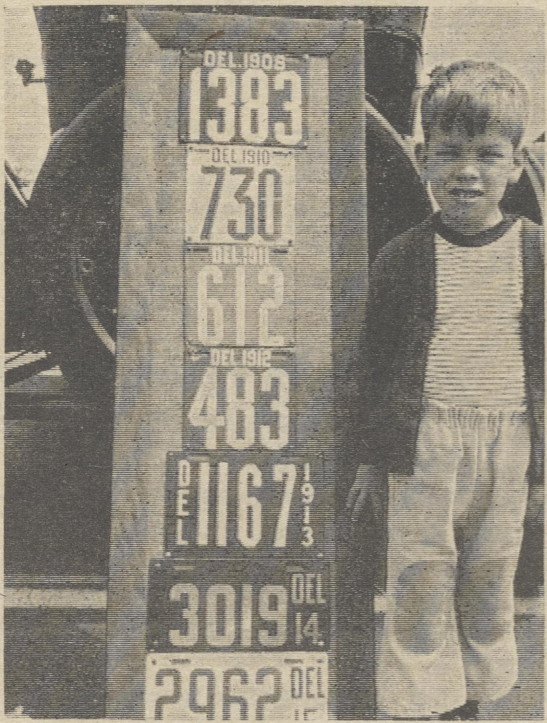


1935 Ford pickup owned by Jim Pappas, a Delaware State Trooper, who is Pres. of the new "Hot Rod Club". This club is designed for those who like styled cars other than antique yet fall into an antique category. The club is looking for new members, but will not admit "wild drivers" or traffic violators. For further information call Pappas at 697-1598.



Pat McCann, Pres. of Vintage Chevrolet Club of Del. with Sam Kemp of Milford in his 1912 "T" Speedster.



John David Farrow stands by seven original license tags of the 1st State. Tags from '09 to '15 were porcelain originally.

**Felton**

By Alice Sipple

Ann Marie Starkey, daughter of Ray and Betty Starkey, was entered on the Cradle Roll of Felton United Methodist Church Sun., May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. William Greene recently spent the weekend in Lancaster, Pa.

Herb Bullock, of Weatherford, Texas, formerly of Felton, spent time this weekend with Ray and Betty Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Mr. and Mrs. John Godwin and Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wotten.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Starkey entertained their families at dinner Sunday following the christening of their son, Michael.

Mrs. Donna Robinson of Charleston, W. Va., is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blades.

Mrs. Georgia Palmer visited Mr. and Mrs. John Cahall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dill had a barbecue at their home on Mother's Day for their mothers, Mrs. Ezekial Dill and Mrs. Lester Killen. Twenty-five people attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stumpf's son, Scott Ronald, was dedicated at the Willow Grove Church of God Sunday. His Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Turner of Lewes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winger on the birth of their daughter, Leigh Ann who weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz.

Don Brittingham, formerly of Felton now of Suffolk, Va., is on a trip to Las Vegas and received a new Lincoln Continental - awarded by Lowe's for being top sales manager of the year.

Estelle Brittingham celebrated her 81st birthday May 10. Charles Carter is a patient in Kent General Hospital.

A parade Saturday for opening of Little League was led by

By Pat Hatfield

The Greenwood Alumni Association held the 36th Annual Banquet Saturday evening, May 11, at the Woodbridge Junior High School. There were 190 in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith welcomed the Alumni and their guests at the door. The Rev. Charles Walz gave the Invocation and Benediction. Miss Grace Porter played the dinner music.

The dinner was prepared by the cafeteria staff under the direction of Mrs. Helen Wilson of Woodbridge Junior High School and served by junior high girls.

Charles Parks, president of the junior high school, welcomed the group to the school. He also read a letter from Dr. Foster Flint, superintendent, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the banquet.

Duane Anthony, president, gave greetings to the group.

Mayor William Myers and Little League President Kenneth Ryder. Participating were the Cub Scouts, Brownies, Felton Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary, eight Little League teams and their float, some local businesses - accompanied by the Lake Forest Junior Band.

