



AMONG ALL the berrying shrubs, it is difficult to find one that is more obliging than the pyracantha. If you want it to spread horizontally, so be it. Or grow upright to medium height or tall or flatten itself against a wall—just say the word when you are choos-

ing the variety. You can even specify whether you'd prefer orange instead of the more usual fire-engine red berries. Agreeability extends even further since the pyracantha is known for its ability to thrive on neglect. Photo courtesy Cal. Assn. of Nurserymen

Seasonal Color Bearers, Berries, Add Color to Fall

In the midst of a California fall, few trees and shrubs color up with the autumnal hues of colder climates. We have them, to be sure, but in nothing like the quantity of, say, New England or Ohio. For that reason, we look elsewhere to find our seasonal color bearers.

And find them we do in the wonderful world of berries — pyracanthas, especially, but also cotoneasters and such lesser lights as the barberries. When used in quantity, these more than make up for the lack of foliage color which many a transplanted eastern gardener misses when he moves to California.

VIVID COLOR

For vivid color, the pyracantha family is our first choice, and for fall we select the Laland variety above the others. This is the pyracantha with the bright orange berries which make such a splash of seasonal color or you really need nothing else. Here are the warm tones of a pumpkin in the field or persimmons in an orchard. Plant more than one shrub of the Laland pyracantha, and you won't miss the more traditional forms of fall color at all.

For added interest, you might try this beauty in espaliered form, which C.A.N. nurserymen can supply you with, or in a tree form, which is also to be found in California nurseries.

Less autumnal, perhaps, but nonetheless beautiful, are the other pyracanthas which range in berry color from orange-red to deep red, the latter of which are especially appreciated during the Christmas season. They all are colorful from early fall until after the New Year, which is something you never get in colder climates, however colorful their falling foliage is.

Among the other pyracanthas, look for Kasan, an orange-red variety, Wyatt, another orange-red, Graber, Rosedale and Victor, all red-berried forms. These too, are often available as espaliers or as small trees.

One of the most useful additions to the pyracantha family has been the Santa Cruz variety — a prostrate, or semi-prostrate form, which makes it an excellent choice for ground cover or bank planting. The berries are large and bright red, and you can imagine the effect when you cover a complete hillside with them: Berries, berries, everywhere.

SUBDUED COLORS

Aside from pyracanthas, we rely on cotoneasters for color in the fall. These are more subdued colors and better suited to background planting, where they won't clash with whatever is planted in front of them. Cotoneasters make excellent screens in their taller forms and the prostrate varieties are fine for covering a bank or filling a parkway. The berry color is primarily red, but orange is also to be found.

One of the less familiar cotoneasters and one of the best for fall is the Ward's Cotoneaster. An upright grower with long, arching branches, it not only bears seasonally beautiful orange berries, but provides an added attraction in its colorful

foliage. A deciduous cotoneaster, it sheds its leaves, which oblige by coloring up beautifully before dropping off.

For backgrounds, Silverleaf Cotoneaster is a traditional favorite and for a better show close in, the Red Clusterberry can be most appealing, especially when pruned out to reveal the interesting trunk and branch patterns against a wall. The berries on this latter are probably the best in the family — big and red and carried in attractive clusters.

Lower-growing cotoneasters, suitable for ground covers and bank planting are the Rock Cotoneaster and Necklace Cotoneaster. There are a dozen or more members of the family, however, so don't stop with these. Check the others at a local nursery.

Accreditation Granted to North High School

North High School has been granted a full term of accreditation by the State Commission for Secondary Schools, according to a letter received by Dr. R. D. Guengerich, North High principal, from J. Wesley Barry, commission chairman.

The five year term, which will expire June 30, 1968, is the maximum period of accreditation that can be granted to a high school.

The decision was based on an evaluation of the administration, faculty, and students made by a visiting committee representing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Their report was submitted to the commission.

"It is hoped that this report will be of significant value to the school in its continuing efforts to upgrade the educational program for the students which it serves," Berry stated.

"Please accept our congratulations on the quality of work being done in this school."

