

Root Damage Found On Local Lily Crop

We have seen several bulbs from a very low lily field which do not seem to measure up to our ideas of what a good commercial bulb should look like. This is because of the roots. On none of them has there been what would be considered healthy structure, and, as a matter of fact, it would seem that the damage must have been done BEFORE the bulbs could have been actually mature. The roots examined appeared to have been destroyed by either nematodes or, at least, something

in the soil. They were flabby and brown and could not have been a channel for plant food into the bulbs. If their destruction or usefulness occurred during the growing season it is evident the hindered or stopped growth may have dropped a size or two from there.

Those who have forced bulbs know that while "anchor roots" are the first to appear from the "heel", thread roots from the previous year's healthy root stubs start hunting food just about the same time. This can be seen even on bulbs laying out in the open.

This writer has been, in your

past, bulbs of all sizes whose heavy hank of roots had to be lopped off fully three quarters of their length, as brought in from the fields, before they could be jammed into the normal sack per case. There are those about who can recall not only the heavy healthy root bunch but the clean appearance of the bulbs themselves and higher grading because of size. Packs lacked any cute scales tinged with yellow—they were all pearly white and firm and wise.

Damage from strawberry weevil is another thing. A result in chewed bulbs. Strawberry weevils are easily controlled but, possibly it cannot be accomplished without persistently keeping at them. They are a pointed beaked critter, black mottled on grey, and about the size of a kernel of wheat. Their grub-or-larva-hatch beneath the ground and chew on almost anything, especially dotting on lily bulbs and will sometimes tunnel right up into the stalk. They are about a half inch long, white, with a brown head. There are more than one way to get these beasts which damage thousands of dollars worth of growing things wherever they infest.

With nematodes and other ground critters chewing on the

Exams for Coast Guard Academy to Be Held

Congressman Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) has announced that the

root systems to haul in growth material and the larvae feasting on it as fast as it is brought in, and the cost of battling both of these within a moderate sum, concentration on their eradication would be a paying proposition.

Progress is being made in the battle against both these predators. In order to make it effective it must extend throughout the whole region in which lily bulbs are being grown for market—or there will be no market!

competitive examination for entrance to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be held in February 25 and 26 next year in 111 cities.

Ellsworths emphasized the opportunity offered young men who choose this four year course which leads to a bachelor of science degree and a commission as a career officer in America's oldest sea-going service.

"There are no appointments or geographical quotas for entrance to the Coast Guard Academy", he said. "I urge all qualified young men who are interested in a worthwhile profession to write for details and applications as soon as possible to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Applications must be post-marked on or before January 15."

A candidate for the next examination for the Coast Guard Academy must be single, must have July 1, 1957, and must be in his twenty-second birthday by reached his seventeenth but not excellent physical condition.

A high school diploma is the minimum educational requirement, although high school seniors assured of being graduated by June 30 are eligible to take the examination if they will have at least 15 credits by that time.

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For What It's Worth
By Clifford Rowe

Elvis Presley, the current bob-sox rage, seems to be causing more consternation among the adult population these days than even the controversy over the control of the H-bomb. Judging from the pessimistic predictions of some of the oldsters, the guitar-twanging, limber-jointed yodeler of "Houn Dog" is a greater menace to civilization than any atom bomb.

Being much concerned for my own future as well as those of generations to come, I did some research to the extent of listening to and watching this stimulator of girlish shrieks from coast to coast. And I am ashamed to admit that I found nothing to cause me alarm.

My tolerance probably stems from the fact that during my lifetime I have gone through so many similar periods of craziness. None of them, as I recall, did any greater damage than to upset the oldsters who had outgrown such foolishness. In fact, it seems only yesterday that young girls were swooning over Rudy Valle, Then in turn came Rudy Valle, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Johnny Ray—and now Elvis Presley.

Now I'm no psychologist, but somehow I feel that the sweet young things to today who are doing the screaming over the sideburned, hill-billy Romeo are just using him as an outlet for some of their boundless energies.

That is why I'm not a bit worried as to their future. After all, their mothers survived Rudy Valle; and, with the exception of a brief middle-aged relapse with Liberace, they came back to earth after a period of idiotic escape and are just as nice as they ever were.

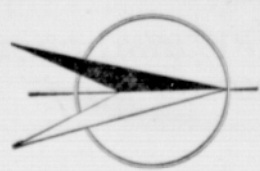
Really I can't blame the girls. In their search for romantic idols in the entertainment world, the field is rather narrow and unproductive. With oldsters of grand-mother's age still hogging the spotlight on TV and radio, Elvis Presley is about the only one today who isn't wearing a toupee or being wheeled to performance in a wheel chair.

So I say quit worrying about the youngsters. Leave the girls to squeal at Elvis, the women to over Liberace, the men to whistle at Marilyn Monroe—and let's go on about our business.



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