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You will be surprised how expert the men will be too "do their stuff" behind a kitchen apron. And no doubt they will demonstrate very forcibly that "too many cooks spoil the broth." But it will provide endless fun and if only in self-defense, the men will have to eat what they have cooked.

Another plan is to let each guest bring the ingredients for some particular dish and when they arrive, turn them loose in the kitchen. However, you might check on each guest before the party so that there will be no possibility of several guests bringing the same food.

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Mortgages Pass 5 Billion Dollar Mark

Applications for FHA insurance of small-home mortgages have now exceeded $5,000,000,000, Federal Housing Administrator Abner H. Ferguson announced.

Almost $100,000,000 of small-home mortgage insurance applications were received during February, Mr Ferguson said, and applications during the past week brought the cumulative total since the start of the program above the $5,000,000,000 level. The number of applications is approximately 1,140,000.

During February, applications for FHA insurance of new-home mortgages showed increases over both the preceding year and the preceding month, Mr. Ferguson said.

25 Per Cent. Increase

A total of 17,112 small-home mortgages aggregating $78,782,400 covering new homes to be constructed under FHA inspection were selected for appraisal during February. This represented an increase of 25 per cent in number and 23 per cent in amount over February, 1940 when 13,743 new-home mortgages totaling $63,847,295 were selected for appraisal.

The volume of new-home mortgage insurance applications selected last month was 16 per cent larger than the $67,654,550 applications selected in January.

Gains Reported

New-home construction started under FHA inspection last month showed a gain of 19 per cent over a year ago. The increase was 37 per cent in January over 1940.

The average weekly figure on new homes started under FHA inspection during February was 2,433, compared with 2,297 in January and 2,035 in February, 1940. These figures exclude new small homes financed by loans insured under Title I of the National Housing Act.

Property improvement and modernization loans insured under Title I also showed gains over last year. A total of 81,154 such loans in the amount of $30,866,710 were reported for insurance during February, compared with $22,300,679 in January and $18,361,676 in February 1940.

START LAWN WORK NOW

Early spring feeding and seeding gives best results. With the rigors of winter over, gardeners can utilize to good advantage the changing conditions brought about by alternate thawing and freezing of the ground in fertilizing the lawn and sowing seed now. Time is then conserved for other planting activities when the last frost has passed.

During winter, grass has gone into cold storage, may even have lost its pristine freshness and color but, if the sod was kept in good condition the previous year, it will have continued to live though any thin areas should be reseeded now.

Good Lawn Food and Seed

Feeding should be done prior to seeding a new lawn area or prior to reseeding patches in an established lawn. Preferably a commercially prepared lawn food should be applied at this time of year so that nature's changing temperatures will carry the fertilizer in available form down to the root zone in order that growth may be promptly stimulated.

Fertilizing the ground and then sowing the seed evenly on top of the last of winter's light snows, or even after that has passed, is fast becoming a favorite practice amongst gardeners, according to experts of the O. M. Scott & Sons Co., who have made a nation-wide check on seeding practices on both large estates and small properties. In the early spring the soil is honeycombed so that an ideal lodging place is found to be naturally prepared for the seed which is then worked into the ground as a result of alternate thawing and freezing far more effectively than could be done by raking.

Whether planning the new lawn or reseeding one already established, low, first-cost lawn seed should be avoided. They are apt to contain coarse, inferior grasses as well as a percentage of weed seeds.

Even Seeding

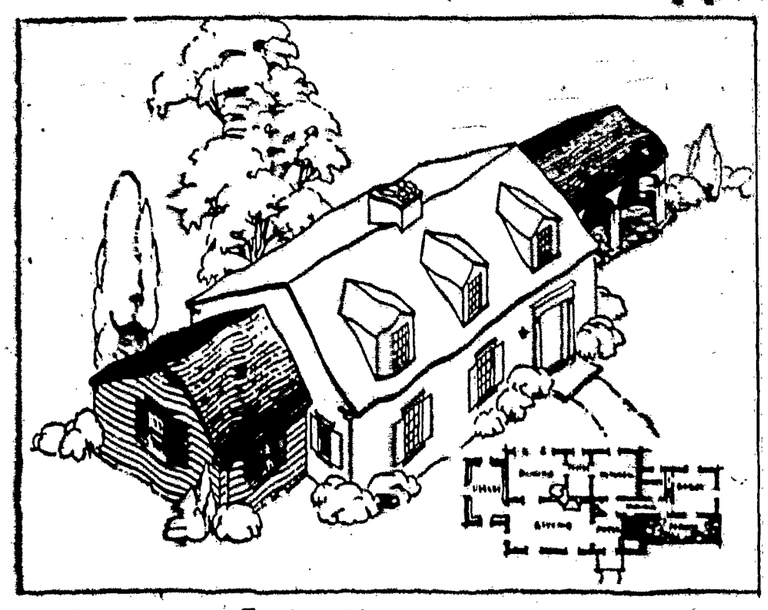
From four to six pounds of high quality seed per 1,000 square feet is adequate to produce a solid turf. Half the quantity should be sown lengthwise of the area and the remainder crosswise so that the most even distribution possible of the seed is obtained.

