

WHY?



Do We Say It's a "Biting Remark?"

Greek philosopher Zeno, condemned to death by pulverization in a mortar, offered to tell the tyrant (Nearchus?) who sentenced him "a great and important secret." When Tyrant bent close to hear him whisper, Zeno bit off his ear.

Same Zeno was famous for mathematical conundrums like Achilles' race with a tortoise. Give "T" only one-tenth as fast as "A," a 100-yard head start, he can't win in theory be overtaken. Because each time speedy Achilles covers a given distance, old Tortoise moves one-tenth that distance ahead of him.

Scandal is one thing that never gets shop worn by being continually passed around.

Many people could retire comfortably on what their experience has cost them.



Dinner Honors Wives

Among prominent members of Mercy college Lay advisory board at a buffet dinner were Earl G. Ward and Mrs. Ward. The dinner honoring the wives preceded the first regular meeting of the board for the 1957-58 season.

DOWN TO EARTH

Rights and Problems of Water Supply

As many of our local residents have lake property or their land abuts on a lake I would like to emphasize some of the important points to understand about water rights and the relating problems of water supply. Further information can be yours by writing the Department of Conservation, Lansing, Michigan.

When a lake exists the bottom belongs to those who own the frontage. The lakes are open to all for navigation and allied pursuits. The fish belong to the State, the water belongs to no one.

IF A GIVEN LAKE has access through publicly owned property it does not imply that persons can walk along the shores of the lake on your property where there is a fringe of land. Most people who have frontage do not object to strollers along the lake when the persons are passing so in a dignified manner unobtrusive to the property.

If a public road touches a lake some believe it therefore becomes public property. This premise is not true necessarily. Roads are for transportation and do not constitute a legal point of entry, unless the area is dedicated to the public for that purpose. Some folks believe that the bot-



Mrs. Burlingame

tom of the lakes sometimes develops leaks which affect the drainage and level of the lake. This is a false conception as a lake bottom is stable and not susceptible to change.

AS FOR THE GROUND water supply, every new well which results naturally relieves the formation pressure, tends to reduce the pressure in other wells. Flows may actually stop when pumping is started at some of the wells, higher wells may stop flowing if too many lower wells are permitted to flow.

These "fine points" will interest all of our readers who live in ranch homes in suburban Birmingham. In our county we do have a drain commissioner. General advice can be given on drain law operation from the State Drain Commissioner. So much for your water lesson.

HERE WE ARE entering the winter season and many "uninformed" observers may say: "How can you present the subject of gardening throughout the winter months so that you can hold the interest of your readers?" Just stick with me and we have some worthwhile phases of Horti-

culture coming your way which will make you say in April: "DOWN TO EARTH has provided some interesting winter projects and I am entering a new growing season outdoors with more of a spirit of adventure."

When you have choice roses you can propagate them under a glass jar the way your grandmother showed you, or try this method of taking hardwood cuttings this time of year. This system will work well with hybrid perpetuals, climbers and large bush roses. I

am going to try *Strombosia cuttings*.
SELECT THE OLDER wood of last year and cut "pencil" appearing stems about six inches long, making the cut just below the node. Tie the varieties separately in bunches and label. Now place the cuttings in a box with moist sand, leaf mold, or sawdust. Store in a cool, damp area where they will not freeze. When you examine them in the spring they will be calloused or starting to root. Place them in a sunny area of the garden and plant them with only about one and a half inch of the cutting showing.
 If you haven't Rosa Hugonis which has thousands of yellow flowers in the Spring locate a friend who has and beg a couple

of canes on the lucky grower because this shrub rose would be perfect for this manner of propagation.

Who'll Volunteer?

Is your club looking for a Christmas project? A State hospital of about 500 patients who have no friends or relatives to send them presents needs your help. The hospital has a delightful way of determining each patient's Christmas wish. If you would like to help, please call the South Oakland Volunteer Bureau, LI 7-1017, A United Community Services agency serving from 8 Mile road thru Birmingham-Bloomfield.

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