

HOME IMPROVEMENT

About That Wild Flower Garden

Want a wild flower garden? Of course. But do you know which blossoms may be picked or transplanted?

Taking wild flowers from public land or privately owned property can cost you a fine and certain wild flowers are specifically protected. Trailing arbutus was once abundant but is now almost extinct due to careless picking. Flowering dogwood, mountain laurel, wild orchids, the fringed gentian, ferns of all kinds, are taboo. Black alder, ground pine and holiday greens will be exterminated unless they are picked sparingly.

Many wild flowers die if they are transplanted. Most of them will quickly and are soon discarded. Certain perennials with bulbous roots — trillium, jack in the pulpit, trout lily and spring beauty — are killed if leaves are picked with the flowers. Others are so rare that picking only a few might exterminate a species.

Of course you want a wild flower garden! But do not steal plants — ask your neighbor for them. Then transplant them with care.

Dress Up Home

If you find yourself at odds with the plain face of so many of the homes built today, don't despair. There are things you can do to improve the situation, and inexpensively.

For example, consider the importance of doors — the front door, back door, closet doors. If these are handsome paneled doors, the entire house will profit, inside and out. Often installation of interestingly designed doors is all that's needed to transform a plain-jane house to a Cinderella.

Paneled doors are available in an amazing variety of traditional and contemporary designs in first-class woods like ponderosa pine. A trip to the local building supply dealer's yard will give you a good idea of doors that come in standard sizes, ready to hang.

Garage Dandy For Can Shelves

No space for canned goods in the kitchen? If the garage is close by, why not build canned goods cupboards there?

An unfinished interior garage wall is especially ideal for the job because you can work with the exposed studs for your cabinet supports. Keep the cabinets shallow—no more than the depth of three No. 2 cans.

Be sure to vary shelf spacing to allow for tall bottles and cans of shortening as well as for standard size fruit and vegetable cans.

If the garage adjoins the house, try to locate the cupboards on the joining inside wall for the sake of insulation. If that's not possible, use one-inch-thick boards for cabinet backs as well as for shelving and doors. You can use ordinary pine boards for the backs and shelves. For doors, use tongue-and-groove stock, held by a Z brace.

Windows In Your Home Can Be Very Decorative

How important are the windows in your home?

They're mighty important, not only as a means of bringing light into the house, capturing a view, and controlling ventilation, but also as a decorative element.

The exterior appearance of a house depends on window style, and a room interior can easily be spoiled by a poorly placed or badly designed window.

Luckily for today's home owners, there's an almost unlimited choice of window types available in top quality pine units — picture, hopper, double-hung, awning, vent, bow, bay, casement and sliding.

If you don't find what you want among the stock units, it's easy to have windows designed to personal specifications using easily worked ponderosa pine or Douglas fir lumber for the framing.

MENDING WALL

*Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.
The work of hunters is another thing:
I have come after them and made repair
Where they have left not one stone on a stone,
But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,
To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean,
No one has seen them made or heard them made,
But at spring mending-time we find them there.
I let my neighbor know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.
To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance;
"Stay where you are until our backs are turned!"
We wear our fingers rough with handling them.
Oh, just another kind of outdoor game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
He is all pine and I am apple-orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, "Good fences make good neighbors."
Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder
If I could put a notion in his head:
"Why do they make good neighbors? Isn't it
Where there are cows? But here there are no cows.
Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offence.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down!" I could say "Elves" to him,
But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather
He said it for himself. I see him there,
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
He moves in darkness as it seems to me,
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, "Good fences make good neighbors."*

—Robert Frost

Fences Can Be Friendly Things

A rose bush, some blossoming shrubs, or a few flowers planted at its base can give your fence a friendly look without taking away its practical use of giving privacy or defining property lines.

Petunias, chrysanthemums, hollyhocks, daffodils, buddleias and lythums are a few of the possibilities for keeping your fence smiling from early spring through fall. One suggestion: plant closely or mulch with coarse peat to keep soil from splashing up on the fence.

Forsythia, lilacs, bush or rambling roses, or a vine such as clematis, can add a taller background of bloom as well as increase the fence's effectiveness.

Garage Wall, Fine Storage Space

If you're building a new garage or carport this spring, do yourself a favor and include a wall for storage.

The storage wall can be an indoor-outdoor design, with some closets opening to the garage interior for storage of sporting goods, auto supplies, and miscellaneous

items. Closets in the other half of the wall can be built to open to the yard, providing the ideal place to keep garden equipment.

A wide roof overhang is needed to insure weather protection for the closets opening to the garden, and closet doors should be built of top quality western siding lumber like

ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, a western red cedar.

Resawn siding lumber will require little upkeep. Stained with two coats of exterior-grade stain, the finish will last many years. Paint to match house siding can also be used on both resawn and smooth-surfaced siding lumber.

