Ranch Home Humor

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Mrs. William Braley inspects a myrtle plant on her hillside garden at the rear of her home at 19300 Riverside. The Braleys were recently honored by the Michigan Horticultural Society for an "unusual garden developed under challenging topographical conditions."

Garden Developed Under "Challenging Conditions"

For another week we visit a garden where the husband and wife team enjoy developing a scenic garden which possesses a "spiritual climate" beyond the gathering together of plants to form a pattern.

The William Braleys of 19300 Riverside drive are our hosts this week. You have visited their garden with me in other years.

They are on the list of the Michigan Horticultural Society as outstanding gardeners in this area. They were cited for "unusual garden developed under challenging topographical conditions."

"Their rear garden extends 580 feet to the Rouge river. There is a steep hill from the lower lounge level and this hillside has been handled with a thick matting of myrtle, Mrs. Braley said:" We like myrtle better for a ground cover because we do not have so much winter damage as we do when we use ivy."

My next question was: "How about the autumn leaf coverage you must have due to your location amid many trees?"

"We just give it a good combing with a bamboo rake in the spring and it comes through the winter in fine shape."

ACCORDING TO the elevation of their home at the street level their dining room is two stories above the one acre of beautiful garden. Needless to say they have a small table at the window for the eating of all meals with many bird houses and feeding stations to provide lively interest.

The building of this garden by Dr. and Mrs. Braley has been described before.

Mrs. Burlingame

Outstanding plants have been placed in specific locations for their own performance in their garden symphony. For instance dark red coleus has become a favorite against the white walls of the structure where there is three-quarters shade and always a headache for the introduction of color interest.

At the base of one hill many clumps of ajuga had just been separated the day I visited, and placed in individual places about eight inches apart at the base of a hillside.

ANOTHER DETAIL to share was their interesting border for their perennial bed which extended for at least 75 feet. They planted primroses, I believe two primroses a measured distance apart, and then planted two white sweet alyssum a measured distance. The total effect was pleasing with the new fresh leaves of the primroses.

Dr. Braley specializes in the lawn care and reads extensively on its culture while Mrs. Braley has the flower beds as her responsibility. Here we have two of our outstanding senior citizens who have given unstintingly of themselves for others and today find so interesting as they align themselves with the creation of a garden extraordinary.

MANY OF OUR readers are rose fanciers and you will enjoy acquainting yourselves with the American Rose Annual 1959. It is a dividend with a membership in the American Society which can be secured at the national headquarters: American Rose society, 4048 Roselea place, Columbus. By the way you will want to see the beautiful rose park at this address when you travel through Columbus.

The reports of research in this annual are interesting. The research men are now setting up a fragrance standard for the industry; roses are either very fragrant, slightly fragrant, or not fragrant and they will be described that way in their development. Fragrance has become an important factor in the evaluation of a rose.

ROSE APPLES or hips are supposed to contain 400 per cent more vitamin C than oranges. During World War II they were gathered in England for supplying vitamins to the soldiers.

It takes approximately ten years to develop a new introduction in the rose kingdom to the market, plus $50,000. When I read this I always think of A. Norman from Surrey who developed the Frensham rose and how it was brought to this country for a great profit. As he toils among his roses in this picturesque countryside he envies us our patent rights to reward the introducers of new roses.

This hardback annual story of roses is a treat for all rose growers with its tips and illustrations.

Boot Training Ends

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Jon M. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Ross, 711 Bates, Birmingham, Mich., has graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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