## Bright pictures grow in this Franklin garden

Summer flowers, artistically plant-ed and carefully cultivated, serve a dual purpose in the life of Alma Schoef-fel of Franklin.

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"I see the beauty in flowers, and being a camera club member, I can record that beauty for myself permd-

tion," she said. Mrs. Schoeffel has more than 1,000

house on Franklin Road into another house they owned on Wellington Road. Mrs. Schoeffel moved some of her favorite flowers along with the house

color slides of her flowers. Some of her houses along with the house-hold years along with the houses hotocrity Camera Club competitions. Three and one-half years ago, Paul and Alma Schoeffel moved from their commercially zoned historic brick houses of orange, yellow and white with

pink-dotted centers came into full bloom in their new house.

AT THE Schoeffel home, an expanse of manicured lawns shaded by huge maples and pines contributes to an aura of serenity and charm in the village center setting. The home faces the the Franklin Community Church and

nis and horseback riding are daily ac-tivities. Placed at the front entrance and side yard bordering the house, perennials are mixed with annuals. White phlox, hybrid and plantain lilies, spruce, holly, sedum, yellow primrose, peonies, fern, hydrangea, mint and jack-in-the-pulpit are companions-in-color the year-round.

There was a concrete oval ornamen-tal pool in the backyard of the Welling-on Road house, once stagnatu and full of debris. It is shadowed by towering pines.

THE ROCK GARDEN is planted at the base of a three-foot slope beneath five old pine trees. Within the 50-by-210-inch oval, a profusion of living color is arranged in rows, criss-crossed by stope paths.

or is arranged in rows, criss-crossed by stone paths.

Planted in rows inside the oval are white alyssum, blue ageratum, pink wax-leaf begonias, yellow dwarf marigold, coleus, white impatiens alternated with red salvia, varigated impatiens

gout, civeus, wine impateries amentage of with red salvia, varigated impatters and a back row of tuberous begonlas. Behind the oval of flowers are ledges, decorated with small sculpture. The upper ledges are filled with flowers growing between coarse-grained volcanic rocks that gently stope into the upper ground level to the base of large tree trunks where large-leafed wild ferns and fragile exotic new-breed begonlas keep cool and damp. On the lower ledge of the rock garden are white pink, salmon red and bi-colored impatiens next to one another with wax leaf begonlas and ageratum. The upper ledge features tuberous be-

A FLAGSTONE retainer wall against the rear yard line is moulded into steps and a walkway, adding beau-ty and design, and making it easier for the gardener to cultivate, fertilize and water the flowers.

Facing the rock garden, one gets a feeling of enclosure, of privacy — a grotto effect that gives the space completeness. The garden is a dimensional three-tiered altar of flowers and rocks, sunshine and shade, at the same time subtle and striking.

MRS, SCHOEFFEL was born in Breman, Germany, a seaport city where ships brought Americans to her shores. Her first childhood desire was to come to the United States. That dream came true when she was a young woman, and she has lived in the Birmingham-Franklin area most of her adult life. Mrs. Schoeffel is much-traveled in Europe, Mexico, Canada and through-out the United States. She has recorded her travels on 17,500 color sildes. Some have been incorporated into narrative presentations that have been used by local church and social service groups. "I love to travel," she said. "The good Lord has grained us something special in this wordt, and I wish more "lafe ties!" brings so many heartaches, After I see something beautiful, it perks me up a bit."

Mrs. Schoeffel has created some-MRS. SCHOEFFEL was born in Bre

Mrs. Schoeffel has created some-thing beautiful in her own backyard, and her travels and sensitivity are re-flected in the touch of formality in her rock garden.

Like Alma Schoeffel, the garden commands respect.



In form, color, design and texture, the Schoeffel garden in Franklin Village ranks as a living work of art. (Staff photo by Stephen Cantrell)

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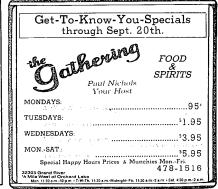
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