



MUP TROPHY WINNERS—BUFFALO, N.Y.: The Buffalo Bills Booster Club presented trophies to three Bills at the Club's award dinner Thursday night. (From left to right) Reggie McKenzie—Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, O.J. Simpson—Most Valuable Running Back and Walt Patulski—Most Valuable Defensive Lineman. The awards are given annually by the club members.



FINE POINT: Melvin Franklin, bass singer for the world famous Temptations goes over a fine point with veteran actor, Vincent Price, as they both went over their scripts for appearances on the Sonny and Cher show. This marked the second appearance of the Temptations on the top rated show and they performed their latest single, "Let Your Hair Down."

Garden Time

Donations or Flowers? There's Room for Both

By M. E. Gardner
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I have just received a beautifully written and thoughtful letter from Mrs. James Cook of Elon College. In a very nice manner, she took me to task for the recent column I wrote about our North Carolina florists—"in lieu of flowers, please contribute to----." Some of my other readers might share her views. Mrs. Cook writes, "I am employed by a non-profit agency that cares for boys and girls and have the opportunity to see first hand the value of the statement, 'In lieu of flowers please contribute to----.' A gift to help a child in need is an investment that will continue paying dividends forever, in my opinion." She has more to say but this is the essence.

In my reply to her letter I told her that I was not launching a counterattack, because I agreed with everything she had to say. I have worked with the florists for 46 years and have basic knowledge of the expenses involved in the production of cut flowers and container-grown plants. I was merely trying to point out that, as a businessman he has the same right to sell his products as do other businessmen, and to deny him the right is, to say the least, unfair.

In my own personal life I have always contributed to organizations such as Mrs. Cook represents, and have responded to many memorial requests for individuals. At the same time, I try to remember

friends and loved ones with floral tributes as they "cross the river to rest under the shade of the trees."

I believe it is possible to do both. And so, I am not recanting from the position I have assumed because I think

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it to be fair and just. However, I respect the views expressed by Mrs. Cook as I have already indicated.

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