

## The Green Thumb

### 2 Types Of Sweet Peas May Be Planted Now

By Lewis Loring

If you haven't done so already, may I recommend at this time that you plant some sweet peas now for early winter and spring bloom. There are two distinct types that can be planted at this time, and both may be purchased in a mixture or in separate colors. These varieties are the Early Flowering, Spencer, and the Cuthbertson Floribunda.

Select a location in your yard that receives considerable sun, and where you have room for the height of the plants which may get as high as six feet or better. If you have a choice as to exposure, run your rows in a north-south direction. This gives you sun on all sides of the vines at least during some part of every day.

#### Work Up Soil

Whichever variety you choose to plant, be sure that you work up to soil to at least a spade or shovel depth and work into this soil well rotted manure, and if your soil is inclined to be on the clay or adobe side, the use of agricultural gypsum is to be of value later.

Smooth over the soil that you seed about 1 inch deep, and if you find you space them to 4 or 6 inches apart at time of planting, you do not have to thin them out later.

Some prefer to plant in a shallow trench and as soon as the plants grow to gradually fill in around them. After planting, soak the soil thoroughly and do not over water until the plants are up, then water only as needed.

#### Supports Needed

You will have to provide some support for the vines to cling to. This can be either string, wire, branches, or one of the ready made trellises which you can purchase in several different sizes.

The Cuthbertson Floribunda Sweet Peas that I mentioned earlier, are an outstanding improvement in this popular flower. If planted now, this type will not come into bloom as quickly as the Spencer type, but will last much longer into the Spring. The flower is extremely heat resistant, in fact can be grown successfully here during the summer.

#### Colors

Colors range from rich reds, deep salmon pink, white, mauve, mid-blue, and light lavender, and most important of all the fact that five or more flowers per stem can be obtained really put this variety in an "upper" class.

Some places you may be able to plant Sweet Peas in your garden: along a fence, around a clothes line pole, along a wall,

along a bare side of a building, on a trellis or in front of an ugly structure or unsightly object.

At the time that you obtain your seed from your Nursery and Garden Supply Dealer, don't forget to pick up some sweet pea food to keep your plants coming along in fine style.

### Chest Gifts Committee Appointed

An advance gifts goal of \$5,070 in the 1955-56 Torrance Community Chest campaign was revealed at the harbor area advance gifts kick-off meeting held this week in San Pedro.

Dr. Joseph P. Bay, advance gifts chairman for the Torrance Red Feather appeal on behalf of 168 agencies, and members of his committee attending the rally, held at the offices of Pacific Telephone Names of the advance gifts committee were also released this week by Dr. Bay, who said that his committee will solicit special individual contributions, principally from members of professional groups in Torrance. Named were:

Dr. Arthur Berke, Egdon J. Bowen, Marvin P. Brain, Reid L. Bundy, Clarence E. Clark, Frank Dominguez, John Gerster, Vincent K. Hobson, Herma Tillim and Vern Lovelady. Other committee members are: Bob Owens, Jim Post, Lillian Sanderson, Robert H. Tolson, Harold Tresize, Jack Dabbs, Dr. Raymond A. Larson, John Schmidt, Mrs. Ella Schwartz and Dr. Ernest Tarr.

Officers of all local clubs, plants or other organizations who may be interested, are urged to send an official representative Wednesday evening to obtain first hand information for their organizations.

### Scouts Await Charterization

Cubs and parents of pack 725 are awaiting the presentation of their charter by neighborhood commissioner, Ernie Swift at the October pack meeting to be held at 186th street school on the night of Tuesday, October 4.

There is much demand, Cubmaster Lewis said, for parents to serve on the committee for relationship between boys, parents, and their friends, he explained.

A committee meeting for pack 725C was held recently at the home of Mr. Hugh Allen.

Business was discussed and a program plan for the coming three months was presented by Ted Whitting, chairman of the activities committee.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Phillips, Swift, Whitting, and Painter.



DELIVERING a new Chrysler Imperial to Donald Douglas, sr., founder of Douglas Aircraft, is salesman Jim Davis, center, and Floyd Atchison of Atchison Motor in San Pedro (right). The car was delivered to Douglas (left) at his home in Rolling Hills.

### New Game - It's Called 'Sacket'

Sacket, a new game played similar to softball and having some of the characteristics of the game of cricket, is to be introduced to the local public by the Torrance Recreation Department, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, in the new National Guard armory, situated at 2503 Cabrillo avenue.

In order to better explain the rules to those present, and possibly create enough interest to form a league, or leagues, an exhibition of the game will be given, with the members of the Torrance National Guard unit and the Torrance Lions club participating.

Such a league, conducted under the co-sponsorship of the Torrance National Guard unit and the Recreation Department, could be used as an early fall and winter-activity, at little or no cost to the organizations and teams who would be participating, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, city athletic director.

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### Pvt. Logan In River Maneuvers

Pvt. Bill Logan, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Logan, 20845 S. Margaret st., Torrance, recently took part in a river crossing exercise with the 39th Engineer Combat Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

As part of the training exercise, the 39th established and employed floating bridges.

Private Logan, who entered the Army last April, is regularly stationed with the battalion at Fort Riley, Kan.

### Accent: Theatre! Triumphs Again With 'Rose Tattoo'

By BETTY SIEGRIST

Good Theatre came to Torrance last Friday night when ACCENT: Theatre! presented the first of six performances of Tennessee Williams' famous play "Rose Tattoo."

Miss Noralee Benedict, who also directs the production, was superb in the lead role as Serafina Delle Rose. She led her audience through the many facets of the character in a sincere, moving performance.

