

WEEKLY REVIEW of BUSINESS and BUILDING

This Morning in Your Garden

Gladiolus For the Garden

For the summer blooming plant the gladiolus has no competitor. By seasonal planting they can be brought into bloom eight months of the year. Of all the garden flowers the gladiolus are the most beautiful and the most interesting. They may be used as borders along walks or for the mass coloring in landscaping. There are large and small ones to fit into many places in your garden.

It is not quite time yet to plant but keep them in mind for your summer garden. A good rule to follow is to plant the bulbs when the trees begin to unfold their leaves. Now is the time to select the bulbs. When they are received open the package at once to admit the air and then store in a cool dry place.

The gladiolus comes from South Africa and demands sunny positions. Keep them away from vigorous shrubbery and trees. Do not plant too near buildings as they shade and retard development or reflect strong sunlight and burn. There is lack of aeration, sunshine and free drainage and the ingredients in the mortar makes very poor soils.

A sandy loam soil is best for the bulbs to be planted in. This is essential as other garden soils require more labor to keep the soil loose. Soil should be prepared in the fall and use only commercial fertilizer or very old rotted manure. Polygize manure and soil thoroughly and spade not less than eight to ten inches deep.

Open the rows or trenches six inches deep and as wide as desired. The bulbs should be spaced not closer than three inches apart. They will not need to be placed further apart if well cultivated. Six inches is deep planting for the smaller bulbs. Cover the bulbs with an inch of soil and then apply the fertilizer. Fill in the rest of the trench and firm the soil. If soil is dry, water thoroughly.

The cultivation is very important during growth. Always keep soil loose and free from weeds. Never permit caking or crust of soil after rains or watering. The more cultivation given the better your plants and flowers will be. Water when necessary then soak. Unless the soil is very dry once a week is often enough to water.

Good bulbs, plenty of sun, good water and cultivation is all that is needed to raise beautiful gladiolus.

Evergreens in Landscaping

Japan is noted for its landscaping of small areas. Dwarf evergreens are used a great deal. The term "evergreen" may apply to any of the colors, varieties, shapes and different foliage characteristics of which there are several hundred. Evergreens look alike to the amateur.

There is a tree for every landscape need and in form and habit of growth they range from Christmas tree shapes down to the prostrate, creeping and like specimens. The colors in evergreens are seasonal and are usually brightest in spring after the new growth but some varieties effect to some remarkable color change in the fall and winter.

Now uses are continually being found for the dwarf evergreens. They are becoming more popular every day. Any small spot may be put to very good advantage by the planting of evergreens. There are many species to choose from and there is a wide choice in shades of color of green, blue and plum colors. There is plenty of variation to suit every need in the matter of texture of foliage.

There are many uses that evergreens may be put to. They provide a beautiful carpet of green or blue foliage throughout the year covering a bank or terrace. The greatest usefulness is in the rock garden. They cling and overhang the rocks. They add interest and provide attractive features for the winter season. Dwarf junipers and yuccas as well as a few of the upright forms are very good for this purpose.

The entrance groups of evergreens are very appropriate. Usually a tall variety is set on either side surrounded by lower growing forms. For screens or backgrounds evergreens are ideal trees. They are suitable for use around pools or lily ponds. Varieties for this purpose depend upon the style of pool.

In selecting specimen trees grown for their individual beauty, trees of upright, symmetrical form should be selected. Set them apart from other trees and buildings allowing ten or twelve feet from the stem of the tree in each direction for further development. Various types of firs and spruce make ideal specimen trees.

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Building Group of Modern Houses to Sell, \$35 Month

Forty new stucco homes are to be built in the new Gardenia Gardens tract, adjacent to Torrance, according to George W. Dilling, developer of the tract. Six of these houses are already completed and ready for occupancy. They are of five rooms each with tile sinks, baths, guaranteed roofs and plumbing, oak floors, stucco walls hand decorated, electric refrigeration. The lawns and shrubbery, gravel streets, and cement sidewalks are all in.

These attractive, well built homes are being offered at \$3650 to \$3950 complete, with small down payments and total monthly payments of \$35. They were built by A. G. Buffum, contractor. Mr. Dilling, the developer of the tract, is a former mayor of Seattle.

The tract is located three blocks east of Western avenue on 165th street, toward Main street, and salesmen are on the property every day and Sunday.

First Aid to Be Taught in Afternoon Class

An adult class in first aid will be organized Monday afternoon, February 3, at the library of the Torrance Elementary school and continue over a period of weeks. The class will be held every Monday afternoon from one until three with Miss Hilda G. Humphries, R. N., as instructor. The course is free and those completing it will receive Red Cross certificates.

Awards were made last night at the Normandie Avenue school, Los Angeles, to approximately 200 women who recently completed the course in Home Nursing. Among these were eight Torrance women, Mrs. Katherine Anthony, Mrs. Mary Benner, Mrs. Ivy Herting, Mrs. Leona Lincoln, Mrs. Annes Marek, Mrs. Minnie Woodward, Mrs. Audrey West and Mrs. Dorothy West.

Three Varieties of Calendula

There are three newer varieties of calendula that are worth while, being, balls orange, radio and camp fire. The radio calendula is from England and differs in size and color from the older sorts as it is an entirely new break in the species. The color is a light orange but is also a little smaller and more oval, making the petals more showy.

