



THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN

Low Growing Annual Plants Are Being Used As Borders

Low growing annual plants are being used more and more prominently to outline walks and as border plants. The

height of the background to be bordered in most cases decides the ultimate height of the border plant you chose.

The number of plants of border value today are many, so therefore let us consider at this time only two. Alyssum, with heights of from 2 to 8 inches give a range that can fit into most gardens. Also of great value, although limited to one height, 6 1/2 inches, is Ageratum.

Both of these plants demand sunshine, but not full day sun. If these plants receive from 4 to 6 hours of direct sun per day they will thrive.

Ageratum with its dense green foliage and complete head of blue can be used as a border for most of the wall plants such as Asters, Zinnias, Marigolds, etc. To get the most show and a continuous border it is best to space these plants about six inches apart.

Alyssum has two dwarf forms, Royal Carpet to 2 inches, and Carpet of Snow to 4 inches. Alyssum can be used as a border for Phlox, Verbena, Dwarf Marigolds, etc. These two modern Alyssums are compact in growth with a solid mass of color.

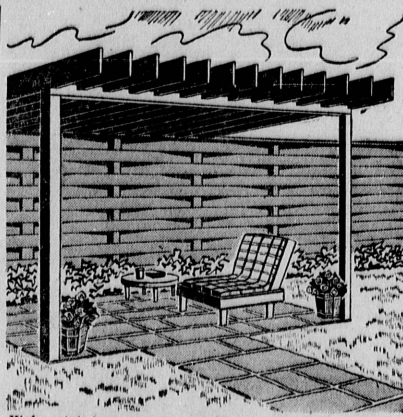
The colors of the blue Ageratum, and the purple and white of Alyssum blend well into any garden arrangement and in most cases offer a color not found to any great degree in strains of the taller plants.

How to Make Smoke Oven Is Explained

If you like the tantalizing flavor and rich color of smoke cooked foods the most versatile cooker is the traditional masonry Chinese oven which roasts with indirect heat from a wood fire. An article in the July SUNSET tells how to make several types from a simple, inexpensive version consisting of a firebox and chimney (you cook in the chimney), to a very elaborate structure which can be used for all kinds of cooking from flash broiling to long, slow cold-smoke curing. A 30-gallon oil drum and quite a few "assorted parts" were used to make a portable metal smoke oven that is convenient to use. The article has sketches and directions for making many types, as well as information on getting controlled smoke, and what and how to cook by this centuries-old method.



Something "for the birds" is this haven for your feathered friends, tucked into the gable end of house or garage. A small perch runs beneath pigeon-holes bored into western red cedar or Douglas fir bevel siding. Under the window is a simply-designed planter consisting only of a board braced against the building. Holes in the board accommodate preferred size pots which may be easily lifted out for transplanting or to change the window box flower scheme.



High, estate-type woven wood fences are usually built for privacy, but can do double duty as screen and roof support for a smart little outdoor lounge area. Louvered roof of Douglas fir or western red cedar 2x8s may be any dimension floor area the patio demands. Inexpensive and weather-resistant, lower grades of these woods blend well with any landscaping, and furnish textural beauty and comfort for lazy day relaxing or entertaining. Two 4x4 posts of fir support the roof extension, and cedar furniture and shrub tubs carry out the wood theme.

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Fences Are Decorative

Fences can be more than an obstruction to four and two-footed neighborhood marauders, says Robert Hale Ellis, Jr., prominent landscape architect. With outdoor living dominating the family living habits there are inexpensive ways to make this new mode of life even more enjoyable.

Fences, designed to dress up the family yard, can give character to the architectural lines of the house, he says, as well as beauty and seclusion. Texture, so important in modern design and decorating, is just as easy to develop for the outdoor living area. Ellis points out, Rough Douglas fir or western red cedar has texture, coloring and characteristics which blend well with the natural setting. These inexpensive woods can be obtained in lower grades and can be allowed to weather

Love of Wood

Most people love wood in their homes because it is warm soft-toned and livable. Some home owners, faced with the problem of selling their older homes when business and employment requires them to move, have discovered the real appeal of wood. By installing a wall of rich-looking Douglas fir paneling in a living room or den, they have found ready buyers, and best of all, have been able to get more money.

or can be stained to add life and character.

Fences come in many patterns and styling, with some of the most popular the basket-weave, estate-type solid boards, and off-set boards to permit cooling breezes.

GARDENERS' CHECKLIST

1. By planting blooming plants of container grown roses you can select the exact shade you want.
1. Fuchsias are heavy feeders. Fertilize them regularly.
3. The answer to most lawn "ills" is adequate watering and regular fertilizing.
4. Acid-loving plants such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias benefit by a summer mulching of oak leaf mold.
5. Many plants will bloom if not allowed to set seed.