Call 289-4307 for any Felton news.

**GREENWOOD**

Winnie Vincent, historian, gave the Memoriam 1974 for the Alumnus who passed away during 1973-74. They were Leila Tatman, Class of 1918; Margaret Stewart Hines, Class of 1929; Delema Paskey Outten, Class of 1934; James Collison, Class of 1957, and Ruth Hollinger, Class of 1958.

Also, J. Wilbur Lyden, Class of 1928, who passed away two years ago, of which the Association was unaware.

President Duane Anthony introduced the guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks, Mr. and Mrs. David Winiski, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Walz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Betts, Mrs. Justin McClean, and John McCullough and guest. He also introduced the Executive Committee, who are Charles Conaway, Mrs. Belle Allen, Harlan Taylor, Mrs. Marvin Wright, Mrs. Robert Messick, and Duane Anthony.

The following classes were honored: 1924, 1929, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969.

Robert Messick gave the nominating committee's report of officers for 1975. Larry Cannon, president; Gerald Willey, vice president; Gail Johnson, secretary; Norma Prettyman, assistant secretary; Cynde Eakin, recording secretary, and Joyce Anthony, treasurer.

Winner of the portable T.V. that was chanced off was Hazel Booth.

Those receiving gifts were: Medford Calhoun, Class of '12, next to the oldest male alumnus present; oldest female present, Mrs. Katherine Kubek, class of 1908; Alumnus present living the longest distance away, Paul Sutcliff, Class of 1954, from Florida; class with most members present, 1964; class with most members present per centage-wise, 1929; Alumnus wearing the oldest class ring, Evelyn I. Morris, 1916; Alumnus sending in first reservation, Belle P. Allen, 1916; Alumnus with most educational degrees, Dr. Vincent Lobo, 1953; Alumnus with most children, Lola H. Gerardi, 1945; Norman K. Hamstead, Class of 1967, was the most recently married alumnus; Susan Marta, 1969, alumnus with the youngest baby.

Many out of town Alumni attended the annual reunion dinner and dance Saturday evening, including Ann Hostedler Clavio, Bowie, Md.; Awilda Mervine Millaway, Atlanta, Ga.; Nelson Meredith, Jr., Wilmington; Wilson Cannon, Media, Pa.; Earl Hollis, Upper Darby, Pa.; Eleanor Lofland Veasey, Wilmington, and Rita Tatman Chambers, Springfield, Pa.

Three Woodbridge High School girls entertained, accompanied by Miss Grace Porter. Debbie Willey sang selections

from The Sound of Music. Margaret Jensen played the flute and Cathy Jensen, the piano.

Everyone enjoyed the Hobby Show which was held in the library. Mrs. Joy Hamstead and Miss Grace Porter were in charge of this.

Exhibitors in the Hobby Show were: Charles Elliott, Belle Allen, Mildred Graham Hamstead, Florence and Gerald Pearson, Katherine Wood, Edwin Unger, Doris Mills, Earl O'Bier, Beulah Larcombe, Naomi Henry, Dorothy Seibert, Thelma Schultze, Joy Hamstead, Gerald Willey, Lena Barwick, Viola Ocheltree, Anna Tucker, and Helen Wilson.

To conclude the evening there was a May dance, held in the gym. The music was provided by "Two Way Traffic". Door prizes were awarded during the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bollinger and Garith spent a part of last week in Lewisburg, Pa., as guests of Gary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bollinger, and his brother's family, Mr. and Mrs. William Bollinger and Wendy. While there they exhibited at the Lewisburg Antique Show.

Attention: We have this from the Rev. Charles Walz, pastor of Greenwood United Methodist Methodist Church—

There will be a special meeting for all interested in the possibility of a Delaware State Association of Evangelicals held

Mon., May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Line United Methodist Church, Red Line, Routes 7 and 301.

Agenda includes a report form preliminary planning committee chaired by the Rev. J. Calvin Alt;

A slide presentation on united evangelical activity throughout the United States by the Rev. Edward J. Hales, Director of Field Services, National Association of Evangelicals;

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, General Director of NAE, and International secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship will report on evangelical advances and breakthroughs around the world.

