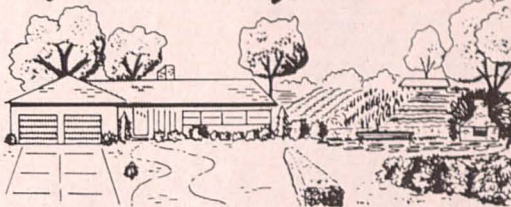


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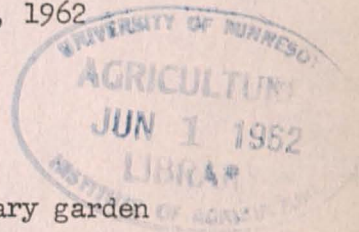


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Good garden grooming may make the difference between an ordinary garden and a showplace. Grooming consists of edging the lawn, mulching the flower beds, removing dead flower heads and summer pruning.

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Edging the grass around flower beds and walks helps to define the area and bring out the design of border plantings. Lay the garden hose along the border to establish the exact line you wish to follow. To edge the lawn next to a flower border, cut to a depth of 5 inches, remove the sod from the inner edge and then fill with soil to a level of 3 inches. Firm the soil so it will not dry out so rapidly.

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A good summer mulch will help to control weeds and conserve moisture in the flower border. For a mulch use compost, buckwheat hulls, commercial peat and leafmold.

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Timely pruning of trees and shrubs can improve their appearance. It isn't necessary to wait until a shrub is badly misshapen to prune it.

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