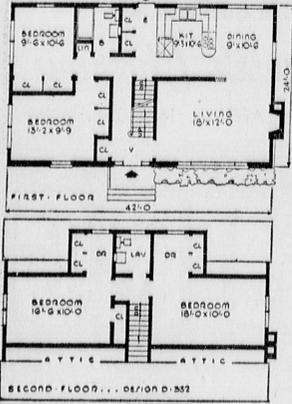




THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN



DESIGN D-332. Here is a small plan, economical to build, expandable by two bedrooms on the second floor at a reasonable outlay.

The first floor has a living room, combination kitchen-dinette, two bedrooms and a bath; the second floor, two bedrooms and a toilet.

Both floors have exceptional closet space and good traffic control. The kitchen has folding doors leading from the dinette into the living room, which has a fireplace and picture windows. There is a full basement.

Brick veneer is used across the front wall, combined with wide siding for the balance of the exterior, and there are asphalt shingles. The area on the ground is 1008 square feet and the cube is 22,176 cubic feet.

For further information about DESIGN D-332, write the Small House Planning Bureau, St. Cloud, Minn. In Canada, the Small House Planning Bureau of Canada, St. John, New Brunswick

GARDENER'S CHECK LIST

1. The nearest flower show is at your neighborhood nursery. Right now a multitude of shrubs and vines are in bloom. Plant these items now for immediate color: rhododendrons, weigelas, kolkwitzie (beauty bush), snowballs, deciduous azaleas, and clamatis.
2. After your Spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils finish blooming, water them occasionally, and allow the tops to die naturally. Do not remove the green leaves if you want good flowers next year.
3. There are many unusual bedding plants. Have an adventure in gardening! Try a few on your nurseryman's recommendation.
4. Don't delay planting dahlia tubers and gladiolus bulbs.
5. Plant that lawn now, so it will be established before the hot summer weather.

Older Houses May Be Best Buy This Year

The best buy in housing this year may be a home built ten, twenty or even forty years ago. Modernization of these older homes is a \$12 billion annual business, equal to the money spent each year for over one million new homes.

Many budget-conscious younger couples, or extra large families are finding real opportunities in these fine old homes, about 90 per cent of which are top quality fine construction and easy to remodel and modernize.

Most of them were built to last and are as good today as the day they were built. Rooms are spacious, woodwork generally is much more elaborate and decorative than in today's homes and the architectural styling generally has been followed pretty much throughout the home.

Remodeling possibilities to consider, and many of these can be done by the young husband himself, if he is patient and takes his time: cover old plaster walls with fine wood paneling, like lovely fir or blonde west coast hemlock; lower ceilings to save heat and this can be done with simple fir false work dropping ceiling height; build playroom in basement or in old garage or carriage house; modernize kitchen, bedrooms, dining room with compact built-in storage units which can be made from wonderful textured fir or hemlock panels which will give these rooms a cheerful new look.

Your check list when investigating one of these older bargains should include: basement for leaks, wiring and plumbing, floor joists for settling, condition of roofs, gut-

Hearing on Burning Set

A public hearing on the banning of backyard incinerators will be held June 9 before the County Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors voted 4 to 1 Tuesday, to conduct the hearing prior to the establishment of a rubbish collection program to go into effect when the backyard ban begins.

The dissenting vote was cast by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who said he wanted assurances from the City of Los Angeles that it will go along with plans of the county.

A scheduled hearing on the sounding of alarms when smog becomes dangerous to health was also continued until June 9.

ter, floors, walls. You can have an estimate made of repair and modernizing costs and add that to what owner is asking to see just how good a buy it is.

Fuchsia Plant Delights

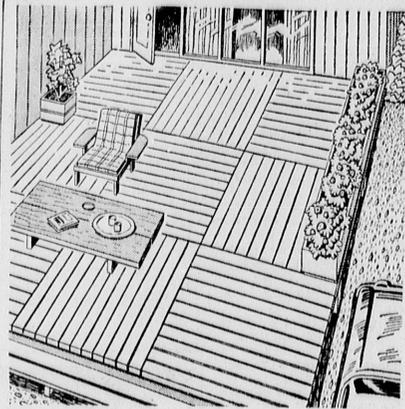
The fuchsia is a gardening delight to beginning and advanced gardeners both, for it literally seems to help its grower along.

This flowering shrub is named for a sixteenth century German professor — Leonard Fuchs—who was a leading herbalist and worked hard to establish a method of botanical terminology. The fuchsia is native to Central and South America, Mexico and the West Indies. These geographical areas will readily indicate the type of growing conditions the fuchsia needs: humidity, partial shade, moisture and lots of food.

In California these conditions are best met along the coast—although, as a contradiction to this, some varieties must be selected for culture in the valleys and should be given protection—a lath or the over-hanging branches of a large tree.

