



Simple as 1-2-3

A 40 by 14-foot addition, including both a screened-in porch and a carport, was added to this home at little expense. Top is the rear view before the addition. Cement slab, always icy in winter, provided no storage facilities. Center, a powershop, set up in the carport section, made cutting the heavy framing easy. The screen-enclosed area is in the background. Bottom, the completed project, from the side of the house. Carport entrance is at extreme right. Here's the formula: 2 x 6 plates were bolted to cement-block footings, with 4 x 4 uprights placed on three-foot centers to support the roof. Roof joists used were 4 x 6, with 2 x 4's between them to provide greater rigidity and to tie in the one-half-inch plywood sheets used as the roof base. The plywood was covered with three layers of roll roofing material.

DOWN TO EARTH

Tour Shows Horticultural Ultimates

Garden tour time provided many treats for gardeners—including the ultimate in ornamental horticulture, the grounds of Hrand Hampikian, a professional designer, at 6947 West Outer drive.

Here the visitor saw every plant in its right place, each giving a perfect performance. Hampikian has just recently remodeled his garden, adding a garden house extending from one wall of his garage. It has plastic bubbles in the ceiling, assuring good light. The room could be used for teaching, family hospitality or as a library. Superior design.

AS FOR the plant material, you can always tell when you are in a garden Hampikian has designed, because he always uses liquidambar, or sweet gum trees. This is a tree of medium height, with leaves resembling maple. But

More Fun Outdoors

With hot summer days closing in, this is the time of year to take inventory of your yard's equipment. Do you have fences to act as windbreaks and screens for privacy? A patio deck for sunning, dining and just plain loafing? Garden furniture? How about a barbecue or outdoor fireplace? All these will increase your outdoor leisure time pleasure, and decks, fences, and picnic style furniture can be built inexpensively and easily of economical grades of Douglas fir or western red cedar lumber. There are many types of portable and permanent barbecues available, and in all price ranges.

Get Rid of Weeds

Chickweed, speedwell and veronica succumb to chemicals now that the soil is warmer. Though probably not as conspicuous as earlier in the spring, chickweed should be banished during this time when it is easiest to eliminate.

in fall the liquidambar's leaves turn color graciously—each leaf different through the whole range, from light yellow to dark red. They look like brightly trimmed Christmas trees.

HAMPIKIAN likes the "permanent wave" for his rose best, because it flowers constantly until the killing frost, and because the leaves have a ruffled effect. His terrace areas are accented with hydrangeas in pots, which he keeps in the greenhouse, in the rear garden, when they're not on show. These hydrangeas are cut down after flowering, and are always given an abundance of water.

Potter feeding is a part of the constant program of good growing this master grower practices.

I LIKED the walls he had constructed of cinder block. Hampikian says a cement foundation is not necessary if you plan a wall

with two blocks beneath the ground. His were three cinder blocks high with another block placed flat on top to hide the holes in the blocks. No cement was used and, though his blocks had been in place for many years, they had not been affected by winter weather.

You could adapt these same principles to make an enclosed compost heap or place to burn your papers by placing your walls in the shape of a "U." It could perhaps, be painted the color of grass and have planting along the outer wall.

HAMPIKIAN had expatriated fruit trees planted along a driveway with stunning effect. They took only two feet of width.

I like the appearance of eucalyptus climbing up a tree to provide an evergreen accent.

Hampikian's tool house, just completed, would make any man proud.

Hampikian welcomes garden visitors if they ring his doorbell and introduce themselves.

The tour also took guests, the F. C. Hubels, 15022 Arstein.

Their iris was outstanding—Face-maker, a red mahogany, copper medallion, rainbow room with gold and purple stripes, and magnificent mulberry rose.

Snakes Prefer Unmowed Lawns

The best way to keep snakes out of your yard is to keep the grass mowed and to remove everything that a snake can hide under. This is the advice given by Dr. Max Hensley, Michigan State university herpetologist, when he is asked every year, "what can I do about all those snakes in my yard?"

Snakes often hibernate in groups because they like the same places—rock piles, old foundations and other spots where they will be protected from the frost, the MSU specialist pointed out.

"When the first warm days of spring come, snakes like to come out and sun themselves," Dr. Hensley said. "But they stay close to their winter home so they can return there at night when the temperature drops. As it becomes warmer they go their separate ways."

Not So Often

Many lawns are ruined by too frequent and too close mowing. Keep lawn grasses such as merion and Kentucky bluegrass and red fescue at a height of 1 1/2 to 2 inches in open, sunny areas. Keep red fescue and tough bluegrass grown in shade at 2 to 2 1/2 inches, suggest Michigan State university turf specialists.



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