

Homes Surrounded By Green Lawns; Yes Boulder City Has 'Em; Now For "Ad" Building

Landscaping of Wilbur Square and Other Areas Around Government Buildings Under Way; Weed Tells of Success in Growing Bluegrass

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Beautiful homes surrounded by rich, green lawn and shrubs.

Yes, they have come into existence in Boulder City in the past year in a fashion to be doubted by those who have not seen this phenomenal development actually occur.

And now, as the spring shades off into summertime, the rows of landscaped homes are about to be augmented by lawning and the beautification of the most prominent house of all, the government administration building "on top of the hill." There will be four acres of lawn there soon.

Lest Boulderites have lived too close to the wonders of lawn and shrub growing that the being accomplished in Boulder City, let them walk along northern Nevada boulevard, stroll along past Arizona street and on up to Colorado.

LET THEM LOOK to the left at those homes of Bureau of Reclamation executives, where houses of attractive colored brick are set off by rich lawns and well-selected shrubs placed not gaudily but effectively about house and lawn.

Let them notice those whose lawns show up the best, some of which can be seen from down on Arizona and Wyoming streets, so prominent are they.

And then it is interesting to walk on up to the territory surrounding the government administration buildings—see how the wide benches and expanses of ground on the "hill" have been graded and leveled for planting.

Yes, Wilbur W. Weed, government plant expert, is intent upon making this prominent building site an attractive one that will excite the wonder of him who has never seen Boulder City before.

Weed has a number of his men working preparing to grow bluegrass and rye around both the administration building and the municipal building. The planting will be soon. The rye will shade the bluegrass and protect it from the withering sun of impending summer.

Weed states that rye and oats have been very successful in growing here, as a nurse crop, but that annual rye is now best, as it is a little late in the season for oats. The nurse crop helps establish sod, and returns nourishment to the soil, in addition to shading.

BLUEGRASS AND clover are

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being used a great deal in Boulder City, and Weed recommends bluegrass, with rye as the nurse crop, as the most successful.

As soon as the sprinkler systems are completed, more lawns will be planted around government homes, Weed states.

Sheep manure has been used with great success, being not an expensive fertilizer. It has been brought largely from Utah. One hundred tons have been used and 30 more tons are coming.

Where government employes today are wetting down the four acres around the administration building, mowers will be clipping wide reaches of lawn in a few months, it is planned. True, these lawns are not yet sodded as an old lawn, but they are showing up remarkably rich green and will improve as time goes on.

On Wednesday the sprinkler system for Wilbur square, in front of the administration building and below Park street, was started. Shrubs already are growing, and as fast as any of these die they are being replaced.

The loss has been less than expected, according to Weed, only about three or four per cent, as against an expected loss of around 10 per cent. Some of the low shrubs have been damaged by the sand blown by the wind in the past two months, but the loss has been surprisingly small. The cool weather of the past week or ten days has aided materially.

Each of the thousands of trees in the city has enough manure to last it a year, and each is being watered every few days by the government tank truck crew. This will continue thruout the present season.

BLACK LOCUSTS, Carolina poplars and Chinese elms have been the most successful trees, the rows and rows of these thruout the residence district as originally planned, showing up to dispell the barren appearance of the streets originally before any of his work was done.

Residents of homes all over Boulder City have answered the call of authorities to make the city as attractive as possible, with the result that many attractive native desert gardens have been developed among the homes. Stimulated by cash prizes given for several months each month by the Boulder City company, as well as by the desire to have attractive homes and streets, residents have done much and are still doing much to help work the near "magic" of producing a city beautiful where a short while before there was nothing but sand waste and gravel hill.