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## DOWN TO EARTH

# Grape Vines Add Detail to Property

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Many of our readers have their homes on an acre or more so I would like to point out to them the possibility of having an architectural detail by using grape vines. The location calls for at least one half of the day in full sun or more for best results and the soil should have good drainage.

It isn't necessary to have the effect of the grape vines the entire length or width of the property but it can denote the property line and it can provide a nice detail of various lengths.

Cedar or metal posts can be installed with the vines climbing on wires for supports. Number 10 or 11 wire is used for the supports between the posts. The lowest is about 2½ feet from the ground while the second wire is 5½ feet from the ground.

The plants are placed 6 to 7 feet apart. Plan on at least three feet at each end for radius growth of the end plants. A 30 foot strip would call for five plants, placing them six feet apart.

CONCORD grapes are well known here and the new Stenben variety is supposed to be an improvement. You will want to send for the booklet "Pruning Grapes in Michigan," Cooperative Extension Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing, for the latest ideas on grape culture. Correct pruning will determine the extent of your yield.

Your grape project can be set up in the fall. Here is an opportunity to provide a nice detail on a large lot which will give you fruit in the bargain.

The Michigan Horticultural so-

cety has just set up a special library of travel information for those who wish to visit gardens while traveling. It would pay a garden enthusiast to visit their headquarters in the Old City Hall with their travel itinerary and plan interesting stops in far away places. It is a fine way to meet the people of various countries. This garden travel department will also strongly emphasize the United States.

MRS. F. GORDON Davis is a new member of the Board of Trustees for the Michigan Horticultural society. This society recently presented their Award of Merit at their annual meeting to five local gardeners.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamley, 1418 Pierce for their efforts in plant culture. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood F. Goldsmith, 3724 Oakland for their garden design and maintenance coupled with their generosity in sharing its beauty constantly with others. John Wolf, 2776 Juniper Court was recognized for his lawn care and construction. (Remember, he is the gardener with ½ acre of Merion grass).

Robert M. Critchfield, Lake Angelus, Pontiac, was recognized for his collection and display of cacti. Shellen Wright, 1286 Cluo drive, Bloomfield Hills, received a standing ovation for his development of a therapeutic garden, a place of great beauty, with the handicap of a paralyzed arm and leg but the gift of great determination.

All of these recognized winners of the Award of Merit are real people and would welcome a visit if you are ever in need of advice or would like to see their gardens.

**Local Army Privates Assigned to Germany**

3RD DIV. GERMANY—Two Army privates from Birmingham have recently been assigned to the 3rd Division's 30th Infantry in Germany.

Army Pvt. Robert W. Vincent II, 20, whose parents live at 908 Benaville is a rifleman in the infantry's Company C. He completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and arrived in Europe last month.

Army Pvt. Thomas P. Estes, whose wife, Susan, and parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Estes live at 1085 Waddington received an assignment as laboratory technician in the infantry's headquarters company.

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## People's Column

# Dogs on Loose In Birmingham Are Criticized

To the Editor:

We noticed the piece in (a recent) Eccentric, referring to the dogs running loose or in packs. I am sure everyone reading the terrible news of the dogs killing the little boy.

We have on several occasions called the police station or dogcatcher in regard to four or five dogs running loose and together around Bates, Willes, and Townsend each evening about 8:30 or each morning about 7:00.

THEY ARE let out, and tear up lawns and kill new shrubbery. Our lovely Shain park, also, is in their path. We obtained the license number of one boxer and called in. But the dog is still running loose.

Last, Thanksgiving a dog allowed to roam at will came in our yard and killed a very expensive poodle visiting here.

We wonder if these dog owners would enjoy having their lawns torn up, and new shrubbery destroyed?

If it's a law to keep dogs (under

control), why can't the law be enforced?

SICK AND TIRED OF  
DOGS TEARING UP  
OUR YARD

Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, Indian freedom fighter, known as the "Lion of Kashmir," is popular among the predominantly Moslem population of the Himalayan state.

## The Light Touch by Jeanne Westerdale

SHORT CUT RUT

I'm zooming down the wide new freeway With slews of cars, and not much leeway; I'm saving time, but here's the sting— Just how do I get off the thing?

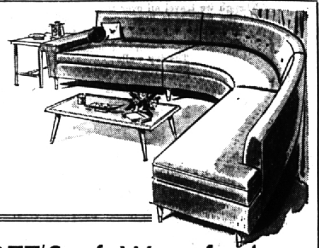
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