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## "Work With Nature"-- Garden Expert Advises

Gardening expert Betty Frankel is our writer for this week's Focus: "Garden Talk".

Mrs. Frankel has written what she calls an "ecological approach" to landscaping—totally different from anything she has ever done for Focus readers.

She suggests that Observerland gardeners might want to turn their thoughts toward the natural surroundings of their homes. "If you analyze the soil and climatic conditions which make up your immediate environment and do some research, you can find out what goes along with your 'habitat.' Then you can work to enhance nature, rather than upsetting the natural balance.

"I started thinking about this when I found friends of mine who lived in low lying areas of Farmington were planting and replanting four or five times in the same spots over a period of several years. After studying

their problem which was mostly connected with inadequate drainage, we were able to select plants, shrubs and trees which can do well under these conditions."

Now these same people have given up growing plants that they like, but which do not do well under chronically damp conditions. "They concentrate on what will grow."

Mrs. Frankel, whose Farmington home is "in the wood without a blade of grass," is content with her natural environs. "Now with the wild flowers starting to carpet the woods, I can't think of a nicer place to be," she said.

Has she utilized the skills on her own yard which will soon give her a master's degree in landscape architecture? "I've done a little work close to the house," she cautiously admits. "But I've tried to do it subtly and keep it as in tune with the natural as possible."

## Landscaping Requires Three Ingredients

By BETTY FRANKEL

Good landscaping is the result of good designing, good horticulture and good maintenance. All three are needed to produce beautiful home grounds.

A good plan is essential. It is the starting point. The plan must be organized so the spaces around your home are functional and convenient to use. A well-designed plan provides adequate parking for guests, a driveway that is easy to get in and out of, a direct and convenient walkway from the street or driveway to the front door and a convenient way to get from the front yard to the back yard.

A GOOD FUNCTIONAL PLAN provides a private area for outdoor dining and relaxation, and a play area for active games if there are children in the family.

The plan should also provide shade where it is needed, such as on a back patio. It can also be designed to provide other kinds of climate control, such as blocking late afternoon glare in a kitchen window, or shading a roof to keep the house cooler.

In addition to solving particular problems, the landscaping can be designed to provide more than one kind of outdoor space. Your yard can provide several kinds of areas. These areas can be used in various ways, and can provide the framework for a variety of outdoor experiences.

There can be broad open areas and small intimate spaces. There can be areas that are very architectural with lots of paving and geometric shapes and forms. Other areas can be soft and free and billowing with plants.

Your landscaping should also be

pleasing to look at. It should provide a pleasant setting for your home and it should give you an attractive scene to view from inside your house or from your patio.

No matter how skillful the basic plan, your landscaping will not be functional, esthetically pleasing or provide for pleasant outdoor living, if the right plants are not chosen to implement the plan. Horticulture must go hand in hand with planning.

No matter what size or shape plant the plan calls for in a particular location, there are undoubtedly many plants from which to choose.

THERE ARE DOZENS of plants that are suitable for ground covers. Some are evergreen. Others lose their leaves or die back in winter. Some thrive in shade. Others need sun.

Likewise, there are a multitude of shrubs in each size range—low, medium and tall. Each has its own particular form and characteristics and each has its own special requirements in order to grow well. There are dozens of small and medium sized flowering trees that have ornamental flowers and provide shade. There are even more large shade trees from which to choose.

In order to have attractive landscaping you need to choose the right plant for the right spot. Choose wisely and the plant will live and thrive and perform the way you want it to. A beautiful, healthy plant will add to the beauty of your yard. A poor specimen that is struggling to survive will be a pitiful sight, it may actually detract from your yard's appearance.

ALTHOUGH EACH YARD presents a variety of growing conditions, there are often a prevailing set of conditions to be considered. In