

Help For the Man Who Wants to Build

Dutch Colonial in a Modern Version

Foundation for Landscaping Is Most Important

By The Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc.

For a great many years, the public interested in landscape architecture for small grounds has used the term "foundation planting," considering it probably the most important element of the planting about a small house. However, as essential as it is, the most important item in the landscaping of small house grounds seems to be not so much the foundation planting as the foundation for the planting. One cannot take a poor piece of ground and make a beautiful thing out of it any more than one can make a poorly massed house beautiful by adding decoration.

There are two elements in planting foundations—the first being the contour or shape of the ground, and the second the materials out of which this contour or shape is built. These two items are very little talked of, and yet they are the two most important elements in the proper landscaping of the small house lot.

A Common Mistake

The house that is slightly above the grade of the sidewalk generally has a comparatively flat lawn of lawn, which being simple in form, lends itself to effective decoration. A common mistake with a lot of this type is to bring the lawn flat down to the sidewalk with one step on the sidewalk edge, giving a short raised piece of terrace about six or eight inches high along the margin of the walk, more than possible to keep well maintained.

A house approximately one foot to 18 inches above the street should generally have an evenly sloped grade from the house to the street, thus providing a flat, simple lawn. If the grade of the lot is steeper, the contour of the lawn from the house to the street should work out with a reverse curve, coming flat from the house, then sloping down, then becoming flat again at the sidewalk line.

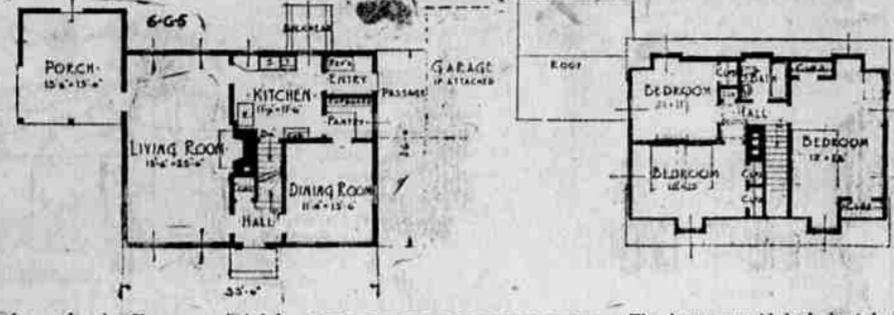
The common terrace of two, three or four feet in height with a slope of approximately two to one should be avoided. The terrace of this type under ordinary conditions is a cheap and unsatisfactory substitute for a retaining wall, and will always have this appearance.

When to Use a Retaining Wall

When the grade from the house to the street becomes so steep that it cannot be handled with a long slope, instead of giving it a steep slope, a retaining wall that will carry this edge to the sidewalk in much more natural and attractive. After determining the contour of the ground, it is then necessary to provide proper earth in which to grow plant material. The earth should be worked to a definite, smooth subgrade with existing rough material in the case of gravel or other poor fill, or at least four inches below the finished contour. Areas where plants are to be placed should then be excavated at least 18 inches to 24 inches below the finished contour, and in the case of trees, a good two to two and one-half feet. On this subgrade should be placed approximately four to five inches of clay, and the balance brought up to the final grade with good black or dark brown loam. If the normal subgrade is clay, it is not, of course, necessary to try the subgrade as low as in the case of a gravelly material. With clay, however, if it is very stiff, the necessity often arises of draining the planting bed with drain tile, in order to prevent the souring of the black soil, which is held in the pocket of clay. Copyright 1928, The Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc.



Design No. 6-G-5.



Attached Garage Adds Up-to-Date Note in Home

THERE is nearly an exact counterpart of this design, known as 5-G-1, with exterior and first floor plans very similar, but with only two bedrooms in the second story. 5-G-1 has a sloping roof; 6-G-5 has a gambrel roof, making it possible to include the extra bedroom.

The demand for a well designed, economically planned, six room Dutch Colonial house has resulted in the production of this design, 6-G-5. The prim and graceful exterior has much dignity. The partly enclosed porch is a new idea which is meeting with favor among home builders.

The floor plans show several noteworthy features. The well lighted living room with its three exposures has a recessed fireplace which takes nothing away from its width; the pantry may be a breakfast nook, if desired; the kitchen is conveniently arranged and has excellent ventilation.

