

# A Man's Hobby... Orchids



**DELICATE OPERATION**—Francis Harrison, 255 Paseo de Granada, decides to replant his caleyca orchid plant. In the upper photo he separates the roots and in the lower photo he is ready to replant the two orchid plants now. Harrison is a charter member of South Bay Orchid Society.

## Raising Orchids Proves Relaxing Hobby for Men

Orchids are a man's hobby—raising them, not wearing them. Maybe it's because they like to please their women-folk or maybe they like the challenge that seven years from seed to bloom presents.

South Bay Orchid Society boasts more active men members than women. At the monthly meetings when they gather around the display tables, they speak of shape and color and texture with almost more enthusiasm than their better halves talk of the latest Paris originals.

They visit glasshouses and compare fertilizers and check light candlepower and commiserate with each other over smog damage. It's a happy hobbyist who has enough flowers in blossom at one time to be able to pick two or three to take to the office to be admired.

The gentleman orchid raiser may not know how to bake a cake or sew a fine seam, but he does wield a camel-hair brush in propagating with the greatest of ease. In the meantime he has ponder-

ed long and well about what cross to make with the precious pollen.

He talks of tetraploid and diploid and chromosomes and suits Sanders, the orchid bible. It is he, with only an occasional fill-in from friend wife, who hovers over the seed pod as it develops to see that it hasn't too much sun, is warm enough or is not knocked about by a careless visitor.

After the seed pod has matured and is ready to open, he maintains a constant vigil in order that the pod not open unobserved and the powder-like seed be lost. When the yellowed pod has split, he rolls up his sleeves, sterilizes his equipment, and working under hygienic conditions, he plants the microscopic seed in a sealed flask to grow. Grandmother's choice preserves were put up with no more loving care than this.

It isn't the professional nurseryman or the man born to the purple who re-pots and waters and fertilizes but the engineer like Henry Rosee, 4802 Milne Dr., who rushes home to work in the glasshouse long into the night, or the retired police officer, Frank Gompert, 22618 Draille Ave., or salesman Louis Rahr, 2106 West 177th St., who built his own glasshouse little by little, or Paul Cockrell, 240 Avenida Atezada, an Edison Company employee, or Hunt Owen, 425 Via Malaga, who works with radios and televisions all day.

### GREATNESS

The people have always some champion whom they set over them and nurse into greatness... This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs—when he first appears he is a protector. —Plato (c. 428-348 B.C.) Greek philosopher

### TWO PAY CHECKS

The increasing number of two pay check families—husband and wife employed—has been matched by an increase in two-home families. Those owning summer or beach cottages are largest in the middle income groups.



**COMMISSIONED**—James H. Driver is commissioned a Navy ensign by Capt. J. G. Hedrick, USN. Mrs. Margaret Driver looks on proudly while her husband receives congratulations from his commanding officer, Capt. Hedrick.

## Marina District Executive Board, Club Presidents Guests of Women's Group

"Reports from Chairmen will be the program for the March 1 meeting of the Torrance Doman's Club, Dist. 18, CFWC," announced Mrs. W. E. Morman, Education Chairman, "but these reports will all be characters in a play and interesting characters too."

Honored guests at this meeting will be members of the Marina District executive board and presidents of the clubs in Marina District.

A business meeting conducted by Mrs. Roy J. Apsey, president, will be held at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse followed by the education section's play, "Knowledge Anew." Members of the club participating in this program will be Mesdames W. L. Norman, Leondrus Stamps, R. E. Osborne, D. G. DeHoog, Ervin Moudy, D. J. Thomsen, E. L. Snodgrass, J. P. Bay, James Burchett, S. W. Roberts, Rufus Sandstrom, Sid Gans, J. W. Thuss, V. E. Benstead, R. S. Russell, D. J. Quinlivan and R. C. Focha.

A tea will be served at the conclusion of the program with Mrs. Earl Miles as the

### CFWC Board Meets

Executive Board of the Marina District, 18, California Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at 10:15 a.m. March 3, at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., Torrance.

Mrs. O. S. Larabee, president, will preside, assisted by Mrs. Ervin W. Craf, first vice president, and Mrs. A. Ben Ellery, second vice president. Reservations for luncheon should be made with Mrs. Alfred Swanson, GLadstone 4-2955 or Mrs. A. M. Lindner, FRontier 9-4194, by February 28.

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## Festival of Purim Is Celebrated

The happy Jewish festival of Purim (the Feast of Lots) will be celebrated at Temple Menorah of the South Bay, 112 North Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1. Jews of all ages are invited to share in the hour of prayer, celebration and feasting which is being sponsored by the Temple Menorah Men's Club, according to Fred Spangler, president.

A special service will be conducted by Rabbi Henri E. Front, spiritual leader of the Southlands' only liberal Jewish congregation. The meaning of the holiday will be told by the Rabbi in story form, with the children in the congregation sharing in the story telling through their pantomime actions.

### LOVE OF POWER

Of all our passions and appetites, the love of power is the most imperious and unscrupulous nature, since the pride of one man requires the submission of the multitude. In the tumult of civil discord the laws of society lose their force, and their place is seldom supplied by those of humanity. —Edward Gibbon (1737-1794) English historian

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## Tidings Writer Is Guest of Nativity Mothers' Club

Members attending the Nativity Mothers Club enjoyed a very special guest speaker, Mary Lanigan Healy, noted for her editorials in the Tidings, warmed all the hearts as she spoke of Valentines and Love, last St. Valentines Day.

A progress report was given by Mrs. H. Kale, co-chairman of the spring pattern fashion show and luncheon to be held at 1 p.m., April 8 at the Torrance Woman's Club House, to be preceded by a social hour at the Nativity Parish Hall.

Refreshments in keeping with St. Valentines Day were served by Mrs. F. Genta and the third grade mothers.

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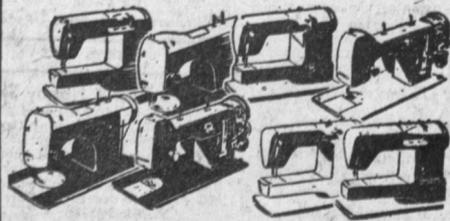
### THE CAJOLING TYRANT

His unflinching earnestness, the dark daring play of his sleepless, excited imagination, and all the terrors of rital delirium, united to invest this Gabriel in the minds of the majority with an atmosphere of sacredness. Moreover, they were afraid of him. Herman Melville (1819-91) American novelist

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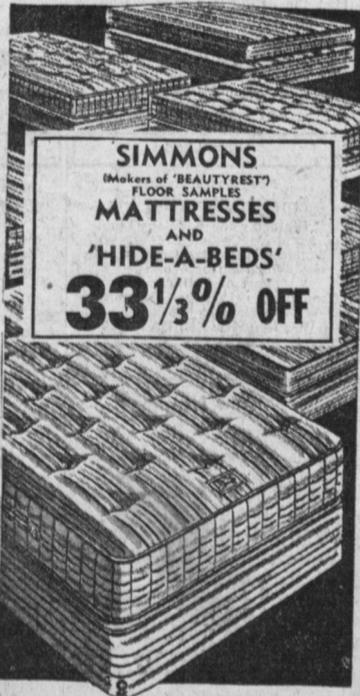
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