

INTERIOR DESIGNERS of the Armstrong Cork Co. have created this delightful kitchen/breakfast area bursting with wake-up appeal. Starting with a generous dash of sunshine, designers enhanced the effect with light, airy colors and gay room accessories. Charming bamboo dividers and sturdy wicker furniture combine with flourishing greenery to give the area refreshing garden-like appearance. The floor is Armstrong's "Cumberland" design in Coronnelle Vinyl Corlon, chosen for its interesting texture and unusual ability to reflect and radiate the natural light.

Walk In Comfort On Resilient Tile

When your feet hurt you hurt all over, sometimes the trouble is not your feet. It may be what you've been walking on. Rough concrete in the basement and floors that are either too hard or too soft can cause what The Better Floors Council calls "foot fatigue."

A floor should not be too hard — it jars your whole body. Nor should a flooring be too soft — this creates friction between the rug and your foot, forcing you to expend more energy moving across it. You know how exhausting it is to walk in loose sand? This is the same principle.

For maximum comfort and efficiency in the home, especially in such areas as the kitchen where much working occurs, the council recommends installing vinyl asbestos floor tile, which is smooth and resilient. Such tile provides safe, comfortable walking and is tough enough to withstand many years of hard use.

If you doubt the latter claim the council points out that New York Subway Car No. 5884 had a vinyl asbestos floor for 20 years and in that time it was trampled on by more than 10 million feet.

Bentgrass Produced In Oregon

More Highland bentgrass seed is produced in Oregon than all other lawn bentgrasses combined. Much of the seed is exported, because Highland performs exceptionally well in the low-mowed turfs of England and northern Europe. Highland is especially at home in climates having a long rainy season, although the variety resists summer drought well.

Try Fertilizer For 'Salting'

If "salting" to melt ice becomes necessary during a late season freeze, consider fertilizer instead of road salt. Salt washing from walks onto the lawn may kill grass, but lawn fertilizer (in reasonable quantities) stimulates lawn green-up.

Although fertilizer is slightly more expensive than salt, this is of little consequence for the limited ice removal normally required around a home.

Highland is of the colonial bentgrass clan, more erect than the creeping bentgrasses used for golf greens. Its open growth habit suits it for blending with some of the new low-growing bluegrasses which, like Highland bent, can be mowed at a 1/4 inch clipping height. Bent-bluegrass combinations should prove good for low-mowed lawns and irrigated golf fairways in cooler parts of the country.

Plant Your Holly In Early Spring

Early spring is as favored a time for transplanting many evergreens as it is for bolsting lawns. Weeks of good growing weather lie ahead.

Hollies are popular specimen plants, for either formal or natural landscaping. Spreading, vase, or columnar shapes are to be had, in American, Oriental, or English species. Cultivars can be found suited to almost any soil and climate of the United States except the northern plains.

An especially attractive setting for holly is a sea of fine-textured grass. Red fescues, bentgrasses, bluegrasses and bermudagrasses have fine texture.

Hollies are rather shallow-rooted. They want drainage, but appreciate a mulch to keep roots moist and cool. Naturally heavy feeders, hollies benefit from supplementary spring fertilization. As with lawngresses, slow-release nitrogen is advantageous for encouraging even growth. This nitrogen stays in the rootzone to be released slowly as the plants need it.

About a pound of balanced fertilizer containing 30 per cent nutrients or better for each inch of trunk diameter is one feeding rule of thumb. It should be spread mostly within the dripline of the holly.

The surrounding lawn should receive three or four pounds of a similar plant food for each 1,000 square feet.

Seeding Is Investment

Spreading good seed and fertilizer on the lawn is like banking money at interest, even when the weather may be too cold for much immediate response.

Seed can lie dormant for long periods without harm.

An oversowing of this turf, bolstered by adequate lawn feeding, is the key to an improved grass investment that bears interest throughout the growing season.



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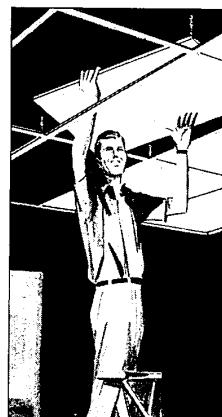
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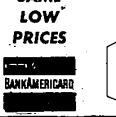
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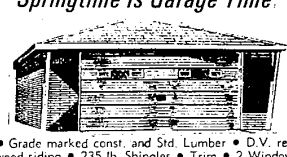
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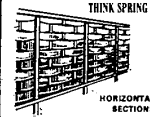
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