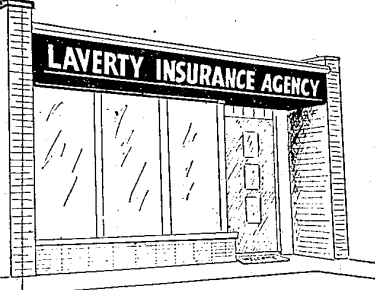


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**Bigger New Cars Makes Enlarging Garages Necessary**

Does your car fit your garage? That's not an idle question. A good many of us are making the discovery that today's longer, lower models are too much for our over-taxed garages. They simply won't fit.

It's a real problem, and the only answer — to enlarge the garage tops as a major undertaking. Most of you think of it as a remodeling job, the adding of needed space as important to you as the finishing off of an attic or the addition of an extra bedroom. It becomes a worthwhile undertaking. It isn't too difficult to visualize the garage extension project as a means of improving your home and property. The more attractive you make it, the more valuable becomes your home.

In most cases you will be able to extend either toward the front or toward the rear, whichever is the most convenient. But if you extend the front, remember you will need to rehang the garage doors. On the other hand, by extending the rear you can provide access to a sheltered porch or a backyard patio.

A new extension in natural stone is a possibility. Stone is decorative, distinctive, gives you lasting service. And as stone adds durability, it increases the value of your home. You can benefit by using stone as do builders. The increase in the value of your property may over-balance the cost of the stone.

Better yet, these days you can choose practically any color or color of stone you wish. You can select a surface texture to suit your home style; the amount runs from rustic ledge-stone to formal sawed stone, with many variations between.

Your garage extension can be the starting point for a more ambitious project — the eventual re-facing of your house itself. Do the garage first. Next year the front door, planter boxes, a low wall or perhaps a porch. The possibilities are as endless as the supply of stone. And as you wish, and bit by bit your home will become a place of natural beauty.

**Make Patio And Garden Meet With A Patio Fenced In Flowers**

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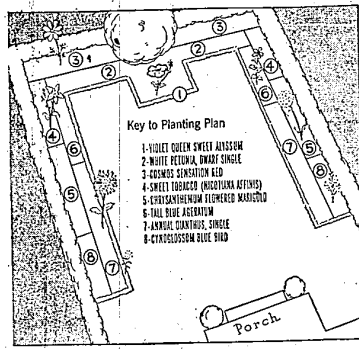
Every home can and should have a patio. An area close to a door is preferable, where you can take a sun bath. Flowers like sun-baths too. Those who prefer shade can build a garden umbrella. A patio without flowers around it will never seem complete, and among them should be fragrant flowers. Most fragrant of all is the sweet tobacco, nicotiana affinis. This is the old-fashioned kind, which, in far more fragrant than the improved varieties, as is so often the case.

The illustration shows a patio planting which can be made easily even by the inexperienced, from the seeds of annual flowers. All subjects are easily grown from seed, and they are easy to grow. The planting is arranged with low growing plants in the foreground, taller ones behind. The color scheme is based upon harmony by applying complementary colors placed together, where each will enhance the beauty of its neighbors.

Annual flowers grown from seeds blossom from early summer until frost comes. If the faded flowers are kept picked off, and reasonable care is taken of the plants, with them can be planted both bulbs and perennials, to give a continuous display of bloom from the time the ground thaws out until the autumn freeze-up.

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**Now Is The Time For Fertilizing**

Assistant County Agricultural Agent John Boy reported this that he has been receiving numerous questions on when to fertilize trees and shrubs. The answer, he stated, is "right away."

Boy points out that complete soil fertilizers are most effective when put on in spring or early in the growing season. He explains that some property owners ruin the trouble by applying fertilizer in the fall. The roots began a first minute growth and failed to last in time for the winter cold.

Boy passes these recommendations along from William L. Love, Michigan State College extension municipal forester.

Apply fertilizer early in the spring around trees and shrubs, using 1 1/2 to 3 pounds of complete fertilizer per 100 square feet of shrub bed area, cultivating fertilizer into the surface of the soil.

Love says chemical fertilizers can be used, such as 10-10-10 or 10-6-4. But avoid direct contact of soil fertilizer with the trunk of the foliage, he warns. Placing about three to four pounds per inch of trunk diameter in trees over six inches, start boring holes four to six feet from the trunk. Make the holes 12 to 18 inches deep and about two feet apart in the area under the branches. Put one or two cups of fertilizer in each hole and then water it down and cover it with soil.

**PURCHASE NURSERY STOCKS ONLY FROM LICENSED DEALER**

Top quality nursery stock, which home owners throughout Michigan soon will be buying for landscaping, cannot be bought for ridiculously low prices any more than can any other top quality products.

Purchasers of plants, shrubs and other landscaping materials should be careful to determine if they are dealing with legitimate operators and whether or not they are being furnished with the grade and quality of stock they think they are purchasing.

This is the suggestion of C. A. Boyer, chief of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's bureau of plant industry. He says one way for the homeowner or any other purchaser of plants, trees or shrubs to be safe is to ask to see the dealer's license or certificate when buying nursery stock. Anyone disposing of nursery stock in Michigan is required by law to be licensed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. This is evidence that the stock offered for sale has been properly inspected by trained Department workers and found to be apparently free from dangerous insects and contagious plant diseases.

In some instances nursery stock is grown on the nurseryman's own premises. This stock must be inspected by Department men where it is growing before it can be legally moved.

"Unfortunately there are always a few operators," said Mr. Boyer, "who do not hesitate to take advantage of the buying public. This is sometimes done by pictorial misrepresentation of stock offered for sale and misleading wording about grades and prices."

**PLUMBERS**

Checklist of plumbing work to be done.

**State Flower And Garden Exhibition To Start March 26 At Fair Grounds**

An imaginary trip from the northern woods of Michigan to the beautiful Smoky Mountains of the south will be afforded residents of the Detroit area at the Michigan Flower and Garden Exhibition at the Michigan State Fair Grounds from March 26 through April 2. An exhibit "In and Around the Smokies" will reproduce many of the famous landmarks in the Smoky Mountains. There will also be a typical moonshiner's cabin; a grist mill, a wild flower meadow and a fern glade. A stream and lake will wind through the entire garden and will cross the Appalachian Trail in several places. A rustic bridge will permit the public to cross the stream in a realistic setting.

The wildflower meadow will contain every type of flower growing in the Smokies, which means several hundred species. The fern glade will contain all types of ferns growing in the area. Several families of Cherokee Indians have been imported to live in the cabins of a typical Indian Village.

A mammoth rose exhibit will be sponsored this year by the Detroit Rose Society. Several thousand will be used during three days of staging. Roses to be displayed will come from Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and Newark, New York. An educational exhibit of potted roses in growth will also be demonstrated.

Michigan State College will present two gardens showing the development of plants over the century in celebration of the college's centennial birthday. The Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation will provide a typical northern Michigan garden and the All-India Florists of Detroit will offer individual displays in a setting of 65 giant camellia plants.

One of the most spectacular exhibits will be provided by the Flower Show management in the Dairy Annex in the form of an elegant pool and fountain. It will demonstrate the proper planting

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