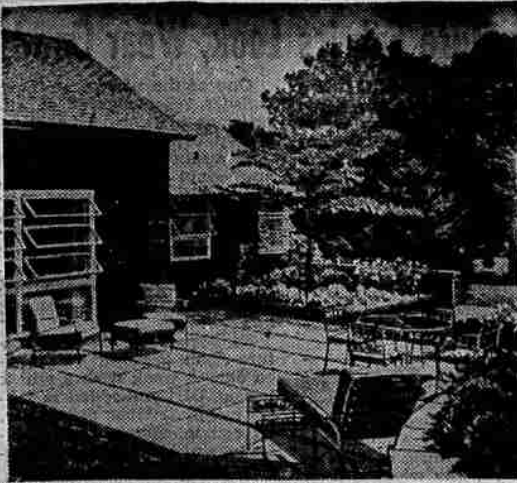




LANDSCAPING IMPORTANT—For a beautiful patio, landscaping is all-important. At least a small spot of shade is suggested by the American Association of Nurserymen. Depending on what use the patio is planned for, you may want to plant shrubs on one or more sides for privacy, flowers for color, evergreens for year-round greenery and perhaps a few potted plants.

Floribunda Said Prominent Rose

Whenever there is gardening talk, Floribundas are almost certain to figure prominently in the discussion.

And well they should, because this new and fascinating race of roses makes it possible to do with roses many things which were heretofore not possible. It has happened fast.

Almost overnight, these new cluster-flowered roses have become about as important as our standard garden roses of the past fifty years, the Hybrid Teas. Just consider that even the name "Floribunda" is less than ten years old.

The reasons for all this are

simple ones. First, few if any plants have the ability to bloom so freely over such a long period of time. Month after month during the entire spring, summer and fall, the plants are covered by big bursts of flower clusters which follow one another in rapid succession.

Secondly, Floribundas once planted are permanent. They are quite hardy and do not need a lot of special care outside of requiring a bit more water and fertilizer.

PACK EASY

Canned soft drinks are easy to pack, lighter to carry.

Five Principal Contributors Of Home Lawn Failure Listed

There are five principal causes for the failure of the home lawn regardless of where in the country the lawn is located. These causes in order of their importance are:

1. Poor and/or improper seed.
2. Lack of fertilizing.
3. Insufficient watering.
4. Improper mowing.
5. Lack of weed control.

The best type of a grass seed to shop for is one that is a mixture of grasses, an all-perennial mixture that will permit all the varieties contained in the package to grow year after year.

There are countless types and variations of grasses and mixtures. For example, in the South there are Bermuda, St. Augustine, Centipede, Carpet Bahia, Zoysia and many others.

Popular Types

In the northern portion of the United States some of the more popular types are the Bents, Blue-grasses, Fescues and others. Many of the mixtures available, whether in the North or South, contain dicandra which although it is not a true grass, substantially contributes to a successful and attractive ground cover.

The best approach is to discuss your seed requirements with a local established garden supply dealer or professional nurseryman. All seeds purchased from recognized brand manufacturers will list on the container all the varieties and types contained in the mixture. This eliminates any guesswork or misunderstanding before the seed is planted.

The proper and timely fertilization of the lawn is very important to its uniform growth and success. Periodic fertilizing with a good brand is recommended. Here again, sound professional advice from local dealers and nurserymen will provide the home gardener with the answer. There are fast acting high nitrogen content fertilizers, and those which act slower but produce long-lasting results.

More and more home gardeners are finding out that inadequate as well as excessive watering are extremes that represent a principal cause for the failure of the lawn.

The soil should not, at any time, be allowed to become completely dry. Bear in mind, however, that this does not mean it should be soaked or soggy all the time, for this will tend to breed fungi.

A soft, saturation watering each day during the seasonal dry spells is recommended. Actually, except in drought areas, one good saturation watering a week where the water can sink down at least six inches, will be adequate. And good water drainage is all a part of watering efficiency. You don't want too fast a runoff, nor a situation where the water collects in depressions.

Mowing Is Key

Mowing is the key to maintenance and continuance of a truly fine and attractive ground cover. In the South it is recommended that Bermuda and other mixtures be mowed to a 3/4 inch cut. Bent and Blue grasses should be cut at a height of one inch. Blue grass fescue mixtures prosper best when mowed at a height of 1 1/2 inches. For the broader bladed Blue grasses, or the so-called "playground" grass-

es, the cut should be about two inches.

Allowances will have to be made in those areas where summer scorching is a problem. Here the home gardener must avoid cutting the grass too frequently and too close.

A once a week mowing in summer months is generally sufficient. However, in the spring months, two mowings a week are usually necessary.

Weed Control

Weed control used to mean long hours on your knees with a knife and a basket digging out dandelions. Today, there is a wide variety of proven weed killers available for the control and elimination of almost every weed you are apt to find in your lawn.

Grass also is subjected to fungus, such as leaf spot. And there are damaging insects, the most common of which are grubs, chinch bugs, cut worms, skipper bugs and lawn moths. Pest and insect control, can be achieved by use of the special lawn sprays manufactured by various leading companies. Some of these sprays are combinations of fungicides and insecticides designed to arrest the infection and remove the insects source of food.

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