Despite the fact that she was handicapped with a case of severe laryngitis both nights which required constant medication between acts, Miss Benedict carried off her role admirably and courageously.

Her fine acting so overshadowed her vocal difficulties, that the latter soon faded into insignificance.

#### High Polish

Paul Shelley as Mangiacavallo gives a highly polished performance that suffers one minor flaw. Mr. Shelley plays to the audience, but the audience loved him from the moment that he raged onto the stage in the second act until the final curtain.

Mr. Shelley directed Miss Benedict in the play in Kansas City, where ACCENT: Theatre! originated. In Torrance the team promises a bright future for ACCENT: Theatre!

Sheila Doolittle as the teenage Rosa, daughter of Serafina, and Lowell Brown, as her young sailor-sweetheart, are both excellent. Lowell Brown particularly shows great promise as an actor.

#### Strong Cast

The rest of the cast all gave highly creditable performances. There was no prompting and very little of the nervousness so often seen in little theater presentations, which indicated very able direction on the part of Miss Benedict.

Mary Lee Peters as the Strega, Patricia Bennett as Assunta, Ed Cantle as Father De Leo, Lola Kelley as Estelle Hohengarten, Phyllis Foss and Dora Heinlein as the two trollops, and Beverly Dyer, Eileen Pullman, Faye Newman, Alice Perkin and Coleen Turgeon as Serafina's shrewish neighbors, Ann Humphreys as the school teacher, Kenneth Lawless as the salesman, and Hank Heinlein as the doctor were worthy of note.

#### 4 More Performances

Performances will be given Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8 and October 14 and 15 at Torrance Civic Auditorium. Curtain time is 8:30.

Appearing in the role of Serafina Oct. 7 and 8 will be Nadine Farrar Nickol, prominent local vocal teacher who has appeared in many productions in the South Bay, including work with the South Bay Civic Light Opera association and the Palos Verdes Players.

Miss Benedict will play the role of Serafina the last two nights, October 14 and 15.



REPEAT PERFORMANCE . . . About a year ago, Joe Cappuccio of 1615 1/2 Cabrillo, found some money which, it was discovered belonged to the Community Chest to which it was returned. Only last week, Cappuccio again found about \$20, this time in San Pedro. The wallet contained a money order serial number and, true to form, Cappuccio turned the wallet and the \$20 over to Sgt. Al Winkler of the Torrance Police Department.—Press Photo.

### Father And Son Build Sports Cars For Hobby

The deep-throated roar of a powerful full-race engine holds a fascination for Ken Thompson, 1354 W. 219th st., Torrance, a carpenter in the maintenance department, Torrance facility, Douglas Aircraft company, that is easy to comprehend when you see one of his home-built sports cars in action.

For the past four years, Ken and his son, Frank, have designed and built four combination sports and racing cars using only mechanic's tools in their garage.

#### 4 Cars

Their first car was built up from a 1933 Ford. The second, originally a 1940 model Ford, was lowered and streamlined and the engine souped up. For their third try, they chose a 1940 Mercury convertible chassis and fitted it with 160 pounds of lead for rear French fenders. After the thrill of building and running a new car, each was sold to provide money for the next one.

The last car was sold recently to a doctor in Beverly Hills. Prior to its sale, it won five trophies. With Frank at the wheel, it won two firsts in speed races. On the quarter mile dirt track at Santa Ana, it attained a speed of 117.61 mph. Ken says it will do at least 150 mph. on a long straightaway. The other three trophies were awarded by sports car and hot rod shows.

#### Proud Of It

Ken and Frank are proud of

all their cars but this one is their pride and joy. It has a Curtiscraft body of reinforced sheet aluminum on a tubular steel frame. The power plant is a Chrysler Firestone V-8 full-race engine, with a three barrel carburetor, constructed of chrome. It has a rated horsepower of 320. Five inch stainless steel and chrome mufflers run the full length of the car. They are detachable for racing. The car is a combination of parts from junk yards. It has a Lincoln rear end, a built-up Model A Ford hydraulic clutch, and 15-inch wheels from a Mercury. The expensive bumpers are made of brass which has been heavily chromed.

White and red leather upholstery cover the interior. The flooring is maroon broadloom carpeting.

"We had a lot of fun with that car," Thompson said. "The doctor offered us a new Buick Super convertible and \$800 in trade for it. We accepted because Frank and I want to build another. We plan to take a 1952 Chevrolet half ton truck chassis put in Buick engine and see

what we can do with that combination. We're designing it now."

### Local Nurses Score High In Examination

Miss Bertie Cole and Miss Pauline Sanderson were among six graduates of the Vocational Nursing curriculum at Harbor Junior college, who scored high marks in a California state board examination given recently, according to Hazel M. Whedon, administrative dean of the college.

The girls had an average score of 605 as compared to 350 as a passing grade. Harbor graduates as a whole had a mean average 598 to 618 as against the state mean score of 529.

The examinations were administered by the Board of Vocational Nurse examiners, state of California, department of professional and vocational standards.

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### Chandler's Men's Store Opens On Crenshaw Blvd.

Opening last week of Chandler's store for men, 14800 Crenshaw boulevard, was announced by Harry Kahn, grandson of Edwin Kahn, who founded the first Chandler store in Trenton, New Jersey in 1876.

Gardena's Chandler's store is the newest of several operated by the Kahn family. Others are situated in Trenton, New Jersey, Pomona, Huntington Park, and Bell Gardens. Harry Kahn was the member of the Kahn family who came west and started the California stores and he is considered one of the best merchandising men in his field.

Edwin Kahn, great grandson of the founder, Edwin Kahn, will own and operate the new Gardena Chandler's. He is 22 years old and a graduate of UCLA.

## CHANDLERS

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