

How To Design Your Garden

A Garden needs design as much as a House needs it.

Although well-designed gardens are becoming numerous most home owners are content with the layout of their home grounds which was given them by the subdivider. That is, they accept the sidewalks, back fence and side boundaries as sufficient delineation of their garden area and proceed to plant little or much within this area without further attempt at design.

In some cases there is resistance to the idea of designing, a feeling that outdoors calls for informality and that any interference with haphazard arrangement is stiff and pretentious. It may be so, indeed, but on the other hand, a really beautiful expression of the feeling of informality in a garden calls for a degree of designing skill much greater than formality and stiffness require.

A house might be built without design. The windows might be of varying sizes and placed without consideration of balance. The rooms might be of irregular shapes and the contour of the roof unstudied. Such a house would not be any more "informal" than perhaps a majority of our home grounds. Yet few would consent to live in it. The revolt against haphazard gardens is not so certain, perhaps, because of the beauty of the materials of which a garden is made.

Nature always designs. Every plant is a beautiful thing, complying with the laws of composition. It is only in the arrangement of these things of beauty that the usual garden violates these laws. The gardener who not only makes a bad arrangement but uses his pruning knife to destroy the natural beauty of his plants and shrubs is fortunately becoming less numerous.

The most conspicuous examples of bad arrangements are to be found in trees. It is impossible to overlook or disguise a badly planted tree. After a few years a mistake in tree planting is difficult to correct. Nothing gives more beauty to the home than well-placed trees or detracts more than badly placed trees.

The first object in planting trees is to create a picture by framing the house and giving it background. Tall trees should not be planted in front of the house where they will screen the view unless it is desired to hide some portion of the building. A secondary object in tree planting is to provide shade.

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GIVE A THOUGHT TO

THE PROPER VINES

There is much beauty in vines properly chosen and well placed. A little thought regarding the purpose for which each vine is planted will enable you to choose the proper one.

The vines which cling to brick and masonry have little growths along their stems which become fastened to the wall. Such vines as Boston ivy, English ivy, and climbing clematis belong in this group. Other types of vines grown against walls must have artificial support.

Many vines have a particular value in their flowers, such as climbing roses, wisteria and clematis. These are all adapted to lattice and trellis. Vines with a climbing habit and heavy foliage have their place in screening and completely covering large spaces. The Virginia creeper, Dutchman's pipe, clematis, bittersweet and honeysuckle are examples. They make excellent coverings for pergolas.

Sometimes it is fruiting qualities that are desired. The bittersweets, matrimony vines, climbing roses and others have attractive fruits for picking or for winter color and interest.

As important as the choice of vines, is their proper placing. Vines on houses should enhance the architecture and not obliterate it from view. The outside chimney usually seems cold and unattractive without the companionship of a vine.

NEW INLET

BOON TO FISHERMEN

Elizabeth City.—That the new inlet cut in Dare County is a boon to fishermen that might, with the expenditure of a few thousand dollars, be made into a permanent blessing, is the opinion of Oliver Gilbert, Elizabeth City sportsman and merchant.

Mr. Gilbert expresses the belief that the sinking of a few worthless

ships off the bar, and the anchoring of the banks to prevent shifting sand, would effectively prevent closing of the inlet.

"The abundance of shade in Dare county waters since the opening of the 1932 'New Inlet,' said Mr. Gilbert, 'would seem conclusively to prove that the arguments of the fishermen which led the State, under the leadership of Governor Cameron Morison, to attempt the opening of this inlet were sound.'

"Now that nature has done a bigger and better job than the State was able to do, should not both State and Federal governments co-operate to aid nature in keeping the inlet open?" asks Mr. Gilbert.

Making The Home Grounds Fruitful

The possibilities of combining ornamental values with fruit production in selecting plans for the home grounds are being recognized more widely by Americans than formerly. They have long been realized in British and northern European gardens, where fruit growing is more difficult than with us, and a ripened peach is an achievement.

To train peach and pear trees against a southern wall, where a maximum of heat from the sun will hasten their ripening, is not necessary here. But it can be done, and there is much interest in the quaintly pruned fruit trees, trained on espaliers, especially in the garden too small to harbor a full-grown tree.

But a thirty-foot garden is large enough for one full-grown cherry, peach, plum, pear or even apple tree; and there are also dwarf trees which will do in much smaller space than the standards. A fruit tree well cared for will provide shade as welcome as that from a shade tree; and besides its fruit it gives glorious flowers. One tree, easy to grow in the ornamental border, is the quince, which produces fruits most welcome at preserving time.

Bush fruits make acceptable hedges to divide the vegetable from the ornamental garden. The red raspberry is an ideal home garden subject; and there are varieties that bear all season. Loganberries and black raspberries are easily grown, though the latter spread over considerable room with their drooping habit. Blackberries should be used only where their custom of sending out long suckers will not annoy. Currants make large bushy shrubs which can be grown in mass plantings, provided they are not crowded. Gooseberries have a somewhat similar habit of growth and are easily handled.

