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## Drainage Is Important In Home Planning

(Prepared by National Lumber Manufacturers Association)

It is no more than human to think first of existing shade trees, an attractive view, or privacy from surrounding houses when you are considering the placement of your house on the lot. Or placement may be governed by the size of the lot and local building restrictions. However, you should not lose sight of the prime importance of drainage.

In looking at an attractive building site, it is often easier, even tempting, to compromise by accepting the present trees and the topsoil of the natural grade than to undertake rebuilding it to improve the drainage. Whereas, a thorough job in the beginning would mean years of satisfaction and should not be slighted. If there are good trees on the site, they can be provided for protection and aeration for the roots. Topsoil is sometimes removed before building and spread on top of the finished grade. The important point to remember is that it is easier to do a good job of grading and draining when building than later when sod and shrubbery must be moved and replaced.

**Natural Slope**

The ideal solution, of course, is to take advantage of natural drainage by locating the house on the crown of a knoll which slopes off to both sides. Lacking that advantage, care should be taken to raise the house well above the natural grade, banking dirt around the foundation to form a definite slope away from the house in all directions. This will drain away the ground water and prevent dampness near the house. The house will often look deceptively high before the finished grading is completed, causing a tendency to judge the foundation by the natural grade and place the house too low. On hillside sites when the uphill side of the house is placed below the natural ground level special care should be taken to direct the ground water around the house by proper grading, walling, and drain tile.

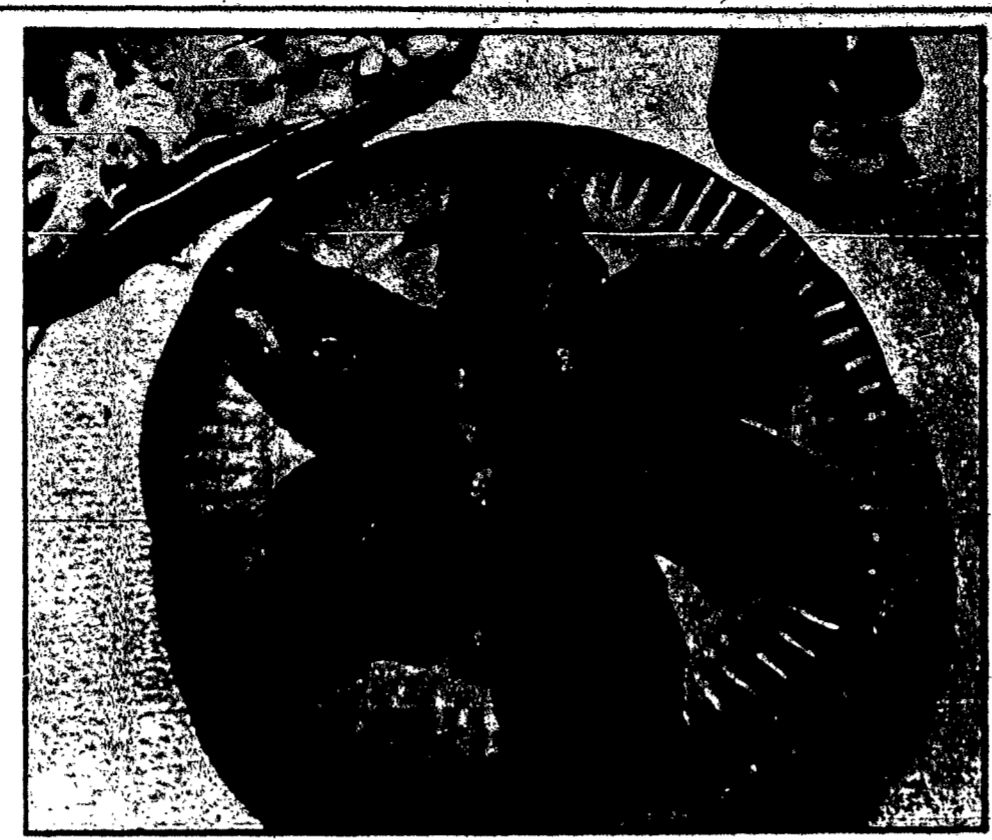
**Provide Tilt**

In homes built without basement build the foundation high enough to provide "crawl" space under the house. If a higher ground line is desired on the outside build up the grade around the foundation. Unless the ground level under the house had good natural drainage before building, provide a line of drain tile from the space under the house to a lower point on the lot or to a dry well.

When establishing the height of the foundation and the finished grade, enough space should be allowed between the bottom of the wood wall and the ground line at all points so that leaves or high grass will not pile up against the siding and accumulate dampness. An insured long life for wood and better paint-holding qualities are the benefits of insulating the wooden parts of the structure from ground moisture.

