

Shrubs With Colored Foliage

Although many landscape architects do not recommend the use of shrubs with colored foliage in landscape planting, I feel that there is definitely a place for them. Of course, there is a big difference between planning a garden so that all materials will enhance and complement one another, and planning a garden for the plants and plantings you enjoy.

I do agree, however, that shrubs with distinct foliage colors may be disturbing to the eye if dotted about indiscriminately, and I would suggest that a border or bed be set aside for them in a quiet corner of the garden. Admitted too, they are not plants you would use to enhance the foundation planting, for they serve a better function — the purpose of providing color during dull periods when it may be otherwise lacking.

The first plants to come to mind are the shrubby dogwoods, among which are many with variegated foliage and colorful bark. Best of these are the Spathe dogwood with yellow and green variegation and the variegated dogwood which has white leaves marked with a band of green. This is extremely attractive against background material which shows its colors to the best advantage.

The buffaloberry has silvery foliage and stems which will stand out luminously among other shrubs. In the fall it produces shiny red berries and presents a picture of striking beauty.

The golden privet can be a solid gold mass from spring to summer if you water it well and shade it during winter against the reflected sunshine. If a very severe winter occurs, it might suffer slight tip killing, but will soon revive and grow fast enough to cover its wounds before summer.

It always astonishes me when in early spring I view from a brief distance the golden ninebark. At first it has every appearance of a golden-flowering shrub in all its glory, but upon closer inspection it will be seen that the flower effect is produced by its newborn foliage.

Many people are often disappointed when they buy the golden mock-orange, for they expect to see it produce yellow flowers. However, the golden foliage, for which it is named, adequately makes up for any illusions they may have had. It is an outstanding rugged shrub and will withstand full sunshine with no fear of leaf burn. The few creamy-white flowers it produces may not be showy but will make their presence felt by their extremely strong, but pleasant odor. Plant this shrub on its own where you need a good rounded specimen, or use it to bring out the bronze, silvery or red foliage effect of other colored plants.

For a tall shrub or tree, I would not hesitate to recommend the golden poplar. It does not have the stupendous vigor of the common poplars and bears golden leaves which look like those of a small maple, but have wooly surfaces on

both sides, although almost velvety underneath. The best and most reliable purple-leaved plum is the Cistena plum which not only produces deep purple leaves all summer, but in spring will bear white flowers with purple

stamens. A similar tree which would be admirably suited for planting near the patio is the purple-leaved chokecherry or the Shubert chokecherry, which has large purple leaves all summer long. This tree will be in every nurseryman's list

in a year or so, since it is ruggedly hardy and quite distinct. It would be difficult to find a faster growing purple-leaved shrub than the Arctic willow. This graceful small shrub makes a good hedge or specimen shrub

and may be pruned to any definite shape when it is quite young. The elders, which have some good color forms, are brightest in the sun, but will withstand shade. The golden elder has yellow foliage, and the variegated

elder has white and green leaves of distinctive form. The berries of both shrubs will, if you can gather enough, make good elderberry wine, since these are forms of the European species. The feathery golden elder has feathery golden foliage and bright red fruit

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DRUG PROBLEM

The drug problem brings into question the whole of modern society, its values, objectives and life styles. One agency of society can work any miracles in this field. The family, the school, the community and the churches must meet it head on. — Western Catholic porter.

SURVIVAL THREATENED

Widespread modification and poisoning of the environment has made it difficult or impossible for a range of species to survive in Canada. This failure of Canadians to maintain a healthy environment has led biologists to suggest that another species, man himself, may not survive this century. — Salmon Arm (B.C.) server.

WORLD TRADE

Canadians must unite if we are to forge our way to the markets of the world trade. Build efficient systems for transportation and communication, cooperate in research and have a single monetary policy. West Vancouver (B.C.) Lions Gate Times.

WHERE'S THE MEDICINE

Not only is Mr. Benson playing Florence Nightingale in a shooting war which he began, and which has the power to stop, but his medicine bottles are empty, and all he can promise is that he is willing to fill them if anyone can think of something that will work. — Vancouver Hastings News.

WALKATHONS HELP

Walkathons in themselves are great servants of health. They help to raise money for charitable and other worthwhile causes as well as provide physical exercise in this lazy day of automobiles. — Quesnel (C.) Cariboo Observer.

OMINOUS PRELUDE

As summer approaches the labor-management scene in British Columbia is anything but reassuring. Recent confrontations, some of which went to the strike stage, have done little to level off the inflationary spiral which is gripping the provincial economy in recent years. Unless our cost increases bear a reasonable relationship to added productivity, it will not be long before some of our major exports will be in trouble on overseas markets. Chilliwack (B.C.) Progress.