**Margaret L. Sard**

Mrs. Margaret L. Sard, 59, of near Greensboro, died Wed., May 7, in Easton Memorial Hospital, Easton, after a short illness.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar Sard; two sons, James of Goldsboro, and William of Wyoming; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Lane of Salisbury, and Mrs. Barbara Ivins of Harrington; a half-brother, Lester T. Greenhawk of Salisbury; a sister, Mrs. Edith Taylor of Salisbury; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at the Church of God, Burrowsville. Friends called Saturday night at the McKnatt Funeral Home, Harrington. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

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### West Harrington Charge United Methodist Church News

Peninsula Annual Conference will meet from May 21st thru 23rd.

Bethel (Andrewville)  
8:45 a.m. Children's Day Service.

9:30 a.m. Church School, Lester Larimore, supt.

Hymn Sing June 2, 7:30 p.m. Prospect (Vernon)

8:45 a.m. Church School, Russell Legates, supt.

9:45 a.m. Children's Day Service.

Sunday night, 6:45 The United Methodist Youth meets.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. choir rehearsal.

Trinity (Harrington)  
10 a.m. Church School, Leroy Calhoun, supt.

11 a.m. Children's Day Service.

Sunday, 6:45 p.m. The United Methodist Youth meets.

Mon., May 20, 8 p.m. The Administrative Board meets.

Salem (Farmington)  
9:45 a.m. Church School, Edward B. Collins, supt.

### First Baptist Church of Frederica

The Rev. Richard Copple.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Worship service - 11 a.m.  
Sunday evening worship at 7 p.m.

Wednesday - prayer and Bible study - 7 p.m.

### Church News

Trinity United Methodist Church, Frederica, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school; 11 a.m. - Worship service.

Sardis United Methodist Church - 9 a.m. - Worship service; 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school.

Saxton United Methodist Church, Bowers Beach, 10 a.m. Worship service.

Rev. R. Gordon Given, pastor.

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church News

Sun., May 19, 9:30 a.m. Church School and Adult Discussion.

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon. Holy Baptism (Brandi Joyce Winkler).

6:30 p.m. Parish supper and slide presentation of the Holy Land by the Rev. Joseph James of Christ Church, Milford.

8 p.m. AA Meeting.

Wed., May 22, 7 p.m. Evening prayer and Laying on of Hands.

7 p.m. Girl Scouts No. 686.

Thurs., May 23, 7:30 p.m. choir practice.

COMING UP - Summer schedule of earlier services start in June - and two special services.

### Asbury United Methodist Church News

10 a.m. Sunday School, Mrs. Ralph Butler, supt.

11 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon by the Rev. John Edward Jones "A Tree of Ribbons." Anthems by Crusader and Cathedral choirs.

6 p.m. the Junior and Senior High U.M.Y.F. with Mr. and Mrs. Harry John Dill.

7 p.m. Evening Worship. Anthem by the Chancel choir. The showing of the movie "In His Steps."

Tuesday 7 p.m. Girl Scouts. Wednesday 3 p.m. Cherub choir rehearsal.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Study of Fifty Days To Pentecost by Mr. and Mrs. Harry John Dill, Jr. in the Pathfinders Room.

Thursday 6 p.m. choir rehearsal for Crusader and Chancel choirs. Cathedral choir at 7 p.m. The pastor will be attending the Peninsula Annual Conference May 21 - 23.

Choir Award Night will be May 26 at 7 p.m.

### Houston United Methodist Church News

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

### Nazarene Church News

Sun., May 19, 9:45 a.m. - combined Sunday School and church service. The Singing Praises will be with us.

6:15 p.m. Missionary Meeting.  
7 p.m. Evangelistic Services - pastor's message "Feudin', Fussin', and Frettin'".

Wed., May 22, 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible study on the the Book of Revelation. Teens in the Fellowship Hall.

Thurs., May 23, 7 p.m. Visitation.

COMING EVENTS  
Sun., May 26 - Baby Day in the church, honoring the Nursery and parents.

