

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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Praise ye the Lord!  
For it is good to sing praise  
unto God;  
For it is pleasant, and praise is  
comely.  
Great is our Lord, and of great  
power;  
Who covereth the heavens with  
clouds,  
Who prepareth rain for the  
earth,  
Who maketh grass to grow upon  
the mountains.  
He giveth to the beast his food,  
And to the young ravens which  
cry.  
He giveth snow like wool;  
He scattereth the hoar frost like  
ashes.  
He casteth forth His ice like  
morsels;  
Who can stand before His cold?  
He sendeth out His word, and  
melteth them;  
He causeth His wind to blow, and  
the waters flow.  
Sing unto the Lord with  
Thanksgiving!  
Praise ye the Lord.

—Psalm 147

Take care of the poinsettia. If you want it to bloom again, put it in a dark place with enough water to keep it from completely drying out. In May, cut back the stems to 6 inches and place in the yard. Water sparingly, giving the plant a fertilizer with fish substance in it. Keep plants 6 inches all summer. In the fall, take the pot in to grow shoots for Christmas blooms. Study your seed catalogue. There are many new annuals. Plant lots of petunias this year. One of the

brightest red marked with white is the Petunia Satellite. Petunia Lavender Lace is a beautiful purple. Plant peppermint pinks for a blend of color.

Plant or transplant camellia or azalea plants now. Transplant all dormant shrubs that you want transferred from the places they are growing now. Be sure to put out more tulips. Visits your seed store for bargains in bulbs.

Now is a good time to plant amaryllis bulbs and other spring bulbs. Plant sweet pea seed. If you wish to see a catalogue of beautiful roses, send 50 cents to Will Fillatson's Roses, Dept. P, Watsonville, California. The name of the catalogue is "Roses of Yesterday and Today."

Purchase some Pink Heather sweet alyssum for border planting in the spring. Grow some Indian Chief Sedum this year. Grow Gem Dianthus for colorful and sweet smelling borders.

Put out clematis now. They bloom all summer on porches, trellis and walls. While there isn't much to do, take time to visit the woods to discover the beautiful barks of trees and berries and shrubs. It is always an interesting trip to go thru wooded areas, and see the new things we have never discovered before.

### THE WAY THROUGH THE WOODS

They shut the road through woods Seventy years ago.

Weather and rains have undone it again,

And now you would never know There was once a road through the woods

Before they planted trees. It is underneath the coppice and heath.

And the thin anemones.

Only the keeper sees

That, where the ring-dove broods.

And the badgers roll at ease.

There was once a road through the woods.

Yet, if you enter the woods

Of a summer evening late,

When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed pools

Where the otter whistles his mate

(They fear not men in the woods, Because they see so few)

You will hear the beat of the horse's feet.

And the swish of a skirt in the dew.

Steadily centering through

The misty solitudes,

As though they perfectly knew

The old lost road through the woods.

But there is no road through the woods.

—Rudyard Kipling.

## Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holmes Brown of Elon College announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Catherine, to Clifton Lawrence McCotter, Jr., of Raleigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. McCotter of New Bern. The wedding will take place on January 25.

Miss Brown graduated from Elon College High school and the School of Nursing of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Win-

ston-Salem, where she was a member of Santa Filomena Honorary Society. She is employed at Duke hospital, Durham.

Mr. McCotter graduated from New Bern High school and attended State College and Hard-barger Business College in Raleigh. He is manager of Medical Bureau, Inc., and is a member of Phi Theta Pi, national honorary commerce fraternity.

**GARDEN TIME**  
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About this time last year I described the 1958 All-America flower and vegetable selections. I will briefly review them, in case you did not try them, and give you some new ones for 1959.

Maytime Petunia—light salmon pink, largest wavy-flowered hybrid grandiflora.

Petite Marigolds (Petite Gold, Petite Orange and Petite Harmony)—earliest to bloom and most colorful for edging, low beds and borders; about six inches tall.

Ruby Lettuce—most colorful and finest red salad lettuce; if not cut and allowed to bolt (form seed head) is a pretty ornamental.

Green Wave Mustard—long lasting.

Choctaw Wax—heaviest-bearing wax or yellow-podded bush snap bean.

Pearlgreen Snap Bean—first white-seeded variety of the tender-green type; fine flavor, stringless

and fiberless; can be used as snap bean or you may let the plants mature and use the beans for soup and baking.

Now for 1959:

Pink Heather Alyssum—the mounded type; the color is a heather pink, deep in tone in cool weather, lighter to much lighter pink during dry weather or normal mid-summer, then deeper pink towards fall of the year; splendid for edging, is free-flowering over a long season and one of the easiest flowers to grow.

Gardengreen—a new snap bean variety, vigorous, 18-20 inches, resistant to mosaic (a virus disease)

and tolerant to both halo blight and root rot; productive, very straight round-podded beans of dark green color and about 5½ inches long; pods are stringless and fiberless, smooth, tender and well-filled; a high quality table variety; also good for local market and home freezing; not recommended for distant shipping and commercial processing.

Jade Cross Brussels Sprouts—this new variety was awarded a silver medal as it was the highest scoring entry in the seven years of trials; it is the earliest, most uniform, prolific and vigorous of all, packed with sprouts from base to tips of leaves. About 24 inches of stem is loaded with sprouts of an inch or more across.

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