STAMP OUT CANCER

April is Cancer month, this is a war in which even the most ardent of pacifists can participate with a willing heart. Experts feel that the final flush is on to eradicate the dreaded disease and find a cure. West Vancouver (B.C.) Lions Gate Times

COMPLAINT MORATORIUM

What Canada needs, along with a good 100-cent dollar, is a moratorium on complaining. It might be only for the duration of a day but it would be a blessing. Just imagine one whole day from coast to coast when nobody would blame his woes on somebody else. West Vancouver (B.C.) Lions Gate Times

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Our Annual Ladies Night on Monday April 27, was another resounding success. We had many guests as well as our LADIES in attendance.

The dinner was excellent, catered by Wesley Couples Club. Toast to the Ladies was given by Lion Ted Oldham, and ably replied to by Mrs. John Brintnell. The Caterers were thanked by Lion Bruce Miller.

Greetings from Lions International were given by District Governor Bud Collard. Zone Chairman Parker Leney of Port Dover thanked the Club for their work in the past and wished us success in the future. Reeve Dr. Wm. Austin, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Village.

Lion Drew Williamson introduced our guest Speaker Deputy. Dist. Governor Clark Drennan, Lion Clark congratulated the Club for their Civic spirit, and the excellent record they have compiled. He spoke of The Sixties and

what is in store for the Seventies. Lion Dave Wilson thanked our Speaker and presented him with a gift from the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. to Dancing and Entertainment.

Lions are all reminded of the various Victoria Day Celebrations starting with the Dance on May 16. Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, then on Monday the Parade, Teen Dance, Amateur Show, Ball Games, Draw, Bingo etc., and the Grand Finale the Fireworks. Don't forget Lionel Thornton will be here again on Friday, May 8.

TREES FOR CHRISTMAS

The origin of the Christmas Tree may date back to 247 B.C. when it became the custom in China on New Year's Eve to place a tree trimmed with lamps and a hundred flowers on the steps leading to the audience chamber of the Emperor.

OPP Report

Requests have been received regarding the law in the operation of a mini motorcycle on all highways, this includes county roads, gravel roads and along the lake front. To operate the mini motorcycle on these roads, the driver must be in possession of a valid drivers licence and must wear an approved helmet stamped either by the Snell Memorial Foundation or the British Standards Institution. Licence plate and insurance is required on the mini motorcycle.

General occurrences investigated were: 12 requests for assistance, four other Criminal Code offences, five thefts, three liquor investigations resulting in four charges being laid.

Officers investigated a total of nine motor vehicle collisions resulting in injuries to one person.

Officers patrolled a total of 6,432 miles, issued 25 warnings and 28 charges to motorists.

In Provincial Judges Court, Cayuga, Ontario, on April 22, 1970, 24 convictions were registered. Prov. Const. H. J. Bell, Safety Officer, visited two schools and presented the bicycle safety to 434 children.

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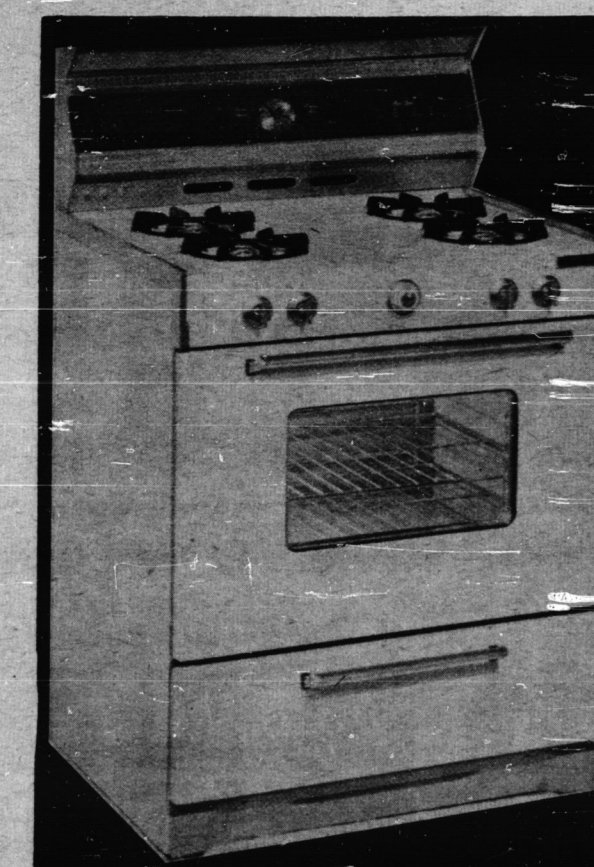
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