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Garden Chatter

We should use a great deal of common sense and considerable caution when using today's great array of poisonous insecticides and fungicides which have been developed for use in our "battle of the pests."

Although many of these things we use do not have the skull and crossbones printed on the bottle or container that many of the older and faster acting types do, they are still toxic to a high degree. Some of them can no longer be purchased in any quantity without a special permit from the agricultural agent.

Read the label. Take care in the manner the manufacturer suggests. Use care in measuring the concentrate and in spreading the mix about the garden.

Perhaps more important than anything else, keep these poisonous containers in a cabinet of their own in the garage or some other isolated place. All of these insecticides and fungicides, measuring spoons and containers, spray or dust guns should be kept within this cabinet and to further be certain that children cannot get to them, this container should be kept locked

GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. These bedding plants can be set out for winter color—Stock, Violas, Pansies, Baby Primrose, Calendula and Snapdragons.
2. Divide and reset crowded perennial plants.
3. Cut back Hydrangeas after they finish blooming and fertilize once.
4. Water French Lilacs and Bush Peonies sparingly. By causing them to go dormant prematurely you will increase flowering next spring.
5. August and September are favorable months to sow lawns.

at all times. My suggestion is to keep this cabinet locked with a combination lock for often times the little ones know where the key may be found, whereas the combination is easily memorized by an adult or can be jotted down in a hidden place nearby.

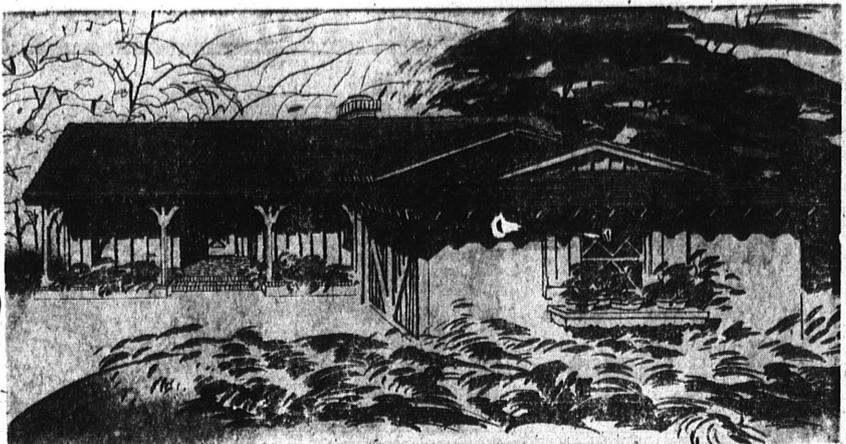
I find that a combination lock is very effective in more than one instance in keeping children out of private things, where a lock with a key has not been very satisfactory. Instruction must also be given to children to assure their not picking up small bait that you have placed about the yard. Usually showing them what it will do to the pests is instruction enough.

No one wants anything tragic to happen in any family, but sloppy habits and carelessness often lead to just such an incident. If you do not have

a private cabinet for the items that may bring tragedy to your home, I suggest you build one and soon too, for a few moments of your time may save a life.

Watering
The secret to a successful garden watering program is thorough watering less frequent periods, says the California Association of Nurserymen. Avoid over-watering the shallow-rooted flowers and shrubs but be sure to reach the roots of the larger shrubs and trees.

Tree Type
For summer shade plant an evergreen shade tree like the Bailey Acacia, Southern Magnolia, Olive or California Pepper. Pick the right variety and type of evergreen tree for your locale at your nurseryman's—enjoy its shade for many, many years.



MIRA COSTA TERRACE HOME . . . This architect's drawing of one of 105 Mira Costa Terrace homes, shows the custom styling detail incorporated in the dwellings overlooking Los Angeles harbor. Open house this weekend at the home development site, on Western Ave., three miles south of Highway 101, will afford visitors

an opportunity to study the 10 exteriors and five floor plans. Three completely furnished model homes will be open for inspection. The homes are complete with extras down to the last detail, including electric mixer nu-tone blenders built into the table top sink area.

