

**Elect Miss Mohler** committee will choose candidates for officers of the class of 1938. Miss Mohler is the daughter of the freshman nominating committee by her Mount Holyoke College classmates. The 12-member committee consists of Miss Mohler, Mr. and Mrs. Orren C. Mohler, 536 Southfield Rd. She was graduate from Kingswood School.

# Down to Earth

## Fall Offers Gardeners Plenty to Do

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The old debate could begin again about the merits of spring vs. fall and I think I would be fighting for the fall team. In the fall there is a lot of garden work to do, but you can do it at your own tempo.

Many of the readers have acreage and are puzzled as to how to handle boundaries. If the location is in full sun you might like an insipid fence by planting multicaulis roses.

This plant selection will grow eight feet high and eight feet in diameter. Its density will become a haven for wild life and will keep trespassers off the area. The multiflora roses have here roses which attract birds and game animals so after a large planting of these roses you are entitled to wear a conservation hat.

Pioneering with a new garden makes this writer wish she had a back with a hinge on it.

ONE NEW flower bed is a fine example of treating clay. I think it can be handled in the following manner for good results next spring.

Around the boundaries of the flower bed I am going to install some horticulture fencing. It is about a foot high and one side of it has wires which readily will poke into the ground while the top is finished off with looped wires.

This fall within the enclosure I will dump leaves, about eight inches deep. To build them down they will be watered thoroughly and some humus will be sprinkled over the top to encourage rotting.

By introducing bacteria plus a commercial powder which looks like fertilizer and the rotting process will be increased.

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bilzard or rain storm doesn't add up. Greenhouses should always be attached to the home structure.

The use of the purple leaf barberry in front of the natural shade brick was an excellent selection for a low growing shrub in front of or for the protection of evergreens.

One home had selected mums the color of the claspboard detail which was excellent taste and one worthy of copying.

A farm fence was along the back of the development. Evergreens were placed in front of the fence in a ratio of one evergreen for three deciduous shrubs for the landscape plan which was in excellent taste.

THE BOUNDARY of the flower beds along property line was straight, but within the garden had generous curves which gave more interest and created an intimate feeling.

Outdoor lighting increased the night dimensions of the garden and assured guest pleasure.

It is interesting the number of Birmingham gardens which are lighted at night when there is hospitality in the homes. Even in the wintertime the garden has glamour with the profiles of the trees and the snow nestled in the branches of evergreens and shrubs.

Night lighting will dramatize any picture window for the admiration of those comfortable within during unfavorable weather.

One garden has a study in different elevations. Field stone had been used to hold the garden bank and here the ratio of evergreens to other plant material was about one evergreen to three other types of leaf material which was good.

The hobby garden room facing south in the Kent home would assure a cheery good morning to the possessor and would have constant fun care due to its prominent location within the home.

Driving through Brentford, Ont. I saw an especially handsome flower bed.

The designer had achieved fine style by having a seven foot easel been growing from the center of the annual flower bed which was symmetrical in flower placing.

The planting of the common castor bean would have met with your approval.

At 5700 Oakhill road there is a good planting selection in front of a white brick ranch home facing east.

Nestled among their evergreens there had been placed about an equal amount of white and red plants. This gave a fine coloration in front of the white brick.

A planter near the door has geraniums with vines trailing over the side of the container. The two varieties of flowers do not "fight" with their colors in striving to be an eye catcher.

THERE IS a nice quality of lawn which is very important when you have a fine home and as the ranch home faces the Oakland Hills country club there is a great feeling of space as the occupants share the show of rolling hills and well kept lawns.

Lots of local folks this last month have been enjoying a "look-see" through the homes in the Lakes near Maple. There were many lessons in design to observe from the well landscaped grounds. Here are a few observations which might be helpful to others.

The first home, the Kent, had planting boxes and a portion of the whole planting area was occupied by evergreens which would assure winter interest and at a rugged appearance during the winter months.

Many of the evergreens selected were yews, practical in this area for value received on investments in evergreens. As the houses face west and an earlier sun was assured and with low roof lines it is safe to use juniper varieties for texture interest.

BEHIND ONE model home was a greenhouse, just placed due to the windswept we have in this area. The cost to operate, of itself, in the winter makes me shudder. Facing east is excellent but there should be landscaping to give some shade at the favorable time of day.

When a greenhouse is operated as a hobby there are many times in the middle of the night when the operation needs checking and stamping across a lawn in a

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