

Garage Inexpensive Project

If yours is like nine out of 10 American families, the car when it is at home — is parked in the driveway while the garage sits empty. Which is ridiculous because for around \$1,000 or less this unused space can be converted to a dining room, recreation room or extra bedroom and bath. Usually an attached garage

is in such a spot that it can be fully integrated into the traffic pattern of the house without building new hallways or stairs. In many cases all that is necessary is to replace the big garage door with windows or a new section of exterior wall, then finish the ceiling, walls and floor.

Since there is no heavy

construction involved, many homeowners feel that they can afford luxury touches such as a fireplace and paneling. But whether or not money is an important factor, the Better Floors Council suggests that low-cost vinyl asbestos tile be used as the flooring because it can be installed directly on a concrete slab, even below grade. The new adhesive-back tile is very easy to install and is available in a wide range of patterns and colors.

If it is important to have shelter for your car, a carport can be attached at minimum cost. With a roof of corrugated translucent panels, it can do double duty, serving as a patio in summer.

The chief sacrifice in eliminating a garage is loss of storage space for bicycles, garden tools and other outdoor equipment.

Suburban Gardener

'A Time To Sow' And Where And How

By BETTY FRANKEL

Civilization began when man discovered that he could plant seeds and roots and grow his own food.

Civilization has come a long way since then and many young people — and some older ones — dissatisfied with the pressures — values of modern society are seeking a simpler and more basic way of life. They are relying less on machine-made and mass-produced products and more on their own labors and creations. They are turning to the land to satisfy their needs and are raising at least some of their own food.

No matter what your religion or philosophy, there is great satisfaction in planting seeds, cultivating and nurturing and then harvesting the produce when it is at its peak of perfection. Gardening gives you a feeling of being a participant in the mystery and wonder of life, and implies great faith in the future.

For gardening to be satisfying and productive it is necessary for the gardener to have some basic knowledge — to know where and when and how to plant and cultivate.

SUNSHINE is the first requirement. All day, if possible. Vegetables won't grow in the shade.

Next consider moisture. Although the soil must be well-drained, it can't be parched and dry. Most plants need the equivalent of about an inch of rain per week. In dry spells the garden should be watered. Keep this in mind when choosing a location for the garden.

In small gardens water can be carried in buckets to the garden, but it is far easier to use a hose for a large garden. Avoid light sprinkling. Flow the water on the ground

between the rows or in trenches along side the plants, or use a soil-seaker hose.

The quality of the soil is of great importance, but this is something the gardener can do something about. Poor soil can be improved. The soil should be porous so air can get to the roots, spongy so moisture will be retained, and should contain the minerals and elements needed for plant growth.

Add animal manure or plant compost to the soil to improve its texture and fertility. If you are an "organic" gardener you will use no chemicals but rely on organic materials. Really they are all that is needed, but many people prefer to supplement the soil with chemical fertilizer.

Keep in mind that nitrogen stimulates leafy growth — good for spinach or other vegetables whose leaves and stems are eaten. Phosphorus aids root development and is what is needed for carrots, turnips, radishes, and beets. Potassium increases general sturdiness and helps the yield of vegetables in which the seeds, pods, or fruits are eaten. This includes tomatoes, broccoli, squash, beans.

HOW BIG do you make the garden? That depends on how much space is available, how large a family you are feeding, or how much work you want to put into the garden. The enthusiasm of Spring can wear a bit thin by mid-summer if too much is tackled. At any rate, choose the varieties that your family will enjoy eating, with something new and different each year for added interest.

Plan the garden so the plants are properly spaced. This information is given on the seed packets. Radishes, lettuce, beets, carrots and spinach can be in rows a foot

apart. Most others need 1½ to two feet between rows. Tomatoes that are staked need a minimum of two feet. If not staked, tomatoes need three feet. Melons, cucumbers, squash and other spreading vines need three to five feet in each direction.

Leave enough room so that you can get between the rows to cultivate and harvest. Place tall plants where they won't shade short ones.

Cultivate often enough to keep the weeds from growing. They are robbers, stealing moisture and nutrients from the vegetables. Cultivate lightly after a rain. The crumbly layer will keep the soil beneath from drying out.

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