The rooms of the second floor are unusually well arranged in



The house would look best built of shingles or clapboards left in the natural color or painted white. The small paneled windows with dark shutters give character to the house. The roof may be of variegated shingles or a solid dark color.

Here is a strictly modern small house with attached garage. This in itself is a clear-cut answer to the needs of the small home builder of today. The architects have brought it into the scheme of things skilfully employing the older forms of Colonial architecture.

Construction: Wood frame, exterior finish clapboards or shingles. Roof of shingles.

Facing: South or west. May be reversed for other facings or to take advantage of peculiarities of site.

Lot size: Approximately 60 feet with porch as shown. If the garage is added, additional frontage will be required. If the porch is omitted, a 40-foot lot will be the minimum.

Complete working plans may be obtained for this and other designs shown in this series. For further information see editor's note.

relation to each other, to the hall and to the bath. The gambrel roof gives more room and better ventilation; the six closets on this floor are ample for all needs.

What You May Want to Know About Building

Questions addressed to this paper will be answered by the Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Q—What is the best kind of flooring, tin, tar or best for the balcony of a porch?

A—We recommend metal for the floor of your balcony, preferably copper for durability and economy.

Q—Would you advise flue linings for a two flue chimney?

A—We would for this or any other kind of chimney, for the purpose of reducing the fire hazard and controlling the draft.

Q—We laid new oak floors in the basement. Now the flooring is badly warped. Please advise what caused this and how it can be remedied.

A—This flooring warped because it became damp after laying. Nothing can be done about it except to take it up, waterproof the concrete subfloor and lay waterproofed nailing strips over it, then relay the floor. As it is your floors will undoubtedly rot in a relatively short time.

Q—What can be done about squeaking floors? Ours are hard wood, resting on 2x12's. There is a sub floor and deadening between yet there are several points that squeak.

A—The trouble is probably due to inadequate nailing. Either insufficient nails were used or else nails were driven into sub floors and not into joists. Possibly the flooring strips were not driven closely enough together. The simplest correction is to face nail them. Get an experienced floor layer to inspect the job.

Q—Water backs into the basement through the plumbing whenever there is a heavy rain. During this time we cannot use the laundry tubs. What can be done about it?

A—Get your plumber to install a gate valve on the house sewer, which can be turned off when there is back water pressure. When this valve is closed it will be necessary to arrange other means of taking care of the house drainage. This may be done by means of a cess pool. Your plumber will advise you as to specific methods to be used.

Q—Our house is of brick and the construction. Inside plastering was done without furring. In sub-zero weather the house is very cold in spite of a red hot furnace. How much will I have to increase the radiation in order to get necessary results? How can a remedy best be arrived at?

A—There is nothing you can do about your cold walls excepting to furr them. Practically all outside walls of masonry in regions where there are cold winters should be furred. It will not be necessary for you to increase the radiation in your house. The thing to do now is to paint the walls with asphalt or tar, then apply furring strips and over this gypsum wall board. This will save the mess of re-plastering. There is no short cut.

Q—Please let me know if a gravel foundation is liable to be unstable.

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MRS. MACK PLANS TO VISIT LADIES OF EAGLE POINT

EAGLE POINT, Ore., May 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mabel Mack, county demonstration agent, will meet with the Civic Improvement club Thursday, May 2nd, at the clubroom over Brown's store. A large attendance is expected, and arrangements will be made for further meetings and the course of work will be outlined. Hostesses for the day are Mrs. Roy Ashpole, Mrs. C. E. Davies and Mrs. Otto Caster.

Among those trading in Medford Saturday were A. C. Kent, S. H. Harnish, John Foster, Mrs. Swazy and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Minter.

Rev. Morgan has not been very well lately but his many friends are hoping that the good weather will soon make him feel better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonham were shopping in Medford Saturday.

Ernest Dahack of the Oasis service station was among the pupils of Mrs. Priscilla Henness Melinger of Gold Hill playing over KM ED Friday evening.

Mrs. Lottie Vandenberg went to Medford Saturday and had the remainder of her beta extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hurl and daughter Josephine and Mrs. Glen Hurl were trading in Medford Saturday.

