GREEN THUMB GARDENING

By CHRISTINE COLE

SMALL GARDENS BIG PLEASURE

Do you have a small yard, but long for a bounty of your own fresh vegetables? Well, don't despair, there is a few creative ways that you can enjoy your own harvest regardless of the size of your yard - even a balcony will produce some of your favourite foods.

One method is to grow more plants in the same area. There is now varieties of vegetables that are smaller in size but still big in taste. Many of these compact varieties produce just as much food as the larger robust ones. Cucumbers and squash as well as beans can be found with selections of dwarf size.

Your vegetable garden doesn't have to be the traditional large, rectangular plot in your backyard. Why not plant it throughout your yard in the existing flower and shrub beds? Yes, think about how ornamental many vegetable plants are! Use leaf lettuce or parsley as a low border along the bed. Groupings of other vegetables can be planted amongst flowers or shrubs. Groups of three purple cabbages tucked in amongst your evergreens, or perhaps plant cauliflower amongst your favourite geraniums and annuals. Corn doesn't have to be planted in long straight rows - use it as a backyard plant, behind your peonies of flowering shrubs. Sew it in pockets of 5 to 10 stalks. Create a quick growing productive vine on your lattice or chainlink fence. Squash, pumpkins and cucumbers will all clamber up and adorn a fence. Heavy fruits like squash and pumpkin may need support with an old nylon stocking or the like near the end of the season.

If you don't have room for vegetables in your flower beds then you can grow most vegetables (except corn) in containers. This will make your vegetable garden more mobile as well as decorative. When you have harvested your beans or beets etc. you can tuck the pot away until next season or plant another quick season crop that can continue growing inside during the fall - lengthening your season of summer salad fixings. Most vegetables will grow well in a pot of 12 inch depth including root crops such as carrots and beets. Also consider growing Bush Beans, Cabbage, Egg Plant, Lettuce, Green Pepper, Tomatoes, etc. Tomatoes are particularly rewarding when grown in containers. Small to medium size plants require a 2-3 gallon pot while the large bush type tomatoes such as Beefsteak will require a 6-8 gallon pot.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace!

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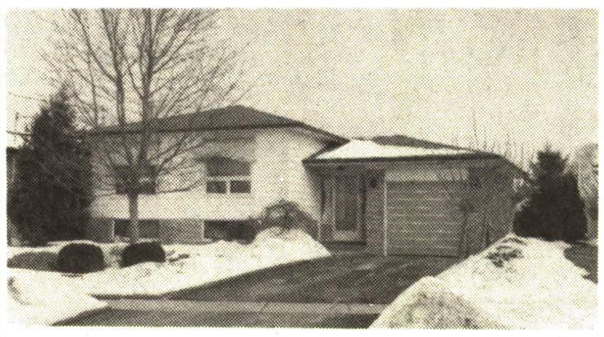

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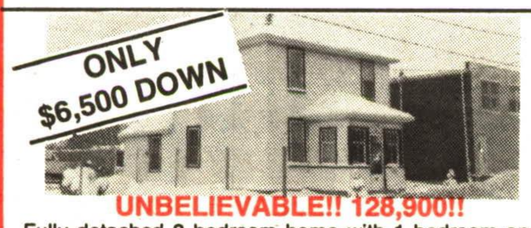

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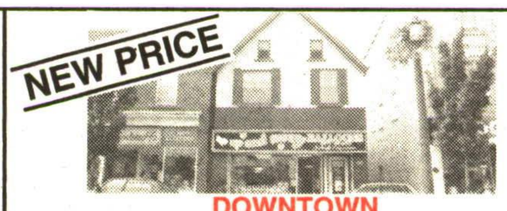

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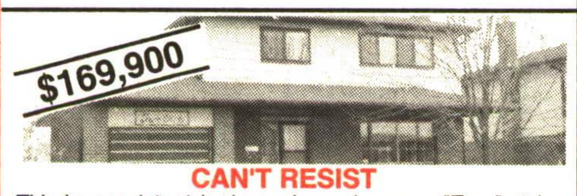

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