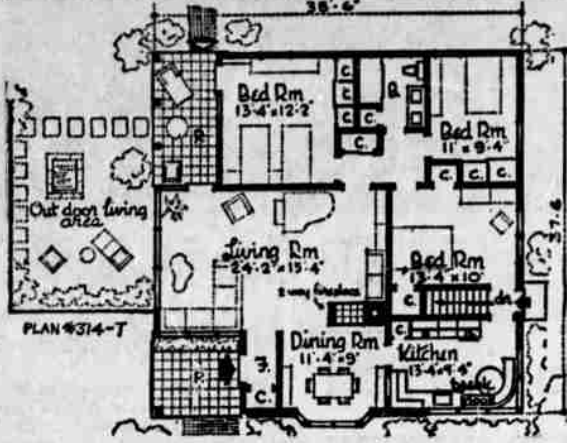


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Clever Designing packs this small house with luxury features. A two-way fireplace is open to both living room and dining room. A covered garden porch opens from both living room and master bedroom. A high fence screens an outdoor living area. Eleven closets, front and rear vestibules, children's rooms adjacent to the kitchen and double lavatories in the bathroom are among other outstanding details. This is Plan 314-T by Edward R. Tyler, 586 Macon Place, Uniondale, N.Y. The house covers 1,288 square feet and has a basement.

**Garden Notebook**

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Nothing in a garden or home planting attracts as much attention as does the flowering tree. We have touched on this subject at different times, but let us look at the various trees that are usable in this locality.

**Prunus Bleriana** (flowering plum) earliest to bloom. A small tree with fragrant pink double rosettes that appear before the leaves. This tree, when bare of leaves in winter has an exotic appearance. Leaves are a mahogany red.

**Prunus pissardi** (flowering plum) similar to the first mentioned but with pale pink flowers.

**Bechtel's Crab** (Ioensis Plena)—One of the most popular crabs locally. It is a round headed tree with large pale double pink blossoms with a delicate fragrance.

**Kalido Crab**. An upright tree of pyramidal form that matures at a height of 8-10 feet. Buds are rose pink and open to a clear pink, quite fragrant.

**Floribunda Crab**. This is the most floriferous of trees. Carmine buds open a rosy pink and fade to white. Blooms completely cover the tree. Has yellow crabapples in fall that stay on all winter. The fruit is about the size of a cherry.

**Niedzwetzkyana** (or Redvein Crab) is a large upright tree to 15 to 20 feet. It has large single, reddish flowers followed by good sized reddish purple crabapples. The apples make good jelly and are excellent spiced or pickled. Very prolific.

**Teacrab** (Hupehensis). Grows to 20 feet, has long stiff branches with short flowers producing spurs. It can be easily espaliered. It is desired. Has large, single flowers, foliage is purplish as is the fruit.

These are only a few of the flowering crabapple varieties. Much work has been done in hybridizing in recent years particularly by Arle denBoer, of Des Moines. Most crabs are small hardy trees giving a great profusion of bloom in spring and blend well into any landscape planting.

**The Flowering Cherries**. The fame of the Washington, D. C. cherries has created great popularity for this field. Here are some of the good ones.

**Prunus Subhirtella**. One of the first to bloom, low branched, spreading. Grows to 25 feet and has light pink to white flowers hiding the branches before the leaves appear.

**Autumnalis** (Rosebud Cherry) This is a variation of the above and gives a repeat performance in the autumn and is, thus, very valuable.

**Rosebud Cherry Pendula**. This is the popular weeping cherry that gives a delicate, lacy, fountain-like effect in early spring.

**Yoshino Cherry** (Yedoensis). Clean and fast-growing to 40 feet. Has a profusion of single pink flowers.

**Siebold Cherry** (Prunus Sieboldii). Slow growth makes it a good lawn specimen. Symmetrical, large pendulous clusters of pale pink flowers.

**Kanzan Cherry**. Stiff, erect branches covered with large, double pink blooms, completely hiding the limbs.

**White Pearl** (Prunus Avium Plena). A white form of the above.

**The Magnolias and Dogwoods**. We have already discussed magnolias to some extent in these columns as we also have the dogwoods, both of which have a definite place in the garden as background planting or as lawn specimens.

**The Hawthorns** (Craetagus). This controls fungus diseases that might attack carnations.

These are thorny trees for large plantings or parks, often used as street trees, too.

**Paul's Scarlet** is one of the showiest hawthorns when in bloom. Clusters of small, stiff rosettes in a rosy red.

**The Washington Thorn** is a native species good for garden planting. It has white flowers in late spring. Grows to 30 feet.

**The Redbud Tree**—(Cercis Canadensis). Gives early spring color of purplish pink pea-like flowers in clusters along the stems. This tree is better known in the Middle West and California than in our Pacific Northwest but it could well be grown here.

**The Golden Chain Tree** (Laburnum Anagyroides) is a good little garden tree. Has long, pendulous clusters of bright yellow pea-like flowers in May that trail gracefully.