The new calendula, camp fire, on account of its deeper tone, larger size and freedom of bloom, will undoubtedly become the most popular.

At this time of year the calendula makes a very good bouquet. Although they may be raised from seed it is better for quicker results, to buy the potted plants. By this method you save from four to six weeks time. Plants of calendula may be planted at almost any time of the year. While they do well in the summer time in California they do best as a winter or early spring blooming plant.

Space your plants two feet apart as the plant spreads or branches out when full grown. Water enough to thoroughly soak the ground around the plant. The plants require watering about twice a week during dry weather. Cultivate after each irrigation. If the old flowers are picked off the plant will continue a longer period of bloom. Almost the only insect that invades the calendula is the aphid. This can be easily eradicated by using black leaf 20 or any insect solution.

They are very easy to plant and raise and you will not be sorry you planted a bed in your garden.

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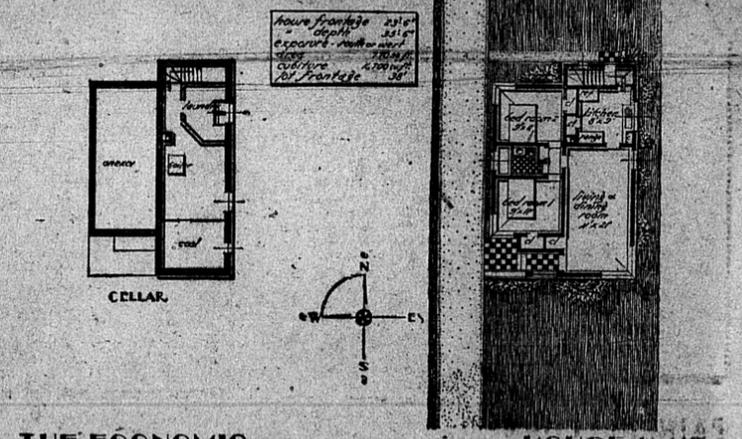
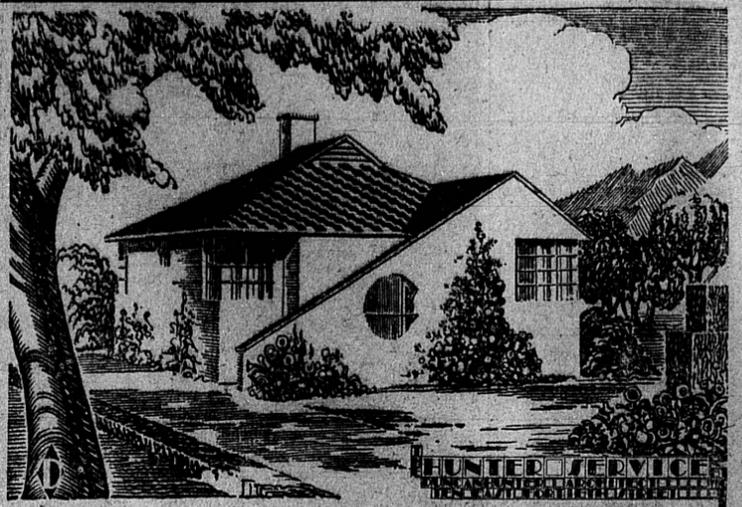
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This small home is designed for those who want something that is economical to build, low in upkeep cost, comfortable, convenient and with all distinctive—not just a house. The "Economic" bears out its title and its design carries an air of distinction. The combined living and dining room makes for simplified housekeeping and the large room is ideal for parties. The small hall connects the two bedrooms, the bath and the living room—there is not an inch of waste space anywhere. The house requires but a thirty-eight foot lot. The unusual handling of the entrance, the large corner windows and the pattern roof are noteworthy features. This little house would feel at home and prove delightful to its owner amid almost any surroundings.

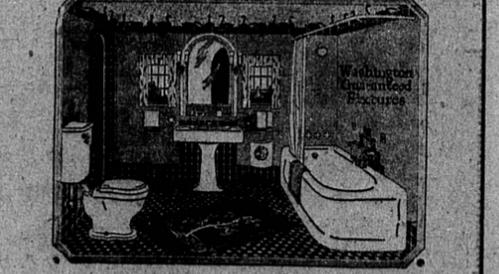
The Economic schedules:
Cellar, utility space.
First floor—living and dining room, kitchen, two bed rooms, bath and numerous closets.
Ceiling heights—cellar, seven feet; first floor, eight feet.
Exposure. The plans as shown are for a lot facing south or west. For a lot facing north or east the plans should be reversed.
Lot size, house frontage, 23 feet 6 inches; side clearance, left 10 feet, right 1 foot 6 inches; lot frontage, minimum, 33 feet.

Construction, frame with stucco finish; roof, slate, light and dark in pattern; foundation, concrete; windows, steel casements; doors, wood.

Interiors: Floors, wood for living room finish; wall, plaster; kitchen, plaster; bath room, composition tile; steam heat, gas and electric wiring.
Cubature, 11,700 cubic feet.
Approximate cost, \$3700.
Complete working plans and specifications of this house are available for a nominal sum. Address the building editor and refer to House H-113.

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