Mrs. Royal Brown is having the outside of the house painted. Mr. Knader is doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mittelstaedt were pleasant callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weidman Saturday afternoon.

Delegates of the Civic Improvement club attending the first district federation in Ashland Friday and Saturday were Mrs. W. H. Brown, president; Mrs. Otto Caster, Mrs. Earl Stener, Mrs. Royal Brown, Mrs. John Rader and Mrs. H. E. Campbell. They report the meetings very successful and educational and praise very highly the ladies of Ashland who so warmly welcomed the visitors and were so great in their hospitality.

There will be a dance at the Kincaid hall Saturday. The Kincaid orchestra will furnish the music.

A number of Eagle Point people and their friends went on a picnic to Fouts creek Sunday and although it rained they had a very enjoyable day. The day was made interesting by exploring around the dredge company's works. At noon a boun-

tiful picnic dinner was served in a cabin and every one reports a good time. They were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ashpole and son Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ashpole of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Bronby and daughter Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

Mrs. Mary L. Wood, of Central Point is spending a few days with Granddad Stowell. The ladies are old-time friends of long standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, minister of the Presbyterian church, were invited guests at the Sunnyside Sunday.

At the Presbyterian church, Sunday school at 10 a. m. There are classes for all ages and a choir of young voices. Preaching services, 11 a. m. Rev. Davidson, minister. Christian Endeavor society at 8 o'clock p. m., and all young people cordially invited. Cholly practice Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Royal Brown at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. E. A. Hildreth, Jr., of Butte Falls visited with Lola Hildreth in Eagle Point Saturday.

George Daly returned from his mines in California Wednesday.

Cordelia Shearer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips of the Meadow Brook ranch, was visiting with friends in town Monday evening.

Bert Peachey and son Llewellyn of Ashland were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Daly Sr. Wednesday.

Q. F. Fendall, who has been making his home at the Sunnyside hotel, has gone to his mines in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trowbridge of Medford were guests at the Sunnyside hotel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Helms have as their house guest Mrs. Ellener of Pasadena, Cal. Mrs. Ellener is the mother of Mrs. Helms and will be here for a prolonged stay. J. H. Austin, who drove the truck for them, returned to Pasadena Monday.

Mr. Helms, who got his arm severely hurt two weeks ago while moving, is still suffering from the effects.

Mrs. Hattie Hannaford is visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robertson of Plaza Gardens.

Marcus Miller of Portland, who has been spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. F. Davies, left for Medford Tuesday evening and will leave for his home in Portland Wednesday morning.

Wet Pool is having lumber for his daughter, Mrs. Joe Arnes of the Edsall orchard. They are having the dwelling house enlarged and other improvements made.

T. M. Caster was in town Tuesday morning trading at the Faber & Chergwin store.

ACREAGE DEMAND IN SAMS VALLEY SHOWN BY SALES

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., May 1.—(Special.)—Land seems to have taken a sudden boom in our district the past few days resulting in the sale of the Burford ranch, and 140 acres of the L. M. Fisher place. No sale price has been given out. The Burford place was bought by Mr. Weaver of Central Point who will take possession after harvest. The Fisher acreage was purchased by James Edmiston, who is associated with an eastern pear market concern in a good position to know the pear culture as well as to know that Sams Valley land is as well adapted to pears as any in the county.

Miss Bertha Freudenburg, who arrived from Portland last week to be in attendance at the funeral of her brother-in-law, Ed Moore, will spend a few days visiting relatives before returning to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer East are enjoying sight-seeing from a new Ford coupe these days.

The ladies' club met for the last meeting with Mrs. Dick Straus. After spending a social afternoon the ladies enjoyed ice cream, sandwiches and cake.

Mrs. J. A. Cook returned last week from attending the funeral

of her sister, Mrs. Etta Moore Haxter at Marysville, Calif. Mrs. Haxter died suddenly of hemorrhage of the stomach and left a little adopted daughter one year old.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron DeFord and children of Talent visited relatives here Sunday.

The deceased was known for her extreme fondness of children. Mrs. Haxter spent most of her early life on the home place here, but since her marriage has lived in Washington and California. Mrs. Cook who has not been very well herself has our sympathy in her sorrow.

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