

Household Scrapbook
By Roberta Lee**Clean Those Brushes!**

When finished painting, clean the brushes in turpentine (or mineral spirits), followed by hot soapsuds. Don't delay this process, if you want the brushes in good condition for the next job! Don't use strong alkaline or acid solutions. And don't dry the brushes fast — nor should they remain wet longer than necessary. Hang up to dry, **Chipped Porcelain**

At one time an almost impossible job for the amateur, chipped porcelain can now be repaired nicely with the new porcelain glazes on the market. The area must be free of grease and dirt, and should be completely dry. Apply a thin coat of the glaze, wait 30 minutes, and apply another thin coat. Keep applying until the damaged spot is built up so that it is level with the surrounding surface. The trick is not to try to fill the chipped area with one single thick coat. Have denatured alcohol on hand to be used for wiping off any surplus glaze.

Suede Shoes

Keep your suede shoes new-looking by rubbing them with a piece of stale rye bread or a rubber sponge after each wearing.

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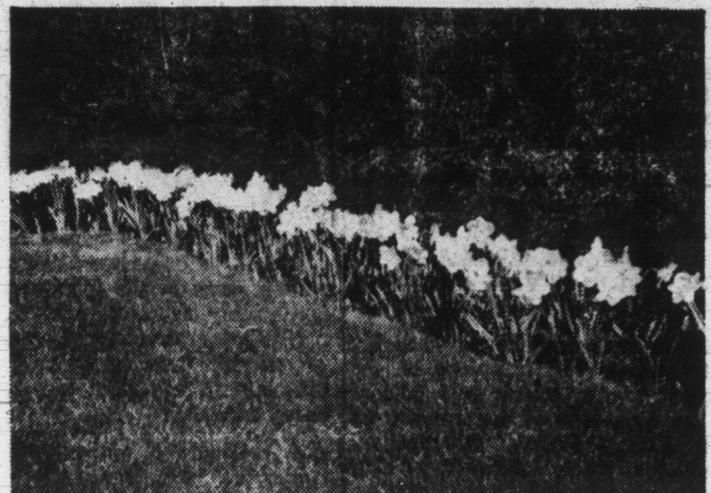
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**GETTING THE MOST...
FROM YOUR GARDEN**

by Dr. W. A. Liddell
Director of Information, Asgrow Seed Company

PLAN AND PLANT NOW FOR COLOR IN SPRING

The sunny weeks of summer may be with us still, but the steadily shortening hours of daylight warn that the season is drawing to an end. The prudent gardener remembers that now is the time to be getting his bulbs into the ground if there is to be a good display of color in the coming spring.



First to appear, and for that reason well loved, are the snowdrops. They will grow almost anywhere, but are often planted among tulips, which they precede. There are large-flowered and double-flowered varieties, but these have not displaced the old single in popularity. Set the bulbs 3" deep, individually or massed.

Spring crocus, the next arrival, is often planted in lawns as it generally flowers before the first mowing, but it is also effective in the front of a perennial border or among ground covers, where it will produce progeny if the tops are left until they dry out. Seven colors are available, from the favorite yellow to white and blue. Set the bulb-like corms 3" deep. The lilac-colored fall species is planted in July.

Tulips, as indispensable as they are lovely, provide decorative groupings for the border in almost any arrangement of colors that may be desired, since their many varieties and types range from white to near black, and some with variegated colors or odd shapes. It will be helpful if an area plan of the border is sketched and the colors and types chosen to form a harmonious and pleasing picture, usually with the different varieties in groups rather than a mixture of individuals. The bulbs should be planted 6" to 8" deep, down where the soil is cool and not too rich, the short single or double early types for first bloom, the taller and later-flowering sorts to follow. If the tulips are to be succeeded by summer annuals, these should be marked on your plan and the seeds sown when finishing the bulb planting. This method gives happy results and the growing annuals will screen the foliage of the tulips, left after the flowers have gone, to help in making food for the bulbs below so that it will bloom again next spring. A light mulch will Conn.

If you would like free information about how to grow vegetables in your back yard, send your name, in making food for the bulbs below so that it will bloom again next spring. A light mulch will Conn.

**Rugged, Rustic
Walls Required
In Sports Nook**

For a sportsman's corner in the recreation room, a rustic-appearing wall surface is a "must." Many lumber dealers are suggesting the use of Masonite Seadrift, an embossed hardboard.

Besides giving the atmosphere which the outdoor sportsman appreciates in his "corner," the panels are rugged and will stand knocks and bumps. They may be painted attractively to help make the area a pleasant place for the man of the house to plan his hobbies during the fishing and hunting seasons.

If the sportsman is a do-it-yourselfer, as many are, he may want to build a built-in closet with storage facilities for guns, other sports gear and hunting or fishing clothes and paraphernalia.