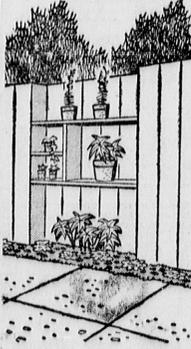
Fuchsias may be planted as upright shrubs, against trellises, trailing in a rock garden or over a sloping area, in hanging baskets, or climbing. For the ideal fuchsia-growing area—the coastal locales—try Blue Flame (violet, blue and rose) or Mauve Beauty (lilac, rose and red) as your bush varieties. In the interior areas of the state some good bush selections are California (orange-red and coral) and Guinevere (orchid-blue and white).

Grown against trellises Lucky Strike (blue, rose and pink) and Betty Evans (white, pink and rose) are excellent. Trailing fuchsias can be used well in rock gardens, over walls and in hilly areas. Some good choices among these are Amalpa (orchid-rose and rose) and Muriel (rosy lilac and scarlet)—both fine for the coast. For the warmer interior valleys Falling Stars (turkey-red and scarlet) and Swingtime (white and red) satisfy well.



If you have a sloping lawn that challenges the footing of a mountain goat, or if sun and soil conditions are bad for growing grass, here is the answer. You can have a Riviera-type patio by placing sections of 2"x10" Douglas fir decking in a checkerboard pattern, probably about eight boards to the section. Brace sections well and leave a quarter-inch space between each board. Then you can hose it off and let the water run through. Design is lovely—almost Oriental in expression. And you don't have to mow it!

VINES ARE VERSATILE



One of the most adaptable of plants is the vine, for in its many, many varieties it can be used to enhance some particular architectural line of the house, to provide a wind break, set aside an area especially for outdoor living or to serve purely as an ornament.

Gardeners who have a certain spot they want to "spruce up" will find a great many ornamental vines to choose from. As a word of warning, the California Association of Nurserymen recommends that whenever possible you plant a vine away from a wall or side of a house. There are several good reasons why this is recommended. First, the vine will be healthier because it will have complete air circulation. Secondly, the planting hole can be made away from the foundation of the house, thereby preventing damage to the vine's roots or the structure of the house; a hole will be very much easier to prune a vine that is accepted from all sides. Nurserymen suggest planting vines two or four feet away from walls with the support of a fence or trellis, which ever best suits each vine.

Wondering how to remove that blank, uninteresting stare from your fence or patio screen? A little niche like this set into the fence the depth of a board, makes a charming display shelf for potted plants and garden sculpture. Flowers and shrubs are particularly enhanced by a fence background of natural or stained western red cedar or Douglas fir, and even inexpensive grades of these woods resist weather admirably and blend beautifully with your landscaping.

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Jones, a 1948 graduate of El Camino College, and a Torrance resident for five years, has had about seven years experience in television service.

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Indoor Plants Present Interesting Problems to Challenge Gardener

Indoor gardening offers a challenge that is two fold: first, the challenge of cultivating plants for an indoor situation; second, the chance to decorate the interior of a home with plants, selecting those that have unusual leaf patterns, cast bold shadows or repeat the forms in the lines of the room.

There are, of course, certain rules of thumb that must be followed for successful indoor gardening, says the California Association of Nurserymen. The gardener is entirely responsible for the food and water that the indoor plant receives. Container grown plants cannot send their roots deeper or farther out in search of moisture and food — they are restrained by the sides of the container.

For indoor plants with no provision for drainage in their containers—dish gardens, for instance — special mixtures of charcoal, layers of peat moss, sphagnum moss or pumice are placed in the bottom to act as sponges for moisture. Keeping the sponge moist but not saturated is the aim of the indoor gardener.

As for feeding, one rule of thumb to follow is a monthly feeding of a diluted liquid fertilizer. Most plants will not need a feeding after first planting until their roots have nearly filled the container; for the original potting mixture should be rich in nutrients. Feeding schedules will vary, of course, with the size of the container and the type and number of plants contained.

Most house plants are jungle natives and therefore a diffused natural light is recommended. This can be obtained in a position near a north window away from direct sunlight. It is a misconception that an occasional visit to the garden outdoors benefits the house plant. The shock of adjustment between the two types of environment is sometimes fatal to the plant.

Flower Talk Set On TV Sunday P.M.

Two representatives of the Geranium Society of America—Alice Bode and Maria Wilkes—will join host Joe Littlefield on a television program Sunday in a discussion of the flower. It will be on "Garden Chats," 12:30 p.m., on KTLA, channel 5. The question "Why do hibiscus drop flower buds?" will be answered.

Thompson Completes Maneuvers in Germany

Army Pvt. Michael T. Thompson, 20, son of Robert J. Thompson, 1707 W. 234th St., recently completed a phase of the spring training exercise held by the 4th Infantry Division in Germany.

He entered the Army in November, 1954, completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and arrived overseas in April. While a civilian, he attended Los Angeles Harbor Junior College and El Camino College.

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