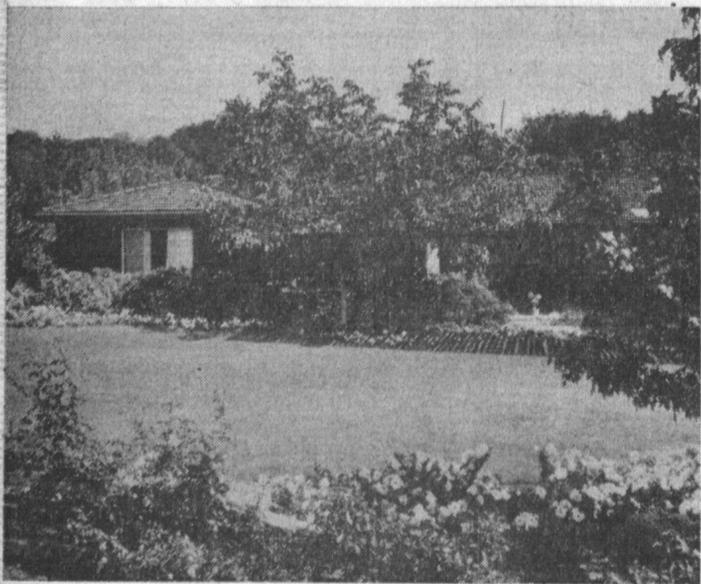
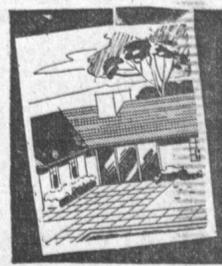




HOME & GARDENS



A CHARMING GARDEN is a lovely sight, and requires constant care and know-how. The one shown above gives an example of how trees may be used and yet have the feeling of open spaces in a small garden spot.

Here's a Favorite Foursome Of Summer Shade Trees

While any tree can be classed as a shade tree, the deciduous varieties have one advantage. In summer when we want shade, it's there. In winter, when we can get along without shade, the deciduous obliges us by dropping its leaves and letting the sun flow through. Most need no reminder that the best time to plant deciduous trees is now during their leafless, bare-root season. When it comes to choosing the right tree from the many available, however, most gardeners confess a lack of knowledge. We suggest that you rely on the advice of a local nurseryman but here's a favorite foursome.

First, is the Ginkgo, or Maidenhair Tree, which in grace and beauty has few rivals in the tree world. An awkward tree in youth, the habits become an asset as it grows up, branches spreading from the grayish trunk.

The common name derives from a resemblance in shape between the Ginkgo's leaves and those of the Maidenhair Fern. A ginkgo leaf is much the larger.

If the Ginkgo is a beautiful tree in summer, it becomes even more so in the fall, as the leaves will turn to vivid shades of yellow. You can grow it in reasonably small gardens, beside a patio for better outdoor living in summer, alongside a drive and nearer to the house than many trees permit. The Ginkgo's roots are seldom a trouble for foundations and walks.

Ask about the new variety

"Autumn Gold" Ginkgo, the selected and grafted male strain is preferred over the female tree because it does not produce fruit.

The second tree is the Tulip Tree, of towering stature, yet not overpowering a city garden. Its upright symmetry is appealing. The foliage of a Tulip Tree is light green.

A striking feature of the Tulip Tree is its brief flowering period in spring. The cup-shaped flowers resemble a magnolia blossom, except the coloring is chartreuse with shadings of orange.

The Modesto Ash is third on our list of favorites be-

cause its quick growth and widespread branches. It is a variation of the Arizona Ash. Its foliage is a bright, glossy green.

Modesto Ash is indifferent to soil or climate conditions. Another appealing feature is its ability to maintain appearances through the long summer drought.

Our fourth choice is Chinese Pistachio, a tree which deserves far more consideration than it gets. The Chinese Pistachio is a fast-growing tree. It is an excellent choice for a patio and enjoy the year-round pleasure it affords.

February Tips For Gardeners

Set out summer blooming bulbs such as Cannas, Gladiolus, Watsonias and Tigridias.

Begonia tubers should be started in flats of peat and leaf mold. Keep them under cover until all danger of frost is past.

Sow seed of stock, snapdragon and other annuals for summer.

Plant clumps of Delphinium and Primrose. Well established plants are available in nurseries during late February and early March.

You can still plant roses bare-root. Don't delay too much longer, however.

FIRST BLOOMS OF SPRING ARE EXCITING

The first blooms of spring are always the most exciting. You go out one sunny day and see the first buds opening on a flowering quince, or the first fragrant blooms of osmanthus or India Hawthorn. A gardener's pulse always is quickened by the first encounters with a new season.

In California first signs of spring come early — often before winter is at its midpoint. In much of Southern California, the first blooms of spring come in January or February. Too early? Not according to happy gardeners who enjoy "premature" spring.

The California Assn. of Nurserymen gives a nod to flowering quince as being among the best bets for an early, early spring. One of the nicer points in their favor is that quinces continue through several weeks.

You see the first color from flowering quince shortly after the new year is ushered in. They do not swing into full bloom until February, however. For indoor decoration, they can be picked in the bud stage and brought into the warmth of the home to open their buds and bloom.

A lovely selection awaits

the gardener who shops for flowering quince.

Clarke's Giant, a large-flowered double red variety, is a favorite of long standing. Other reds include Texas Scarlet and Stanford Red. Snow, as the name implies, is a pure white quince of great delicacy in bloom, while the varieties Minerva, Charming and Pink Lady come in varying shades of pink or rose. You'll find others, too, for a long line of excellent seedlings has been developed.