For a trellis, an arbor, a pergola, or to clothe a naked fence, grapes are unrivaled. Their blossoms are fragrant and their fruits have great decorative value. The care of fruits is not difficult, if one learns a few simple rules about spraying and pruning. While neglect is often hard on them, the few insects and disease enemies are easily controlled by methods which long experience has perfected. And how well they repay a little care! There is no enterprise in which the gardener will take more pride than successful growing.

WHITE GAMBLER

SLAIN BY NEGRO

Raleigh.—Lincoln Thompson, 35-year-old white man, was shot and almost instantly killed last night in an argument with Marvin White, Negro, over 25 cents as the two were engaged, with several other whites and Negroes in a gambling game. White fled the scene, near Whitaker's Service Station on the Fayetteville highway, leaving his automobile behind, and officers were searching for him last night.

According to information obtained by Coroner L. M. Waring, Thompson was shot after White had returned to his home, a short distance from the station, and secured two shotguns, coming back to the station to "even things" with Thompson. The station is four miles south of Raleigh.

Thompson, who lives on the highway a few hundred yards from the station, was married and has five children. He was a well digger by trade.

MILLIONS FOR MILK

Raleigh.—In spite of prices running from 30 to 25 per cent below those of the previous year, North Carolina dairymen sold nearly 17 million dollars worth of milk and cream to creameries, cheese factories, ice cream plants, milk receiving plants and city consumers during the year 1931, according to a statement by W. L. Clevenger, dairy manufacturing specialist at the North Carolina State College.

Best Time To Plant Trees, Shrubs

It has been many years since landscape improvements could be made as economically as they can be at present. Never have conditions been more favorable for the development of a modern outdoor living room, the addition of a water garden, rockery, flowering hedge, windbreak, the re-arrangement of foundation planting, evergreen and shrubby groups and flower borders. In fact, this spring is your golden opportunity to realize the maximum returns from an investment in planting, whether large or small, for the best varieties of trees, shrubs, evergreens, roses and other flowers may be secured in good sizes at extremely moderate prices.

Of course, there never has been any question that planting adds immeasurably to the value of property, makes the home more inviting, more livable, increases its attractiveness and salability. Planting done this year will yield these satisfying returns in an even greater degree. Present indications are that in two years real estate values will be greatly increased, and this year's investment in plants will then be worth many times its value to the property.

Right now in thousands of homes, plans are being made to convert old-fashioned "back yards" into modern outdoor living rooms. For the outdoor living room, with its blessings of fresh air, sunshine and flowers is the distinguishing mark of the modern home.

SMALLER TURKEYS IN DEMAND

The turkeys which grace Thanksgiving and Christmas boards are gradually growing smaller. Ten years ago consumers preferred large toms and the smaller birds (usually hens) brought lower prices, but now the market demand is for birds weighing an average of 10 pounds dressed. This year the smaller turkeys have commanded a premium of 3 or 4 cents a pound. One of the largest chain-store buyers states that three-fourths of the demand in his stores is for birds weighing from 8 to 12 pounds.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB APPOINTS CHAIRMAN

The following chairmen of committees have been appointed by the Home Demonstration club of Wakefield. They will serve for one year. Foods and Nutrition, Mrs. W. A. Joyner; clothing, Mesdames B. B. Bullock, T. B. Davis; House Furnishings, Mrs. C. H. Chamblee; Home Management, Mesdames D. S. Joyner, C. Mrs. Lewis Liles; Club Yard Beautiful, Mrs. M. Rhodes; Home Gardens, Mrs. C. M. Rhodes; Home Poultry, Mrs. O. D. Massey; Home Dairy, Mrs. Eugene Jones; Child Development, Mrs. W. N. Pitts; Ways and Means, Mesdames D. S. Joyner, O. H. Massey, Health and Welfare, Mesdames J. A. Kemp, Mrs. Joyner.

PROBABLY "APRIL FOOL" JOKE

Raleigh officers were ordered to be at the corner of Hargett and Swain Streets on the afternoon of April 2nd, when they were promised that the Lindbergh baby would be delivered to them. The message was in the form of a telegram tied to the handle of a bicycle at a local telegraph office. The police followed instructions; but their efforts were fruitless.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRY AT ONCE

Send in your entry in the Yard and Garden Contest at once. Do not delay. Clip out the entry coupon in this issue of the Record, fill out as directed and mail to the address indicated. Interest your neighbors and get them to enter too. You will improve the appearance of your entire street by so doing. Entry cards can be secured at contest headquarters as given in the coupon. You have as good a chance as anyone else to win a prize. And remember: "YOU WIN IF YOU LOSE."

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