

WINTER HEATING Reduces Heat Loss

SUMMER COOLING

A window without weatherstripping admits as much air as a hole in the wall the size of two budding blocks.

That's the result of tests made to show how lack of weatherstripping or poor weatherstripping allows air infiltration, encourages heat loss, and skyrockets fuel bills. Conversely, effective weatherstripping was proven to cut infiltration to a minimum and reduce winter heating bills by as much as 24 per cent for an average five-room house.

In summer, weatherstripped wood windows guard against heat gain and seepage of warm outside air, and allow air conditioners to operate effectively. The stripping also seals out windblown dust and prevents drafts, thereby increasing total house comfort and convenience.

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Early Spring Means Flower Catalog Time

By BETTY FRANKEL
Special Writer

Spring arrived on March 20—at least, that's what the calendar says. But it's a fluke season that keeps changing its mind, and the gardener knows he will have to bide his time and wait a few weeks before he can go out and start digging and planting.

In the meantime he can take another look at the seed catalogs, review the past year's successes and failures and polish up the plans for the coming season.

EACH YEAR brings resolutions for a "better garden," and each year also brings a crop of brand new plants to try. These new introductions have all been tested in trial gardens across the country and the best have been chosen as "All-America Selection" winners. These "All-America" winners are sure to be notable and are worth trying in local gardens.

Among this year's winners are a clematis, a zinnia, an aster, and two marigolds.

The two-foot tall "Golden Triumph Celosia" is described as having a "flam" striking golden yellow center plume surrounded by up to 10 smaller, feathery, side plumes.

The "First Lady Marigold" which grows 18 inches tall and is said to open up to 50 light yellow blooms at one time must be a veritable garden in itself. "Orange Jubilee," the other marigold winner, is a "pedigree" growing two feet tall and bearing a profusion of three inch carnation-type rich orange blooms.

"BLAZE VERBENA" is covered with bright scarlet clusters of bloom, each accented with a tiny speck of white at the center.

The plants are six inches tall and spread 12 to 15 inches so far nice for ground cover or edging.

"Wild Cherry" is the All-America zinnia selection. It is a striking looking plant with giant cactus-type flowers with quilled cherry rose petals.

"Dwarf Blue" aster grows 10 inches tall but spreads 18 inches and is laden with flowers 2 1/2 inches in diameter. It is a companion to the "Snow White" aster which was an award winner last year.

The All-America rose selection winners for 1968 include a hybrid tea, a floribunda, and a grandiflora.

The hybrid tea, named "Miss All-America Beauty," has clear pink beautifully formed flowers with a "heady" fragrance. The foliage is clear green and the plants are reported to be very vigorous. Despite its name this rose was bred by the French "House of Mouton" which produced the famous "Peace" rose which is a "grandparent" of this year's lovely pink award winner.

Your Home Have Sore Thumb?

What's the "sore thumb" of many homes? To the passerby, it usually is the open garage with its unsightly disarray of tools, toys and garden equipment.

Strangely, many home owners are completely unaware, when the garage door is open, that the "sore thumb" garage spoils all the fine landscaping and other refinements they've added to their homes," comments John Concord, home improvement consultant to Masonite Corporation.

SO WIDESPREAD is the number of these "sore thumbs" garages that Masonite and hundreds of lumber and building materials dealers are campaigning to beautify garages interiors, Concord discloses.

They are advocating a simple remedy which is guaranteed to cure even the worst case of "sore thumb."

Cover bare studs with pre-finished, Patterned Peg-board paneling, then use the wide variety of fixtures available to get tools, toys and other objects off the floor and into an organized storage system on the walls.

"This immediately does three things," Concord points out: "It hides unsightly walls, provides a method of convenient, easy-access storage, and assures low maintenance, since the panels have a durable finish."

THE HEAVY duty panels, which have a pattern resembling men's cloth, are capable of holding any item two men can lift into place, including an outdoor motor, power mower, lawn roller and cans of heavy paint placed on bracketed shelves.

It also supports all types of garden equipment and other storage items on fixtures designed for these purposes.

CUT DOWN FUEL BILLS

The effects of cracks in the floor, warped planking or inadequate subfloors—which up fuel bills substantially—can be remedied with the installation of vinyl asbestos tile floors, The Better Floors Council reports.

FHA Area Chief Tells Of Changes

Detroit's Federal Housing Administration office has taken on a "new look," according to its recently-appointed director.

Speaking before a luncheon meeting of the United Northwestern Realty Association—Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors, FHA Director Eddie McGloin told members that the government agency has cut much of its red tape. "This change provides greater efficiency and speedier processing of applications," he said.

"The new FHA," McGloin stated, "is no longer suburban oriented, no longer mostly new construction and no longer excludes entire neighborhoods. Thus it serves more people."

McGloin explained that because of Congress's liberalization of the National Housing Act, the FHA is now working in the inner city areas. "Previously the FHA rejected certain applications because of location. Now each application is judged solely on its merits, regardless of location," he said.

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is the winning floribunda rose in the All-American selections for 1968. The vivid crimson rose is good for cutting, long-lasting in the garden and compact.

Detroit Bank To Open New Facility

Detroit Bank and Trust will open the new permanent office for its branch at Newburgh and Palmer Roads in Westland at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, March 25.

The new banking center replaces temporary quarters which the branch has occupied since it was opened in late 1967. Ground for the new office was broken in ceremonies held in May last year.

During the opening week, the bank will provide copies of a special folder—"Coins from the World of Bank"—which includes foreign coins to tourists. Free kiddie checks for youngsters—good for one lollipop—will also be given out.

Among the new features offered by the banking center are drive-in windows, safe deposit facilities and a night depository. Free parking has been provided for approximately 60 cars.

Hours for the branch will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday.

The bank office was the first building to be started in the Westland Industrial Center being developed by the Campbell Group. A second building—a parts warehouse for Chevrolet Motor Division—has subsequently been constructed in the center.

Alton Moses will continue as branch manager—a position he has held since the office was opened.

Champs Use Gun Stocks Of Walnut

It takes a champion to know one.

This could be one reason the national trapshooting champion and the national pistol champion for 1967 used guns stocked with walnut, the champion American hardwood.

NEARLY ALL of the competitors in the two championship shoots favored genuine walnut gun stocks.

"I prefer walnut," says Herman F. Welch, the Grand American Trapshooting Champion, "because of its weight, body and beauty."

Welch, general foreman of the Electro-Motive division of General Motors and a resident of Downers Grove, Ill., won over 2,900 entries in the trapshooting championship at Vandalia, O., in August. He scored 100 out of 100 to become only the ninth winner in 68 years to post a perfect score.

He and his wife, Lorraine, an artist specializing in oils, spend their vacations hunting and fishing in Wyoming. All of their guns are stocked with walnut.

THE OTHER CHAMPION, Capt. Max Schneider (Air Force ret.) of San Antonio, Tex., says he would not think of using anything but American walnut on his firearms.

Capt. Schneider made the pistol with which he won the National Pistol Championship at Friendship, Ind., in August. His score for the aggregate matches was 930-11x (15 bulls-eyes).

According to the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, walnut is the only recommended wood for bench stocking (heavy caliber rifles).

Walnut has the ability to withstand shock, it has stability and non-heating properties. Sportsmen also prefer it for its warm, glowing beauty that develops a patina with use.

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