Apartment Owner Association Meets

The South Bay Apartment Owners' Association will hold their September meeting in Torrance. All apartment owners in the South Bay area are cordially invited to attend and are eligible for membership.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27, 1963, in the auditorium, McMasters Playground, 3624 Artesia Blvd., Torrance, California.

There will be open discussion for members participation in order to discuss and solve mutual problems; rapid transit will be the main topic for discussion.

CETERAN ROLL CALL

Among veterans the name "Smith" predominates—and if you're looking for Jones, he's tied for fourth on a list of 29 million names in the VA master index file, the Los Angeles County Service Office reports. Smith comes up 225,000 times while Johnson is next at 121,000, then come Jones and Williams deadlocked at 109,000 each.

Fire Science Course Set At Lincoln Adult School

A fire Science Course, designed to assist young men who plan to take the Civil Service Examination for the position of fireman, was announced today by Joe Lightburn, counselor, at Lincoln Adult School. The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on successive Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the next seven weeks.

The class is designed to assist prospective applicants for the position of fireman in preparing themselves for the coming examination. The starting salary for Firemen starts at \$575 per month. Men at the age of 19 may take the examination and, if qualified, will be appointed upon reaching their 21st birthday. Applicants must be between the ages of 21 to 31 years and in good health in order to qualify.

The class will be under

the direction of Captain John Stuart Christopher of the Los Angeles City Fire Department and will cover all aspects of field company operations and will be of particular interest to young men considering the Fire Department as a life vocation. Registration may be com-

pleted at the Lincoln Adult School office, 3501 North Broadway. A tuition fee of \$4 is payable, if exemptions do not apply, at the time of registration. For further information, phone CA 2-5204 daily after 7 p.m.

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Inspector of Naval Material Office Moves to Torrance

Capt. A. L. Gurney, USN, today announced that his office will move from its present location at 929 South Broadway, Los Angeles, to Bldg. 71 of the Douglas-Torrance Facility in Torrance. Date for the move has been set for September 28 and 29 with all functions in full operation Monday, Sept. 30.

The Los Angeles Office of the Inspector of Naval Material has a personnel complement of six officers and 485 civilians. Of this total five officers and 196 civilians will be headquartered at Torrance. Annual payroll brought into the area will exceed one million dollars.

LARGEST IN NATION

The Inspector of Naval Material functions under the guidance of the office of Naval Material in Washington, D.C. and is a part of the Western District Office in San Francisco. The Los Angeles Office, largest of its kind in the nation, is engaged in Contract Management for the various Navy Bureaus in Washington, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Bureau of Ships, and the various Navy Supply Depots throughout the country.

"Our mission," Captain Gurney explained, "is to support the fleet and air arm by providing good material on time. In the field of Contract Management this encompasses two things. The first is obvious rather well known, that is assuring compliance with Government contractual provisions with regard to delivery schedule, quality of workmanship, and quality of materials. The second phase of contract management, but of prime importance to both the Government and industry, is the assist action our office can and does take to help the contractor meet his obligations. This is done through the media of my staff in the areas of interpretation of clauses, specifications, obtaining releases of critical material, and most importantly developing an aura of mutual understanding of problems and procedures between our of-

ice and the contractor."

"DELIGHTED" "We are delighted to be moving to the Torrance area," Captain Gurney continued. "Our space in Building 71 of the Douglas Torrance Facility is most conducive to an efficient operation. City officials of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have been of great assistance to us during the move planning stages. My staff and I extend our thanks."

Navy Material Company 11-1 is a part of the Los Angeles Office of the Inspector of Naval Material and will train at the Torrance facility.

The purpose of this unit is to train Reserve Officers in the field of contract management for expansion of the Los Angeles Office in the event of national emergency. It is felt that the move to Torrance will lead to expanded participation by former military personnel engaged by industry throughout the South Bay area. Inquiries are invited from those interested in the program.

A "coffee klatch" will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, Bldg. 71 for community leaders of Torrance as a mutual 'glad to have you aboard' get together.

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