

GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. California, too, has trees with gorgeous autumn foliage. Ask your nurseryman to see the following trees which will vie with the best color the East can produce—Liquidambar, Liriodendron, Ginkgo and Chinese Pistache.
2. Consider these shrubs for showy winter berries—Pyracantha, Burford's Holly and Aucuba.
3. All spring flowering bulbs such as Tulips and Daffodils should be planted now. For best results buy large bulbs.
4. This is a good time to re-arrange and re-design the garden—most shrubbery can be transplanted at this time.
5. The Ranunculus is one of the most productive of all bulbous plants. Each bulb will produce a great many flowers which last well when cut.

Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW

A few weeks ago, a lone Japanese Beetle was found in a trap at Travis Air Force Base near Fairfield, Calif. This is the only beetle of this type that has ever been found in California, and it is certainly hoped that there will be no others.

It is presumed that this lone beetle arrived in some manner on a military plane at the base. Any one who is familiar with the ravages of this pest in the eastern states can readily understand why the State Department of Agriculture will keep a very close check to see that we do not have any further visitors of this nature.

Any of you that formerly lived in the east or that have friends there know that of all the pests they have ever had this is probably the most destructive, and all of us should be on the lookout to see that if any specimens of this beetle are ever found, they are immediately destroyed.

Not only does this beetle devour plants of all kinds, and I really mean devour them, but also becomes a serious pest of lawns and turf adding to the already large turf problems that we have.

This beetle, by the way, is easily recognized by the metallic green body, reddish bronze wing covers and a row of 12 white spots along the sides and rear.

A. R. Bowman Honored for Navy Duties

Arnold R. Bowman, storekeeper first class, USN, son of Conrad A. Bowman, 17234 Atkinson St., received a commanding Officer's Commendation at ceremonies held on board the heavy cruiser, USS Columbus, Oct. 1.

Captain George C. Seay, USN, Commanding Officer of the warship, awarded the commendation at ceremonies held on the main deck of the vessel. He cited Bowman for "displaying exceptional energy and initiative in the performance of your assigned duties as petty officer in charge of the Columbus' forward GSK storerooms."

Bowman's storerooms were awarded a grade of outstanding in a recent inspection by the Pacific Coast Board of Inspection and Survey.

Bowman, who reported aboard the cruiser on Oct. 25, 1955, holds also a commendation for "outstanding performance of duty" while serving on board the USS Antares. He took part in "Operation Friendship," a rescue and relief operation after a hurricane and flood disaster at Tampico, Mexico, in early October, 1955. He was commended for taking part in similar operations in the northeastern United States

hurricane disaster Aug. 21-25, 1955.

He entered the Naval service in November, 1946.

Lilies Now Available

As though the lily were not already a very lovely garden flower, hybridizers have been steadily developing new hybrids which are available in many beautiful colors and types.

One of these beautiful new hybrids, a cross between the old Tiger Lily and the Candlestick varieties, is the Mid-Century Lily. It has brilliantly colored blooms in reds, oranges or lemon-yellow. Some of the wild lilies from the Far East have also been hybridized

to produce the Fiesta hybrids which are as colorful as their name implies.

The western native lilies have lovely new hybrid relatives too. Luther Burbank began and David Griffiths continued the hybrid work on these American lilies. Today they are available as the Sunset and Bellingham hybrids, distinguished by their gaily spotted flowers of crimson-red and golden orange.

Cultural requirements of the lily are not exacting, says the California Association of Nurserymen. Provide a sunny location with excellent drainage and an open, porous rich soil. Ample moisture during the entire growing season is recommended; the bulbs can be left undisturbed for years. A good rule of thumb in caring for lilies is to remember that the lily never sleeps; it must always be treated as a living plant and not as a dry and dormant bulb.

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