

### Montgomery High Slates Luncheon

Bishop Montgomery High School announces that plans are well under way for their long anticipated luncheon on Ascension Thursday, May 11. Their menu consists of Ricotta Cheese Dip, Deviled Eggs, Barbecued Rice and Frank Casserole, Green Salad with French Dressing, rolls, coffee, tea, and assorted pies.

Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the K of C Hall, 214 Ave. I, Redondo Beach. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 from Mrs. John Trainer, luncheon chairman, 14618 Dublin St. Gardena. Her phone number is DA 9-4332.

A large number of door prizes will be given away, and diners will be serenaded by Accordionist George Mercer of Torrance. George is the proud owner of numerous state awards for his accordion and piano playing.

Bishop Montgomery's next regular meeting will be held on May 8th at 8 p.m. Mothers will meet in the school library with Father Michael McNulty, school Principal, and fathers will meet in Room 213 with Father Eugene Buhr, School Vice-Principal. Results of Bishop Montgomery's April Fiesta will be discussed at both meetings, and election of Officers for the next school year will take place. Refreshments for both clubs will be served in the library, following the meetings.

### Readings Set by Hampton Players

Readings for Hampton Players' July production, "The Loud Red Patrick" by John Boruff, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 9 and 10, at 8 p.m.

Thelma Brady will direct the comedy, which is set in the 1912 era and has a cast of nine.

There are three adult (forty-ish) characters, two male and one female; a young man of twenty-one or so; four girls, aged seven, ten, sixteen and seventeen; and a very tiny one-line part of "a callow youth."

All those interested in reading are asked to report to the theatre, 100 Wall Street, Redondo Beach, on the nights mentioned.

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## Arrange A Pretty Mothers' Day Gift

What could be more welcome than the traditional Mother's Day offering of flowers?

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In short, flower arranging can be a bed of roses ever for the novice. The foam plugs are sold under the name of Oasis; from the manufacturer, the Smithers-Oasis Company, come these suggestions for Mother's Day floral centerpieces.

#### ROSE TREE

Place a firm dried branch or dowel stick in a 4" clay flower pot anchoring the stick with spackle. The stick may be painted or wrapped with ribbon. Fill the top of the pot with small pebbles. Secure a shallow funnel on top of the stick and seal with floral clay. Fit a saturated Oasis flower holder in the funnel. Insert short sprigs of boxwood or other foliage in a globe shape and add short-stemmed roses.

#### FLOWER PINEAPPLE

Place two saturated Oasis flower holders in a deep saucer (5" diameter), one on top of the other. A meat skewer or wood dowel inserted through both holds them together. Cover Oasis solidly with marigolds or pompons (cut very short), building shape with larger flowers at center and smaller ones at top and bottom. Daylily, iris or gladioli foliage may be used for pineapple top.

#### FLORAL RULES

You'll arrange a lovelier floral offering, and win more verbal bouquets from Mom in exchange, if you remember these rules:

Saturate Oasis by placing it on water at least one inch deeper than the foam itself. level with about 1/4" above the surface of the water, it's ready to use. Time required: about 20 minutes.

Flower stems may be inserted into the Oasis at any angle. Unusually soft or weak-stemmed flowers may be aided by first making an opening with a pencil or toothpick.

Oasis is not a substitute for water. Keep flowers fresh by adding water regularly to replace the moisture consumed by the flowers or lost by evaporation.

Cut flowers last longer if you harden the flowers and foliage before using them in an arrangement. Cut each stem on a slant with a sharp knife (not scissors); then place in deep warm water in a cool place for several hours or overnight before arranging.

#### TRADITION

Why are flowers so identified with Mother's Day? We owe part of the tradition to Miss Anna M. Jarvis. Through her efforts, Mother's Day was first observed in

Philadelphia in May, 1907. Miss Jarvis arranged a special mother's service in a church, requesting that those attending wear a white carnation. As the custom spread throughout the States (Mother's Day was officially proclaimed a national holiday in 1914), celebrants stopped wearing flowers and started giving them in the form of corsages and bouquets.

