

WELL PLANNED SHRUBBERY RESULTS IN GREEN-WALLED GARDEN FOR THE URBAN GARDENER

24 new garden varieties are tested by gov't dept.

When planting gardens this spring, Canadian gardeners should plan to include some of the 24 new varieties tested at the Canada Department of Agriculture's Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, last year.

"They're on the market this spring and many are well worth growing," states R. W. Oliver, horticulturist with the department's Plant Research Institute.

The new varieties more than held their own amongst the colorful tangle of blooms of 120 different varieties grown at the experimental farm in 1960. The two dozen new flowers were sent to the farm by seed companies for testing.

TOP NEWCOMER
Most outstanding of the newcomers, said Mr. Oliver, are antirrhinums, commonly called snapdragons. He rates a new hybrid group in six colors, known as Rockets, as "excellent."

"They are far superior to the older, tall varieties because of their long straight stems and the flowers are well placed on long spikes," he said. In tests at the experimental farm no stakes were used but very few plants were broken by wind.

Mr. Oliver also liked two new double varieties, Cream Puffs and Vanguard, but in his opinion the extra flower parts give the spikes a "Clubby" appearance. Cream Puffs is a creamy white with a gold lip. Vanguard is clear bright rose with a gold lip. Both plants continued to produce spikes over a long period when properly cut.

CHINA ASTERS
Several new China asters also would be a welcome addition to any garden. Among the new ones tested is Early Charm with a pleasing range of color in good proportion.

The plants, about 18 inches high, each have several three-inch double flowers that bloom early. They are good for cutting but the blooming period is short.

Clinton Blue and Pink Lady are asters of the American branching type. They produce large, fully double flowers on long stems and are true to color. Another good new aster, Mr. Oliver said, is Pink Peony although it is very pale in color.

Discounting the wide publicity

given to Gloriosa daisies, he rates them as "coarse-looking for the average garden although they make striking bouquets."

DOUBLESTRAIN
The double strain of Gloriosa daisies is not fully fixed yet, he said. There are many semi-double types and a few that

have only the outer whorls of ray florets. These, he stated, have mahogany markings that frequently make them more attractive than the fully double, gold ones.

New varieties of marigold and petunia make their appearance every year and the past year was no exception.

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Shrubs, trees provide much-needed privacy for homeowners in housing developments

Trees and shrubs can be combined to provide an ideal atmosphere for relaxation. A hedge provides full privacy cutting off the street view. With a flowering tree and shrubs one has a restful, green-walled garden of considerable beauty.

One of the most common complaints of families living in housing developments is that "they have no privacy" according to studies by the Canadian Association of Nurserymen. The complaint is most common in areas of medium-cost housing, but also is present to considerable degree in many so-called exclusive developments.

Modern builders are paying far more attention to privacy than in former years of housing shortage when "shelter" was practically their foremost consideration. Landscaping provides the most practical as well as the least costly means of assuring privacy to the family where homes are close together. Landscape nurserymen say that there are two main ways of achieving the amount of privacy de-

sired by planting trees and shrubs.

PLANT SOLID HEDGE
One method is by planting a solid hedge, and the other is by planting individual trees and shrubs to shut off certain views from neighbouring property. Plants also are used to screen any undesirable views from your garden area. Garden or out-door living requires plantings which make the living area more private for family recreation and entertaining.

A hedge can be of solid plant growth through which no one can look. It can even be impenetrable if one desires it, depending on the choice of plant materials available at any nursery. Or the hedge can be fairly open, just enough to provide privacy without it being a solid barrier. Flowering shrubs of many kinds, or berried plants can be used to add beauty. Roses can make a lovely open hedge. One thing to remember is to choose plants which will, at maturity, be at the height you desire. Some plants grow low and others high. Any established nurseryman can advise.

Often a family desires only to block off one or two undesirable views of neighbour's property. It might be the back of a garage or garbage disposal, clothes lines, unsightly children's play space, or even a porch which looks down upon your yard. A few evergreen shrubs or trees can block off such views without seeming to. All the home owner has to do is place the plants between the area to be shut off and his own house, just inside the boundaries of his property. A foreground shrub or tree

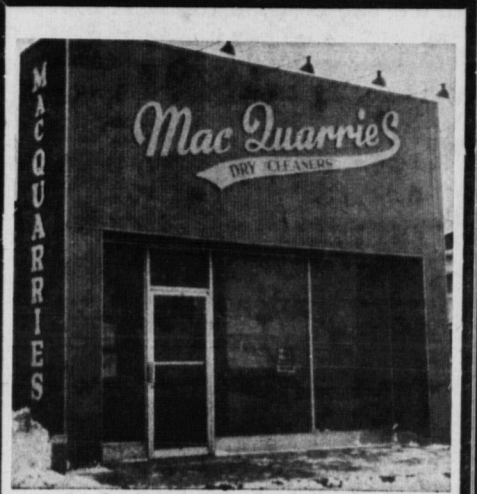
nearly always will attract attention away from unsightly views at a distance.

CHEAP EVERGREENS
One does not have to surround himself with the larger or more exotic and costly plants. He can accomplish much with native evergreens and deciduous plants that can be purchased for small amounts. Special plants can then be added a few at a time. A large variety of beautiful flowering shrubs that cost little and give exquisite re-

sults are on display at the established nurseries. One also can use plentifully the annual plants that are available from nurseries from about April until September or later, including gorgeous chrysanthemums and other perennials that will flower from year to year. Everyone can have a few rose plants.

Plants are priced by nurseries according to age, size and scarcity of the species. Naturally, a plant which has to be cared for, fertilized, pruned, sprayed

for four to ten years or more will cost more than a plant one or two years of age. Anyone who is willing to care for young plants as they mature on his own property can purchase these at prices to fit his pocketbook. He who gardens finds many wholesome pleasures that the whole family can enjoy. There is no reason why anyone with a small plot of land cannot discover the many delights of the "gardening way of life" regardless of his income.



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