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Own your own home, urges a leading west coast lumber expert, who says it is the family's best hedge against inflation.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, says rents will go up, but mortgage payments remain constant once the home is bought.

Simpson pointed out that most roomy apartments today rent for at least \$125 a month, but an owner can buy a home built of high quality lumber at monthly payments of \$125.

As each month rolls by, says Simpson, the renter acquires only rent receipts, while the owner acquires an increasing equity in his home which is the same as cash.

In addition, Simpson warned, the renter is constantly threatened with increased rents, and rents will continue to rise as construction costs go up, but the homeowner knows his mortgage payments will remain the same until the home is paid for.

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Fast Growing Trees Wanted by Gardeners

By ALICE WESELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Fast growing trees are constantly being requested by gardeners for the climatic control of their homes. Many new-comers from Westchester village wish to place a generous supply of trees on their property to give the area a feeling of maturity.

Silver Maples have a potential height of around 100'. You will recognize this Maple because the underside of the leaf is silver. It is subject to some wind damage. It does like moist soil and is easily transplanted.

The PURPLE leaf plum with its branches which tend to angle upward and the pink flowers followed by leaves the color of a ripe olive are really a favorite with my score. Flowering crabs are always effective after the third year. They join the plum with age—expected height of 20 feet.

The flowering crab is the official tree of the Birmingham area so be sure and plant one so it can be appreciated from the street as a curbside raiser.

Mrs. Burlingame, the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association in Birmingham have sold thousands of trees for this purpose.

The Maritime Locust is about the best buy on the market for a shade tree and it has a good health record. It will grow to be around 40' high.

I LIKE to plant the fast growing Russian Olive about ten feet from a window where shade is needed and then trim the secondary branches so that the dark trunk

gives a Japanese profile as you look out the window.

Mrs. Herbert Dwyer who is an authority in the area on perennials has many tips to share with others.

If you have a damp area in your yard plant masses of blueberry bushes but be sure and allow a walking space for "the harvest."

It is achieved if you have one doing nothing color of flowers, supported by the effect of two harmonizing colors.

Mrs. Dwyer's favorite perennial is Thalictrum which you might know as Meadow-Rue. It may be grown in sun or shade and will have spikes around three feet high. For shade and damp soil Antible is recommended. Good rich soil will assure well shaped two foot spikes of flowers.

IF YOU HAVE phlox growing in your garden, remember they need lots of fertilizer during the flowering period, no overhead watering, and if you keep pinching out the mature flower heads you will have lateral branching.

The White Luster Rudbeckia is a variety of this flower which will give an amazing new beauty to this category of flower. The flower, like a glorified daisy with a peaked cone, is light white and then turns pink.

Thank you, Mrs. Dwyer for the tips you share with all of us.

Asphalt Can Be Used In Landscaping

Most people think of asphalt paving for roads and driveways. However, it has value as a landscape paving and should be considered along with the other paving materials.

Asphalt paving is used effectively in terrace, walk, and service area designs, as well as in driveways.

Asphalt paving has a smooth, dark surface that is most effective in small areas or broken up by wood dividers, brick or concrete.

The contrast with other paving materials, dividers, turf, plantings, and especially flowers, gives the garden a sharpness of line and combination of colors sometimes lacking in other garden paving. The more recent coloring or painting of asphalt surfaces opens the door even wider to its use in all areas of the garden.

The low cost of black-top or asphalt paving is one of its outstanding virtues. Brick, tile, concrete and flagstone cost more per square foot. For this reason, the homeowner can afford to pave larger areas with it for a given sum of money. It can be placed fairly quickly and used soon afterward for light traffic. (Concrete would come closer to the same cost if the owner did his own mixing and pouring, because asphalt is usually contracted.)

A good, stable base of gravel or stone is necessary because shifting due to frost or water action will cause "bird bath" sags and cracks. However, these are easily repaired. With a good firm base and an adequate topping of asphalt, the surface should be as durable as concrete.

In warm weather asphalt paving may soften and, unless it and the base are properly prepared as mentioned above, garden furniture may leave marks. Today, asphalt companies have perfected their product to the point that softening is not the problem it used to be. Asphalt paving becomes very hot in the sun and can burn or hurt bare feet. A hosing will quickly bring it back to a usable condition.

Low Upkeep

Housewives like wood paneling and built-ins around their home which have been finished with clear varnish or lacquer, not only because the warmth and beauty of wood is retained forever, but because upkeep means only an occasional wiping with a dry cloth.

How to Create Den

Many home planners have designed a cozy den in an unused bedroom, basement or attic corner or even a converted porch with amazing results. For a free plan on creating a comfortable den in an attic, write Masonite's Home Service Bureau, Suite 2037, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago 2, Ill., requesting plan No. AC-297.

Exciting Fences

Fences can be exciting conversation pieces and extremely useful when designed with care. By offsetting entire sections between posts, space is left for shelves where potted plants and pottery items can be displayed and changed at will. Western red cedar is a good fence lumber.

Combats Illness

Modern air-conditioners not only cool the air, but clean it as well. That is why many doctors are prescribing air-conditioning for the relief of hay fever, rose fever, air-borne pollen and allergies. It is also recommended for relief from heat for older folks and greater comfort for infants.

Painting Pointers

glass before painting the window. Paste lengths of masking tape along inside of the frame, then simply pull off later.

Easy and speedy painting can be done with a roller when large, flat surfaces are to be covered. Use a light, even stroke; do a portion at a time and finish up at edges for a smooth finish.

New Gold

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