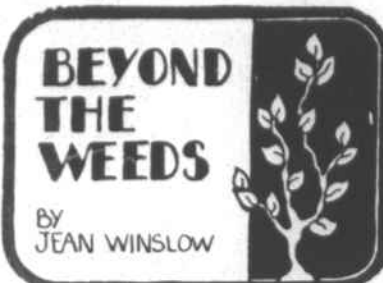


Farming news

Flowers say it for Valentines

Charming, the language of flowers, that loving language of Valentine's Day, the language that means a sender is concerned enough to select the right blossom for the right beauty.



Victorians denied themselves a lot of pleasures we moderns find de rigueur—well, in public they denied themselves a lot of pleasures. I've read accounts of really smarmy stuff going on behind the great oak doors and green brocade draperies. But I like to think of their sentimental side, and their invention of flower language makes me pine for more leisurely days, reclining on a chaise lounge, pulling petals from a daisy recently proffered by an amorous swain, thinking "is this what he really thinks of me?"

Today, the game can still be played, and the Floral Transworld Delivery Association is delighted to show you the rules.

A few floral messages left from the Victorians include:

- Azalea - temperance
- Carnation, red - Alas! my poor heart
- Chrysanthemum, red - love; white - truth
- Daisy - innocence
- Forget-me-not - true love
- Honeysuckle - generous and devoted affection
- Jasmine - amiability
- Lilac - humility
- Lily, white - purity, sweetness; yellow - falsehood, gaiety
- Orange tree - generosity
- Peach blossom - I am your captive
- Rose, red - love; cabbage - ambassador of love; deep red - bashful shame; white - I am worthy of you; red and white - unity
- Tulip - fame; red - declaration of love; yellow - hopeless love
- Violet - faithfulness

The most often sent flower, hands down, is the rose. Mary Ruth Smith of Dozier's Florist in Hertford says orders for red roses run six to one on Valentine's Day. A popular arrangement is the single rose, nestled in baby's breath or ferns in a tall vase with a red ribbon. Telephone lines get flooded with orders, deliveries get piled up, and February 14 is no bed of roses for busy flower vendors.

Smith says the second place winner is the carnation, but it's so far down the line she doesn't even bother to count the paltry few. I can't blame the sender. I love red roses to start with, and am still truly thrilled to receive one. And I'd much rather receive a flower that says "I love you" than a carnation claiming "Alas, my poor heart." Save that one for clearing up a serious misunderstanding on, say, April 13.

So, say it with flowers. A bunch of white roses and yellow tulips say "I am worthy of you and hopelessly in love." Daisies, white chrysanthemums and violets can help a tongue-tied recalcitrant lover explain "I am innocent, I'm telling the truth, and I declare my faithfulness." Hope it works for you.

Garden of Eden Club will meet

HORTICULTURALIST TO SPEAK IN EDENTON

On Saturday, February 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Old Chowan County Courthouse, Edenton's Garden of Eden Garden Club will host a free lecture presentation by Longwood Garden's Everitt L. Miller. Miller, a well known writer and horticulturalist and retired director of the DuPont family's Longwood Estate near Philadelphia, will speak for one hour on the topic "Great Gardens of America", after which there will be a short reception with refreshments. The public is invited to this free presentation. Any individual or group wishing to attend is asked to call 482-2341 or 482-3813 to reserve seating.

Everitt Miller is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and a graduate of the State University of New York where he studied landscape design. Since that time, he has managed several large and prestigious estate gardens. As Longwood's director for over twenty years he was chief horticulturalist and was responsible for conservatories, greenhouses, a theater, an historic arboretum and house, fountain gardens and specialized plant collections covering the entire range of ornamental horticulture. His son, Craig, director of Britthaven of Edenton, comments that he literally grew up following his father around the great estate garden.

Longwood today is one of the most outstanding and elaborate gardens in America, and has been favorably compared to the most excellent of Europe's garden treasures, Versailles, Vaux-le-Vicomte, Villa D'Este and Chatsworth.



Mary Ruth Smith of Dozier's Florist in Hertford arranges a red rose with baby's breath, a Valentine's Day favorite for sweethearts.

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Free enterprise makes America great

By: W.B. Jenkins
N.C. Farm Bureau Federation

America has less than seven percent of the world's population, yet we are said to have over 50 percent of the world's material benefits. The reason for this is that so many have worked so hard under a free enterprise system, characterized by a free market, the profit motive and individual initiative.

A nationwide survey a few years ago revealed that less than four percent of Americans believe free enterprise has anything to do with their personal freedom. Yet, freedom without self-discipline just won't work. Free people can get spoiled, demanding more and more for less and less.

Americans need to understand that their real needs are met, supported and financed by business and commerce — not by government. It is absolutely incredible that Americans nationwide believe the average profit of U.S. business and industry is more than 33 percent. Students think that it is over



48 percent, while the real figure is less than five percent. Unfortunately, this incredible misunderstanding is increasing rather than decreasing.

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The politics of buying votes by attacking profits is not in the best interests of our free enterprise system. "Profit" is not a dirty word. Rather, it is the very basis of our system — the most successful ever devised to build a strong and prosperous way of life.

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