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The city's recent decision to go out for bids for gasoline used by various city owned vehicles will result in a savings of approximately one and one-half cents per gallon over what is presently being paid.
In a report on bidding to the Council Tuesday night, it was disclosed that the Marathon Oil Co. bid of just under 11 cents per gallon was the lowest of four bids submitted. City Manager John Dinan estimated that the reduced rate per gallon over what the city is presently paying would result in a savings of over \$225 yearly to the city.

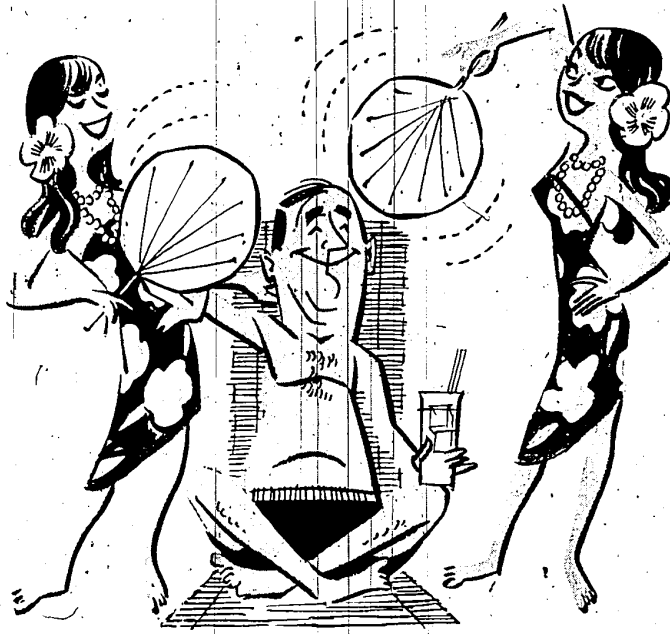
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Tips on Gardening

By Betty Frankel

COLORFUL PERENNIALS
Color is the key to a good perennial garden. There should be tall spikes of color at the rear of the bed, broad masses of color in the middle, and long ribbons of color at the front edge. It should be colorful from one end of the border to the other and should be packed with color all season long. This, of course, is the ideal situation and it is not achieved without some careful planning. It is by no means impossible, however, as is proved by many a fine garden in the area.

ONE of the secrets of success is to rely on a few kinds of perennials that are easy to grow and have large masses of colorful flowers. Use these as the "backbone" of the garden and plant clumps of these at intervals along the border or bed. When each kind blooms, it seems to fill the entire bed with color. The gaps between the clumps are not

conspicuous. Fill the spaces between the "backbone" plants with other, less dominant plants to help reinforce the impression of masses of continuous bloom.

In early Spring the beds could contain clumps of tulips and daffodils with patches of white candytuft, yellow alyssum, blue phlox, forget-me-nots, or gay violas. As these fade, iris in strong or delicate shades take over with a regal elegance all their own. Oriental poppies, whose flaming brilliance is unrivaled, contrast with the early lemon-lilies. Lupines, and baptisia, both members of the pea family, flower next, along with sweet-william, pinks and columbine.

BY THE TIME July arrives the perennial garden is at the height of its glory. Tall blue spikes of delphinium never fail to excite admiration. To be at their best they need sunshine and protection from the wind. Bordeaux mixture protects them from diseases. Staking is a must to keep the heavy spikes of bloom reaching for the sky.

Madonna lilies or regal-lilies make a classic combination when grown with delphinium. Their waxy white flowers have a purity that enhances the blue of the delphinium. A few clumps of orange lilies such as Enchantment make the garden sparkle.

Day lilies are a lovely component of any garden. The foliage is graceful and the flowers, borne on tall stiff stems, are large and dramatic. They are among the least demanding of plants and they thrive with no care whatever. They come in a variety of shades from pale cream and

apricot through clear yellow and tawny orange to deep maroon.

BY MID-JULY there are hundreds of perennials from which to choose. Select those whose color and form and texture complement the garden picture. Shasta daisies are crisp and refreshing with their yellow centers ringed by white petals. Lythrum makes a striking accent with its loose spikes of hot pink, and veronica has cool blue spikes. Monarda has interestingly shaggy heads of pink or red flowers. Platycodon and the various blue-bells add welcome touches of blue.

When August arrives, phlox dominates the garden and by September the perennial asters and chrysanthemums are the center of attraction.

If your garden seems lacking in color at a particular season, make notes of what is blooming in other gardens and plan to include some of these varieties in your garden.

REMINERS
Keep faded flowers picked from annuals to prolong bloom.
Many perennials will have a second period of bloom if the faded flowers are removed. Delphinium are in this category... Columbine, delphinium, lupines, coreopsis and many other perennials can be grown from seed planted at this time... Gum-like substance oozing from the trunk of a peach tree is an indication of borers. To control spray trunk and lower branches with DDT at this time... Overgrown shrubs can be pruned now... Keep beds edged and trim around trees and the garden will look neat enough that a few stray weeds in the flower bed can be overlooked.

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