

## APRIL AIMS

1. To obtain the most beauty and enjoyment from our yards and gardens with the least work and expense.
2. To pay attention to what you are about to read in this and subsequent scribbles.
3. To try to do your jobs to the best of your ability, at the proper time and with the highest quality materials and equipment.

Note:—We spend a great deal of time with our County Agricultural Agents, lectures, study groups, reports from Cornell, Purdue, Michigan State and Mid-West Turf Conference in order to know the newest techniques and materials and to eliminate from your grasp the junk and gimmicks which threaten to swamp the average (?) home owner. HERE IT COMES!

4. To obtain a fine dense, green, weed-free turf.
  - (a) Grass in this area requires 6 lbs. of Nitrogen per year on each 1000 sq. ft. This is obtained by spreading 2 lbs of a fertilizer containing 10% nitrogen on each 100 sq. ft. 3 times a year. We suggest AGRICO'S, STADLER'S or WOODRUFFE 10-6-4 fertilizer. (AGRICO is the least costly).
  - (b) CRABGRASS can well-nigh be eliminated by covering the affected lawn areas with CHLORDANE OR PAX. This should be done before crabgrass seeds germinate which will be some time in MAY. Don't ask us when—we have nothing to do with it.
- One more point—if you have already fertilized your lawn you CANNOT USE PAX.
- (c) BROAD-LEAVED WEEDS are best controlled by spraying with DuPont's Lawn Weed Killer or Ortho's WEED-B-GON about the 15th of May and again on the 15th of September. Spray the entire affected area with a bit of pressure. For large areas there is a superb power sprayer with "weed-boom" and 60 lbs. pressure. For smaller areas either a Hayes Hose Sprayer or a TANK-TYPE pressure sprayer is adequate and good.
5. To spread fertilizers and other dry materials with both accuracy and ease you must acquire a LAWN BEAUTY SPREADER. They cost a bit more than other spreaders because they are more than a "bit" more accurate, easier to operate and more important the regulating plate can be removed by a twist of the wrist, cleaned, oiled and thus will last for many years instead of 2 or 3. Probably the least expensive spreader, and the best, that is on the market today.

Note:—While we loan these spreaders to our fertilizer buyers we have LOST one. If you have it please call us. If you know who has one, it wouldn't be squealing to tell us. (we know this won't work).

6. To get your flowers into the most healthy, productive and colorful condition.
  - (a) see that the soil is loose, friable and well nourished. The materials used to accomplish these conditions are PEAT MOSS, SAND, CLAY FERTILIZERS and ELBOW GREASE (in spite of the capital letters for E.G. we don't sell it).
  - (b) Have your soil tested.
  - (c) Incorporate into it the necessary ingredients
  - (c) Established gardens will benefit from an application of DRICONUE (3-2-1) SUPER-PHOSPHATE (0-20-0) unless you applied bone meal last fall.
7. For decorum, effect, display, form, fun, enjoyment, etc., there are available:—
  - (a) Exquisite DELFT containers for flowers.
  - (b) Terra Cotta containers for the patio or terrace.
  - (c) Barbecue grills and all the accessories for lovely evenings with friends.
  - (d) Wall brackets for indoor, porch, patio or what-have-you to hold pots of geraniums, ivy, etc.
  - (e) Statuary and fountains for the people who love the sound of tinkling water and the grace of fine modeled figures.
  - (f) Rose bushes in several forms—tea roses, climbers, miniature rose bushes 8 inches high, miniature tee roses.
  - (g) Spring planting bulbs, tubers, etc.—Dahlia, Gladiola, Tuberose, Canna, Calla, Begonia, Gloxinia, Caladium, and maybe two or three we have forgotten.
  - (h) Asparagus roots—this item will reduce your vegetable costs, especially if you have children or improvident neighbors.
8. We are very tired now—so Goodnight.

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## OUTDOOR LIVING



### Easy to Relax In

An attractive yard is one of the nicest places for the family to gather for a picnic or just to relax. An attractive yard or garden, however, just doesn't appear as if by magic. Families work long hours to get that garden "just right."

## Men Join Legions of Gardeners

Here's news for you, men! This Spring there will be more of you than ever before growing annual flowers and vegetables in your back yards.

It's impossible to compile statistics, but the National Garden Bureau notes that more are buying more and more garden seed and also that more garden clubs for men only are swinging into operation across the nation. The reasons: greater leisure time in the masculine week and the need for finding creative activity outside of office and factory.

Men, of course, have always been concerned with gardening, but their concern in former years was as farmers, horticulturists, or professional gardeners. Gardening as a hobby rather than as a business or profession was left to the girls, which gave rise to the stereotype of the ladies' garden club.

Feminine domination of gardening as a hobby was long and strong. In fact, the point at which women took over the garden is lost in pre-history. Probably gardening was women's work when the first flower was domesticated, since man was busy hunting and fishing. Archeologists tell us there are still places on earth where a man can be summarily executed for touching a spade.

