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Isn't that an interesting title?

Well, let's see what is behind it.

Behind it is work, play and we hope, enjoyment.

1. There is still time to eliminate most of the CRABGRASS in your lawn before it appears by:—
   a) Spreading PAX (if you haven't fertilized shame on you if you haven't).
   b) Spraying 72% CHLORDANE on the infested areas if you have fertilized.

2. You should realize that the quality of your lawn depends on:—
   a) The amount of fertilizer you apply
   b) The frequency of application of fertilizer
   c) The mowing technique.
   d) The watering procedure.

NOTE: Good lawns are not developed by simply scattering vast quantities of seed. They are not made good by worrying them to death. They are made by giving proper attention to (a) (b) (c) and (d).

3. Potatoes should be planted NOW. There is no use to buy a whole potato and cut it up into bits with a brown or blue eye peeking out of each chunk. All we sell are the "eyes". And the EYES have it! Irish Cobblers and Pontiac Reds.

4. TORO POWER MOWERS are the most highly developed grass cutters in the business. There is a size and model to satisfy your most inept desire. There are even POWER HANDLES to activate:—
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   ETC.

They come with sulkies also and the area abounds with outstanding certified TORO SERVICE STATIONS.

Take a look you golfers and get in an extra 18 holes over the weekend.

5. The means of stimulating our exquisite garden motif are still at hand. A brand new shipment of lead, stone and cast stone statuary, bird baths and fountains is now available and also lovely terra-cotta planters and urus that have come from Italy.

6. Insecticides and fungicides—
   a) Too late to spray for SPRUCE GALL—Stare next year BEFORE MAY 1st.
   b) European Pine Shoot Moth should be sprayed by May 1st with MALATHION. Since you have missed you should start in June when they fly and spray with DDIDE (20% DDT).

7. We are sold out of roses.

8. Outdoor cooking is raising its fascinating head. No more delectable food is served than the fish, flesh and fowl that comes from the hands of the so-called master of the grill. On June 13th we will show him how to do it at our store. A truly accomplished expert will pave the way.

9. If you have a terrace or patio that needs an accent:—
   a) Look at our terra-cotta baskets, pots and urus.
   b) Also our redwood tubs, Plastic-Cell tubs, green tubs, white tubs, etc.
   c) Small lead stone and T.C. bird baths, fountains & planters.

10. As you approach June your second application of lawn fertilizer will be needed. The SPREADER you need is here. If you own it you can do it when you want to—not when you can borrow one. The spreaders we loaned this spring can be yours if you pay the list—less 5.00 (on the 30" jobs $7.50). Woe is us—how much do we lose on the deal.

11. A few lovely things to plant.
   BEGONIAS—½ retail price
   CHRYSANTHEMUMS
   LILY—GLADIOLUS—CALLA LILY
   CANNA LILY—PERUVIAN DAFFODIL
   TUBEROSE—CHIVES—DAHLIAS
   PEONY ROOTS—DANDELION—ETC.

12. Supports for peonies are available in 1 and 2 ring metal things and a fine 1 ring wooden stake job at half the cost (adjustable). Also bamboo stakes.
   Bamboo 3', 4', 5', 39c, 59c, 79c for 25
   Metal 16", 30", 42", 66", 78" for 10c, 20c, 25, 40c 60c each
   Adjustable 3 ft., 4 ft. and 5 ft. at 50c, 60c and 65c each

13. Let us remind you again of the GARDEVATOR. This is the finest tool we have seen for scarifying bare spots and small areas for the reception of a pinch of seed. A child can use it—and should!

14. Goodnight.

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New plant introductions to tempt you every year are part of the fun of gardening. Trying to find the mentioned plants is like exploring for a treasure and then watching them grow and try to perform like the enthusiastic catalogs advertise them is interesting, too.

Lobelia is the blue plant we often use with other small plants such as butterball marigolds and white sweet alysuum for the first low border of a garden.

This year we are enticed by Lobelia Rosamond which according to the hybridizers has a neon violet color. It sounds good and in groupings would also put life in a rock garden.

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VIOLA Toyland will give you the same color as pansies, but has been bred to flower right through the heat of the summer.

Professor H. O. Whittemore from Ann Arbor tells us that Penstenon will remain in prime condition after cutting longer than any other flower you might use for an arrangement.

Mrs. Burlingame

It is a perennial and will grow around 21 inches high and must have a well drained, sunny location.

It will flower in June until frost with florets formed on a stiff stalk. These cut flowers make a fine accent for any bouquet.

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THERE IS a new coral red heuchera or coral bell which makes a handsome border plant and I would place them twelve inches apart in a low border location.

Coral bells give you at least two months of pleasure and attract humming birds which are a joy to watch in their hovering flight.

Local flower arrangers are all planting achillea because of its fresh and dried beauty. Sometimes you hear this flower called yarrow. It will call for a sunny, well drained location. When I see its compact butter yellow head, it always reminds me of a portion of a head of cauliflower.

This week it was very gratifying to visit a therapeutic garden in Chicago for active tubercular children.

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PRIOR TO the development of this landscaped, large enclosed courtyard a year ago it had been a leveled cinder area for over forty years.

Now, with the modern treatment for tuberculosis, children from the age of toddlers through the high school age are placed in this courtyard for hours of reveling in a sunny garden amid evergreens, forty bright leaf and flowering shrubs, hundreds of bright tulips, and last year there were thousands of annuals.

