



# THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

## Nation's Building Record Soars 11 Per Cent Over Predictions

The postwar ups and downs of business will show even a city feller what's wrong with trying to control crops by mere acreage reduction. There isn't a weed showing in any cotton patch for miles and miles.

Extra fertilizer and extra care, focused on three million fewer acres than were planted last year figure to produce a 12-million-bale crop on 17 million acres, more than could be grown in some earlier years, on 22 million acres. If 12 million bales are grown, the stockpile of 10.7 million bales now in government price-proppers' hands can't be cut by more than half a million bales.

Moreover, disposal of the stockpile would grow harder each year even if crop-cutting succeeded. The high supported price makes it possible for the farmer to grow cotton and reduce the United States' share of the world market.

**BITS O' BUSINESS**—Working capital of U. S. corporations reached a record total of \$98.1 billion as of March 31. Steel rebounds from the brief July 1 strike. Last week's output of ingots and castings was 2,200,000 tons. Loans to business by New York banks declined \$128 million in the week ended July 6. Pennsylvania crude oil, a high grade kind used chiefly for lubricants, went up 10 cents a barrel, the second price rise since January.

**PEACH OUTPUT**

The production of peaches in America has been at a rate of approximately 22 pounds per capita each year during the past 30 or more years.

**ANCIENT INKS**

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**JULIE MUNIZ** ... Wearing the Paul's Chevrolet banner in the annual "Miss Torrance" contest will be Julie Muniz, who is seeking to take over the title from Norma Quine, winner of last year's judging. Finals will be in the Civic Auditorium tomorrow evening.

### GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. The best insurance of gardening success is proper soil preparation. Your nurseryman can tell you how to improve your soil.
2. All types of container-grown shrubbery can be transplanted into the garden now. "Gardening time is all the time in California."
3. Chrysanthemums for late summer and fall bloom should be planted now.
4. Fuchsias and Tuberosus Begonias are both heavy feeders. Fertilize them regularly.
5. Sow these seeds in the vegetable garden: squash, radishes, cucumbers, corn, beans, beets and carrots.

### Cain Finishes Three Return Army Course

PFC George F. Cain, 21, son of George F. Cain, 4560 Minadora Dr., recently was graduated from the Army's Eta Jima Specialist school in Japan.

Cain, who is regularly assigned to the 15th Medical Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan, completed the school's stenographer course.

He entered the Army in February, 1954, and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving overseas last July. Cain is a former student at Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute, Ind.

Three reservists of the Torrance area will return home Sunday from two weeks of field training with the Southern's 63d Infantry Division at Camp Roberts and the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation.

Lt. Frank L. Stevens, 26301 Delos Drive, was an instructor in the 63d Replacement Company.

Pfc. Robert E. Garten, 20818 S. Denker Ave., worked as a cannoner in the 718th Field Artillery Battalion.

Lt. Col. Roy D. Means, Jr., 383 E. 229th St., Wilmington, was Battalion Commander of the 861st Field Artillery.

### BUILDING RECORDS

This year an increase of 11 per cent in all construction is forecast by the Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In dollar volume, nearly two-thirds of the increase will be accounted for by new homes, expected to rise in value from \$12 billion to \$14.6 billion.

Along with an increase in numbers, the trend to larger and more expensive dwellings will help swell housing costs. Producers of quality building materials confirm this trend. Demand for ceramic tile for bathrooms and kitchens grows faster than purchases of building materials in general. Apparently more homes are being built with two waterproofed bathrooms than one. Kitchens, too, get larger tiled surfaces.

This boom in construction is reinforced by an upgrading of quality.

**THINGS TO COME**—A 29-pound aluminum desk, full-size, can be moved around a plant when paper work must be done at several locations. A marking pencil carries a year's supply of ink which flows through a felt "point". A plastic tray with pockets for six sand-wiches and four cups of coffee is a boon to the worker sojourning to shop for his co-workers' snacks. For a dollar you can buy 10 rust-proof magnets to make poliholders cling to stoves, distowlers to sinks, and so on.

**REDUCERS' FIRST AID**—Some 100,000 overweight persons have been supplied with copies of the Tullie Lewis menu plan as the result of an unusual mailing to physicians in selected cities.

Mrs. Lewis, who manufactures a full line of 36 low-calorie foods, prepared the menu offer for circulation among 128,000 doctors throughout the nation. Distribution of the menus followed announcements in medical journals, after the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association had accepted it—the only time the council's seal has even been awarded to a diet.

The mailing offered physicians a service for patients who had proved unable to stay on reducing diets with high will-power requirements. Mrs. Lewis' approach is to replace high-calorie foods with their low-calorie equivalents, with no loss of taste, flavor, or texture appeal. Her mailing includes one booklet containing 63 menus for a 21-day diet, to be given the patient; and another which is a professional reference guide for the doctor himself.

**COTTON'S TROUBLES**—A trip by automobile up through the black land of Mississippi

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### Careless Do-It-Yourselfers May Have Shockin', Rippin' Good Time

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., L. A. County Health Officer

Home power tools, now at a peak of popularity among do-it-yourself enthusiasts, are proving extremely hazardous in the hands of the careless or inexperienced.

These powerful implements, so much faster and effective than comparable hand tools,

are providing emergency hospitals with more than the usual number of customers. Lost fingers, lacerated hands, and destroyed sight are a few of the tragic consequences that have made many an individual wish he'd taken up stamp collecting instead of trying to do some job with tools that he didn't know enough about to handle safely.

**Ignorance Is Dangerous**

Although accidents are directly caused by power tools, such as speed saws, drills, mowers, buffers, and other equipment, safety experts point out that the majority of mishaps occur either through the mechanical inaptitude, ignorance or carelessness of the operator.

Safety education is part of the basic job preparation of most skilled workmen in the trades, but hobbyists lack this training and may even remove the built-in safety devices that occasionally tend to make the use of the tool somewhat awkward.

In addition, economy-minded home craftsmen often buy power equipment that is low in cost and overlook the fact that it may be so priced because the safety factors in its construction have been left out to enable the manufacturer to meet the competitive market.

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Only five spots are open for the YMCA Caravan trip to the high Sierras, set for Aug. 6-13.

S. G. Roberts, of the Torrance "Y," announced this week that boys 12 to 16 years of age are eligible for the week's trip. Further information on the outing may be obtained by calling Roberts at FA 8-1272.

All boys, who have signed for the affair, will meet next Wednesday at the Torrance YMCA, 2080 Washington, for final instructions.

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