

# Garden Checklist

1. Shade trees should be planted now, not later when you think of their shade. Bare root stock is easier to handle and will make a fast start in the spring when it gets warmer.
2. Prune roses, grapes, berries and fruit trees. Wait until next month to prune fuchsias.
3. Gladiolus may be planted any time between now and early summer. Make several plantings.
4. Lawns should be cut shorter in winter than in summer. Mow them preferably when the grass is dry.
5. Plant the deciduous magnolias now for a sudden burst of bloom when weather starts to warm up.

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# TARTAR TEEN TALK

by Frances Adams

The Torrance High Student Body elections are this Thursday, Jan. 18. Miss Carol Porterfield, Joyce Takyama, or Sharion Radi will be ASB president for the coming semester. All three of these girls are outstanding seniors and very active in school politics.

John Cambon and Danny George are competing for the post of ASB vice president. David Mullen, Bruce Norman, and Richard Woodward are vying for the office of student court judge.

Betty Lou Kautto will be the next semester's commissioner of records. Roxanne Barnard will be commissioner of finance; Loretta Kennedy will be

seeking the Junior Class top post.

Beverly Albert is running unopposed for Sophomore Class proxy.

Nancy Barnard and Jan Kimbrell are competing for Fresh president.

THE 11TH ANNUAL One-Act Play Festival will be presented for a one-night performance on March 30. The festival is sponsored by Rosemary DeCamp.

Airman 3. C. Eugene D. Carriere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Carriere of 23012 S. Berendo, is being assigned to Brookley AFB, Ala., for training as an electronics data processing specialist. He recently completed United States Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Airman Carriere attended Long Beach State College.

commissioner of pep; Judi McTee will be commissioner of publicity; Melinda Capps will be commissioner of group control; and Pat Piercy will be Girls' League president.

THE OFFICE of commissioner of athletics is being sought by Chris Patrick and Alan Billings; commissioner of activities is being competed for by Kay Porterfield and Frances Adams.

Richard Hart will be the new Boys' League president.

Candidates for Senior Class president are Ray Bynum, Randy Blair, and Jimmie Ruth Lawrence. Tvor Samson, Ruth Scott, and Mike Sullivan are



"LET ME EXPLAIN" . . . Principles of physics are reviewed by instructor Thomas N. Wilson, left, Dr. Leonard O. Olsen, and Instructor Geraldine Karpel. Dr. Olsen appeared on the El Camino College campus for a series of lectures and visitations recently. Wilson and Mrs. Karpel are members of the ECC physics department.

## Armed Forces

Airman 3. C. Robert W. Cover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Cover of 1211 S. Irena, Redondo Beach, has completed the United States Air Force technical training course for equipment cooling specialists at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

Airman Cover received instruction in refrigeration, air conditioning, and equipment cooling systems used by the Air Force. He will remain at Sheppard for further training.

A graduate of Culver City High School, he attended Santa Monica City College.

Gerald A. Pettit, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Pettit of 17026 Haas Ave., returned last month to San Diego aboard the dock landing ship USS Tortuga following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.

While on duty in the Far East with the 7th Fleet, the Tortuga visited Hong Kong, Yokosuka, Japan; Subic Bay, and Manila, the Philippines and Okinawa.

Airman Basic Justin F. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Brien, 4606 Narrot St., has completed the United States Air Force technical training course for missile accessory systems specialists at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

Airman O'Brien received instruction in ground handling equipment for the ATLAS missile. He will remain at Sheppard for further training in his new specialty.

The airman, who entered the service in June 1961, attended North Torrance High School.

## Sports Greats To Attend Fete At Serra High

The Serra High School Booster's Club is sponsoring its 10th Annual Dad-Son Banquet in the gym on Sunday.

Guests will include the students of Serra High with their dads and the faculty of the school. A brief welcome will be extended by brother Frank Spaeth, SM principal, and club president Jack Sullivan of Gardena.

John Rout, chairman, has announced Pat Ahern, collector of customs for the Port of Los Angeles, as toastmaster and John Roseboro and Tommy Davis of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Eli Grba and Ken Hunt of the Los Angeles Angels as special guests.

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## TV CANDIDS by Terrence O'Flaherty

Well, the old pro came back to television during the holidays to show the industry how to put on a real singing-music show.

In the space of a fast-moving 60 minutes, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians proved that they are the best vocal group in the country. They also demonstrated that the two old-fashioned virtues of wholesomeness and patriotism have solid showmanship values and should be seen more often.

Waring called his one-shot show "The Unforgettables." It featured the songs that refused to die in the face of a 20-year barrage of junk from the recording companies of America. Songs like "Bye Bye Blues," "In the Still of the Night," "America the Beautiful," "Say It With Music," "Stardust," and 27 others.

The Waring show was memorable for many reasons—not the least of which was the most agreeable Santa Claus of the season—a mischievous-looking midget. There was no fussing around with complicated announcements to songs. They blended from one to another with ease.

Probably the numbers have been well-rehearsed from singing on road-show appearances, for the production was flawless.

If it takes this kind of rehearsal to make up a perfect show, then more troupes on television ought to go on the road.

Several years ago I toured with the Waring troupe on a series of one-night stands throughout the Northwest. It provided a revealing insight into the Waring method.

It is a combination of musical skill and troupe discipline. It is a simple combination but one difficult to achieve. Waring does it with strenuous vocal workouts plus a personal hauteur that is awesome.

In an era when performers don't have to be good to be successful, when the adjective "great" is given to even the most mediocre star, when half of our top-selling record artists can't sing well enough to appear in public, when publicity agents get more than voice coaches—in an era such as this, it is a joy to see a musical group where skill and discipline are foremost. It is a particular pleasure to see them pay off so handsomely on television.

This brings us to the question why Waring and the Pennsylvanians haven't been on television for so many years. In TV's earlier days they were a weekly event on the home screen. Waring told the press:

"No one has asked me to go on. At least, no one willing to let me do my type of show. I don't mean that to sound bitter. I'm just being honest."

"Actually there are quite a few of us ex-television regulars around. Jackie Gleason and Milton Berle are just two. We manage to survive."

The Waring resort at Shawane-on-Delaware is successful, and his choral-music publishing house is the biggest in the country. His personal appearance tours are record breakers.

"It's difficult to understand that people will wait in line to pay to see our shows, but it's taken me four years to get the Pennsylvanians back on television," said Waring. "The special we did for NBC is a kind of pilot for a real series."

"I know there are people in television who figure I've had it—that I'm an old square with a glee club, but you should see the way they enjoy themselves at our appearances."

Will Waring and Co. go on television soon? The maestro answers: "I've been in this business too long to do a show just because there is an hour of time available."

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