Bentgrass Good For Moist Soil

Not only is pedigree bentgrass one of the best bargains–there are about 8 million seeds to the pound–but it performs excellently in dampish climates where the soil is moist and somewhat acid, says the Lawn Institute. Bentgrass is one of the few turfgrasses that does better mowed low (an inch or less), a preference of many home-owners.

True-to-type bentgrass seed at one time was not readily available, but all that has changed. A select hybrid, Penncross, provides some of the best golf greens in the country from seeding, where formerly live shoots had to be started.

And colonial bentgrasses, such as Highland, Holfior Exeter and Astoria, make economical, more easily-cared-for turf for lawn and fairway.

All bentgrasses need attention. If weather turns dry they should be irrigated. Fertilization every six weeks or so is in order on most soils.

Dealers Have Samples Of New Asbestos Tile

Floor covering dealers have samples of the new colors and designs of vinyl asbestos tile that were introduced by resilient floor manufacturers in January. These floorings were designed to blend with the latest trends in home decorating, according to a report from The Better Floors Council.

PRIZE WINNERS — The Farmington Kiwanis Club judged its annual Bird House Building Contest Saturday. Winners were: (from left) Mary Allmayer, fifth grader at Flanders who won the 10 to 14 year old class; John Hans, fifth grader at Flanders, 8 to 10 years; and Scott Dolan, a ninth grader at East Junior High, the 10 to 14 year old class.

New Apartments Change Scene

Apartments, like people, are moving to the suburbs.

The increasing suburban population--which includes young-marrieds who don't want or cannot afford a house, and retired couples who want maintenance-free living--has created a demand for apartments that rival city units in terms of quality, attractiveness, low-maintenance, and even some luxury extras.

An example of this trend is the estimate that one popular New York commuter suburb, Stamford, Conn., plans 2200 apartment units for the year. According to electric utility estimates, 10 to 25 per cent of them will offer electric heat.

One of the Stamford apartments following this trend features--in addition to electric heat--air conditioning, sound control, and extras such as dishwashers and self-cleaning ovens.

THE BUILDER-OWNER, interested in a building that would offer low maintenance and low upkeep costs for him, and be attractive to tenants, used Perma-Shield vinyl-clad casement and fixed glass windows throughout the 12-unit garden apartment.

The choice of windows was determined partly by the use of electric heat (the local utility has a published window standard for electrically-heated homes which does not recommend use of single glazing or metal sash because of the danger of condensation during cold weather).

Another reason was low maintenance. The vinyl-clad windows do not require painting and will not pit, rust or corrode. Since welded insulating glass is standard with Perma-Shield, storm sash was not needed. This gave tenants fewer glass surfaces to wash.

Flowers Beautify Kitchens

Add a touch of natural beauty to your kitchen or breakfast room with sprightly fresh spring flowers and lush greenery. They also will help to create an atmosphere conducive of good cheer and lively conversation, says the Society of American Florists.

As a starter, add bright philodendron vining plants to a wall next to the breakfast table. Try using three such plants–two in a horizontal row with the third placed to one side and raised a few inches.

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TO LEND EVEN more interest to the grouping, the Society suggests, add a small shelf to the arrangement and place a small vase of flowers, or a bright canister, on it.

For more potent morning magic, try informal bouquets of flowers on the breakfast table.

One such cheerful charmer is a two-tiered wicker basket with white daisies and blue cornflowers arranged in the top tier, and brilliant red carnations in the bottom tier.

Care Is Urged In Picking A Floor Covering

The Better Floors Council strongly urges home buyers, builders and remodelers to select floor coverings with great care, especially with respect to color and design.

The Council points out that a chair, a sofa, or lamp can easily be changed if it clashes with the decor, but once a floor is installed it is expensive to alter. Floor coverings can make or break any room, so it pays to select colors and designs that will enhance and blend with the furnishings and decor.

Luckily, expert advice and guidance is freely available from any up-to-date floor covering dealer. He will have samples of the latest colors and designs in the newest products, such as easy-to-install vinyl asbestos tile, from which to choose.

Equally important, the dealer also can provide color coordinated room layouts that include not only exciting floor designs but suggestions as to appropriate furnishings and decor. This material, designed by the nation's foremost decorators, is provided by manufacturer members of the BFC.

Decorative Wood Shutters Heighten Beauty Of Window

Window shutters, which were strictly functional in olden days, are considered high style in modern homes.

On Colonial or traditional houses, shutters give a touch of decorative authenticity. And, they're often used with contemporary house styles to add interest to flat, severe-looking exterior walls.

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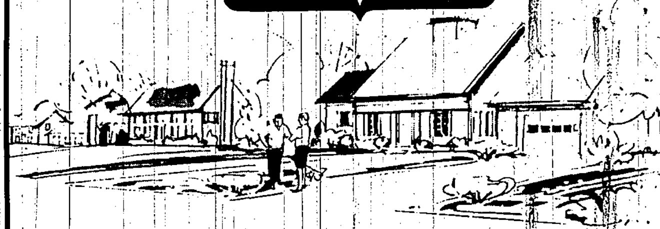

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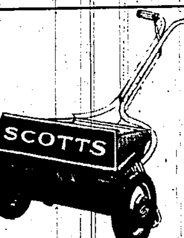

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