

# Down to earth Keep busy in greenhouse

**By ALICE BURLINGAME**

There is nothing wrong with falling in love time and time again. That is the reward for those who own a greenhouse. When winter weather is assured you take the contents of your greenhouse outdoors and declare a substantial holiday.

If your greenhouse is pleasantly situated you might place some summer furniture in it so as to provide a quiet spot for reading.

Then along comes the weather warning in September. As a greenhouse owner you are very busy washing the windows and cleaning for the arrival of your guests, your living pets, your container plants. What a joy!

You seem to feel that everything is alright with your world. It is this certain peace of mind we employ in our hospital greenhouses for those who must face tomorrow with new achievements to be met.

**SUCCESS STORIES** as they relate to plants are all over the area and in the past have alluded to Robert Nitschke, an attorney for a large corporation. As you recall he said to Jane his wife: "Can you get better tasting apples at the store?"

From that time forward, many years ago, Bob has gathered apple, peach, pear, and grape seeds and planted them on his property. He has since gone so far as to establish a nursery so that those of the same ilk can save the delicious flavors of those fruits.

As you review possible varieties of fruits it reads like reviewing an old history book. The Sharkey apple originated on a farm in Vermont and the snow apple was known in 1770.

Lady Apple was grown in the gardens of Louis XIII in 1626 etc.

There are still those fruits which have been introduced from more stock. Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were early introducers of some varieties. These were not grown for their shipping characteristics but for their local taste.

**I CAN'T** understand why a person would go into a winter garden center and decide to plant an apple tree because it is hardy in the north, when for the same number of years of when a tree they can have the best.

Among those varieties I thought were very good were: Kidd's Orange Red (New Zealand), Ross Nonpareil (France), these were in the apple category. There was a Chinese Pear (seen in San Francisco and later propagated) looks exactly like an apple but has the taste of a pear.

It was amusing to see where the racoons had delicately tasted the grapes and really specialized on the very sweet ones. "Herbert" was good variety. It is a blue-black and noted in Boston in 1850. Robert Nitschke says the best grape is "Steuben." He throws a one inch square plastic mesh over the grapes to keep the birds and racoons out of the crop.

Fall is a good time to feed trees because root growth is strong in the fall and early winter. At this time, the tree absorbs nutrients which are used for spring growth. Fall is a good time to plant a new tree and if there is to be a delay, the spot for location can be mulched so as to make the winter work easier.

Isn't it thrilling to be on the horticultural handwagon?

**'Autumn Fantasy' planned for Oct. 21**

Friends of Leader Dogs (FOLD) will hold Autumn Fantasy, a charity fashion show in Kingsley Inn Bloomfield on Oct. 21.

A fashion show by Elizabeth Birmingham will be preceded by cocktails at 11 a.m. and followed by luncheon at noon.

Farmington area women working on the committee are Mrs. Ray Latham, Mrs. James Hush and Mrs. John Anderson.



ROBERT SICKLE

## Cancer speaker set to lecture in area

Robert W. Sickle, board member of the National Food Association from Cleveland will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Farmington Elementary School, 8800 Farmington Road, corner of Purden. Mr. Sickle will be Cross Opportunity. If you are interested contact...

As you will be provided by the Society for the Advancement of Natural Therapy. He is an architect, painter, engineer, lecturer and a choir and spoke recently at the cancer convention held at Farmington.

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