

Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW

It is so easy for the gardener to blame many factors for the introduction of weeds into his garden, and manure seems to be the scapegoat. There is a possibility that this is true, although there may be a question in your mind after reading this release from the California Fertilizer Assn.

The California home gardener can purchase bagged steer manure from established suppliers with little fear that it will contain fertile weed seeds, according to this Association. The Bureau of Chemistry, California State Department of Agriculture, maintains control over this material which is sold in the normal channels of trade. It checks not only for weed seed germination, but for content of nitrogen, phosphorus, potash and moisture content as well.

The association reports that the Bureau of Chemistry has recently stated that of the samples which it has analyzed during the last 22 years, some bagged seeds have been found, but only two seeds sprouted in germination tests, one in a 1941 test and the other in a 1957 test.

The association further states that it is possible that small lots of manure, hauled directly from barns and yards might carry live weed seeds, but it pointed out that bagged manure as currently sold in California is not an important factor in dissemination of weeds. The composting, or curing process which is allowed to go on to completion in the large commercial manure lots effectively sterilizes practically all of the seeds that are present in the material.

Finally the association said that weed seeds are carried from one location to another on the wind, by birds and animals, and by other means. It points out that it is virtually impossible to control the spread of seeds by these means, but suggests that the public can be reasonably sure

of obtaining weed-seed-free manure if it purchases only branded, bagged material, packaged and distributed by established commercial suppliers and sold by recognized and reputable firms.



AIR FORCE TRAINEE . . . Airman Edward L. Kauble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Kauble, 1537 W. 221st St., is enrolled in the air passenger specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex. A 1957 graduate of Narbonne High School, he entered the Air Force July 23.

Kolleck Talk On Teenagers Wins Award

At the regular meeting of the Peninsula Toastmasters Club 2214 held at the Redondo Beach Elks Club, Frank Kolleck won the Table Topics Award for a humorous though serious treatment of the teenager problem.

The after dinner speakers included James B. Wood and John M. Spencer each making his "ice-breaker" speech, Bob Nickells spoke about "Emotional Control," Joe Leach who titled his talk "The Hot 20,000" and Fred Tweedy speaking on "Youth Activities of the Elks Club." Toastmaster of the evening was Bob Muncaster who presented the trophy to Bob Nickells for the best prepared speech of the evening.

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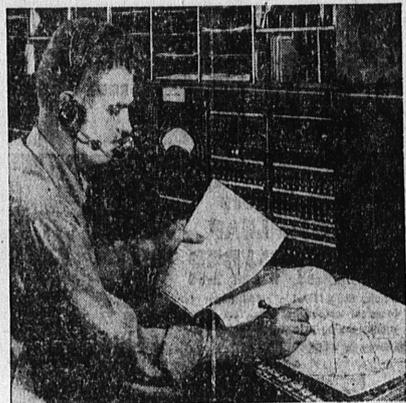
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State Asked to Determine Crossing Near South High

The State Division of Highways has been asked to determine the type of pedestrian crossing that should be provided on Pacific Coast Hwy. adjacent to the new South High School, according to Dr. Warren W. Hamilton, director of special services of the Torrance school district.

The state was asked for the answers to the crossing prob-

lem because it has jurisdiction over the highway, Hamilton said.

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of education each were petitioned by parents of the area for an overhead crossing near the school. The city council

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Band Group to Meet

A luncheon meeting of the committee formed to raise funds for the Torrance Area Youth Band will meet at noon today at the Palms to discuss further plans, according to Mrs. Clara Conner, chairman of the group.

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Queen to Reign Over Air Power Sought in Area

A call for girls from 15 through 18 to enter competition to select "Miss Air Force" was issued this week by officials of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8:30 p.m. at the Stadium Theatre in Torrance as a portion of that city's "Salute to the Air Force," commemorating the Golden Anniversary of Air Power scheduled for Oct. 13 through 17.

Girls may reside in Torrance or any South Bay city and will be elected on poise, beauty, and personality. Contestants will be judged in party dresses, it was stated.

To Get Trophy

The winner will receive a trophy and a "Golden" model of an Air Force plane, and will represent the Air Force on numerous T.V. shows as "Miss Air Force." There are no entry fees or sponsorship needed for participation, it was pointed out.

Application blanks are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

At the same time, the Chamber of Commerce and the United States Air Force are searching for Torrance couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1957.

The oldest couple married in 1907 will receive the title of "Mr. and Mrs. Golden Anniversary" and a "Gold" Air Force model plane.

All 50th anniversary celebrants will be honored at a dinner during the observance.

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