**All-Electric
Freedom**

Builder James Rosati of St. Petersburg, Fla., has built 300 Gold Medalion Homes in Freedom Village, a retirement community. He believes well designs, all electric houses are ideally suited for the convenient style of living he wants to offer. Rosati's kitchens include five major built-in electric appliances — counter-top range and wall oven, dishwasher, refrigerator-freezer, combination washer-dryer, and water heater.

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**Modern Hide-Away in Ohio Hills
Offers Year-Round Resort Living**



This modern second home features durable construction and quality materials, like asphalt shingles and wood windows.

Location is used in walls, floors and ceilings in many of his homes.

Another aid to comfort and heating economy is the use of ponderosa pine windows. They help keep heat in and drafts out because of the natural insulating quality wood and because of their snug fit and built-in weatherstripping. Wood windows are also preferred, Donelson says, because they are compatible with the rustic setting.

Donelson's homes also include full plumbing, an electric range, refrigerator-freezer and waste disposer.

Lots cost from \$2,000 to \$3,600,

and houses sell from \$5,000 to

\$13,000. Nearly 200 homes are

expected to be completed by the

end of 1963.

A shopping center, two chapels

and a marina are planned for the

near future.

Wind-resistant asphalt shingles are either self-sealing or interlocking. The former have a factory-applied adhesive that bonds them firmly to shingles below; the latter have slits or tabs to provide a tight joint with adjoining shingles.

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resistant" label have met the

Underwriters' Laboratories speci-

fications for weight, fire resis-

tance and durability, as well as

wind resistance.

After touring Texas coastal

cities struck by Hurricane Carla

in 1960, Norvel F. Favala, presi-

dent of the Houston chapter of

the Society of Residential Ap-

praisers, commented, "One val-

uable lesson was learned — that

self-sealing asphalt shingling can

withstand the action of high

winds. A check of roofs after the

storm proved that these shingles

came through with little or no

damage."

Herbert C. Heath, chief archi-

tect in the Houston FHA office

said, "We learned a great deal

from the hurricane. It was a

major test of how shingles react

during high winds. I am con-

vinced that asphalt shingles

properly nailed and sealed down

will withstand the winds we get

in Houston."

Strathmore at Matawan, N. J., is a good example of what makes Levitt's communities click. It is a carefully planned community of 1,900 homes, the first occupied late in 1962.

Included are a Bath and Tennis Club, shopping center, church sites, and municipally operated

sewer and water systems. Streets,

street lights and sidewalks were

installed and paid for by the

Levitt firm.

Equalizing the communal facil-

ties are the homes themselves.

Five dissimilar models, one a

ranch and the others two-story

traditional homes, are inter-

mingled in the community.

Each house is centrally air-
conditioned and designed and
constructed to make both heating
and cooling economical. Each
home in Strathmore is insulated
thoroughly with mineral wool.

This has helped keep both the
initial and maintenance costs
down without reducing efficiency,
by permitting the use of smaller,
less expensive cooling systems.

The smaller the cooling unit, the
lower its operating cost.

Wood doors and windows, which

contribute to the attractive

traditional look of Strathmore

homes, also add to their year-

round comfort, since wood is an

excellent insulating material.

Exterior doors and windows are

stock units of ponderosa pine,

which come from the factory

ready to install. This is a cost-

cutting factor Levitt uses in all

homes, and one that helps keep

maintenance low.

Roofing of UL-labeled asphalt

shingles is another quality build-

ing material Levitt uses to hold

down original cost without sacri-

ficing appearance or perform-

ance. Low in applied cost but

durable and attractive, the asphal-

t shingle roofs on Strath-

more homes are of various pastel

colors, or white. By reflecting

the summer sun, the light-colored

shingles help keep cooling costs

low.

Strathmore residents also find

two other Levitt principles par-

ticularly appealing — facile house-

hold traffic circulation and well-

planned, all-electric kitchens.

Kitchens, designed for work-

saving efficiency, are

equipped with automatic electric

appliances. The more expensive

model has a large electric re-

frigerator-freezer, built-in auto-

matic dishwasher, built-in coun-

ter-top range and wall oven, and

waste disposer. Other models

have electric refrigerators and

built-in ranges. All have electric

washers and dryers.

Strathmore houses range from \$16,990 for the four-

bedroom, two-bath Cape Cod to

\$25,990 for the four-bedroom,

three-bath Country Clubber. Lot

sizes start at 7,700 square feet,

and the average lot size in the

community is 11,354 square feet.

And there often is room above!

door open any more.

**Right Roofing
Snubs Storms,
Repels Rain**

Once a vicious windstorm has blown itself out and the skies have emptied their last bucketful of rain, some homes stand unscathed, while others are seriously damaged. Why?

It may be a miracle, but more likely it was foresight on the part of the home owners.

The houses that suffer the least damage from wind and rain usually are those with wind-resistant roofing.