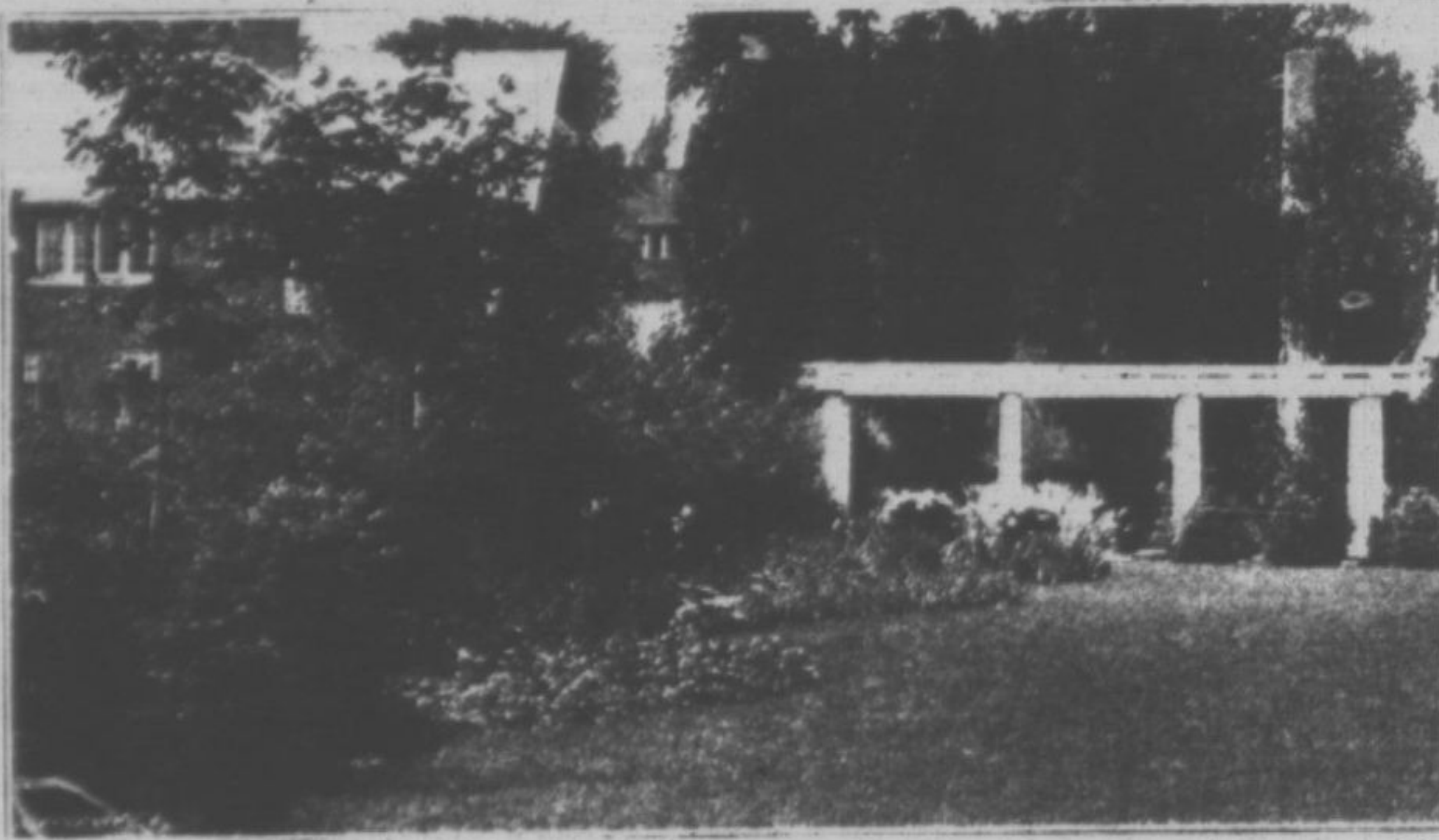




# Home Beautifying and Landscape Suggestions



## Border Plantings

When the border is taken into consideration, the one basic factor that should control the selection and placement of materials for it is that the lawn is the base of all landscape. In every instance, the Evergreen, shrub, annual, perennial, bulb, or plant used should join to the lawn in such a way that it will have an appearance of connection with it, or really appear to be a part of the lawn. An Evergreen with its bottom branches removed has no place in the border of a lawn. Where shrubs are used as border plants, a variety should be used that develops its foliage clear down to the surface of the soil, so that the connection between the border and the lawn is blended. In many cases this effect is produced by using a narrow ribbon, such as a hedge, in order that a wide expanse of lawn shall be exhibited.

Offtime, the edge of a house is within seven or fifteen feet of the lot line. In such cases, where a connection between the front and back lawn are desired, and the lot line also designated, the hedge is the most logical thing to use.

In the perennial border section of the planting such plants as Peonies, Phlox, Iris, Roses, Bulbs, Gladiolus, Dahlias, Lilies, Delphinium, should all be included. Careful arrangement should be made, however, so that each season of bloom be well distributed over the entire area given over to the perennial border. Clumps of Phlox here and there throughout the border give a well balanced effect during August. The bulbs such as Tulips, Narcissus, etc., give an early flower. Peonies, Iris, Delphinium, give a mid-season flower, while Dahlias, Gladiolus, Japan Lilies, and some other late flowering perennials give

the late fall flower. An Evergreen here and there lends a touch for the winter and early spring effect.

### Plants for the Border

**THE PEONY.** Peonies are a type of perennial plant that when once established in a certain place, should be allowed to remain in the same place for many years. It is well, therefore, when planting peonies, to so prepare the soil by adding raw rock phosphate, that the plant will not suffer for want of phosphorus for a period of several years. A shovel full of raw rock phosphate or bonemeal, or even old bones themselves, thoroughly mixed with the soil over an area 14 to 16 inches in diameter and 8 inches

deep, where the peony plant is to make its permanent home, will be found to be most beneficial.

Since the peony plant stores its food supply in its roots for the next season's bloom, the strongest and best plants and blooms are developed where the soil has been thoroughly prepared by adding fertilizer, especially Phosphorous, and by thorough tilling. Peonies are more or less partial to a moderately dry soil. They will do well in partial shade, providing there is plenty of plant food and not too much moisture available. Perhaps the best way to secure such a condition is to develop a terrace garden effect for the peonies that are to be grown in the shade. This usually insures perfect drainage.

**IRIS.** Iris seems to thrive best in a rather light, sweet soil rich in Phosphorus and Potassium. A sandy soil to which has been added Lime,

Bonemeal, or Rock Phosphate, and Potash, gives very excellent results with this plant. Some varieties of Iris are subject to winter-killing and need protection. This is especially true where the soil is rich and black. In fact, it has been the writer's experience that most plants will be more or less subject to winter-killing when grown on rich, black soil that is rich in Nitrogen. Iris are most resistant to frost and winter-killing where there is an abundance of potash available in a rather light soil.

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