

# Garden, Home Placement, Should Blend

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It is as important to change your outdoor garden in its general effect from time to time as it is your furnishings in your living room. Often the interim between improvement is determined by your personal growth in appreciation and observation of other settings.

In this area we have landscape architects who are artisans to assist the home owner in fine planning. Some garden enthusiasts take pride in studying plant material which they enjoy placing at the right location for best results. It is very important if you are going to have professional advice for a new home owner to engage the landscape designer prior to staking out the home site. Thus you will not only have the best location for those rooms where you spend the most hours but you will have the top soil saved for a later lawn and worthwhile trees will

dwarf funkia which is a new effect. As it is perennial material it won't have to be constantly replaced.

**WATERING IS** often an unknown factor as we face the summer months ahead and here is a question to be answered, "What shrubs will grow in dry soil?" Tamarix with its flowing, feathery foliage, the five leaf aralia which is my favorite for a shady location with its bright green leaves, fragrant sumac and the morrow honeysuckle will grow eight feet high and be ten feet across. The leaves are a pale grey-green. As this shrub has an abundance of red berries it is good for a bird sanctuary on your property.

With the lilac season behind us you have probably joined the army of admirers who say, "Another year I just have to have lilacs in my yard!"

**DID YOU** notice the striking effect which was achieved when three or four shades of flowers were nestled in a grouping? If you admire this effect, then plan to place your lilac shrubs five to six feet apart in a geometric pattern.

When you arrange flowers try to have the darker colors near the front and then graduate the shades backward. Try this rule for your lilacs. Annabelle Webb on Arlington has used this color placement rule when she replanted her rose collection.

**THE SPIDER** flower or clove will give you three to six feet of height and want to be planted three feet apart so they can branch out for splendor. You will like the pink colored spider flowers.

The California poppy will give you dividends for many years to come as it seeds readily.

The plumed cockscomb is a novelty and should be placed in the back of the flower bed. It will give you dividends from midsummer to frost. Give each plant at least three feet of space.

Clarkia will also do well in a poor soil and should be planted as seeds where you wish it to flower. There will be a long season of flowering and it will give a massed effect which is very welcome in the wide open spaces of a new garden.

If you are thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.



MRS. HAMMOND AND MRS. DICKINSON  
Tea slated at Bloomfield home (Eccentric Photo)

**Attend Meeting**  
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The tea will be in the John B. Hammond home on Hillwood drive in Bloomfield Hills, an English type cross-timbered home. A child, Mrs. E. P. Hammond lived in summers until 15 years ago. Her daughter-in-law is hosting the Mercy event as one of the first lady events since the John Hammonds moved in two years ago. The league has asked Mrs. E. P. Hammond who returned just last week from the African and European tour to your assistance.

Chairman of arrangements for the league, a year-old group earning funds and furnishing volunteers for the Catholic Family center in Pontiac, an adoption and fosterparent agency, are Mrs. Kenneth Dickinson, shown in the photo. Her co-chairman is Mrs. William J. Riley.

Care plane and helicopter took Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hammond about the two continents after their ship landed them at Capetown, South Africa.

They drove through game preserves where they saw a mother lion and her cubs, covering some 1400 miles from Durban to Johannesburg.

**THEIR PLANE** from their northward broke down, Mrs. Davis says, stranding them for five hours on a moonlight night on the edge of the Sahara desert. Their stop in Rome was "so lovely," she says, as she described

the flowers that lined the stairways up some of the city's seven hills. Reaching almost the opposite side of the world from Capetown, the two women visited Ireland on their return flight home. Their European stay included a detour down the Rhine to see the castles and helicopter flight from Cologne to Brussels, and a drive through snow in the Bavarian Alps.

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