

Patios Are Flexible

A bonanza of outdoor living enjoyment can be created with a patio of western wood, beautifying and making useful idle land surrounding the house.

Pockets of privacy from weather or neighbors can be formed with screens. Sweeping decks can transform a grassy plot into a party room complete with benches, gazebos and garden "rooms."

Patios are a flexible home addition.

For an eight-page, colorfully illustrated booklet on ways to landscape your yard with patios of western wood, send 15 cents in coin to Western Wood Products Assn., Dept. 523-P, Yeon Bldg., Portland, Or. 97204.



PRINCIPALS IN THE financing of the new Farmington Holiday Inn are (from left) Sid Abel, vice president of Farmington Inn Corp.; Paul McElwain of Southfield, president of FIC, which holds the local franchise; and Donald H. Mitzel, vice president and mortgage department head of First Federal Savings, which provided \$1.8 million in financing.

S&L Finances A Motel

For decades, savings and loan associations have been primarily interested in home mortgages.

But recent changes in federal regulations have allowed S&Ls to invest in apartment complexes, office buildings, industrial plants and motels.

One prime example: First Federal Savings of Detroit announced it is providing a \$1.8 million program of interim and permanent financing for a \$2.6 million Farmington Holiday Inn, scheduled to open in summer at 10 Mile and the I-96 freeway.

First Federal has also financed Holiday Inns at

Metropolitan Airport, Flint and Petoskey.

The loans in the local case were made to Farmington Inn Corp., headed by Paul L. McElwain of Southfield, long a Gulf Oil executive. Vice president for public relations is Sid Abel, former Detroit Red Wings hockey player, coach and general manager

and now coach of the St. Louis Blues.

One feature of the 157-unit motel is a concealed Gulf Oil station in front which is computerized. An attendant uses pushbuttons to relay charges to the motel's front desk, where they are automatically placed on the customer's account.



Sweet Basil: Here's a sweetly fragrant herb that needs to find a place in more gardens.

In Italy, basil is a symbol of love. I understand many an Italian lover can be seen with a sprig of basil (basilico, they call it), tucked behind his ear when he goes to see his lady friend. In India, the basil is regarded as sacred, and Hindus have used it as a symbol of reverence for their dead.

If you want something real nice in your garden try the ornamental basil called Dark Opal. This handsome foliage plant has purple-bronze leaves and is ideal for accents and borders, as well as in flower arrangements.

This highly aromatic cooking herb is easy to grow. If you want the seed directly in the ground and have a temporary hedge by late summer. Use it in the background as it tends to make a lot of growth.

BIRCH LEAF MINER: The pest which causes the leaves to turn papery brown in summer is the birch leaf miner. Best control is to use a systemic known as Dimecron or Cygon 2E, applied around the base of the tree at rate of 1 1/2 teaspoons per gallon of water. If you have a sprayer, you can also use Lindane on the foliage, although we prefer to use systems.

JOSEPH'S COAT: If you're looking for a spectacular touch in the garden, better try a few plants of Joseph's Coat, or Amaranthus. Plants grow three feet tall, but you can

keep them shorter and more compact if you pinch the tips back, as this causes the base to branch out. Leaves turn a rich maroon-red, with a bright cerise-red color above.

I guarantee if you have Joseph's coat in your garden, you're going to have a lot of gardeners ask you what that plant is! It likes full sun, and a good supply of water. Plant is trouble-free and easy to grow. And while you're in the mood for spectacular items, there's still time to grow the Kochia or "Burning Bush", also called Summer Cypress. This item grows three feet tall and evergreen until frost hits the feathery foliage. Then the plant turns red, hence the name "Burning Bush".

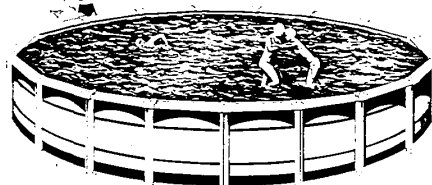
A good feature about this fast growing annual is that you can sow the seed directly in the ground and have a temporary hedge by late summer. Use it in the background as it tends to make a lot of growth.

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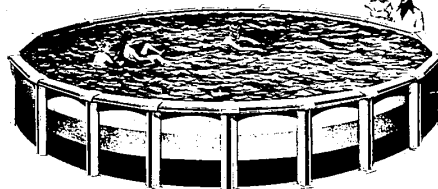
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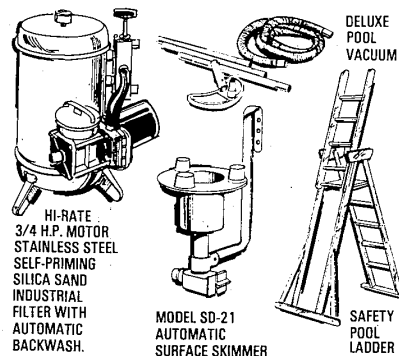
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