

# Make It A Floral Happy Mother's Day

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Wouldn't it be great, gentlemen, if somebody could alert us to wives' birthdays and wedding anniversaries — as thoroughly and insistently as they do about Mother's Day? Not to mention Christmas and Easter and Valentine's Day?

What a lot of embarrassing moments and hurt looks we could avoid! How many dog houses would remain unattended!

The first Mother's Day in my experience was the second Sunday of May, 1913. I was a senior at Benzonia Academy in the northern part of the lower peninsula of Michigan. Benzonia Academy is best known for having been attended by one Bruce Catton, whose Civil War books have earned him a considerable reputation.

Bruce was in knee pants on that beautiful, balmy spring day. Apple blossoms and maple catkins and bright gardens were all over the place. I have never found another place in the world where spring smells as good as it does in northern Michigan. Maybe that's because we had to wait so long for its arrival.

I'm sure the Rev. Harlow Mills preached an appropriate Mother's Day sermon. Chances are he was in favor of motherhood. That was a long time ago, and my mind probably wandered some. Mostly, I'm afraid, concentrating on a girl seated, with her mother and brother, two rows in front of me. And if you are as kind as I think you are, you will not mention this to the Chairman of the Board. I had not yet met her.

As to this present Mother's Day, you have, naturally, taken all necessary steps to make it a joyous one for all the mothers in your immediate circle of relatives.

If — which is hard to be-



flowering plant? Something which will look pretty in the house now, and in the garden next year? Azaleas and chrysanthemums are always appropriate. I would not recommend a 15-gallon palm tree, as this would be hard for her to lift when planting.

Perhaps, if Mother is truly a dedicated gardener, she'd like a few flats of annuals for cut flowers, come next fall. It is my private opinion that most gardening hereabouts is done by mothers. Being the busiest people in the world, they are the only ones who have time for it.

Age doesn't seem to be a controlling factor. Not in this climate. Jannie Means, whose 100th birthday party I attended on April 1, still does all her own gardening — specializing in cactus and succulents. She is still an active member of the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society. She is a great-grandmother.

There are dozens of garden-related gift ideas other than plants. And always with due regard to subtlety. You could get Mother a five-gallon Meyer lemon tree, complete with full-size lemons. You could even plant it in a red-wood tub, because dwarf citrus trees do well in containers.

Perhaps this would encourage her to make you a refreshing pitcher of lemonade when she has insisted that you work in the garden on a warm July day.

Rose trees — or tree roses, if you prefer — make impressive Mother's Day gifts.

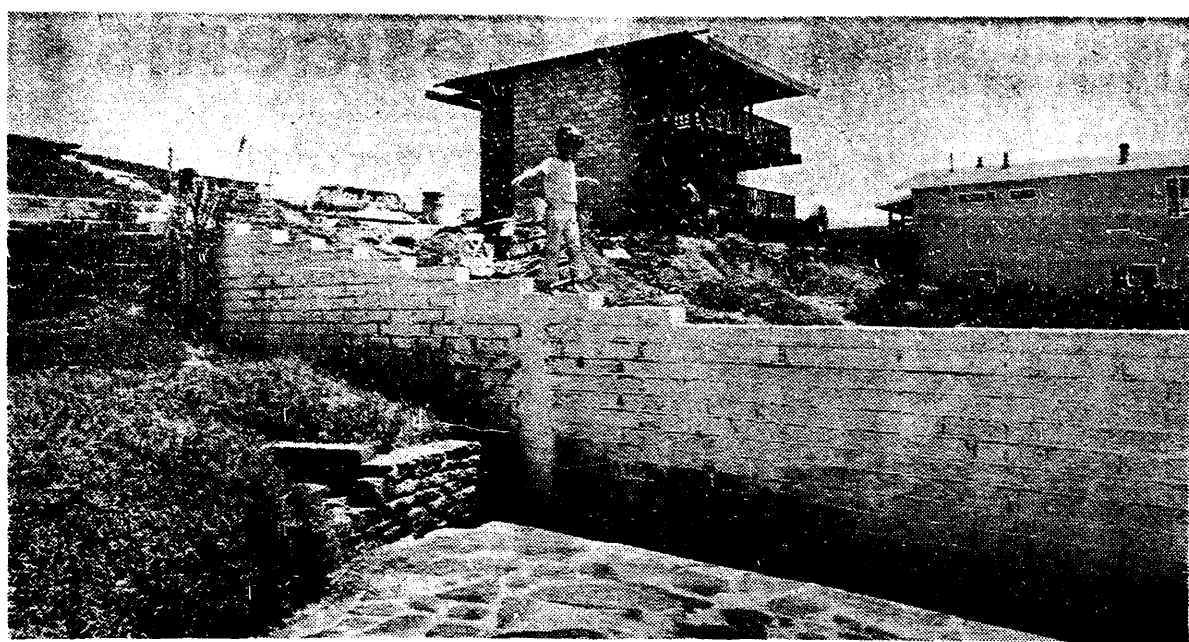
Your favorite nursery has many other good ideas.

If you have any curiosity as to how this whole Mother's Day thing started, you may be surprised to learn that Julia Ward Howe began kicking the idea around as long

ago as 1872. Nothing serious was done about it until the early 1900's, when a lady named Anna Jarvis began agitating for national observance on the second Sunday of May. In 1912 a Methodist Church convention in Minneapolis passed a resolution. Just how the thought got from there to that little old Congregational Church in Benzonia, I have no way of knowing.

Because it was not until 1915 that President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation making Mother's Day a national affair, although he did something about limited observance on May 8, 1914.

I guess, if you must hang the blame on somebody, Woodrow Wilson is probably a logical candidate. And, considering all the other ills he has been blamed for, it doesn't really matter. Happy Mother's Day!