In the past few years, however, the masculine gender has won for itself the right to putter in the garden.

There are all sorts of reasons why men take up gardening as a hobby. An Eastern university professor finds his garden helps to sweep his brain clear of cobwebs; a midwestern accountant, a victim of arthritis, uses gardening as physical therapy; and a West coast steelworker born on a farm, enjoys his garden as a link with his cherished boyhood.

You're apt to find types such as these in any male garden club, seriously discussing techniques of gardening—having a good laugh with humorous Green Thumb Awards—and enjoying a fellowship which breaks down the clouds of social position and income bracket.

## Rose Fence Gives Garden 'New' Look

If you like a fashionable touch to your home property add an everblooming rose fence. Everblooming roses have two heavy blooming periods, one in spring or early summer and the other in the fall, usually with many flowers and lavish color in between these seasons. The modern rose blooms for an extraordinarily long period every year, longer than almost any other flower that can be named.

The rose fence can be particularly attractive and fashionable and it requires only a moderate amount of care. One can have red, orange, white, pink, yellow, lavender and other shades. Roses of different colors may be mixed, or the fence may be solid with one color.

In planting your rose fence, select your varieties wisely. Climbing red roses along a white fence can afford a brilliant contrast. Other colors may also be used. Climbing roses may be preferable where they have support, such as a masonry wall or wood or wire fence. Thick-growing rose plants such as Rosa Multiflora are not suitable as a rose fence for small home places.

Floribunda and grandiflora roses will grow into a living fence of striking color without support. Plant them close together, about two feet apart, using approximately 50 plants for a hundred foot fence. Your nurseryman can recommend varieties to grow to any desired height.

A fence of roses growing on a trellis can form a lovely background for the family swimming pool, at the same time giving privacy. The rose blooms are reflected in the water of the pool, making it even more inviting.

**Plan Your Garden First**

Experienced gardeners often find it helpful to draw up a rough plan before they turn a spadeful of earth.

To make a rough plan, draw several sketches of your grounds on 8 1/2-inch cross-lined paper. Be sure to mark areas of sun and shade, soil conditions and other factors which will influence your garden. Consider characteristics, such as height, color, time of bloom of the flowers you wish to sow.

## DOWN TO EARTH

# Bahama's Gardens Offer Rare Treat

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Your writer has just enjoyed three weeks of Florida sunshine, plus the extra bonus of coming up the eastern seaboard and seeing beautiful gardens. These reports will be coming to you early next winter as you make your plans for your southern vacation.

One highlight of the calendar was the twenty-five minute flight out of Palm Beach for the Grand Bahama island in the Bahamas. Grand Bahama was discovered by Columbus and it is 83 miles long.

The Grand Bahamas have an interesting history intertwined with the adventures of pirates around 1717. It was captured briefly by the Americans during the Revolution.

At ONE TIME, Spain held the island. Slavery was abolished in 1828, long before our Civil War. The Confederates used it for blockade runners during the American Civil War. Runners were very busy at this location during the prohibition, and now, in 1959, the visitors discover a historical, restful retreat, steeped in history.

Most of the rooms have screened-in porches which allows a casual tempo for reading and relaxing. The club, which is the center of guest accommodations, has one of the most beautiful, immense, irregularly-shaped swimming pools I have ever seen.

Fishing for huge fish seems to be an untapped recreation. Cayman seemed to be a natural musical rhythm in this land of interesting Bahamians.

The well kept flower gardens and the abundance of tropical flora naturally had my prime interest. At Pinehurst, North Carolina, where many of our local golf enthusiasts are, was the location of the Clarence Gardens. It is one of the finest southern gardens I have ever seen and to be there at a time when it was perfect scheduling.

HERE WE HAVE a former Buffalo, Ala. businessman, Francis W. Howe, who bought a beautiful site for a home with acreage near the golf course and ended up creating this beautiful garden to share with others.

There is a large lake with a path around it with paths abounding with arabias, camellias, holly wood, magnolias and the largest

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## Gaslight Is Returning. Say Experts

With the trend to outdoor living and entertaining, families across the nation are rediscovering the elegance and charm of gaslight. If you plan to build a patio, terrace, or swimming pool, you'll love the "old-fashioned" aura of gaslight with its new found glamour. Today, gaslight is rapidly being adopted as part and parcel of gracious, modern living.

The comeback of gaslight, while sudden, is by no means surprising. Its soft radiance, which resembles moonlight out of doors, has a beauty and distinction all its own, lending a touch of mellow beauty to your premises.

There is a style of gaslight for every type home—from low-slung modern to old Colonial. Installation is simple and economical. Sales of gaslamps are expected to exceed 200,000 units this year, with some six manufacturers now offering a variety of styles. One unit has an electronic eye which turns the gaslight on at sundown, and turns it off at daybreak.

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