When daphne starts blooming, it is one of the most enjoyable shows in the garden world. Not only are the waxy pink blooms appealing to look at, but their fragrance is something out of this world. A dish full of daphne blooms will fill your homes with wonderful perfume. A single flower worn in a button hole will keep you happy through the day.

There are several daphne varieties available, but the one for an early spring is the Winter Daphne, so named because of its bloom season. Actually it is a spring flower in other parts of the country.

India Hawthorne also are early, producing lovely pink heads of bloom, delicately

scented. Nurserymen offer refined new versions of this shrub including the "Spring-time" and "Enchantress," recommended heartily for sun or part sun, in any soil, with any degree of care.

There are many good shrubs in the osmanthus family, but one that blooms most is Delavay Osmanthus. In late winter it is covered with small white flowers. This is an excellent shrub for tubbing on a sunny south terrace or deck, and one which gives spring-like bloom as early as anything available at the nursery.

Camellias are an obvious choice for bringing spring early. While they start blooming in fall, they are just now reaching their peaks. The varieties are numerous. Simply stop in at a nursery and choose the ones you like.

CAMPING SPECIAL
Torrance YWCA Camping Special for 15 to 18 year old teenage members will hold its first planning session at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 West Carson St. Interested teenagers are invited. Persons desiring further information are asked to call the YWCA Teenage Department, FA 0-2255.

Clocks Hold Memories of Other Days

In almost every memory there is a clock. Often it is a towering grandfather clock as the poet Longfellow recalls. It may be a delicate imported clock whose chimes filled the air with every passing hour.

Civilized man has always been acutely aware of time. Since society began, men have sought ways to time the days.

Modern clocks had their origin with Galileo who discovered the principle of the pendulum. A Dutchman, Ahasuerus Fromantell, later invented the long hanging weighted pendulum. While many improvements have been made, this basic plan has never changed.

Clocks have always flourished in America. There are still many clocks running that predate the Revolutionary era.

Today, there is a wide choice of beautifully crafted clocks available. The finest of materials are used, and the choice of chimes, styles, details and sizes are numerous. Many feature self-adjusting dials of solid brass, numerical tracts of brushed aluminum and shafts plated with nickel.



EXOTIC BLOOMS of orchids will be a big feature at the World Flower and Garden Show, Feb. 22 through March 3 at the Los Angeles Pan Pacific Auditorium. Penny Toni is shown with blooms such as those from orchid collections worth a million dollars which will be seen at the show.

A Reminder to Boaters . . .

The experience of Lawrence L. Schnepf points out to boaters that the Coast Guard doesn't listen to the citizens' band radio, and there aren't too many others who listen to it, either.

Schnepf and five others departed Long Beach for Catalina about 11 o'clock in the morning. He planned on returning about 5 that afternoon, when he hadn't shown up by 7:30 p.m., his mother-in-law called the Coast Guard.

Harbor checks failed to locate Schnepf or his newly purchased 22 foot cabin cruiser, La Balu.

Then at 8:45 p.m., the FCC Monitoring Station, Santa Ana, called the Coast Guard in Long Beach to report that Bob Rustenbach, of Newport Beach, had heard a "Mayday" call on the citizen's band radio. FCC could not hear the call on its set.

Checking further with Rustenbach revealed the "Mayday" call was from the La Balu located about five miles off Sunset Beach, lost in the fog and out of gas.

The La Balu was located by radar in dense fog by a Coast Guard patrol boat operating out of Long Beach at 11:20 p.m.

After Schnepf and his boat safely had been towed to port, he told the Coast Guard he had been calling for help nearly five hours before he was found. Heavy fog and choppy seas had forced him to slow down, us-

ing more fuel than anticipated.

It was sheer luck that Rustenbach happened to hear Schnepf's plea. Rustenbach was trying to install his citizen's band set on a motorcycle. When he turned it on, he heard "Mayday."

"Had Rustenbach not heard Schnepf's call, the La Balu could have drifted seaward and might never have been found," a Coast Guard spokesman said.

Rear Adm. N. W. Sprow, Commander, 11th Coast Guard District, said the Coast Guard does not guard any of the frequencies designated within the citizen's band.

"In fact," Adm. Sprow added, "FCC regulations do not permit government stations to use the citizen's radio service except for communications relating to civil defense."

The Coast Guard supports the concept of the Citizen's Radio Service for what the FCC intended it to be; a means for private short distance radiocommunications for personal or business use.

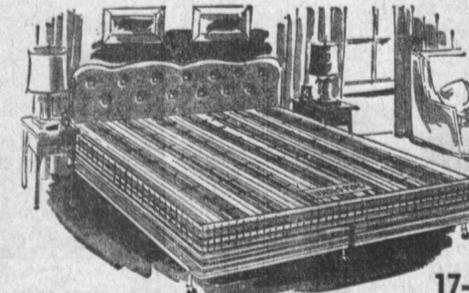
Towers Play Schedule
The Torrance Recreation Dept. has announced opening of Towers School playground, 5600 Towers St., on a Saturday and holiday only schedule, with supervised recreation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Robert Gray is playground leader.

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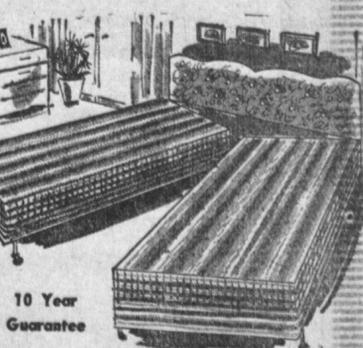


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