



# THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN

## Shrubs for Fall Color Must for Autumn Sowing

New autumn interest can be introduced into your garden and yard by planting shrubs that offer fall color interest. The California Association of Nurserymen suggests that these shrubs be planted to herald the change of season and to take over the color show from the summer-blooming varieties.

A large and favorite family of shrubs, the Barberry (Berberis) includes several members noted for their fall colors. The Wintergreen Barberry (B. julianae) which is

evergreen or semi-deciduous, is among the hardiest of this family. Its dense, upright growth takes on a reddish hue in the fall. From bright green, the leaves of the Japanese Barberry (B. thunbergii) turn to yellow, orange and red, and after they fall, bead-like scarlet berries appear in a very showy manner close to the branches.

Fine foliage color for the fall in Southern California is provided by the Chinese Quince (Chaenomeles sinensis). This large shrub reaches

20 feet with leaves that turn scarlet in autumn.

The Western Redbud (Cercis occidentalis) is a native western tree-shrub that grows from eight to twenty feet. It performs beautifully all year round and when fall comes the entire plant turns light yellow or red. Another western native, the Toyon, or the California Holly (Heteromeles arbutifolia) grows as a bushy shrub six to ten feet tall or a multiple-trunked tree 15 to 25 feet. In the fall bright red berries highlight its glossy,

dark green leaves.

Fruit of the Hollyleaf Cherry (Prunus ilicifolia) adds autumn color to this evergreen western native. The Hollyleaf Cherry's foliage is light green when new, dark green later; creamy-white flowers precede the "cherry fruit" which turn red in September.

**WHEAT GROWER**

Kansas is usually the nation's leading wheat producing state. It is followed by North Dakota which for years has been in second place.

## Pot Marigold Is a Hardy Garden Plant

Long a favorite for brightening winter gardens, the Calendula or Pot Marigold was grown in old English gardens in the time of Shakespeare as an herb and as a remedy for sore teeth as well as a flower. In fact Shakespeare himself referred to the Pot Marigold in his play "Cymbeline."

Modern gardeners, too, enjoy seeing the bright orange and yellows of the Pot Marigold plus the recently improved strains, blooming merrily in winter and spring gardens. This cool weather annual is one of the hardiest and easiest plants to grow; it will do best in rich soil with plenty of water and full sun, but will grow in poorer soil, too. The only real cultural requirement is to remove old flowers, says the California Association of Nurserymen. Plant the Pot Marigold in boxes, pots in the flower bed in solid masses of single colors. For bouquets, it is long-lasting.

Standard Pot Marigolds bloom in yellow and orange but shades of these colors have been developed as well as larger sized blossoms with petal variations.

Among the varieties available are Campfire (Sensation), a brilliant orange with scarlet sheen; Chrysantha and Sunshine, rich yellow; Orange Fantasy, orange with mahogany centers.

## Garden Chatter

A Southern California Turfgrass Field Day and discussions on Weed Control in Turfgrass and Associated Areas will be held by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Southern California Turfgrass Council at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Dr., and Buena Vista Park, Burbank, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1956. Sessions start at 9 a.m.

The morning session will hear such important discussions as "What It Costs to Live With Weeds," "Weed Identification," by learned specialists in this particular field including representatives from the Park Departments, the University of California, and the Farm Advisers' Office.

The afternoon session will be held in Buena Vista Park and soil treatment demonstrations with equipment, materials, the proper methods, and turfgrass variety plots will be shown.

This same session will also demonstrate the proper control of weeds in grass and dionchra, weed control in paths, shrubbery plantings, water channels, and sidewalk areas.

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## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

### Plans for Development of Alondra Park Area Rushed

Schematic plans for the development of the northwest corner of Alondra Park and for further development of the lake and swimming pool area were approved this week by the county board of supervisors.

The 13-acre site in the northwest part of the park, formerly occupied by a housing project, will be planted and landscaped, and a number of new park and recreational facilities added, including a baseball diamond and backstop and two softball diamonds with backstops.