OUR SICK  
Ernest Voss is at home following his operation.

### Harrington Baptist Church News

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Ray Quillen, director.

6 p.m. Children's choir practice. The Sunday Night Place.  
7 p.m. Evening Worship. Special guest speaker.

8 p.m. Adult choir practice. George Black, director.

Tuesday, 6 p.m. New time and day for Royal Ambassadors and leader Fred Bailey.

7:15 - 8:30 p.m. Visitation through the community.

Thursday - 6 p.m. GA's and Acteens

7 p.m. Prayer and Bible study. Sat., May 18 from 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. - Acteen Happening at the Bethany Baptist Church for girls in grades 7 through 12.

### Church of God of Prophecy

Prophecy invites you to attend church on 110 Fleming Street Sunday school - 10 a.m. Evangelistic Service, Sun., 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Frank Daniels Jr., pastor.

### A Fishy Story



Larry Horseman of Harrington, made this prize catch Sat., May 11, off Slaughter's Beach on a 17 lb. test line. It took 2 hours and 45 minutes to land this 74 lb. Black Drum. The fish measured 49 inches in length and 37 inches in girth, two pounds under the state record.

Horseman is employed as a fisheries biologist for Ichthyological Associates, Inc., of Middletown, where he is conducting an aquatic survey in the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal near St. Georges. Horseman lives with his wife, Eugenia, in Harrington.

Also shown in the picture is Donna Chalmers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chalmers of near Harrington. The picture was taken at the Hi-Grade Dairy in Harrington where the fish was weighed.



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### Hickman

By Mrs. Isaac Noble

Sunday Morning Worship at Union United Methodist Church 9:45. The Rev. Joseph Bostick, pastor. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Russell Stevens, supt.

Hymn Sing - Union United Methodist Church, Burrsville, Sun., May 19, 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Quinata Morgan, of Claymont, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter.

Mrs. Isaac Noble spent last week with Mrs. Alfred Breeding at Lewes.

Mrs. Woodrow Passwaters spent Sunday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ennis, Jr., of Roxana.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson and Lee, and Mrs. Jesse Fearins enjoyed dinner Sunday in Dover. They later visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stone of Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Vickery, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Miller of Seaford, were Sunday dinner guests of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Melvin, of rural Federalsburg.

Mrs. Isaac Noble entertained the following at dinner Sunday: her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Nagel and

Dale; granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Banning, Jerry, Diana and Keli, of near Federalsburg; and Woodrow Passwaters. Lawrence Breeding of rural Greenwood, was a guest later in the day.

Mrs. Johnnie Fearins of Ellendale, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Jesse Fearins.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Melvin, Billy Jr., John, Steve and Troy, of Federalsburg, spent Sunday in New Jersey.

### Burrsville Church of God News

Sunday school - 10 a.m.  
Morning worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday evening - 7:30 p.m.  
Old Fashion Prayer Meeting - Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.  
Family Training Hour (Bible study for the whole family) - Thursday - 7:30 p.m.

WATCH FOR SCHOOL BUSES  
Although school is almost over, the Delaware Safety Council reminds motorists to stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children at an intersection.



KEN JONES in new Discount Auto Parts store in Quillen Shopping Center.

### New Auto Parts Store Opens

Ken Jones and his wife, Suzanna Chipman Jones, have opened a new store in Harrington featuring a complete line of exhaust system accessories. Also handled are: generators, alternators, brake shoes, shock absorbers, ignition line, universal parts, wheel bearings, batteries, and moog parts (chassis... or front end parts.) The store is open six days each week.

Ken is originally from Eldorado, Ill., which is approximately 140 miles southeast of St. Louis. He has lived in Harrington for the past 20 years.

BIKE RIDERS  
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matoes. A steel mesh wire of 1/8 inch diameter is recommended but other type wiring could be used if proper support is given to the cage. You should use recommended disease resistant varieties and plant the tomatoes prior to placing the cage. About six plants are usually sufficient for an average family. The advantages of caged tomatoes are that no suckering or pruning is needed. You need only to keep the branches inside only to keep the branches inside shading of the ripened fruit and reduces sun scald and fruit cracking.