Decorative Plaster Featured By Modest Home Builders

Ornamental plaster, which has become a popular feature of the moderately priced home, less elaborate and designed to highlight the modern styling, according to the Southern California Plastering Institute.

Two developments, the invention of vinyl molds during World War II and the growing popularity of indirect lighting in the home, are providing the impetus for this new trend in wall decoration, it reported.

Vinyl molds can be made to provide plaster casts of almost any shape and design. They can be used indefinitely whereas the molds formerly used had to be reworked after a dozen casts.

Figurines, flowers, masks, and bas-reliefs of almost any design cast in plaster can be incorporated in the structure of the regular plastered wall and attractively highlighted by indirect lighting. The television room is especially suited to this treatment. Such decorative additions will not affect the structural strength of the regular plastered wall, the Institute disclosed.

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New Plymouth Six Styling



NEW STYLING... Plymouth announces that a new styling version of the low-cost Plaza six sedan, with Sportone trim in two-tone color combinations, is now in volume production. Sportone trim also is available in Savoy models. Car shown is powered by an improved PowerFlow six-cylinder engine with chrome-sealed action.

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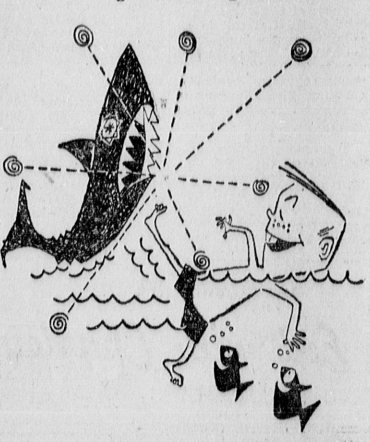
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ROSE OF THE YEAR — CIRCUS



The All-America "Oscar," horticulture's highest award, goes to only one rose, "Circus," for 1955. As the lone winner of the coveted title, "Circus" is expected to be in great demand all over the country. "Circus" is a floribunda, is the first multi-stemmed to win All-America recognition. It is the 53rd rose to be added to horticulture's Royal Family since the first A.A.R.S. winners were announced fifteen years ago. Development of a championship rose takes about eight years, culminating in the two-year A.A.R.S. testing program. On the basis of its actual performance in special gardens located in different sections of the United States, "Circus" was adjudged the best of the new roses developed in this country and abroad. "Circus" will bring endless variety to the rose garden. Its colors change from a rich yellow and red in the bud to buff-orange, apple blossom pink and red in the open flower. It is well suited for a number of garden uses such as hedges, mass plantings, border edgings and formal beds. Large, glossy foliage gives a well-groomed appearance between flowering periods. Something of the colorful gaiety and excitement of the Big Top will be introduced to the garden with the advent of "Circus." It will be available from leading nurserymen in the fall of 1955.

Tips on Dips



Keep your head... Alvey may be overdoing it, but keeping calm in an emergency is a real lifesaver. If you suddenly step into deep water or are confronted with an unusual situation, don't throw up your hands and yell for help. Keep them under water, kick your feet, and head for shore. Learn in a Red Cross class how to be safe in the water.

Yukon Homes Now on Sale

Unit 4 in the Yukon Heights development, 174th St., between Crenshaw Blvd. and Prairie Ave., is now ready, and homes are being offered for sale, according to M. D. Shepherd and Associates, sales agent. Homes in the unit include both three-bedroom and two-bedroom and dens, each with one and three-quarters baths. According to the agents, the tract is located close to an elementary school, El Camino, col-

Recreation Contracts Approved

Contracts with the Cities of Torrance and Lynwood and the Long Beach Unified School District which will allow these groups to expand their recreational programs by opening school grounds during vacation periods and after school hours were approved last week by the Council of Los Angeles, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Chace announced that the county, under the provisions of the contract, will contribute funds to the various entities which will help to defray the costs of maintaining the school playgrounds for recreational purposes during off hours. Chace said that the county has agreed to contribute \$54,872 to the Long Beach Unified School District for their recreational program and \$15,238 to the City of Lynwood. An amount of \$4,822 for similar purposes was approved for the City of Torrance, Chace declared. Chace pointed out that the funds contributed by the county are determined as a result of the recreational program that the cities or the school districts wish to carry out.

Receives Promotion

Stuart Stanchfield of Manhattan Beach was promoted to commercial projects supervisor with General Telephone Company, it was announced last week. Stanchfield has been employed by the company since 1949, serving as administrative clerk, administrative assistant, and commercial studies analyst prior to his promotion.

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