

Nursery Catalogues Offer Much Garden Information

During the first few months of this year millions of colorful nursery catalogues, more than ever before, will be mailed to home owners who have found them valuable sources for both information as well as plants. For many years the books have been hailed as "harbingers of spring."

The catalogues contain much valuable data with respect to plants and planting. The catalogue may show how to select top-grade nursery stock, may give much general planting advice, as well as individual plant "tips," enabling the home owner to landscape his property to get the most value out of it, both in pleasure and increased value of property.

FOR EXAMPLE, a catalogue may tell how to select a healthy

grades. No. 2 and smaller plants are inferior and do not give satisfactory results in the home garden as a general rule.

A considerable number of firms who issue catalogues also offer sound landscaping advice with photos of expert landscaping. One example lists the benefits from landscaping as follows:

- 1) PRIDE OF ownership—there's no place like home.
- 2) Community progress—stimulates neighbors to improve.
- 3) Attractive and restful pictures—beauty from the street, around the house and in the yard.
- 4) Home for birds—invite life

and song in the garden.

- 5) Open air enjoyment—a place to eat and play; a place to sit and stroll.
- 6) Monetary gain—beauty adds to the value of the property.
- 7) Flowers and fruits—for color in the garden; for use in the home.
- 8) Better living—provides more health and happiness for all—a healthy environment for children to grow up in.

CATALOGUES tell planting distances and shrubs to plant in various locations under windows, for screening, for foundation; or trees for street planting, weeping trees, trees for winter beauty, trees for special flower effects.

The leading nursery catalogues will tell you just what a plant will, and will not do, which ones will thrive in your climate, trees that will grow in shade and those which like full sun. The better, newer varieties are generally featured.

Catalogues will tell you how high a plant or tree will grow, as well as its best uses, foliage color, type of fruit, if any, color and size of flowers. It will tell how to have color on the property all year long and various uses for vines and ground covers.

WHEN IT comes to fruits, new and improved varieties are shown alongside the old favorites. The advantages of both dwarf and standard trees often are outlined. The best and newest roses are a feature of most catalogues and combinations of colorful blooms are listed.

Strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb, asparagus and other delicacies are part of the picture.

The only trouble with nursery catalogues is that the home owner wants to buy all the things pictured because they are so beautiful or mouth-watering, or both.

Best bet, according to the American Association of Nurserymen, is to study the catalogue well in order to determine exactly what you want and is best for your individual property. You want to give your property "personality."

Careful selection of the plants you have is necessary to achieve this goal.

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ELIOT ROBINSON

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It was on a Monday night that City Commissioner Carl F. Ingram resigned his plan board post so he could devote full time to his new commission duties.

Immediately, the commission named Robinson to the plan board—and he attended his first regular plan board meeting the next evening.

ROBINSON has lived in the Birmingham area for 23 years. He was graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in ec-

onomics and did graduate work at Harvard University in architecture.

During the war, he was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Intelligence in the Pacific theater, and was awarded the Bronze Star medal.

After the war he worked with Albert Kahn, Inc., Earl Saarinen & Associates, and Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc. He was the liaison architect for three years during the construction of the General Motors Technical Center.

In 1953, Robinson opened his own Birmingham office at 815 E. Maple. His assignments include such recent commissions as housing projects in Trenton and Bloomfield Hills, community centers, summer camps, medical clinics, residences, site planning, commercial building and industrial design.

Most recent Birmingham project was the new Kay Bason store which included the design of both the exterior and interior, the mer-

chandising layout and the store fixtures. The firm also does specialized design work.

For the past year he also has been teaching architecture at Lawrence Institute of Technology.

Along with this intense schedule, Robinson participates in the PTA groups of Baldwin and City and Country Schools. He is treasurer at the latter.

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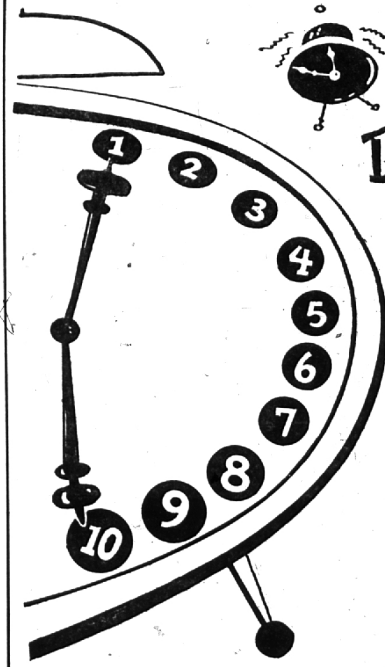


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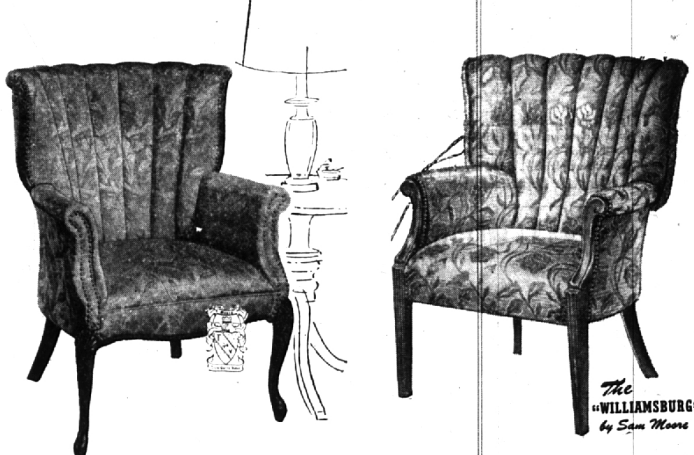
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