

IN GERMAN MANEUVERS

Private first class Lewis L. Stewart and Frank Guerrero of Torrance, recently took part in a field training exercise held by the 4th infantry division in Germany.

January Is Good Month For Pruning Trees, Plants

By LEWIS LORING
January is the best month of the year for the pruning of deciduous trees, berries, grapes, shrubs, fruit trees, and roses. Your nursery and garden supply dealer has a wide selection of pruning shears, leppers, saws, pruning compound, as well as very instructive books at low prices on the "how" of correct pruning. The proper knowledge of why we prune and how we do it is very important. If we do not

understand what we are doing and why we are doing it the plants may suffer and in some instances die. The subject of pruning is wide but simple. It is not our intention to discuss pruning in this column due mainly to the lack of space, but we do want you to know that now is the time to gather your equipment and get busy.

Why Prune
Why do we prune? Pruning is done for several reasons: for the proper and increased production of flowers and fruit; to shape the plant into a beneficial size, both for the plant and the spot within which it is growing; to remove dead and dying wood, crossover branches, twiggy growth, and parallel growth; to strengthen the plant by removing weak portions; to train the plant to grow in a certain manner; to retain a certain size.

After we prune, we should be careful that we cover any large cuts with a healing compound made for this purpose. This ingredient is especially made for plants and will therefore aid greatly in recovery of the wound, prevent insect disease organisms from entering the area, and prevent the sun from cracking the tissue.

Spraying Important
Dormant spraying is also important at this time, and should be done immediately after pruning. Being deciduous the plants can tolerate stronger concentrations of spray material, and this will kill any disease spores or overwintering insects on the plant.

Get busy. Don't let this important time slip by without some action for it is very important to you and your plants in the season to come.

First Round Scores Set For YoYos

Over 150 boys and girls competed in the first round of the yo-yo contest held at Torrance schools and local playgrounds, recently. Winners according to

the Recreation Department are, in first, second, and third place order:
McMaster park—Bill Steinway, Teddy Yamada, Mike Jacobs.
Carr school—Girls: Dianna Smith, Sheryle Holcomb, Kathleen McKiernan. Boys: Nick Hanlon, Marty Rosenblatt, Art Davis.
Walteria park—Eddie Strong, Roger Brian, Bobby Zack. Boys

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(10 and under): Gary Strong, Chuck Hrehor, Taylor Wood. Seaside school—John Newborn, Pete Gebel, Steve Pipkin. El Retiro park—Boys: Dickie Timm, Mac Timm, Mike Andrews. Girls: Frances Reid, Ariene Weston.
Walteria school—Boys: Tommy Monahan, Louis Kulgis,

Jackie Hunter. Boys (10 and under): Richey Englehart, Michael Hilborn, Teddy Day. Girls: Jonatha Wass, Sue Omahundra. Special award was given to Bobby Butcher. Each playground will have three elimination contests to determine the park champions. Park finals will be held Saturday, February 4, to determine the city champions.

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The party, complete with entertainment, refreshments and gifts, was made possible by contributions from Sergeant Nicholson's unit, the 86th infantry regiment.

Nicholson, a section leader in company C, entered the Army in 1952. He arrived in Europe in July 1955 and was first stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.

His wife, Edna, is with him in Germany.

SOME MEN are born old, and some never grow so.—Tryon Edwards.

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