The softball diamonds will be located just off Prairie Ave., one near the corner of Manhattan Beach Blvd., the other approximately 400 feet south.

**Parking Planned**

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn explained that developments included in these plans are the first improvements to be made at this area of the park. Provisions are included for future parking areas near the baseball and softball diamonds and for other courts and play areas.

Approximately 57 trees will be planted under this project and the entire area will be seeded with grass.

Plans for the development of the lake area call for the completion of the master plans for this portion of the park, where work is nearing completion under two contracts.

**Bathroom Scheduled**

This project will include the construction of a bathroom and life-guard station, approximately 20 by 80 feet, just south of the swimming pool; the redesigning and enlargement of the children's play area, new walks, benches and seat walls, shrubbery plantings, water channels, and sidewalk areas.

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**Plans expedited**

In compliance with Supervisor Hahn's request that the development program for Alondra Park be expedited, the schematic plans for the northwest section and the additional work near the lake have been prepared in detail and are also considered preliminary construction plans.

In approving the plans the board of supervisors ordered the preparation of the working drawings so that the projects can go to contract next spring.

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**Ambach Quits PE After 34 Years on Job**

34-year career in the Pacific Electric Railway Co. ended this week for William H. Ambach of Torrance, who retired from the company's El Segundo shops in 1926. Four years later he became freight car inspector at the Butte St. yard in Los Angeles. In 1944 he transferred back to Torrance.

Ambach and his wife, Ila Mae, plan to move soon from their home at 2517 Sierra St. to 14201 Cameron Lane St., Santa Ana.

**El Camino to Host Junior College Association Meet**

El Camino College, gaining stature along with enrollment, will play host to the semi-annual meeting of the Southern California Junior College Assn. this Saturday.

Boasting 11 faculty members active on the executive and sectional chairman staffs, El Camino holds a healthy percentage of leadership on the SCJCA. The organization comprises 31 Southern Junior colleges and has a membership exceeding 3500.

**Faculty Members Attend**

Warren Peterson, Redondo Beach, counselor and math instructor, and Dr. Jack C. Martin, Westchester, business education instructor; serve in executive capacities while Donald Green, art, Redondo Beach; William T. Mooney, chemistry and physics, Gardena; W. Holmes Smith, counseling and guidance, Palos Verdes Estates; Joe Hoffman, engineering and math, Gardena; John Forrest, faculty council, Los Angeles; W. A. Kamrath, journalism and publicity, Redondo Beach; Robert C. Patch, philosophy, Torrance, and Ruth Mazak, physical education for women from Gardena, will serve as section chairmen.

Chief function of the SCJCA, created in 1916, is to promote by joint counsel and cooperation the advancement of public education on the junior college level.

"Why Public Relations?" SCJCA Prexy Robert N. Troutman, dean of men, San Bernardino Valley College, has invited William J. Murphy,

public relations representative for Standard Oil of California, to speak on "Why Public Relations?"

Following the speaker will be a panel consisting of moderator Dr. George Dotson, assistant superintendent, Long Beach; Dr. Phil H. Putnam, director, Ventura College; William P. Buttler, Journalism teacher, Pasadena City College, and Harry B. Frisman, supervisor of publications, Long Beach city schools.

Sectional meetings conclude the full program, which will open at 8:30 a.m.

Murphy, in public relations since 1935, claims that "a good performance publicly appreciated because adequately communicated" is a pretty sound definition of his favorite field. Murphy states, "An organization's reputation and standing—be it a professional institution—doesn't only depend on what the organization is, but rather upon what the public thinks it is, or knows it is."

**Members Named**

Current executive board members are: President Troutman; Wendell C. Black, Los Angeles City College; John W. Dunn, Palomar College; Dorothy Kearney, Citrus Junior College; Donald V. Spagnoli, Glendale College; James M. Barclay, Los Angeles Junior College of Business; Hulda M. Chisholm, Ventura College; Miles Eaton, Orange Coast College; Paul Welsch, Mt. San Antonio College.

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