Two redwood picnic tables, a large bricked terrace (built by the muscles of the medical director), many pieces of lawn furniture, plus a table with an umbrella, complete this picture.

The painted picture really "moves" when you see many children caring for all of the plants, and the diapered toddlers playing in the huge sandpile created by telephone poles with sand in the middle of the form.

This therapeutic garden has become the mecca for the children seeking recovery as well as the dedicated patient staff.

Courtyard Will Insure Home Privacy

Top architects of the nation have an interesting solution for the house which is being built on a lot having no interesting view. They suggest turning the house inward and creating your own, private view with an inner courtyard.

The principle, actually, is not new, for this, in essence, follows the pattern of residential building developed by the ancient Romans.

The exterior walls of the house will follow the property line on two or three sides of the lot, and a tall storage wall becomes the fourth wall.

The inner courtyard should be developed with care and with an eye for livability, for this area will fast become as lived-in as any other portion of the home.

Architects suggest using wood decks of 2x4 inch Douglas fir for the flooring of the inner courtyard, with areas left for planting and pools. Using decks, the courtyard can be terraced in levels for dramatic beauty. Some will be walkways connecting the various parts of the house; others will be sun decks and patio areas.

Although the lot may be small, architects point out that the inner courtyard will probably give more real use and beauty to the home than the ordinary back yard would.

House walls on the courtyard side should be mainly of glass to provide a view, and this use of glass also will help to enlarge interior spaces without exposing the family to view by neighbors, as is so often the case with a picture window.

Wide use of natural woods like Douglas fir and west coast hemlock for interior wall paneling, built-ins, and window wall millions helps relate the interior spaces with the courtyard to form a complete unit of home.

Brick Paving Offers Many Advantages

Brick paving is quite easy to install if you lay it on a sand base, but do it in easy stages.

The sand base will often cause an uneven surface after the winter thaw, you can easily correct this by resetting the heaved area. Brick on a concrete base will give a durable and level (though harder to install) surface.

You can buy bricks in a variety of warm colors that blend well with other garden colors. Their texture offers a contrast to smooth paving and architectural features as well as providing a fairly slip-proof surface (poor for dancing). However, some of the smoother type bricks and moss-covered surfaces are quite slippery in a damp location. The texture of the bricks greatly reduces glare.

Brick is perhaps the oldest artificial building material in use today. It is a fairly permanent material, somewhat like stone in its capacity to withstand fire and changing climatic conditions.

As a paving material for residential use, brick is one of the best that the do-it-yourself handyman can choose. The wide range of colors and paving patterns and the ease of installation, plus the fact that mistakes are easily corrected, makes it the favorite of even the most amateur weekend gardener.

Because bricks hold moisture, they are cool when wet. They absorb oil and grease readily and do not clean easily. The thawing and freezinz of a Michigan winter will cause some of the softer type bricks to crumble.

Weeds and grass grow easily in the joints between bricks—ideal if planned that way, but otherwise an upkeep problem.

Seeding or Sodding Which is Best for You

Timing is one of the important factors when considering the seeding of a new lawn area. The optium time for good seed germination is during the last two weeks of August.

The seed will then germinate and have the fall growing season to establish itself before the winter season.

The annual weeds that appear in the seed-bed area will, for the most part, be eliminated by the frosts experienced in the fall, and natural rainfall at this time will aid in giving the new grass plants a good start.

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TO START a lawn, the Michigan Association of Nurserymen has these suggestions: A clay base and a minimum of four inches of good topsoil will provide a lawn of good quality.

Seed can be started with less topsoil, but the longevity of your lawn is sacrificed. When seeding, buy the best quality seed available . . . stay away from bargains in seed as inferior types of grass and weed seed percentages might be high.

Study the analysis on the container before buying . . . the percentage of Kentucky Blue or Merion Blue should be high. (Better still, use the seed of the desired grass instead of the mixtures).

THE BIGGEST advantage of sodding is that it can be done any time when the ground is not frozen. The preparation for sodding should be the same as for seeding.

Although the initial cost for the sod job may be higher than the seeding job, the home owner is not taking a chance on the results. That is, if good sod is used on a proper foundation, the consumer can see what he is getting right from the beginning.

A hard rainfall can put all the seed (along with the effort of application) right down the gutter. Besides water erosion, high winds can be a problem; bird damage, many little feet of trespassers, poor timing in watering, weed infestation can all make one realize that the higher initial cost in sod is worthwhile.

In conclusion, the end result may be realized by either method with luck and proper care. The decision to make is whether or not is worthwhile to you to take a chance on seeding with a lower initial cost, or to go the extra cost of sodding and have a lawn almost immediately . . . one that you can see at time installation and a lawn that someone else has established for you to enjoy.

Fence Time

This is fence planning time. For best neighborhood relations, advice your neighbors about fence designs and they may even join in cost of fence construction. Offset board, basket weave, low ornamental are just a few designs in sturdy Douglas fir lumber.

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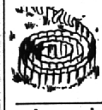

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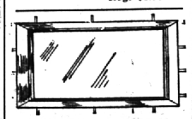

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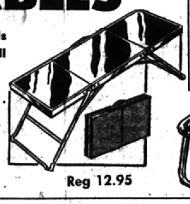

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