

Seawater to Drinkingwater With New Portable Unit

Cruising yachtsmen can turn seawater into drinking water by using a product of one of the nation's largest aerospace companies.

The novelty of a defense-oriented company turning out a yachtsman's accessory is typical of many product stories that will come out of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's 1964 Los Angeles Industrial Fair and Congress next March 4, 5, and 6, according to A. Byron Perkins, director of the event.

The D-5 Watermaster seawater converter, smallest of three devices marketed by the Douglas Aircraft Company of Santa Monica, purifies water at the rate of eight gallons an hour.

The converter has been found to have many practical military and industrial uses. It has also been developed in 30 to 35 gallon-an-hour (Model D-20) and 15-20 gallon-an-hour (Model D-10) sizes.

The converter operates on a cycle of evaporation and condensation. Waste engine heat is applied to the raw water, producing vapors. These vapors rise into a condenser, where pure water is collected and pumped into storage tanks.

The coming fair will display teaching machines,

Apartment Project, 13-Lot Subdivision Slated for Lomita

The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission this week approved a zone exception and granted approval for a subdivision in the Lomita area.

Owner and subdivider, Richard Mertz, 2320 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, was given the go-ahead to divide two acres, located north of Lomita Blvd. and west of Walnut, into 13 parcels for single-family residences.

In other action, the planners approved a zone exception requested by Morris Otchis and Murray Aurebach for a 15-unit apartment project at 2263 and 2274 West 241st St., Lomita.

Decorative Grasses Add Beauty, Charm to Backyard Landscapes

Another to feature in special places or to use among other grass-like plants such as New Zealand and Flax in a border is Fountain Grass. A long bladed grass (up to three feet) with truly grassy appearance, this tropical grass is a wonderful addition to the garden. We like it beside a pond, where the arching stems are beautifully reflected in the water or in a sunny raised bed where it reaches over to keep you company.

Both the grass itself and the shorter, erect flower spikes are purple or crimson in color, adding to the attraction. When dried, the plume-like flowers are handsome indoors with other material in the dried bouquet.

Horsetail is a third grass of highly ornamental character and one which you'll also like when you see it. The slender, reed-like stems are up to three feet, occasionally more, in height and jointed like cousins in the bamboo family. Horsetail is a root creeper and should be confined unless you plan to let it naturalize. Confinement in a tub or other container is one good solution. Try it with Paper Reed and/or other grasses by a pond.

The last offering for today is not actually a grass but it looks enough like one to pass and that is a liriopie (pronounced leer-eye-oh-pee with accent on the "eye"). A member of the lily family, this unusual cover seems finally to be getting the attention it deserves from landscapers in California.

Torrance Girl Appears With Bing Crosby

North High senior, Diane Turnquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Turnquist, 3435 Artesia Blvd., appeared on the hour-long Bing Crosby special Nov. 7 on CBS television.

Diane appeared as a member of the "Young Americans," a mixed teenage youth choir. They did the opening number with Bing Crosby plus a medley of folk songs and the finale.

Diane made her first appearance with the "Young Americans" on Haapy Birthday, U.S.A., a Fourth of July special. The choir has also sung at banquets, including one for the president of India and one for former vice president Richard M. Nixon. She was selected by North High Saxon choir director Daniel Walker to audition for the choir. She competed with students from approximately 55 southern California schools.

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