



**PLAN PROGRAM.** . . . Marvin B. Donsker, right, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, discusses a public relations program for members of the realty board with Harold Lippard (left), first vice president of the board. Pictured with the two board officers is Lisa Bernay of Caesar's Restaurant. Caesar's, owned by Dick Burg, is now known as the Ramada Inn.

## Sinks Are Designed To Aid Homemaker

"Where are the drainboards in the kitchen?" That's a question being asked by the

homemaker with increasing frequency these days. Surrounded by gleaming

lengths of shiny countertops, her single bowl sink is inconvenient and drainboardless. Her drained vegetables leak all over the countertops, and the prettiest plastic laminated counter top in the world may be a lot of things, but it isn't absorbent.

BEHIND IT all, the lady begins to suspect, is the work of a man, as more and more of them invade the field of kitchen design. For years, home builders and architects as well, have been busy eliminating drainboards. Yes, the good old-fashioned drainboard was kicked out of the kitchen by a man. But he did it subtly.

Brainwashed by all the "color-schemed, fashion-perfect" propaganda, some women have stopped asking for drainboards, lest they appear as though they are discussing something as old-fashioned as outdoor plumbing. But drainboards are available. All you have to do is ask for them.

### READY PANELS

Indoor improvements may utilize prefinished hardwoods in fashion colors such as teak, pecan, walnut, cherry, and oak.

## Spring Is Time To Plant Bulbs

If you think that spring is the bulb's main season of bloom perhaps you're wrong. Summer brings us so many bulbs with so much to offer the gardener that it certainly rivals the vernal season for bulb color.

The fabulous lily family, for instance, is largely composed of summer color bearers. It's too late to plant them now if you haven't done so already, but it's not too late to plant another bulb color for bloom this very year.

ONE OF THE finest summer bulbs is the tuberous begonia and started plants of these are available now from members of the California Association of Nurserymen. Seedlings, which bloom from mid-summer into fall, and established year-old plants, which start blooming earlier than the seedlings, can be found in most nurseries. Tuberous begonias like a shaded or semi-shaded location, with plenty of leaf mold in the soil and excellent drainage. They are ideally suited to pot culture, also, and such handling makes it possible to move them into the foreground when their exotic blooms are full.

The other most popular summer bulb is the gladiolus and gardeners can continue planting them until June, at least. This is an amazing bulb. You make early planting shortly after Christmas and

late planting in late spring—all for bloom during the same year. Bulbs set out now will give you color during summer. Bulbs planted next month and in June will bloom in fall.

THE AGAPANTHUS, or blue Lily of the Nile, as some prefer to call it, is another summer-blooming beauty. Nurserymen offer these showy bulbs already started in gallon cans. Set them out in a sunny location with good drainage and figure on dividing them every few years for more plants. The tall stems with their cluster of blue at the top can become a feature in your summer border. Try planting them with pink Amaryllis for striking effect. Also try planting them in tubs or containers for a really fine display on the deck or terrace. They give a spring-like look to your garden all summer long.

## Flowering Vines Showiest Plants

The biggest show-offs in the plant world are the vines. Who can dispute this after seeing a high-climbing bougainvillea in full bloom or a wisteria that covers a country mile of arbor. Even our more refined and confined vines such as clematis are more than most flowering shrubs or trees could hope to compete with.

We asked the California Association of Nurserymen for a rundown on some of the showiest summer vines and what follows is a selection from their many recommendations:

FOR A GAUDY display, try one of the bougainvilleas. These are part and parcel of California's history, having arrived not too long after the Mission fathers and the grape. There is nothing more colorful for draping a pergola or a roof, and it's not the flowers which provide the color. Rather it is the showy bracts which surround rather insignificant flowers. Colors is not always magenta or purple, as some think. To be different try varieties 'California Gold,' 'Pink Tiara,' and 'Orange King.' But don't overlook the true purple of the variety 'Convent.' Others are available at nurseries.

Scarlet Trumpet Vine is a wide-ranging vine with a mass of big, fluted blooms, scarlet at the lip, yellow-orange in the throat. A mature vine will nearly smother a large house. Grow it for the big show in almost any California climate where temperatures stay above 25 degrees.

GUINEA GOLD VINE is a woody vine with glossy, dark green leaves and a generous sprinkling of open-faced, gold blooms primarily in the warm months but often in good sup-

ply throughout the year, especially in coastal areas.

Clematis in its many forms is a vine of refined habit and an unbelievably beautiful show of flowers, be they white, lavender, blue or pink. C.A.N. members recommend the lavender Jackman Clematis with its huge blooms, often eight inches across. And the evergreen Armandi Clematis is a grand show of white in early spring. There may be showier vines than clematis, but none are more beautiful.

### MIRRORS HELP

Whatever the decorating trend, framed pictures and mirrors can introduce a new look.

What would you do if you discovered fire in your home right now? The National Fire Protection Association says: Plan ahead for fire emergencies. Make sure you — and your family — know TWO ways out of every room. Remember, the first rule in case of fire is to get everybody out of the house — fast.

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