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We all know that roses are not created equal. Some are more winter hardy, some are easier to grow, and some are more disease-resistant. And there are so many different types of roses - those that tuck neatly into the perennial border, those that grow tall and look great on a trellis or arbor, and those that are spectacular in mass plantings.

While the rose genus unequivocally offers the most varied selection of plants to suit every purpose a gardener can dream up, most gardeners feel that they just don't have enough information to make informed decisions about purchasing rose plants.

One rose catalog offers practical and honest informa-

tion about rose varieties. Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower Inc. produces the most informative catalog in the rose business, featuring spectacular photographs and comprehensive descriptions of more than 250 varieties of roses that are available for purchase at local garden centers nationwide.

Until now, this catalog has been available only to wholesale rose buyers. But this spring, due to popular demand, Weeks Roses is making their catalog available to rose gardeners. You can't order from it, but you can go to your local garden center armed with more information about rose varieties than you've ever had before.

Whimsically written by

world-renowned rose hybridizer Tom Carruth, the 1999 Weeks Roses catalog will be your rose reference for years to come. Much of the catalog can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.weeksroses.com>. Or a full copy is available for purchase (\$7.95) from Primary Products for Serious Gardeners by calling 1-800-841-6630.

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Nan Hurst has an armful of flowers she purchased at the Acton Horticultural Society's plant sale, Saturday. - Ted Tyler photo

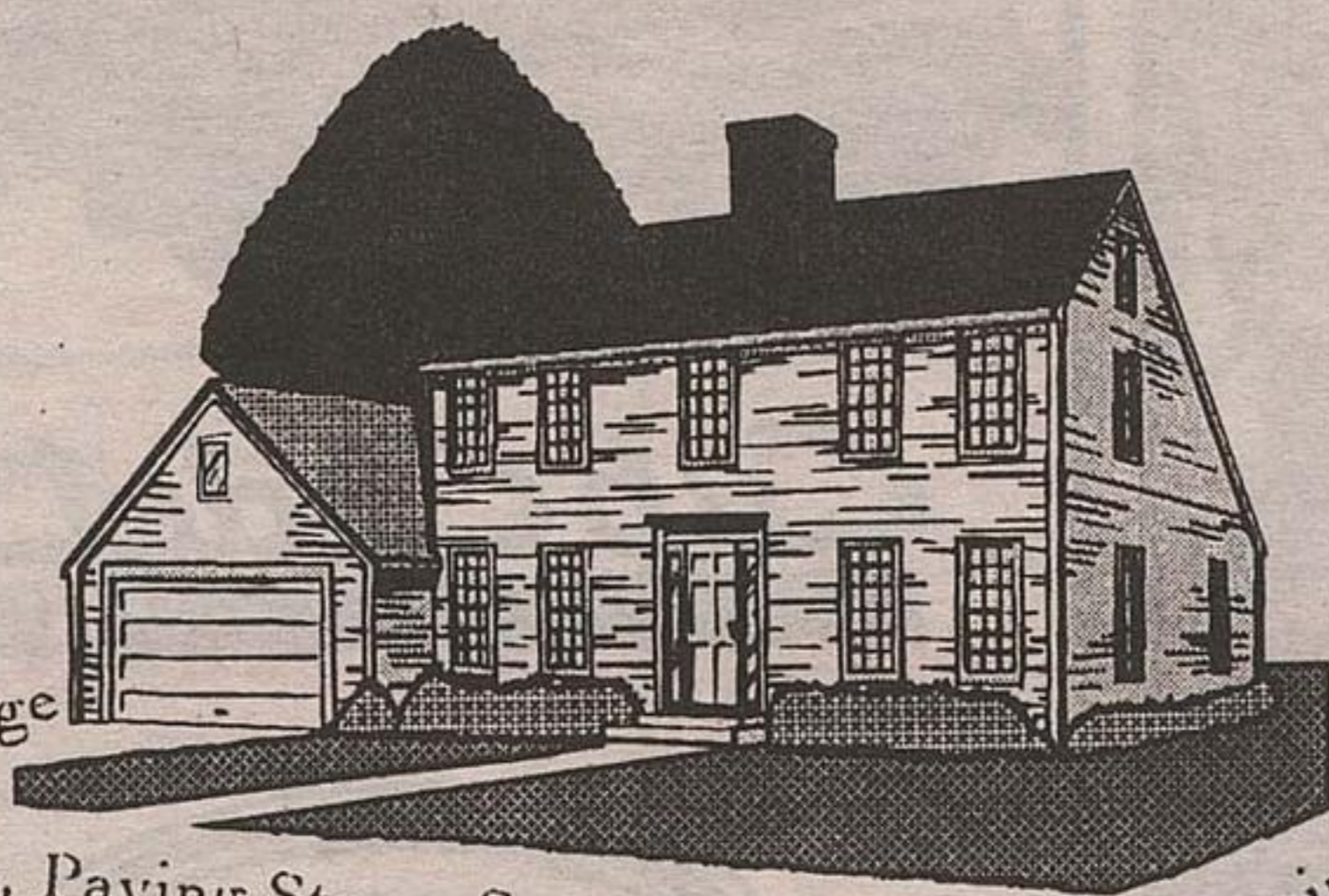
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Planting evergreen shrubs and trees on the northern and western sides of your home creates a natural winter windbreak, cutting winter heating costs. Shading your air conditioning unit not only saves energy, but helps lengthen the life of the unit. The shade provided by a tree or shrub cases the strain on an air conditioner unit. Just be sure not to block the air circulation necessary to run the machine efficiently.

Vines are another quick and beautiful energy saver. Deciduous vines provide quick-growing shade on the walls of your home. Consult a professional landscaper to help you choose the right vine. Studies show landscaping can also improve the resale value of your home and reduce noise pollution.

Remember, before beginning a landscaping project, call us to find out if there are underground lines you need to avoid. Also, don't plant tall growing trees under power lines. For energy savings, beauty and noise reduction, nothing beats landscaping.

LANDSCAPE WITH CARE

- Call before you dig. Your utility can tell you the location of any underground lines.
- Don't plant tall-growing trees under power lines. If you have a tree with power lines running through it don't climb it or build anything in it. Call if the tree needs trimming.
- Keep bush shrubs away from your meter.

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