Down to earth Lots of garden ideas

This column will be a potpourry of ideas for your use.

There has been a renewed interest in developing a wild flower censiter within a garden, especially where a homeowner has an area with a cluster of trees. By opening a large irregular shaped bed, grass cutting is easier and the open pattern becomes an eye catching place of beauty. An open-pattern within the trees could be kidney shaped, but avoid, for example, just a plain oval connecting a couple of trees. In order to have winter interest within the formed cut out turf ton-anecting a group of trees, you might wish to have a spreading yew that will catch the puffs of anow. You can't discount the effect of a large boulder. Maybe on one of the trees where you receive the best view from the house or patic you could have a bird feeder, approached with patio blocks.



A bird house is not only ornamental but assures you of Spring interest for yourselves. If you have some birdhouses on trees now, clean them out and paint them give a fresh appearance. Your garden time will be very busy in the Spring when the birds will be house hunting.

GRANTED YOU have a shady area for developing this wild flower center under the trees, perhaps you would like to create an inviting path, about three feet

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wide with wood chips.

Here are shade-loving wild flowers you will be interested in collecting: Foamflower, heart-shaped leaves with spikes of lacy flowers in May; Liverwort (hepatica triolat), delicate white, blue or pink hlossoms in April; violeta, try to control their spreading habit; White Trilliums, given TLC they will multiply and make you a sharing friend. Dutchman's breeches, resembles a bleeding heart and gives an April flower show. Now you are on your own.

The "In Thing" to do on September 13th is to attend the Glynde-bourne Feinci in the Indoor Riding Ring at Oakland University. It is staged for the benefit of the Kresge Library on campus. It is unique in that the women guests arrive in formal garb and the men in a variety of inspired outfits. The goal is to please their absent hosts, Queen Victoris and Prince Albert.

Everyone brings his own food, including candelabras, silver, linen, and food. In reviewing the plans, your columnist was interested in the technique of developing spectacular gardens in each corner of the riding room. They are being designed and planted by the Rochester Branch of National Farm and Garden, Mrs. Zebile Johnson, The Men's Garden Club of Rochester, and the Tom-Thumb Nursery.

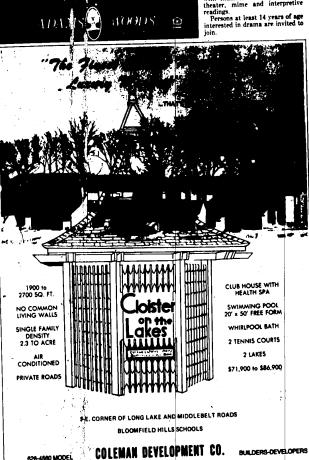
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THE CONTOUR of the planted corners is made interesting by large mounds that have been soaked down with water, then the imaginative talents take over. As far as I can figure out, the gardens are striped with shrubs, pachysandra, flowers which have their stems in water within tin cans, and sundry accessories appropriate for the setting.

This is a Rochester project and their many beautiful gardens are raided "for the cause". What is more fun than working for a cause. Will I see your there?

New theater group meets

The Alternative Players, a non-profit theater group working through the Alternative Program of Common Ground, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Com-mon Ground, 1090 S. Adams, Bir-mingham



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