IT'S FUN for Lisa, 6, even racing along wall at rear of her home in La Mision, even though wide sandy beach is hop, skip and jump away. She's

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nunn of San Diego. Under construction in background is large two-story home for Tom Maier of Anaheim.

## Cobblestones, Picturesque Shoreline

(Continued from F-9) mountain slope sites of an acre or more, available to Americans on 20-year leases with option to renew, the same as in La Mision. The average home here is larger, however, ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000, but growth is much slower.

Unlike La Mision, San Miguel features an attractive mobilehome park close to the waterfront, which is much more rough and rocky than the sands of La Mision. San Miguel has a boat-launching ramp in the lee of a jetty. La

Mision does not. A new motel is also planned at San Miguel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kullberg of San Diego built a home on the San Miguel slopes in 1959 at a cost of \$5 a square foot. Costs have risen since. Kullberg, assistant to the airport operations manager at Lindbergh field, has an investment of between \$16,000 and \$17,000 in an attractive 1,600 square foot house with two bedrooms and one and one-half baths (improvements have been added since the initial construction) which would have cost much more than double that on this side of the border.

The Kullbergs have a permanent home in Bonita but make San Miguel their summer residence and the second home is used almost every week of the year, either by themselves or relatives. Their taxes run \$110 a year.

San Miguel, incidentally, has electricity, but no telephones — "Thank God," says Kullberg. Similar developments are proposed or have been recently started in Baja California, including one near the new bullring in Tijuana and another near Rosarito. There is an

array of trailer park facilities along this coast, but some are shabby, indeed.

Others are almost as modern as tomorrow, including the large new Popotla park not far south of Tijuana, and Canta Mar, farther south, which offer water, electricity, concrete pads, sewer connections and central washing facilities.

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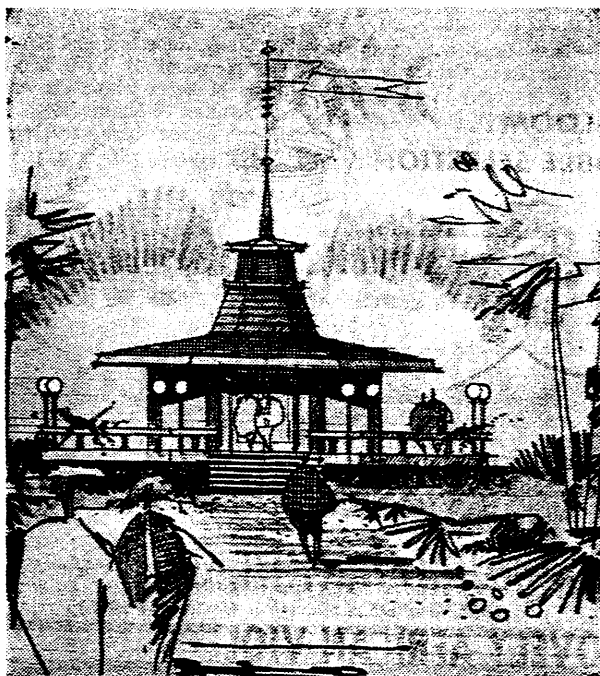
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NAUTICAL THEME dominates sales pavilion under construction for the Janss Corporation's new Bristol Cove Marina subdivision, scheduled to open near Carlsbad on the weekend of June 3-4.

## Marina Subdivision's Opening Scheduled

The opening of sales at Bristol Cove, the Janss Corporation's residential Marina subdivision near Carlsbad, has been scheduled for the weekend of June 3-4, it was announced last week.

The opening hinges on completion of a sales pavilion now nearing completion on a site that overlooks the multi-million dollar development's 67 lots.

Most of the lots are to be covered by frontage sites priced from \$16,500. Some off-water lots will average \$9,800. Up to five or more multiple housing units are permitted on most lots under zoning for the

20-acre project, said Dale Alfred, sales manager. Single family residences also are permissible.

The glass-walled, hexagonal pavilion also features an interior dividing wall, separating the sales office from quarters provided for visitors. An outdoor deck surrounds the structure.

The development is located on the north shore of the 100-acre Agua Hedionda Lagoon, close to a number of boating, swimming, golfing, fishing, hunting and other recreational sites in northern San Diego County. Schools, churches and shopping centers are only minutes away.

Visitors may reach Bristol Cove via the Tamarack Avenue turnoff in Carlsbad from Interstate 5.

## You Have Space

Most canned vegetables, soups, sauces and bottled seasonings need no more than a four-inch depth for storage.

## Gardeners' Checklist

Plant a hedge this month. Your nurseryman can suggest the best hedging material for your particular needs.

The happiest roses are the most pampered roses. They are most beautiful when watered, fed and sprayed regularly.

Hibiscus likes a rich root

run—leaf mold or peat moss are both helpful—and plenty of food and water.

Plant dwarf dahlias now for summer-long bloom.

Make another planting of gladiolus for mid-summer bloom.

## Keep It Tidy

Drips and splatters made while painting should be wiped up immediately as you go along. If the paint is allowed to dry, splatters are difficult to remove.

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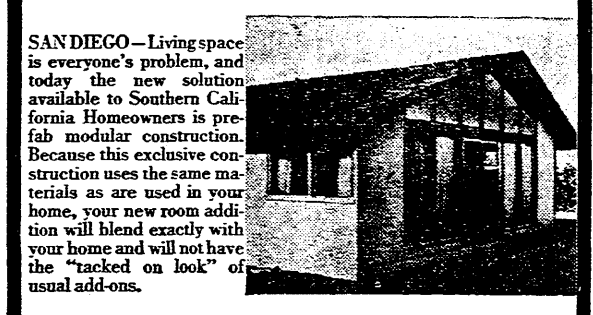
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