

Ornamenting House Grounds

By L. C. BREED

THE surroundings of the house can be made attractive by carrying out some of the following suggestions. Among the means of accomplishing this, the first step would be to have some small evergreen trees or shrubs not over six feet high, planted near the entrance to the grounds and continue them along the passageway to the house.

Three trellises should be placed on the house near the entrance to it. One of them could be used for clematis, which is a charming flower with other qualities to recommend it for the garden. It makes a good display when used on a trellis and flourishes under ordinary conditions.

The second trellis could be used for rose, which, besides its beauty, is an excellent climber and is a hardy flower. The third trellis could be used for wisteria. Among flowering vines, besides being attractive, it is found that these hardy vines will outgrow nearly all kinds of climbers. They will reach the second sometimes the third story of a house.

Placing window boxes on the house furnishes another pleasing feature and affords an opportunity to use several kinds of flowers.

If a pool is provided, some water lilies and other pool flowers will flourish. These flowers require but little care further than to see that the pool is kept clean.

A garden plot on the sunny side of the house could be used in which to grow flowers such as gladioli, dahlias, daffodils, petunias and other favorites.

Bird houses placed on poles add variety to the garden features. An additional novelty is bird baths. Some of them are made to look like a huge mushroom.

It is noticed that fruit trees furnish a striking contrast among other trees on account of the brilliant colors of their blooms. These are desirable for display, independent of their fruit.

There is a tree which recently has been introduced from China that is known as the "Hurry tree" on account of its rapid growth. This renders it very useful if wanted for shade in a short time.

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FROM THE SOUTH

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

THE Oklahoma A. & M. College of Stillwater, Oklahoma, is making an extensive study of grasses adaptable to golf courses and estates in Oklahoma. This program is being aided materially by the assistance of Prof. H. J. Harper of the Agronomy department.

Prof. Harper has been engaged in considerable research work with the bent grasses and at the present time is making a thorough study of brown patch and other fungi diseases that attack bent grass. He believes that within a short time he will be able to give the actual cause of brown patch and a complete explanation of the fungi family from which it originates.

Assisting him in the research are professors Roff and Henderson of the Botany and Entomology departments respectively.

WHEN the winter blizzards sweep down upon the state of Oklahoma it usually brings a thick blanket of snow which affords protection for Bermuda grass fairways and tees. But last winter seemed to be an exception.

During the month of February a severe cold wave brought icy winds and zero weather but no snow and although fairways throughout the state are beginning to show green, there are numerous ugly spots on most of the Bermuda fairways.

Nature leaves Bermuda in the fall with a thick coat of straw for protection but late fairway mowing forces the grass to go through the winter with no covering whatever.

PACIFIC COAST GOES ECONOMIC

By ARTHUR LANGTON

A SYMPOSIUM on how to maintain an eighteen-hole golf course with the assistance of three men or less could be compiled from the daily doings of a score or more Pacific coast greenkeepers.

What is astonishing is the fact that the layouts so short-handed are able to provide playing conditions of any kind, let alone of a quality sufficiently good enough to attract a few paying players. Yet a brave attempt is being made throughout the length of the Coast.

GREENKEEPERS themselves are attacking the situation with philosophic calm. As one expressed the situation, "It really doesn't make any difference, one man more or less, after you get below five. There is too much for everybody to do." Another voiced the hope that club officials would leave him with at least one man, because he wanted someone to talk to.