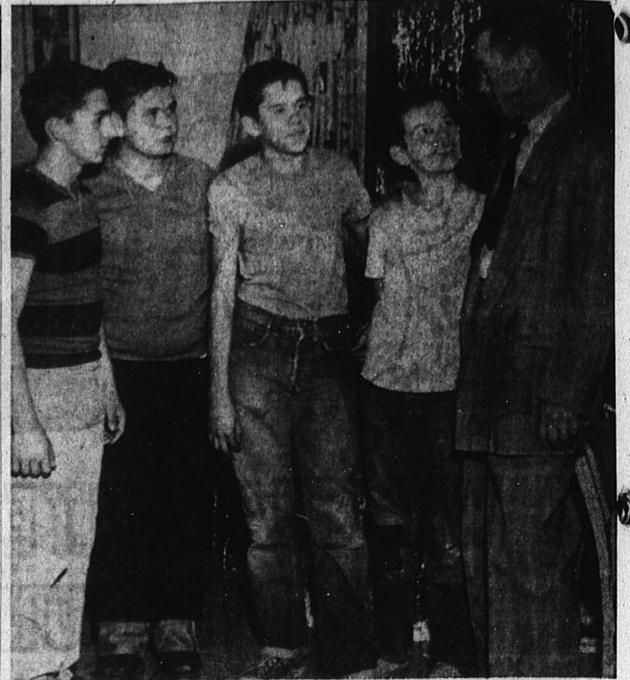
Two collie dogs, one of which has a skin disease which will be fatal if not treated, have been lost by Mrs. Barbara Hopkins, 17911 Amie St.

The dogs, a sable and white male and female, disappeared last Friday. They are the pets of young Julie and Johnnie Marie Hopkins. The female has disease spots on its back which will be fatal if not treated regularly.

Ladies' Guild Plans Weekend Enchilada Sale

An enchilada sale is planned by Our Lady of Guadalupe Guild of St. Margaret Mary's Church this Friday and Saturday.

Orders may be picked up at the home of Mrs. Max Ramirez, 24621 Woodward Ave., or will be delivered to the homes. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Ramirez, DA 6-2260.



A CHAT WITH THE BOYS . . . Torrance Optimist Club President Clyde Anderson chats with four of the residents at the Optimist Home for Boys in Highland Park during a club visit there Monday night. The home, supported by Optimist Clubs of Southern California, houses about 60 boys the year around who have been placed under the jurisdiction of the courts.



SOME HELP FOR SANTA . . . President Clyde Anderson (left) and "Kitty Keeper" Carl Randall of the Torrance Optimist Club hand over a pile of silver dollars to Superintendent Warren L. Braly of the Optimist Home for Boys which had been collected during recent club meetings here. The money is to be used for the boys in the home.

Vets' Center Offers Help To Disabled

Veterans with disabilities of 50 per cent or more are receiving questionnaires from the Veterans Administration inquiring about their family status.

When preparing their answers, veterans are invited to bring the questionnaires to the office of Mrs. Helen K. Dill, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, 1622 Gramercy Ave.

Only those former servicemen are receiving questionnaires, says Mrs. Dill, who are 50 per cent or more disabled and for that reason receive additional compensation be-

cause of dependents. Since the questions must be answered within 30 days, any disabled veteran who needs help in preparing his answers should obtain it without delay.

Aid Authorized
Mrs. Dill explained that additional compensation for seriously disabled veterans with dependents was first authorized in 1948, and no complete survey of the family status of such veterans has been made since then.

A veteran's basic compensation, advised Mrs. Dill, changes only if his disability changes, and will not be affected by

the survey. The additional compensation depends on whether he has a wife, how many children there are in the family, and on the dependency of parents.

Cash to Increase
Undoubtedly the additional compensation for dependents will be increased in some cases and decreased in others. Veterans whose family status has been determined by the VA since Aug. 31, 1955, are not being surveyed.

Nation-wide about 305,000 veterans are receiving family status questionnaires.

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