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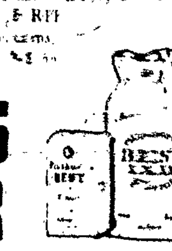

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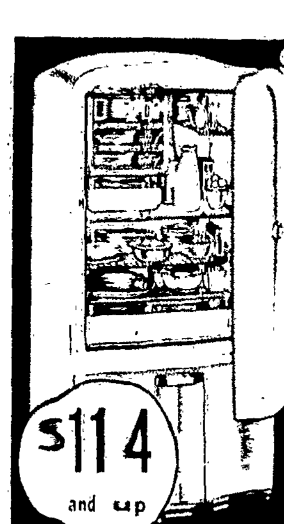

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Herbs Supply New Taste For Ordinary Dish

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[illegible] have decorated the past and [illegible] the [illegible] of cooking [illegible].

[illegible] It will take [illegible] your [illegible]. When I first discovered herbs I had [illegible] kinds on my shelf. [illegible] Nice As Gift

A [illegible] for a friend who does good cooking [illegible] six or twelve [illegible] boxed [illegible] would be a nice gift for an old-fashioned [illegible] or for a [illegible] couple or [illegible] who cooks [illegible].

Here are a few food hints for [illegible]

[illegible] main dishes with [illegible] herbs [illegible] guest is sure to [illegible] of the garnish to [illegible] to the pleasure of the meal.

Buttered [illegible] potatoes are [illegible] chopped [illegible] or parsley. To make cottage cheese or regular cheese [illegible] add sage. Omelets can be quickly varied with chopped chervil, chives, basil, parsley or thyme. [illegible] with minced [illegible] parsley, sage or chives, use them together or separately.

A Little Pep

For peppery flavors use savory, basil and the cresses.

Cook or sprinkle heavy or starchy vegetables with [illegible] marjoram, mint or savory.

Herb and soups should not be cooked too long. Put the soup herbs in a small cheesecloth bag and bring it in the stock during the last part of the simmering for not more than an hour. Herbs tend to become bitter if over-cooked and they lose many of their pleasant tasting oils.

Mint is excellent for certain beverages, for the traditional lamb sauce and is surprisingly good with fresh peas.

Used in Cake Too

Cake [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible] put sweet [illegible] and rose geranium leaves at the bottom of the pan, then pour the batter and bake away.

The [illegible] of herbs in home cooking may be endless [illegible] careful [illegible]. Don't make the mistake of [illegible] who put a sage [illegible] in the heart of a fine roast. The roast came out of the oven looking beautiful but with a strong overpowering garlic taste which made it impossible to eat. And don't make a soup stock [illegible] of bay leaves, the soup will be too strong and will have to be thrown out. Use all herbs sparingly and with restraint. Remember that the basic food flavors should predominate.

Landscaping Lends Final Touch To A Finished Home

As the styles change in clothing, our mode of living, etc. [illegible] stylized trends in landscape architecture change with the passage of time. These changes being due primarily to the development of new improved varieties, the gaining of more experience in other types of material and the general trend toward simplicity and ease of maintenance.

Practically everyone who gives the matter much thought will agree that the planting of evergreens for foundation work in this climate has been grossly overdone in the past decade with the result that evergreen foundation plantings have got down to the level of two or three major varieties with the result that many new tracts have a very monotonous appearance and are entirely lacking in individual design.

Ornamental or flowering shrubs have been greatly improved in recent years with the result that we now have thirty or forty varieties that are perfectly hardy in this climate. Some of the older varieties have produced new strains or species with a vast improvement [illegible] habit of growth and size and texture of flower.

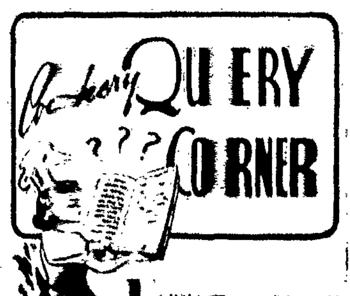
By the proper grouping bearing [illegible] color harmony period of bloom type of growth ultimate [illegible] very beautiful plant [illegible] flowering can now be made [illegible] that if proper advice and suggestions are obtained the home owner can completely transform an existing planting or with new [illegible] very attractive feasible [illegible] planting are available and these plantings can be [illegible] with very little physical effort and practically [illegible] over a long period of years for replacements.

There are however certain very fundamental principles that must be carefully observed such as planting at proper distances from building foundations to provide for the ultimate growth of the shrubs, selection of varieties for placement underneath windows that will not when they reach their maturity block out the light of the window. Careful consideration must also be given the exposures involved as while the shrubs will all grow and bloom no matter what exposure planted nevertheless if planted where they will not do their best, the results are bound to be disappointing as the shrubs will be tall and lanky and the blossoms poor in quality and lacking in number.

Proper pruning of flowering shrubs is very important but is a very simple operation once you have acquired the knowledge. In fact the proper pruning both as to time of season and how done will govern to a great extent the final beauty of the shrub when matured. However, this subject of pruning is not complicated and any home owner can easily acquire the ability after proper advice has been given.

There are many grades of shrubs offered to the public. The overgrown [illegible] heavy specimens should be avoided just as much as the poorly developed specimens. The most important feature of a new shrub is its root system and while [illegible] planted shrubs should bloom the first year after planting of top quality stock is purchased it is not well to force the blossoming or expect too much from it as the growth of the newly planted shrub for the first season in its new location should be stressed on establishing and expanding the root system and if this is followed, the results in subsequent seasons will be most satisfactory.

Our landscape consultant is always at your service to answer any questions you may have. Write to the CATHOLIC COURIER Landscape Service Consultant or phone Stone 1136.