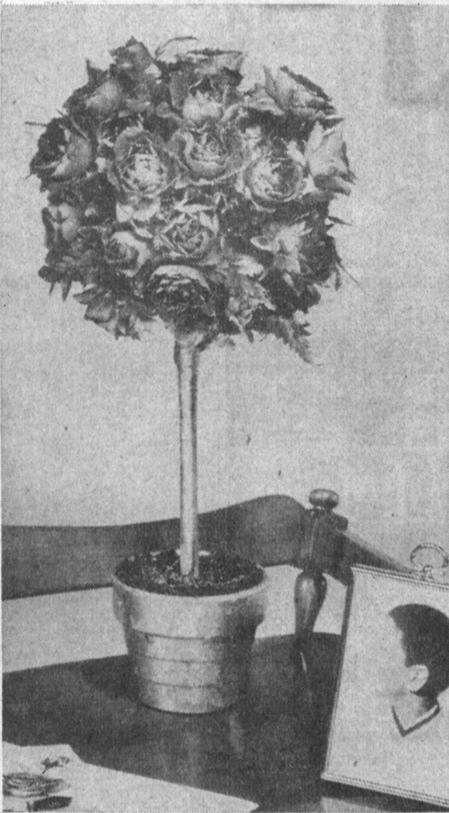
But that's not the whole story. Few of the 50 million families who will mark May 14 as Mother's Day know that a similar custom existed in England, centuries ago. "Mothering Sunday," the fourth Sunday in Lent, began as a festival honoring "Mother Church!" It wasn't long before people seized the same occasion to honor their mothers with a gift of flowers and a rich cake specially baked for the occasion. It was also customary for many churches to hold services for children on this day; these observances were marked with the bringing of violets to the altar for a blessing.

#### FESTIVALS

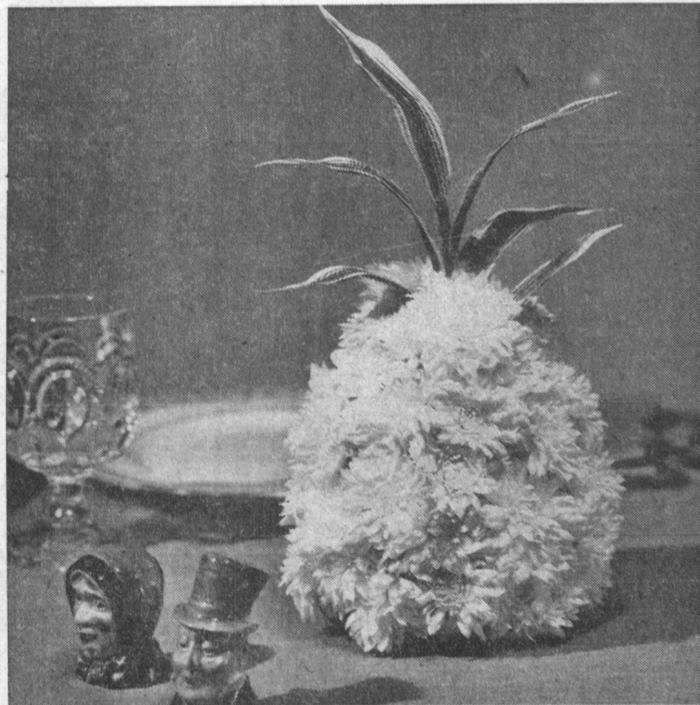
Some historians contend that germ of the Mother's Day idea was sowed thousands of years ago, when the peoples of the Near East and Mediterranean regions worshipped an Earth Mother by decking themselves with flower garlands at woodland festivals. The more up-to-date version of Mother's Day is celebrated in such far-flung places as Africa, China and Japan, South America, Mexico and Canada, according to the National Committee for the Observance of Mother's Day.

Flowers, gifts and rich tradition. Put them all together and they spell Mother's Day—a holiday as welcome as flowers in spring.

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