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More than ninety per cent of your landscape is a permanent and set fixture. This includes shrubs, evergreens, such hardy perennials and bulbs as last over a term of years.

The ten per cent change that takes place annually, is the filling in of bulbs and perennial borders and the addition of annuals and bulbs that are planted annually, in order to make your landscape complete.

In planning your next year's landscape, it is necessary to note the condition of your entire planting, and make notes of the changes that are needed in order to bring your landscape up to one hundred per cent par basis.

One of the greatest accomplishments in the art of landscape is to have your plantings so arranged that they look natural and not crowded. In using the word crowded it is necessary not to confuse a mass planting of any one variety as being crowded. It is quite possible to use twenty-five or fifty shrubs of a single variety in a clump, that will insinuate an appearance of a single shrub. This clump or shrub sitting in a position where it is not overhung with taller

shrubs or trees, gives it a restful and natural setting, which is in keeping with good design.

This same arrangement holds true with every type of landscape material. Your entire yard must have an uncrowded, natural and restful appearance. When using bulbs it is not how many varieties one uses, but how they adapt themselves with the planting where they are used.

After having made notes of your bulb requirements, as the season advances, take and make note in turn of perennials, iris, peonies, phlox, gladiolus, dahlias, annuals and other flowering landscape material to complete the entire season. Check your evergreen requirements for your winter effect, also note if any rearrangement of shrubs or pruning at the proper season, will add materially to your landscape effect.

This yearly calendar should also include notes for spraying, fertilizing requirements, and the use of mulch for winter covering, and the German Peat mulch for summer protection of the soil, which prevents it from drying out.

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Rock Garden

(By Chas. Fiore
of Fiore Nurseries)

(Through error this article appeared under the wrong heading in last week's Press, and it is here reprinted in justice to Mr. Fiore.)

Not only is the building of a rockery one of the most interesting phases of gardening, but it is likewise an effective way of adding a modern note to the home grounds. No matter how your grounds are arranged, you will find some natural opportunity for a rock garden. An uneven piece of ground, a hillside, a ravine, or the banks bordering a walk or drive — any of these natural situations can be transformed into a distinctive rock garden. Even as a flat area may be graded to various levels and thus serve as the foundation of a rockery.

The planning and construction of a rock garden will stir your imagination and enthusiasm. Soon you will discover the fascinating possibilities of creating diminutive mountains, guiding an infant stream so that miniature cataracts tumble over rocks, and a tiny rill winds its way among the ferns in the valleys.

A rock garden should appear as naturalistic as possible, so keep this in mind when selecting the rocks. The best kind to use are those between the round or boulder type and the flat or flagstone type. Avoid the use of too many small stones for they will give a spotty artificial effect.

Prepare the soil before you start to work. Use equal parts of vegetable fire, garden loam, and coarse, sharp sand. Barnyard manure is too rich for rock gardens.

As you place the rocks in position remember that the plants will derive nourishment from the soil, not the rocks. Consequently, you must have more plant surface than rock surface. Lay the lower rocks first and place each upper rock so that it recedes from the one beneath. Tamp the soil tightly into the crevices to eliminate air pockets. Tilt the broadest surface of each rock so that the rain water can run into the soil pockets—this is important or the plants will suffer from lack of moisture.

In placing plants, consider their height, color, and adaptability. Drooping plants should be near the top; tufted varieties with short flower stalks, in the crevices; and creeping plants will cushion the flat area. Dwarf evergreens and shrubs are at home in the rockery, while taller varieties serve as a background.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blaine were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller and two children Gerald and June, Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Miller and two children Audry and Jeanette and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Miller of Franklin Grove, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siljestrom and son Jimmie of Highland Park were also guests at the Blaine home on Sunday.

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