Cookery QUERY CORNER

1 SHOULD A ROAST BE COVERED?

No the cover for a roasting pan can be put on the shelf with the [illegible]. A roast that is covered becomes a pot roast, for the enclosed steam makes most heat [illegible] possible only with dry heat, so we add no water and use no cover.

2 HOW DO YOU GET CRISP, BROWNED POTATOES?

3 THINGS: Pare an form medium potatoes and parboil ten minutes, drain place around roast and bake forty minutes or until soft. Turn often and baste with the meat drippings to brown. Delicious that way! They're called Franconia potatoes when you want to be fancy.

What To Do When Entertaining Friends

[illegible] from Page [illegible]

One [illegible] is [illegible] to serve each guest.

Service starts with the hostess or [illegible] and [illegible] the right [illegible] and [illegible] the honor guest [illegible] on the right of the hostess [illegible] are not often present [illegible].

[illegible] dining room and place cards are usually unnecessary [illegible].

Starting the Service

When guests are seated the [illegible] the first course on the [illegible] plates [illegible] sea food [illegible]. These [illegible] are the [illegible] course. And once [illegible] the best [illegible]. Plates are [illegible] serving [illegible].

[illegible] are [illegible] passed during the first course. When guests are [illegible] the maid removes the entire service [illegible] place with the left hand, replacing with heated dinner plate [illegible] right hand. She then passes the main course to [illegible] one [illegible] vegetables. Hot rolls are then passed and a plate holding pats of butter. A [illegible] such as rolls require [illegible] napkin to protect the [illegible] hand.

Salad and Dessert

After the main course is removed, empty salad plates are placed [illegible]. The [illegible] passes the salad to the guest following [illegible] dressing [illegible] on the salad plate.

The dessert service is [illegible] prepared in advance and placed on the buffet. For [illegible] a doily and finger bowl, one [illegible] full of water garnished [illegible] flower petals for each finger bowl.

On either side of the bowl are the dessert fork and spoon.

The maid removes all plates from the table and [illegible] she then places a dessert [illegible] in front of each guest. The guest removes the fork and spoon, one to each side of his plate and removes the finger bowl and doily to a point above the fork. Dessert is passed on a platter and each guest helps himself. Serving implements a spoon and fork are required on each platter of food that is passed.

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Architectural or engineering services performed in connection with [illegible] or improvements [illegible] undertaken under the Federal Housing Administration Modernization Credit Plan may be paid for from the proceeds of the loan insured by FHA.

Shade Tree Is Held Desirable

Builders of real homes will find it advisable to [illegible] aside a small sum of money for a sizable shade tree, landscaping officials of the FHA say.

It was suggested that the home owner go to a reputable nursery man and select a tree of a hardy [illegible] which will add permanent value to the property. The owner should avoid one that [illegible] is to be easily injured by the first wind or [illegible] roots will [illegible] the surface and injure lawns or [illegible] sewer lines. Some hardy trees are naturally low-branched or cast dense shade and should be placed where they will not interfere with lawns, driveways and walks.

House Front Gives First Impression

First impressions too often last. A [illegible] walks, unpainted and warped steps, or [illegible] may be a [illegible] but [illegible] as being run down and neglected.

Private lending institutions qualified by the Federal Housing Administration are [illegible] available under the FHA's Modernization Credit Plan for the repair of walks, steps and doorways.

Questions and Answers

Q. The [illegible] of our [illegible] How can it be renewed?

A. A shingle stain of the same color as that originally used may be applied over the shingles. The stain should be applied [illegible] even coat. The shingles should be thoroughly dry. Prepared shingle stains can be obtained at most paint dealers.

Q. I wish to change the color and texture of an existing stucco wall by applying a new stucco coat. The present stucco is in good condition. Should any treatment be given the wall before applying the new stucco?

A. Wet the existing stucco and then clean with a solution of one part muriatic acid and six parts water. The surface should be washed thoroughly to remove all traces of the acid and then allowed to dry. Moisten again prior to applying the new coat. If the existing stucco is smooth it will be necessary to apply two coats, dashing on the first coat to establish bond. Otherwise the new finish may be a single coat applied with a trowel.

Q. I have heard builders use the term "bearing wall." What does this mean?

A. Bearing walls are used to support the ends of floor joists and roof rafters. Nonbearing walls or partitions act merely as screens or separations between rooms or may be exterior walls which do not support floor or roof loads.

Q. What care should be given a furnace and boiler during the Summer months so as to have it in good condition for the coming Winter?

A. All soot and ash should be removed from the boiler and the interior sprayed with a mixture of three-fourths kerosene and one-fourth lubricating oil. It is also advisable to oil the hinges and edges of the furnace door and allow them to stand open while the furnace is not in operation.

Q. How can I remove paint stains and bits of plaster and cement from the bath tub in my new house?

A. Plaster and cement should be removed with water or a nonabrasive cleaning compound. Avoid using a chisel or sharp instrument. For the paint stains, apply turpentine vigorously. If this fails, use No. 000 sandpaper very lightly to avoid scratching the enamel and follow with another application of turpentine.

Bring Your Friends to the "School of Cookery"

Poor Design Lessens Security

Failure of design buildings of attractive architectural style is an evil which must be combatted to improve conditions of home ownership according to the Federal Housing Administration.

Other conditions which make for poor mortgage security are bad construction, poor workmanship, improper use of materials or use of inferior materials, and inefficient or objectionable room proportion and arrangement.

The minimum construction requirements and property standards of the Federal Housing Administration as well as the compliance inspections required for all dwellings financed with FHA-insured mortgages are safeguards now actively protecting the home buyer.

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