

DOWN TO EARTH

How to Contract for a Lawn

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This time of year is acknowledged as the best time to make new and improved existing lawns.

Many of you will be hiring a new lawn made. Be sure to have a contract in writing, with each party having a copy, before the job is even begun.

Here are a few points to remember: state the approximate date the job is to be begun (this assures the home owner that the worker is not around gathering endless contracts and you will be left on the hook).

State the amount of top soil which will be added. On a new setting you may need sharp sand to break up hard pan clay. In this area we like Kentucky Blue grass seed best for the sunny areas, and a shady mix for the shade.

In this contract, specify that the lawn must be satisfactory, with additional spot seeding and top dressing with good soil after it has become established. Eighty per cent of the bill should be paid after the job is completed, with twenty per cent of the whole being paid after the second seeding and top dressing.

This list should be included in the total price. All of these pointers should be plainly stated in your agreement.

The selection of a man to put in your lawn is important. The owner of a new, satisfactory lawn will be only too glad to share with you the name of his good lawn man.

In this town we have a husband and wife team who share all of their hobbies together, whether indoors or out, and they always have a long "wish list." This summer they added a new swimming pool and have a beautiful patio around it to add to their already attractive rear garden on Quorton lake. They are the Robert VanderPyls of 384 Lake Park.

As you enter the garden, there is a greenhouse which Mr. Bob VanderPyl has just completed. It is of carnations dyed to match their gowns completed the attendants' ensembles.

The groom's brother, Howard Leavenworth, stood as best man. Guests were seated by James Hillbrand of Albion, David Chorman of Lansing and Stanford Smith of Detroit.

Guests were greeted at a reception in the church.

The day I visited this garden and enjoyed sitting beneath the large tree on the ledgerrock which forms an elevated garden bed, I couldn't help but observe: "There is always the sympathy for the peacefulness created by the panorama of the shades of green, with the lake providing the three dimensional effect."

Around the structure at the kitchen entrance they had designed a curved flower bed, bordering it by laying soft brick flat, with white sweet alysum and geraniums giving important accents.

The nicest part about this garden is the personality it has taken on due to the interest of this gardening team, spelling hours of fun. This garden has been made "for people" because they are always generous in sharing their setting and garden knowledge with everybody.



MRS. E. KENDRICK LEAVENWORTH, JR.

To Reside in Albion After Trip to Vermont

After a honeymoon at Lake Champlain in Vermont, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kendrick Leavenworth, Jr., will make their home in Albion where the groom will continue his studies at Albion college.

Their marriage was solemnized Saturday at St. James Episcopal church in Birmingham, with Rev. Harold E. Towne officiating.

THE BRIDE is the former Judith Anne Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Lewis of Detroit. Her husband's parents are the senior E. Kendrick Leavenworth of White Plains, N. Y., formerly of Birmingham.

The bride wore a charmingly lace-trimmed gown, with Italian silk and chantilly lace used for the short-sleeved, sweetheart-necklined bodice top. The skirt of the princess styled gown had insets of the lace and extended into a chaper train. A queen's trimmed crown secured her finger tip length veil and white carnations, gladiolus and ivy were combined in her bouquet.

SALLY Lewis was her sister-in-law, maid of honor and Shirley Fischer of Detroit and Anne Bauman of Evanston, Ill., were bridesmaids. The groom's sister, Helen Leavenworth, served as junior bridesmaid. The ring bearer and best man were the groom's brother, Howard Leavenworth, and the groom's brother-in-law, James Hillbrand of Albion.



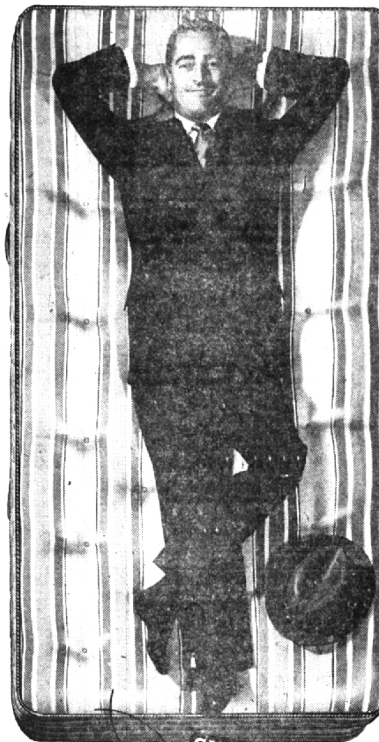
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