Responsible seed houses have spent huge sums of money to ensure that their customers have only the best possible grade of germination-tested, weed-free seed. If one is far-sighted and looks to a lessening of lawn care problems and a better lawn throughout the year, perennial rather than annual seed, packaged by a reputable house, should be purchased. Most of the difficulty with lawns on small properties lies in poor quality seed, insufficient fertilizer, and bad maintenance technique; all of which could be avoided if more care and forethought were exercised in these matters.

Advantages of Early Seeding

A subsequent survey over several years by the Research Department of O. M. Scott & Sons Co. reveals that the practice of early feeding and seeding with good quality products has yielded lasting beneficial results.

Additions Increase Value and Appeal



The addition of a single room to an old house will often result in greatly increased value and all the difference between a cramped inefficient arrangement and an adequately convenient one. Such an addition can be designed to harmonize with the existing house—to become a part of it and increase its attractiveness.

Expansion in time form of a new sun porch, guest room and bath, or library is possible with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

Advise Serious Selection of Mechanical Equipment

The average individual selecting mechanical equipment for modernization of a home or for installation in a new home is faced with great variation as to type, make, and advertised advantages, Federal Housing Administration officials say.

Because of this, it is all too easy to lose sight of the fundamental purposes of the equipment, with a resulting selection poorly suited to house, pocketbook, and comfort and convenience requirements. Under the FHA's Modernization Credit Plan a way is provided for the financing by lending institutions of home installations.

Mechanical differences are often of minor importance in comparison with the reliability of the local firm selling and installing the selected items of equipment, FHA officials say.

The home should be equipped mechanically up to the standard set by other homes of like quality age, and size in the neighborhood in order to maintain the value of the whole property. However, FHA officials warn, equipment added over and above this standard may appear desirable to the immediate user, but in case of resale, over-equipment may tend to lower rather than raise the value because of differences in human desires and obsolescence in equipment.

USEFUL KITCHEN WALLS

Many kitchens have a bare unused wall space that could be usefully and attractively transformed into recessed shelves. Painted in contrasting colors, such shelves may be used for cook books, recipe files and possibly a telephone extension.

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Home Orientation Deserves Study

The rooms of a house should be located in relation to the view, the sun, and prevailing winds, Federal Housing Administration planning authorities declare.

The living room, they say, should be bright, cheerful and have plenty of sunlight and if possible the best view from its windows.

Morning sunlight is generally desirable for dining space. The kitchen should be located to avoid as much direct exposure to the sun as possible.

Bedrooms should have sunlight some time during the day and be favored by exposure to the prevailing Summer winds at night.

You Can Win Prizes at the "School of Cookery"

Better Homes Better Living

by the Housing Editor

Q. Should a combination of different materials such as brick, wood, or stucco be used for the exterior walls of a small house?

A. To combine different materials successfully on the exterior of a small house requires considerable skill on the part of the designer. Since simplicity in design tends to increase the apparent size of a house, avoid using too many different materials which contrast in color and texture and break up the exterior into small units. By the use of a single color different materials can be used to provide variety, maintaining the appearance of size.

Landscaping Service

CHAPTER 11

Hybrid Tea Roses

Just mention roses and what a riot of beauty is brought to mind. What a range of colors are now available in the latest creations of the leading rosarians of the world.

In the selection of varieties to be planted on the home grounds there are several important facts to take into consideration and this brief article will bring to your attention the most important of these so that if our readers follow these suggestions, they will have the maximum of success with their roses.