**The Silk Tree**—(Albizia Julibrissin) is resplendent with fluffy, pink, tassel-like flowers with finely divided, feathery leaves. A grand specimen of this tree is the one on the post office grounds on the State street side just east of the driveway.

A few years ago there was some controversy as to the identification of this particular tree, but since that time a number of authorities on the subject have seen and identified it as Albizia Julibrissin or Silk tree.

**Japanese Snowball** (Styrax Japonica) is a tree not seen locally, as far as we know! It grows from 15 to 30 feet and has white flowers hanging all along the branches in June.

**The Sorrel Tree** (Oxydendron Arboreum) has white flowers in flat drooping panicles. The leaves turn scarlet in fall. Ultimate height is 40 feet, but is a slow grower.

**The Franklinia or Gordonia** was discovered wild in Georgia in 1790 but has never been found growing wild since. In favorable conditions it may reach 30 feet. It has cup-shaped white flowers with gold centers. The leaves turn crimson before falling.

**The Tulip Tree** (Liriodendron Tulipifera) is a large tree often used in street plantings. It is quite often classed as a shade tree, rather than a flowering tree, yet, its flowers, green and yellow tulip shaped blossoms, are spectacular. In common usage the magnolia is often mistakenly referred to as the tulip tree. This true Tulip Tree is another of the south's most used trees, often reaching a height of 80 feet or more. The blooms do not appear on young trees. The writer has one that is 10 years old that has not yet bloomed! Its foliage is interesting in form, clean looking and a good even green. It turns brilliant yellow to red in the fall and the tree, itself, is upright, pyramidal in shape and affords good shade.

The leaf formations are interesting to watch develop through the seasons.

**Empress Tree** (Paulownia) is another tree often used in the south but neglected here. It is related to the Catalpa and has large heart-shaped leaves. The fragrant flowers are bluish-purple in color in upright clusters before the leaves appear. When in bloom, it will perfume the whole garden. It appears to lose its leaves all at one time. It makes a good lawn specimen or shade tree and will reach a height of 50 feet under ideal conditions.

**The Catalpa** is a fast growing tree to 40 feet with large, light green heart shaped leaves. The flowers are white with purple dots and yellow dots within. Blooms May to June.

This is only a partial list of the flowering trees that we can

grow here. So, now, if you want to add color and shade to your garden, plant some flowering trees. They will give long lasting beauty, require little care and—what more can one ask?

**Did You Know?**

That the Douglas Fir is not an Oregon exclusive but extends well into Northern California?

That, likewise, the Redwoods extend from California well into Southwest Oregon?

In the Western ranges of Oregon and Washington are found pines and Western larch?

Spruce is usually found on low and moist ground?

The juppers of Central Oregon are hardy, long-lived and diverse of form?

That you can plant Agapanthus (Lily of the Nile) in the Spring?

Blueberry Elder may grow as much as 12 feet in one year?

Dusty Zenobia, a 6 foot shrub, is noted for its excellent grayish foliage throughout the year and is related to the blueberry?

The rose is probably the oldest of the cultivated flowers, known as early as 1000 B.C.?

That the hybrid tea rose came into existence in 1867?

The edges of paths or walks should be even to facilitate trimming?

Oil DDT sprays for control of fleas and flies are not always safe for garden use? Use a horticultural DDT spray specifically designed for that purpose. Read the label on the can or bottle before using.

The statement that Western gardens can be planted any time of the year is a myth?

If you lot is narrow you should plant low growing shrubs and flowers along the foundation?

A tender shrub, tree or vine can be protected from killing frost by protecting only the roots and the lower part of the trunk?

The latest average date for killing frosts in this area is April 15.

These new "soil conditions" change the texture of the soil only, and do not add to the fertility?

That lukewarm water for mixing sprays will give far better results?

Money does not grow on trees but limbs have a way of attracting it?

You should prune nothing but dead wood from Spring blooming trees, shrubs and vines?

**ON THE HOUSE**

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER, AP Real Estate Editor

The home owner, who is now planning to build a new garage, porch, dormers in the attic, or to make any other major alterations to his house, is not going to feel lonesome in tackling the project. More than a billion dollars was spent this year on this kind of work—additions and alterations to non-farm dwellings.

Next year this amount, plus another \$50 million, will be spent on the same kind of work.

This is based on a joint forecast by the Departments of Labor and Commerce in Washington. Their estimates make no allowances for repairs and minor improvements—such as painting, putting on a new roof, finishing basement floors, buying screens or storm windows and the innumerable other items that lure the householder's dollars.

The forecast is based on experience with figure shown in work requiring building permits. For this reason the farmer is left out of the picture. He's a free man, needing no permit.

Anyone planning on buying a new house will probably find plenty to choose from. The building boom in general is expected to continue. More than a million new houses were built again this year—several years in a row now—and this in spite of restrictions on materials and mortgage loans. With restrictions now eased, equally as many new houses are in prospect for 1953, even though the housing shortage is supposed to be wiped out in most places.

Various new materials are coming into the market to make it easier to improve our houses.

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