### 4-H'ers Entertain Exceptional Children

Sunday afternoon, April 28 the Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club entertained more than 100 children at the St. Benedictine School for Exceptional Children in Ridgely, Md., with talents, door prizes and refreshments.

Jerri Draper, club president, was mistress of ceremonies. The club presented their rendition of "Old MacDonald Had A Farm" for which they received a blue ribbon in the Kent County 4-H Talent Contest. Other entertainment consisted of a clarinet trio, "It's A Small World", by Barbara Miller, Karen Butler, and Sheila O'Day; a flute selection, "Glowworm", by Suzy Buckley; and Beth Horleman, Abbey Betts, and Susan Ricker singing "Close To You."

Several door prizes were given out by Jerri Draper, Donna Shultie, and Rhonda Messick, chairmen for the event. Refreshments were served.

St. Benedictine has tried many youth organizations for their children and find the 4-H Club is the most suitable as it offers projects and activities for all age groups of boys and girls.

Some of the school children did two talent routines for us that they had done for a county Maryland contest. One of the songs they sang was entitled, "Love Is Something If You Give It All Away, You'll End Up With A Lot More."

Club members who made this an enjoyable afternoon for some children less fortunate were: Jerri Draper, Donna Shultie, Rhonda Messick, Barbara Miller, Sheila O'Day, Karen Butler, Dale Jarrell, Mike Everline, Tim Edwards, Abbey Betts, Beth Horleman, Susan Buckley, Sandy Testerman, Sharon Buckley, Lorraine Welch, Susan Ricker, two of our junior leaders, Bill Winkler and Gene Gallo, and a guest 4-H'er from Queen Anne, Md., Carol Shortall.

### It Seems To Me

Janet Reed

Discount shopping seems to be taking the country by storm. There seems to be magic in the word discount that leads you to believe you are getting a great bargain.

It is true that you can save a lot of money but you can also get stung. You need to be an especially astute shopper with a knowledge of fabric and fiber and a firm goal in mind.

It's easy to be carried away by a seemingly lower price and buy twice as much as you need. One can go broke saving money on discount purchases.

Many discount houses do not have facilities for trying on garments. Sometimes the reason for the markdown is a mislabeling of size or fiber content or care directions. If you cannot try on a garment or cannot return it, the purchase is a real gamble as far as fit is concerned. Even packaged goods such as hosiery and undergarments may have the wrong size on the outside of the package.

If you know your fabrics you can often determine if the care labeling is wrong, but not always. Again it is a gamble and you usually have no recourse if the garment is ruined.

A knowledge of sewing is a great help in your bargain purchasing. Some minor damages can be easily altered or mended. Sometimes the reason for the markdown is poor matching or placement of fabric design. This may or may not be important to you. Construction errors can sometimes be corrected easily if you sew, whereas labor costs in factories would make the additional cost of correction prohibitive. It's cheaper for the manufacturer to sell the garment as a second than to correct a mistake. Personally, I find great satisfaction in being able to re-sew or redesign a garment of good fabric to my particular needs.

If the garment has been im-

### Delaware Food Market Report

by Anne W. Holberton

Here is a story that has been told before and just recently updated. It's based on information from Earl E. Miller, National Economic Analysis Director, US DA. It is a story that everyone enjoys and it certainly does a good job of enlightening you.

If all the land used for farming in the United States was divided equally among U.S. families what would be your family's share?

The answer to this question is slightly less than 24 acres. To the city dweller or suburbanite this seems like a lot of land to roam on. But to the average farmer, accustomed to 385 acres, it would seem too small for anything, he'd be cramped to say the least.

About 20 of your 24 acres would be actually in your farm. Nearly seven and a half acres of your farm would be cropland; properly cut, there may be little you can do to correct the error. But I have known women who found ways to recut a skirt or dress on the proper grainline. However, if you add your time to such a project, it probably is no bargain.

