

### Make Your Splash With a Plunge—A Step-down Bath

If you can't make a big splash with a swimming pool in your home, you can always make a little splash—with a sunken bath.

A step-down bath, or plunge gives an air of distinction to a

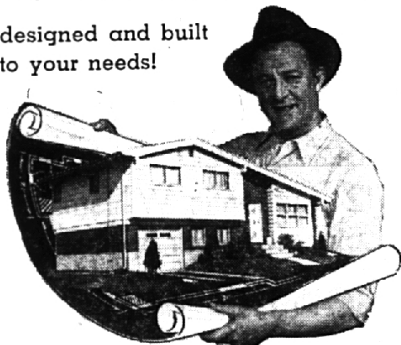
home, and contrary to popular belief, they say, this feature is not a luxury except in appearance.

TECHNICAL details of installation should be left to the supplier, but ideas for style, design and layout can be the individual's—provided they are workable.

The tile used for the plunge can be the same as that used for the bathroom, or it can be of contrasting color.

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# Beautiful Your Home Through Landscaping

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With the arrival of mild spring weather, the nation's home owners are taking to the backyards, puttering around the rose bush or spading the ground for a new flower bed, all under the critical eye of Mrs. Homeowner.

Every day home owners are subjected to a steady stream of ideas for landscape construction.

There are a thousand items for the beautification of the landscape, everything from masonry walls, wood screen, brick patios, huge trees, evergreen hedges and thousands of flowers.

ALTHOUGH THERE are a few handy individuals that can do their own work, most home owners ask "who is going to do all this?" Many turn to the landscaper, that sometimes mythical character out of a fairy tale. The fellow that will fix up the place without much trouble.

When you stop to think about it, nobody really knows what a landscaper is, but it won't take long for the new young neighborhood couple with several children to find out.

They are oftentimes shocked. Even "shocked" isn't the word; sometimes they are petrified and suffer a profound loss of speech.

ALL TOO OFTEN new home buyers do not know what they are buying. The ever growing popular tri-level and bi-level houses often do not have retaining walls built in connection with the structure.

Driveways, walks, steps and downspout drains are often nonexistent. Patios, screening, lawns

and plantings are left to the future.

Nobody knows the cost of all

these "incidental" things. "The landscaper will fix it" is all too often heard.

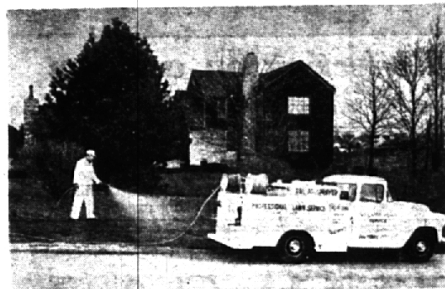
IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS the older, more experienced neighbors expect the newcomer to go down three times and come up gasping to the landscaper, "fix mine like the Jones'."

Drives are long, retaining walls are high, lawns are big, and the variety is tremendous, but not without the joys of its compensations.

The professional landscape man is a craftsman and his qualifications can be checked through his clientele. Land planning is his business and he should be one of the first persons consulted on a new project.

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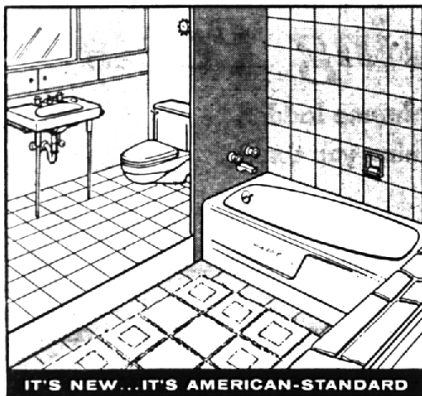


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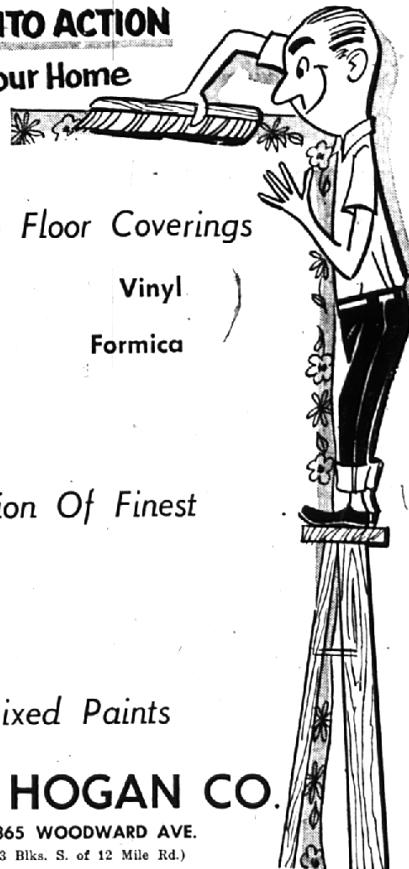
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