



CONGRATULATED . . . Dr. B. E. Kuchar (right), heart and chest surgeon, is being congratulated by Dr. Robert F. Nielsen, program chairman, following a speech on "Selected Aspects of Vascular Surgery" presented at the recent meeting of the Torrance Memorial Hospital medical staff at the Palms. (Photo Arts Photo)

## Development of Area Botanical Gardens Speeded by New Policy

A policy which could speed up planting of the South Coastal Botanic Garden in Rolling Hills by as much as four or five years has been inaugurated by two county officials, it was revealed this week.

Dr. William S. Stewart, director of the department of arboreta and botanic gardens; and C. R. Compton, chief engineer and general manager of the County Sanitation District, have agreed to let Dr. Stewart's department supervise landscaping of the huge county landfill area as the filling is completed, it was announced.

THUS THE Sanitation District planting funds will be spent on permanent planned materials for the future use instead of the normal practice of planting for temporary screening, erosion control, and slope stability, according to Koima Flake, spokesman for the South Coastal Botanic Garden Foundation.

Under this policy the South Coastal Botanic Garden at Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw Blvd. will benefit. The 87-acre site was once used by a firm to mine diatomaceous earth. About five years ago, the County acquired it for use as a sanitary landfill. In April of 1960, the land was dedicated as a future site for the South Coastal Botanic Garden. At that time, there was no expectation of being able to start work before sometime in 1965, but Compton's enthusiastic cooperation moves the date up to April of 1961, Dr. Stewart said.

DR. STEWART believes that the South Coastal Botanic Garden will vie with the State-County Arboretum and Descanso Gardens as a Los Angeles County attraction and

that in time it will achieve the same national and international fame.

"As a matter of fact, it is the first time a botanic garden has been established on reclaimed land," he explained. "For this reason, it may set the pattern for similar civic beautification projects elsewhere."

"Coastal gardeners have not benefited to the full potential of the Department because our present arboreta and botanic gardens are located inland where we cannot establish frost sensitive plants," Dr. Stewart pointed out. "With frost free conditions at the South Coastal Botanic Garden we expect to introduce many new varieties."

"We have recognized the basis of many protests from coastal areas that residents have to make an all day trip to avail themselves of the Arboretum of Descanso Gardens. At last, with the coming of the South Coastal Botanic Gardens we are able to solve that problem," Dr. Stewart concluded.

## Torrance Man In Chorale

Among members of the college chorale of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles when it makes a tour through the Southwest April 2-14 will be Michael Cochran of Torrance, school officials reported yesterday.

The chorale, under the direction of Marvin McKissick, will present a musical program of sacred classics and hymn arrangements in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado churches.

## 400 High School Journalists to Board Carrier

More than 400 high school students of journalism in five Southland counties will spend "A Day in the Navy" aboard the aircraft carrier, Yorktown, next Monday.

They will be guests on the ship of the same name that was immortalized in the movie, "The Fighting Lady," after World War II. The cruise is sponsored by Public Relations Co., 11-2, U.S. Naval Reserve, Los Angeles.

Captain Charles E. Gibson, skipper of the Yorktown, is extending the hospitality of his ship to the young reporters after being host last year to a similar group when he commanded the Thetis Bay, a smaller, amphibious assault ship which airlifts Marines ashore by helicopter under combat conditions.

STUDENTS this year will spend the night before they sail aboard the Yorktown instead of in barracks at Long Beach Naval Station as in previous years. Before they board the carrier late on March 26 they will have toured the base and had dinner. They will be shown the movie that made the Yorktown a symbol of heroism nearly two decades ago when the original carrier went down gallantly in the Battle of Midway in June, 1942.

The fifth annual "A Day in the Navy" at sea program is a major project of PRC 11-2 to train high school reporters in covering news of fleets of the United States. It has the endorsement of all school officials, the Los Angeles Newspaper Publishers Assn. and

Rear Adm. M. E. Arnold, commandant of the 11th Naval District.

ADM. ARNOLD will donate a sword trophy to the high school scoring highest in the writing contest which is an integral part of the project. Dan Kimball, former secretary of the Navy and now head of Aerojet General Corp., will again donate typewriters to the best writers.

The day-long program at sea will include jet fly-overs, refueling of a destroyer under way, submarine exercises close aboard and tours of the carrier.

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## Garden Checklist

1. Primroses push up taller stems and larger flowers when fertilized in spring.
2. Begonia tubers started in flats may be transplanted when they have about three inches of top growth.
3. Dahlias may be planted from now into May. Be sure to set the stake at the time you plant. It might injure the tuber if driven in later.
4. Feed azaleas and camellias when they've finished blooming. Use a special acid plant food and supplement it later with liquid fish.
5. Give old lawns a booster shot of fertilizer. Start a new lawn this month or next . . . the sooner the better.

## Lyman Backers Reveal Spaghetti Dinner Plan

Citizens for David K. Lyman, Brickyard Patio, 2217 W. 174th St., on April 8, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and reservations may be made by calling DA 4-4840.

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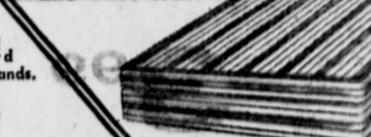
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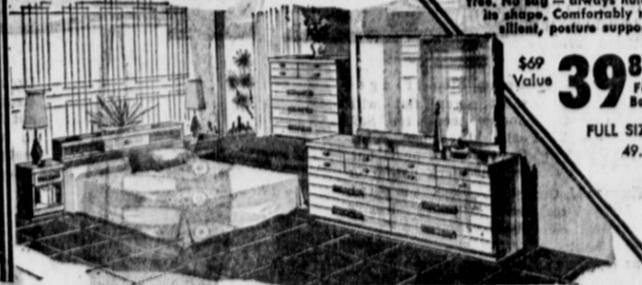
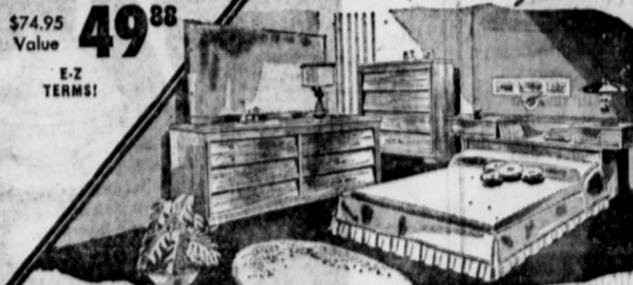
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