

FIBRE RUGS have found wide favor with apartment dwellers because of their comfortable, noise-quieting softness, beauty, and reasonable cost. The leaf de-

sign shown is one of a variety of patterns available in the popular blend of fibre and wool-rayon acetate yarns.

So You Want a Lawn and Garden Gardening Is Good Hobby for Everyone

The first thing you want to do you should not do. The last thing you want to do you should do first, and that is to get the soil into a condition in which it can make the fullest use of the water, fertilizer, air and soil bacteria.

It is absurd to scatter around a bit of top soil and expect to fool the roots of grass and flower plants. They won't be fooled—they will just struggle against the odds and thus frustrate the owner of the ground.

The most standard soil for most growing plants is a sandy loam. It is comprised of very fine clay, coarser hard particles such as sand and humus which is decayed vegetative material.

The combination of these three things so that the particles are not much larger than kernels of corn (and graded down to finer sizes, constitutes an almost perfect growing medium.

You should know that there are more living organisms in a thin-bled of good sandy loam than there are people in the world. You should know also that these organisms cannot exist without water and air so that they can break down humus and other organic materials to provide plant food. You should know that plant life

There are garden activities to suit everybody, says Harlowe O. Whittemore, professor of landscape architecture at The University of Michigan.

"Let's suppose we're advising a vigorous busy man who has a fairly large piece of ground, say five to ten acres, of rather poor soil. If this man has proper frost drainage he could raise fruit trees and experiment with grafting them. He could raise flowering trees, cherries and magnolias. Or he could have a small woodland area and enjoy the birds and animals living in it.

For the man who has more interest in flowers and less space to work in—say a half acre of

cannot decently exist without the help of these soil bacteria.

In your next battle with nature get busy and give nature a chance to work for you. She will do her best even if you are lazy and penurious but you won't like the results. Give her a bit of help by conditioning the soil and with the proper additions from time to time of water, food aeration, etc., you can be the proud owner of a lawn and garden worthy of the name—and of your efforts.

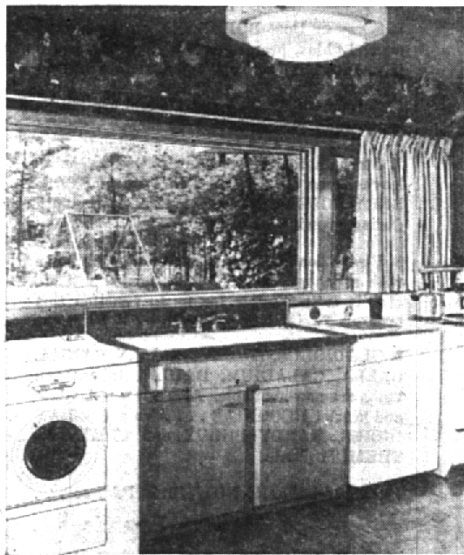
fairly good soil—the answer might be flowering shrubs and hedges. Shrubs do not require rich soil and they do not need excessive attention. Once started, pruning would be the only problem.

A FAMILY with several children but not much money may have back yard space with quite good soil. For them Professor Whittemore suggests a small home vegetable garden. An area of 30 by 40 feet is usually satisfactory for the average family. They could harvest more than \$100 worth of vegetables from an investment of \$5 in seed.

The landscape architect advises perennial gardening to express artistic temperament. In working a garden of this sort the foresight of an artist in visualizing colors and composition is absolutely necessary.

Rock gardening is the solution for the man who has a well-drained sloping site of gravelly soil, artistic sense, and needs exercise. He would have activities such as thinning and transplanting and could take much pride in the finished results.

THEN THERE'S the widow left.



COME SPRING, and the children want to be outdoors again, there's always the problem of watching them at play. Here, the problem is solved for the mother of the house by a big view window right behind the most used working areas of her kitchen. Thermopane insulating glass in the window is a sound barrier, and in winter affords protection against condensation and draft.

with a number of small children and little time or money to spare. With shady grounds and rich soil she and the children could turn to wild flower gardening. The flowers used may be purchased very inexpensively from a farmer. The aim should be toward continuity of bloom.

Or take the case of apartment dwellers in the big city. Why not roof gardening? The planting is done in decorative concrete or cypress wood boxes containing about 17 inches of soil, which must be fertilized well and often. Bulbs of all kinds are fine in the spring; then, later, pansies and geraniums, with chrysanthemums furnishing color in the fall.

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