Discount selling at the factory saves the cost of the middleman and it is possible to save if you shop with a firm idea of your needs, are not easily swayed, and if you can find what you want. If you count your gas and your time, it's questionable if you really save a lot in the long run. But the adventure and the hunt is fun and the discovery of a great buy does give a feeling of elation. I guess discount shopping is really a form of gambling. So, go discount buying with the realization that it is an adventure rather than with the idea that you're going to save the family a lot of money.

nine and a half acres would be grassland or range. You also would have about three acres of woodland which you use for grazing, and less than an acre in farmstead, roads, and non-farm uses.

In addition to land in your farm, you would run livestock on about four acres of land rented or leased from the government. About half would be grassland, pasture and range, and the rest would be woodlands--mostly lands administered by the Forest Service.

Although your farm contains nearly seven and a half acres of cropland, you planted less than five acres in crops in 1973. The rest of it was in fallow used for pasture, held out of production under government programs, or idle for one reason or another. You had over an acre in corn and in hay, and soybeans and wheat fields of nine-tenths of an acre. Most other crops were on garden-sized plots.

Your herds and flocks present some puzzling biological problems. You had only one-fifth of a dairy cow but she managed to produce 2,150 pounds or 250 gallons of milk in the year. The beef cattle herd of 2.0 head dropped nine-tenths of a calf, while your lone hog had a litter of 1.6 pigs. Only one-third of a sheep roamed your pasture.

You had 5.6 hens during 1973. They laid 103 dozen eggs. You also produced 56 broilers, but only two and a half turkeys.

Your family farm was valued at \$4,814 on the 1973 real estate market. As the year began, you had \$638 worth of livestock and poultry on hand and \$262 worth of crops. Investment in machinery and motor vehicles amounted to \$762.

If you are a city man, this farm may give you more elbow room than you are accustomed to, and perhaps something of the



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On the left is Michael M. Tischer in 1950 in front of his house on Bradford Street in Dover, preparing to join in the Dover Day festivities. On the right is young son Michael An-

drew in 1974. Tischer is an attorney today in Dover, and is associated with law offices of John O. Snyder. The Journal was not able to run this in last week's issue.

### Patios--An Extra Room For Outdoor Living

The patio is like an extra room for outdoor living. Long popular with homeowners in the Southwest, patios are starting to come into their own in this area now.

If you're planning to construct a patio this summer, there are several factors you should think about, says Dr. Charles Dunham, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware. Location, size and privacy are the main considerations.

For one thing, a patio should be located with convenient access to the house. Ideally, it should be planned as an extension to an indoor room. Thinking of it this way will make it more useful in the overall living pattern of your home.

Try to locate your patio so that it will enjoy both sun and shade. A southeastern exposure is ideal, says Dunham. But any exposure can be made to work. Size is another important consideration. To be really useful, a patio needs to be larger than your average indoor room. Remember it has to accommodate outdoor furniture, which tends to be bulky. A minimum size for a patio is 8 x 10 feet.

When constructed screens are used, the effect of these can be softened with climbing plants, notes Dunham. Winter jasmine is ideal as it flowers early, is easily trained and provides soft, luxuriant foliage all summer.

A tree to provide shade is another important element in a patio planting. It should be placed so as to provide shade from afternoon sun, while allowing morning sun to warm the patio. The tree should also be in scale with the patio. This usually means planting a smaller tree. Japanese red maple, saucer magnolia, dogwood, ironwood and golden rain would all be good choices.

Of course, your patio needs a good hard surface that can withstand heavy use and year-round exposure. Brick, stone, cement or wood can all be used successfully.

Summer flowers can add color and a garden atmosphere to your patio. You can design it to allow for planting beds of annuals. Or you may want to use tubs, window boxes and planters. Annuals need to be selected for sun or shade. Choose kinds that will provide a long season of bloom or color. Coleus, impatiens and begonias are good plants for light shade. Geraniums, vinca and dwarf dahlias do well in full sun.

Once you've got your patio built and planted, sit back and enjoy it. You'll find you've added a pleasant, easy-care room to your home--well suited to the pace of summer living.

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