These precautions may make life difference between a dry basement and a well drained lawn and healthy shrubbery, and a damp basement and soggy lawn.

## Sirloin Lamb Chops Are Good Buy

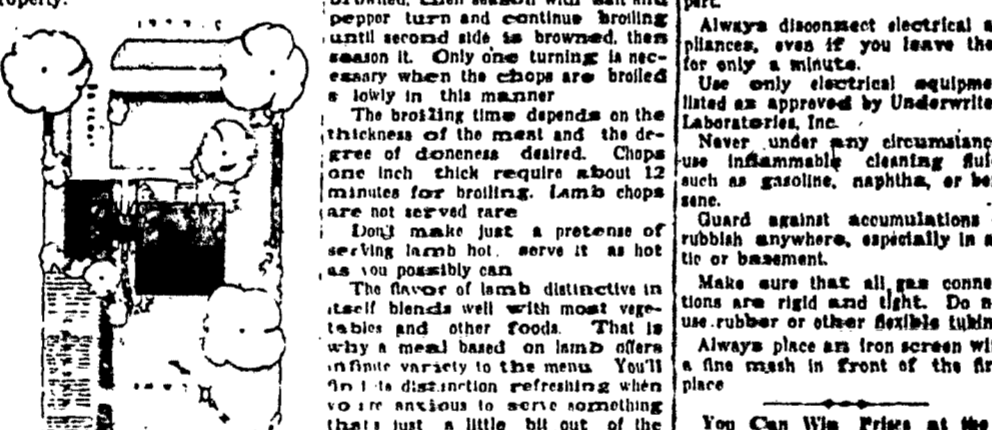


## Better Homes Better Living

Property which is a self-contained unit in that it provides at least part of the family's own food as well as opportunities for recreation and amusement is becoming more desirable to families moving to suburban areas.

Expense need not be the determining factor in laying out a lot for providing these facilities. Individual lots for low-cost properties can be planned to provide economy, livability, and convenience. The prime factor is good design.

Federal Housing Administration officials suggest that the home owner use a few shade trees as well as a vegetable garden and inexpensive shrubbery to arrange that the greatest effectiveness will be produced. No large expense need be involved.



Another general rule is that by locating the main service walk adjacent to the driveway the area of the front lawn may be increased.

In selecting shrubbery to be planted close to the house, slow-growing compact varieties should be chosen of types that are easily controlled and will not develop quickly into a miniature forest behind which the small house is likely to become hidden.

It is usually desirable to place the higher growing trees or shrubs at the corners banking them with appropriate shrubs or low evergreens. A row of semi-height planting completely surrounding a house results in an unpleasant appearance. Overplanting should be avoided.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT—**  
A little glycerine smothered on your fingernails will act to soften horny cuticles and prevent the nails from becoming brittle. The softening effects of glycerine will also help ward off potential hangnails, too.

Hind shank and fore shank of beef are excellent and inexpensive for soups, stews and hamburger steak.

## Sirloin Lamb Chops Give Menu Refreshing Distinction

Piping hot lamb chops, becomingly browned, give both a lilt and a lift to spring meals.

The sirloin lamb chops featured in the accompanying picture are an exceptionally good sized serving with a large proportion of edible meat. They're tops in favor. Juicy and tender too.

Sirloin chops are prepared as any other lamb chops, but a good sized serving with a large proportion of edible meat. They're tops in favor. Juicy and tender too.

Broil chops slowly.

To broil the lamb chops, put them on a broiler rack and adjust so that if they are about one inch thick the top of the meat is about two inches from the source of heat and if about two inches thick, about three inches. If your broiler won't permit this much space, reduce the heat to moderate temperatures.

Broil until the top side is nicely browned, then season with salt and pepper turn and continue broiling until second side is browned, then season it. Only one turning is necessary when the chops are broiled slowly in this manner.

The broiling time depends on the thickness of the meat and the degree of doneness desired. Chops one inch thick require about 20 minutes for broiling. Lamb chops are not served rare.

Don't make just a pretense of serving lamb hot, serve it as hot as you possibly can.

The flavor of lamb distinctive in itself blends well with most vegetables and other foods. That is why a meal based on lamb often is so satisfying. The distinctive flavor is a distinction refreshing when you're anxious to serve something that just a little bit out of the ordinary fare.

## Ten Precautions May Check Fires

Loss of home by fire is still a danger in spite of modern fire-fighting efficiency.

To help prevent fire, the National Board of Fire Underwriters has recently issued 10 general precautions which, if observed, are said to minimize the likelihood of fire in the home.

Keep chimneys, stoves and furnaces clean and in good repair. Empty ashes into metal containers, never wooden ones. This also applies to storage of rags and materials that may contain paint and oil stains.

