

Quips and Quotes

I Have a Healthy Imagination
I can still touch the floor
Without bending my knees;
I can do 20 push-ups
With nary a wheeze.

I can chin myself, using
Not two hands but one,
And running four miles
Is my concept of fun.

And to what do I credit
This middle-age youth?
I just keep in condition
By stretching the truth!

—Francis O. Walsh

Something Long Needed
I like the new, long greeting card;
I don't care if it's not wider.
It's a perfect fit for my friends' names
Like Lengenfeldt and Kleinensneider.
—Avis B. Rigg



"No—I thought he was a friend of yours!"

A World War II veteran had dutifully kept active status in the National Guard and each Summer went on its two-week maneuvers. This time out, however, there was a young officer in charge, determined to show his authority. At the first inspection, he scrutinized the veteran's rifle and came up with a speck of dust.

"A man of your service should know better!" he snapped. "You are an old soldier and should set an example for the younger men. By the way, what was your last infraction?"

"Having a dirty bow and arrow, sir," the vet replied.

—Charlotte Haimey

The husband who complains loudest about the number of checks his wife writes is the same guy who, when single, didn't have enough money to open a bank account.

—John Shotwell

Home Groan

It sounds odd, but I'm trying to develop an exotic blight in my rose bushes. Preferably one that causes the flowers to drop off the stem with a low, whimpering sound. My trouble, you see, is that my roses are healthy, untouched by alien disease—and, worse, by neighbor interest.

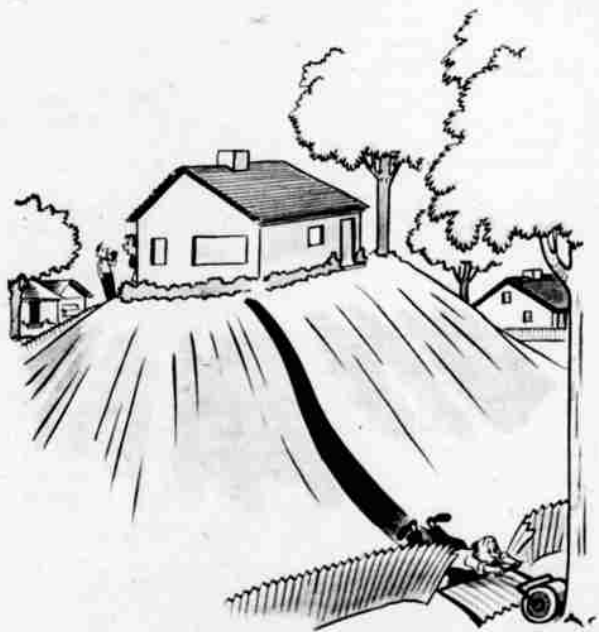
My neighbors are the morbid kind who gather in one another's yards to discuss the latest maladies of their flora. Ralph, for instance. He came up with a glorious case of thrips on his dahlias, and evening after evening entertained the neighborhood by discussing possible remedies.

From that vigil, the neighbors walked down to Ed's garden to lament over his crippled chard. Ed's wife brought out the coffee cups, and all had a grand time until some spoilsport (me) called the county agriculture agent. He pinned it down to the simple tarnished plant bug and prescribed a sure-cure spray.

The envy of our block, though, is Charley. He has moles. One after another his bulb plants vanish, and long, random ridges run through his lawn. "How are the moles?" people call as they pass Charley. And Charley replies, "Runnin' wild. Come over and take a look!"

All I've been able to do is to have a fair case of mildew on my zinnias. I called the neighbors in. "Mildew!" I chortled. "Yes," said Ralph. "What's new with Charley's moles?" Anyone know where I can buy a small, trained swarm of Egyptian locusts?

—Dick Emmons



"He was just here a few minutes ago—starting to roll the lawn!"

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