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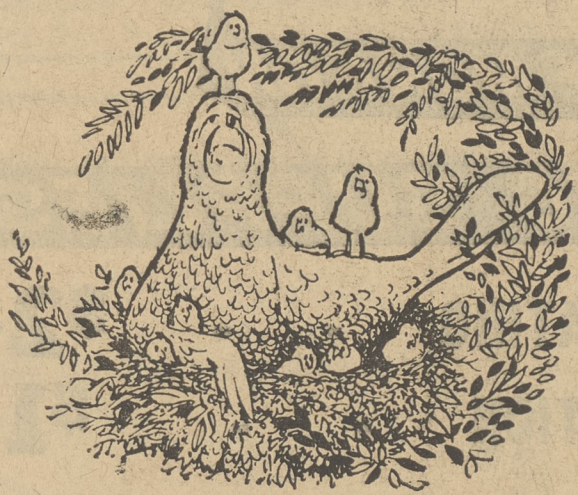
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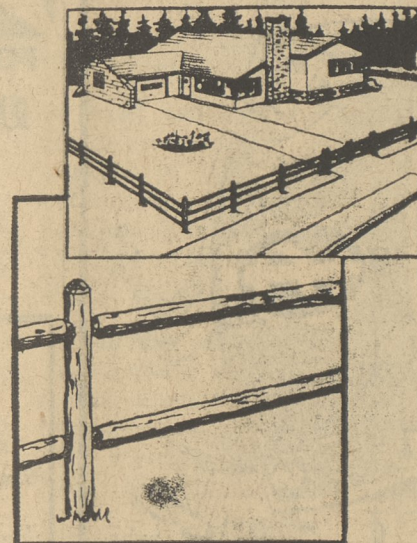
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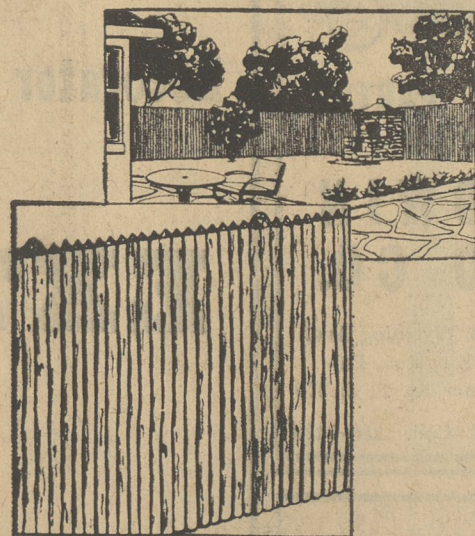
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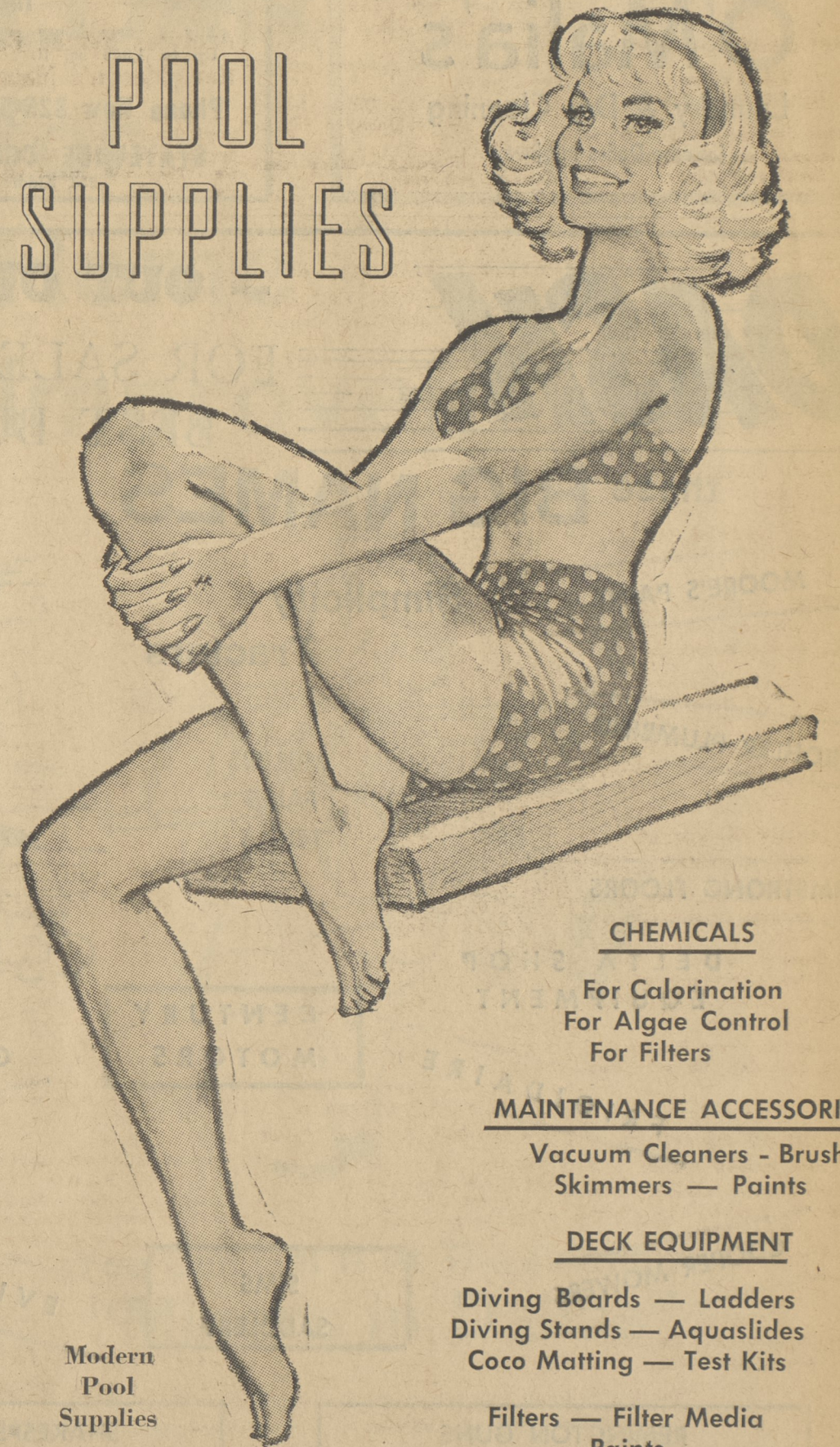
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