Many Varieties

There are available at the present time in commerce, hundreds of named varieties of hybrid tea roses. (Hybrid tea roses are those that bloom continually from June until frost in this climate.) Of course many of the varieties offered the public are inferior in that they are extremely outmoded by later creations. They are not alone out of date as to coloring, shape petalage, etc., but they lack the disease resisting qualities of the newer creations as well as the more attractive foliage to be found on these newer introductions.

There has been a complete color range available in hybrid tea roses for a number of years so that the greatest efforts of the hybridizers and rosarians has been to produce "quality" roses — those that have the utmost in perfection in shape of bloom, highly disease resistant foliage, etc., but don't let anyone tell you that a totally insect resistant rose bush has been developed as fortunately (yes, we say "fortunately") such a bush has not been produced and the reason we believe it is fortunate is because by the care required to combat insect life on roses we give them the attention they deserve which is more than repaid by the roses themselves with better blossoms and foliage.

Location Vital

It is also an important matter as to where hybrid tea roses are planted for them to do their best. Protection from strong west and north winds is very desirable, good drainage is most important and planting rose bushes other than by themselves is usually very unsatisfactory.

The proper pruning of hybrid tea roses is a very important consideration but not more so than the proper picking of blossoms during the blooming season. Hybrid tea rose bushes can be materially weakened and the future blossoms made greatly inferior by lack of knowledge as to the proper method of picking the beautiful flowers.

Plant Early

It is very important in the spring planting of hybrid tea roses that the stock be planted as early as possible so that the bushes will thoroughly establish their roots systems before the blooming period commences. In this climate, planting usually starts about April 5th and continues until about May 20th and the earlier in that period the bushes are planted, the better the results will be the first year.

Just a word regarding quality. There are four grades of rose bushes offered the public. No. 1 is a bush that has five or more principal canes. No. 2, three to five principal canes. No 3, less than three principal canes and culls which are offered at very low prices usually late. While sold very cheaply, they are hardly worth anything at all as the lateness of the season in which they are offered, labels them as an extreme risk, but they may live and bloom somewhat the first summer, usually die the first winter due to their very great weakness and late planting.

If you are contemplating the planting of a rose garden, whether only a few bushes or a formal rose garden, phone or write for our landscape consultant to call and advise you as to the best of the newer varieties, the best location for the bushes on your home grounds and how to prune and pick the flowers for best results. In this way, you will get the very utmost from your investment and your bushes will produce a multitude of gorgeous flowers, year after year.

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Send your invitations out on toy balloons enclosed, deflated in small cardboard boxes. The invitation is written on the balloons in white ink and can be read only when the balloons are inflated. A little white tag tied to the balloon could carry the following instruction. "You need air to talk, and so do I. So blow me up and I'll give you the story." The news printed on the balloon would read, "Fly over to my hangar next Wednesday night about six and get in on a great air show."

Decorate your table after the fashion of a landing field and be sure to have a lot of toy airplanes on the table. Above the table suspend a larger plane and during the supper, take a miniature mail pouch from this plane and deliver airfortunes to each of the guests.

For a novelty dance, make a parachute out of a toy umbrella and hand it to one of the boys. He may cut in on any couple on the floor, take the young lady and hand the parachute to her partner, who then has the right to cut in on another couple.

A Balloon Race affords endless fun. Inflate balloons with gas and weight them so they will not go up out of reach. Divide the guests into two relay teams and arm each guest with a ping-pang racket with which they guide their balloons to a given point and back when they turn the balloon over to the next guest on their team.

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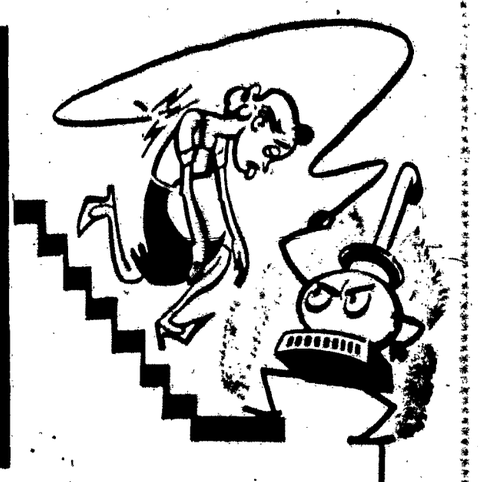

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