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Most of us need to develop the art of being polite. We hurry to get through each day... forgetting that in so doing we hurry through each life. Patience with others, with ourselves, with the very need of patience itself... for what would happen to an ocean if it had not patience to become a great salt!

DOWN TO EARTH

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Keep Garden Simple for Maximum Beauty

This time of year you can hear the bugle call up and down the neighborhoods as the gardeners put on their comfortable old clothes and discover anew what wonderful neighbors they have living near them.

Start out the season by cleaning up your tools and sharpening blades, where necessary. It is a good idea to place an identification mark on all tools which can be done with paint or tape so that after a community project or a loaning bee you will know your tools.

Crises Common During Youth, Says Professor

ANN ARBOR — "No person reaches adulthood without having at least one serious problem in his youth," says Walter Ketcham, associate professor of education and coordinator of psychological services at the University of Michigan.

An authority on problems concerned with deviations from normal behavior, Prof. Ketcham claims, "People of all ages can be put into three categories—the well-adjusted, the unadjusted and the maladjusted. The number of completely adjusted people in all age groups is very small. Most of the maladjustments that irritate us are defensive mechanisms used by persons who feel inadequate."

According to Ketcham, "All unadjusted traits in people are due to immaturity factors. The greatest single cause of unadjustment in a child is the withdrawal of affection and security by the parents, teachers and associates."

"A mentally disturbed person has lost real contact with the world and if he doesn't have any feeling or perception of the real world he can't react to any of the problems confronting him in a normal manner."

ACCORDING to the behavior expert, "The unadjusted person knows his behavior is inappropriate but is unable to correct it because of circumstances beyond his control."

Parents should keep three points in mind," Ketcham says. "Most children get into serious trouble at some time; most children turn out better than expected; and the most serious incidents will not happen again if handled in an appropriate and timely manner."

For teachers, the educator has this word: "Remember that most children want to learn and behave; most children will try you out at times; most children need some firm control; and most normal children will irritate you at times."

"It is a proven fact that if the home and school are made easy to adjust to in the early formative years, the faculty can be more firm in the secondary and high schools."

"The educative processes are the most therapeutic tools we have in our culture," Professor Ketcham says. "The problem that confronts us is how to better our educative processes so they can be of more value. I believe the time will come when every school system serving a population of 5,000 will have a mental health clinic and a school psychologist. At least there will be one in every county," he concludes.

It is as many rare beautiful gardens as the time permitted, so you can be sure that I will be popping with ideas as the season progresses. Mr. Church is the Dior of garden design.

THE USE of redwood decks for terraces is prominently used by this designer. The actual design of the deck is apt to be geometric in pattern. The use of redwood decks is an excellent way to achieve sitting space where you need it when topography is a problem.

This type of garden design is also used for a "sitting space" out under trees, allowing the trees to grow up through the structure. Attractive baffle fences often accompany the redwood deck construction to control views and the weather.

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That doesn't sound very complimentary to the legal profession, does it? But I don't mean it as a slam. I mean it simply as an observation.

The other day I had an opportunity to read the Michigan State Bar Journal.

Most every profession has a state association and all of them put out some kind of publication to their members. I've seen the medical journal and I didn't expect to understand it because the media use a mixture of Greek, Latin and English. But the lawyers use only English so I thought I could

read their stuff. And here's what I ran into:

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ALL GOOD English words, but I read it six times and still didn't quite get it. (And it's not gobbledygook—it's straight good legal

English.) Suppose a fellow had to read that stuff all day!

I did learn something though from going through that Journal. I found out that the legal profession is interested in many subjects that affect me, and you, too; for example: creditor's rights, medical problems, court administration, civil liberties, taxation, criminal jurisprudence, title standards, probation and parole, citizenship, workmen's compensation, administrative agencies, probate court, domestic relations law, and that's just a partial list.

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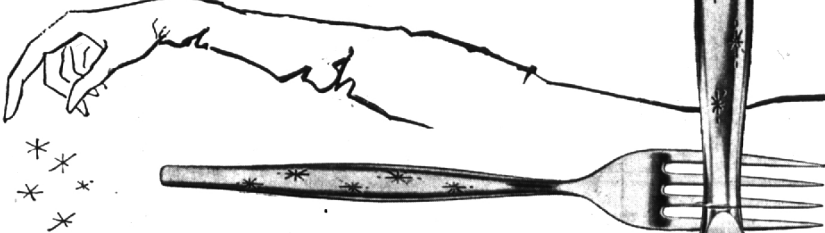
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