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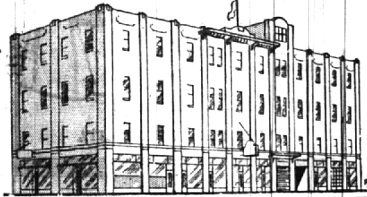
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Time to Review Your Garden's Design

This is the time of year to review the design of your garden. It may need modernizing and refurbishing like your living room. The test of a good design is, with regular lawn cutting, can you be gone for three weeks and the total effect upon your return will look well groomed?

The quickest way to achieve a design which is strong enough to carry along perennials and annuals is to have evergreens in the important locations, namely at entrances to different areas and at the end of long flower beds as well as scattered judiciously within long perennial borders.

THE OTHER DAY, I visited with Mrs. John J. Zimmerman of 2275 Fairway, in her garden. Here we have a fine horticulturist who enjoys the science of developing good plant stock.

Within two years she had developed coteaster divaricata from seeds gathered from her plants so that she had healthy shrubs over three feet high. She also gathered berries from the Oregon Holly and has a regular nursery of healthy foot high seedlings.

It is a pleasure to know such an interested plant woman who is eager to share her knowledge and plants with interested gardeners. Recently, I was in New York City and the guest of a college president who enjoyed his home surroundings in the well known type of brownstone dwelling. His courtyard garden in the canyon of buildings afforded his relaxation and a fine setting for hospitality.

UPON BEING ASKED for my opinion relative to plant selection I could visualize the use of ground cover in geometric patterns as being most effective, along with other ideas for espaliering plant material against walls.

The host insisted that he preferred green grass even though its existence is a constant struggle due to the overpowering shade. He had the problem conquered.

He said: "I know in advance when I am going to entertain so six days before a party I sow lots of seed and at the time of the party the surface is a mass of green." This trick has worked several times for him and I think he has a good idea. Annual rye can surely make a fast show while the policy Kentucky Blue takes its time for

permanent cover.

WHILE IN Montreal, I visited the Montreal Botanical gardens with the well qualified plantman, A. J. Verschling, who is on the staff.

For many years he has experimented with the idea of growing practically every known pot plant in sphagnum moss. He soaks moss in a solution of all purpose fertilizer and squeezes out the surplus water.

Then it is broken up and the plant is packed in a pot with this wet moss. The food in the moss is only renewed about once a year. Note this fact: no organic material is used in potting the plant but yet the plant scientist will show you thousands of plants looking better than I have ever seen the plants grow in soil mixture.



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Trouble with such trivia,—statistics generally—is they must be scrutinized as much for omission as content. A government spokesman might say something more persons are employed now than in 1953. He would neglect to say how many unemployed more are unemployed.

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RESTAURANTS



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Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

Form Rotary Club In Bloomfield Hills

BLOOMFIELD — Steps for organization of a Rotary club in Bloomfield Hills have been taken by 27 local business and professional men.

Meeting with the Rev. William H. Marbach in Kingsley Inn, the men voted to apply for a charter in Rotary International, which would add Bloomfield Hills to the list of more than 9,500 communities in 102 countries taking part in Rotary.

William G. Webb, George B. Hassett, Charles J. Van Horn, Harry M. Denyes, Dr. Dale R. Drew

Plans Retail Dairy

TROY — A B-1 (business) classification was authorized for property owned by Carl Mow on Livernois north of 15 Mile road, subject to dedication by Mow of seven feet to road right-of-way for future expansion. Mow plans a retail dairy.

and Henry A. Houston were elected directors of the new club which is sponsored by Pontiac Rotary club.

Rotary club of Bloomfield Hills will hold its regular weekly meetings in Kingsley Inn at noon on Wednesdays.



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