New Mira Costa Terrace Homes With Harbor View On Display

Mira Costa Terrace, a \$2,000,000 harbor view homes development situated on the slopes of the Palos Verdes overlooking the harbor will open to the public this week end.

Nels Ostrem, of San Pedro, sales agent for the Mira Costa Construction Co., said the homes featuring 10 exteriors and five floor plans, will range in price from \$17,000 to \$18,650.

A choice of 105 landscaped dwellings on varying levels, many with panoramic views, will be offered to the public. Mira Costa Terrace is the third unit of residences completed since the company started building on the east slope of Palos Verdes hills. It is located one mile north of Peck Park in San Pedro off Western Ave., of three miles south of Highway 101 off Western Ave.

The homes are available to qualified veterans with a five per cent down payment. The houses also are available through FHA and conventional financing.

Color themes are suited to the type of construction with both interior and exterior colors primarily featuring blended pastel shades. Dwellings range from provincial and ranch style to contemporary and modern, offering home buyers an opportunity to make up their minds through side by side comparison, he said.

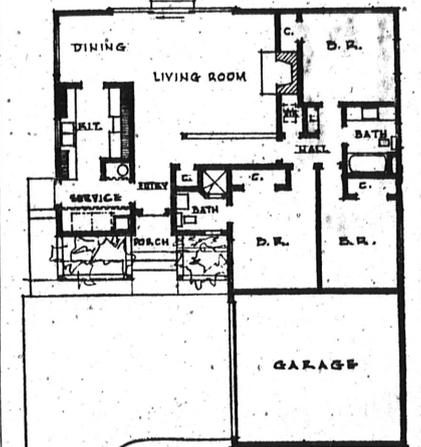
The Mira Costa Terrace home builders have incorporated all of the conventional features expected of a new home, Ostrem said, including garbage disposals, built-in ovens, and range with nu-tone

vent and fan, fireplaces with log lighters, ash cabinets, colored bathroom fixtures, aluminum sliding windows, ash slab doors and large plate glass sliding doors.

In addition, the homes feature special luxury items such as thermo-controlled, forced air heat, overhead electric heating units in the master bath for children's safety, electric mixer and blender units built into the kitchen counter, and outdoor electric plugs for use with mowers, hedge trimmers and other powered garden tools.

Home construction also is of special interest, Ostrem said. The homes feature genuine lath and plaster, hardwood floors over solid 2x6-inch subflooring, service porches, choice of shingle or colored rock roofs, concrete driveways and walks, all utilities.

Front lawns and shrubs are in. Three furnished model homes will be open for inspection.



SPACIOUS, CONVENIENT FLOOR PLAN . . . Typical of the Mira Costa Terrace floor plans being offered for public inspection this weekend is the above illustrating many features and ease of fluid movement throughout the dwelling. Homes range from \$17,000 to \$18,650.

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Plants Have Edible Fruit
There are so many ornamental plants that can be enjoyed for their beauty as well as their fruit. Every California gardener should investigate the planting possibilities soon, recommends the California Association of Nurserymen. In fruit trees, one of the most attractive ornamentals is the Pomegranate. Actually this plant can be trained as a shrub eight feet high or a six to 10 foot tree. In fact, if a row of Pomegranates is only slightly pruned, it will make a fine informal hedge or screen. The waxy, red flowers and fruit are quite showy. For fruit the Pomegranate needs warmth; it will tolerate considerable alkalinity in the soil. Hardy in cold or warm winters the Quince bears wonderful fruit than can be made into jellies and jams. The Quince's natural form is shrubby and bushy so it must be trained early if a tree form is desired. The Persimmon is a beautiful and adaptable fruit tree. It will grow over all of California except the hottest areas. Flowering fruit trees, particularly the Crabapple (Malus) and the Plum (Prunus) bear very delicious fruits. The Crabapple is available in many species; one of the best for fruit is Malus adstringens Hopa. At the opposite end of the plant-size scale, plants with edible fruits include the ground cover Strawberry Hybrid Number 25. The fruit on this vine (which also makes a fine ground covering) is very tasty. There are a great many other types of plants that bear edible fruit. Ask your local nurseryman to show you his selection of these that do especially well in your locale.

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