Never force a heating plant in cold weather. Call a heating expert. Always disconnect electrical appliances, even if you leave them for only a minute. Use only electrical equipment listed as approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

Never under any circumstances use inflammable cleaning fluids such as gasoline, naphtha, or benzene. Guard against accumulations of rubbish anywhere, especially in attic or basement. Make sure that all gas connections are rigid and tight. Do not use rubber or other flammable tubing. Always place an iron screen with a fine mesh in front of the fireplace.

You Can Win Prizes at the "School of Cookery"

## GARDENER'S CORNER

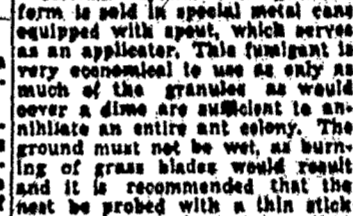


Ants annually do a lot of injury to lawns and gardens throughout the country. The galleries they form underground disturb plant roots and the northern meadows some species make during tunneling operations are very unsightly. It is, of course, quite useless to reseed such areas until the ants have been exterminated.

There are many different species of these tireless pests. There is the common variety found in all lawns and gardens, the Harvester ant which collects seeds, the leaf-cutters which make leaves and carry them to their nests, the stingless ants which are found in the tropics and semi-tropics, the Carpenter ants which work much like termites and which bore and carry out their waste in the form of sawdust or white ants whose destructive activities in timber are so well known as to need no mention. All species can, however, be effectively exterminated with sodium cyanide, a material that has been thoroughly tested by entomologists and scientific investigators in this country and abroad.

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Check Heating Systems Now

The heating plant should be included in the spring house-cleaning program. All electric connections should be checked, the smokepipes, greasing the edges of all doors, checking and oiling all draft controls, and cleaning and flushing out the air tank.

Careful cleaning and inspection now may eliminate the necessity for costly repairs next fall, according to the Federal Housing Administration.

**Hint For Home Painters**

This is the time of year when the housewife bules herself with spring cleaning and the man of the house gets the yen to "do a little painting." The hardest part of it all—and the greatest strain on the family tie—is to prevent the paint from running or spattering over where you don't want it. So it's handy to know you can easily protect a mirror or glass door, a brass outlet cover or door knob, during painting by rubbing a thin film of glycerine over the areas to be protected. The glycerine will prevent the paint from penetrating to the surfaces below and it easily removes with water after the paint has dried.

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## Landscaping Service

**CHAPTER VIII Ornamental Shrubs**

Shrubs are useful in beds, borders, corners, as screens, as hedges, in fact, in many ways; and because of their beauty and usefulness we urge you to take an interest in them—satisfactorily to them, for your own satisfaction.

In the average climate and in normal seasons there may be a constant procession of beautiful flowers passing in review one following another, during the entire season. Not only in the blossoms is there beauty but also in the foliage ranging through all the shades of green from the very lightest to the dark blue green of the Tamarix, the yellow, reds and purples, the bronzes and coppers, changing to the most gorgeous and glorious shades as they take on their autumnal dress.

To relieve the monotony of too much green and gold, the Great Artist gives us also the strikingly handsome variegated leaves of shrubs such as the Cornus Eleantheria and variegated Weigela. Then as though Mother Nature had an after-thought, she gives us, when the leaves are gone, splashes of color against the snow, berries of scarlet and purple and black and white so make the winter aspect more cheerful.

**CORNUS-DOGWOOD**

This group of shrubs is adaptable for wide use as border and screen plants, they grow easily as well in shady places under large trees as in sunny situations, and thrive in almost any soil. Attractive in flower, they produce an abundance of berries. The foliage in fall is highly colored.

**ELEANTHERIA**

Its purplish red branches and beautiful silver variegated foliage makes it valuable for its brilliancy when planted among other shrubs. This is the most widespread and popular of the variegated-leaved shrubs. It is noted for its compact shape. The fall fruit calls a delightful contrast against the winter snow. No planting is complete without this unusual shrub.

**WEIGELAS**

The Weigela family forms another very interesting and beautiful group of shrubs, with considerable variation in color and form. While they all have their best blooming period in June and July, nearly all the varieties, especially the Eve Statke and Candida, continue to blossom intermittently until fall. They thrive in nearly all soils, but do their best in moist soil. The blossoms are large and trumpet shaped, clustered thickly along the branches and in various colors from white to red. Except the Candida, they are of moderate height.

**Add Charm**

They have good foliage, graceful form and are a charming addition to any garden. They are conspicuous in any group, and the pink and red ones, and the variegated, are especially effective in base plantings and in borders, with or in front of larger shrubs. They are also well placed in groups in the corners of the yard or on each side of the entrance.

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