

# MY ANSWER

BY DR. BILLY GRAHAM



Dear Dr. Graham: I am concerned about some of the books my son is having to read in high school. I don't like the language of the philosophy they convey. Do you think I have a right to be concerned about this? - R.H.

Dear R.H.: I know this is a common problem facing millions of parents today, and it also is an area of some controversy in the legal courts. However, if your children are in public schools they probably will confront this issue, and the first thing you should do is be able to talk candidly with your children about this - and listen to them as well.

Yes, you should be concerned about this, and perhaps there are ways in your community that you and other parents can express your concern to the school administration or school board. It especially concerns me that a child today often can come away from school with a thorough knowledge of various secular and even anti-religious points of view - and yet cannot pray or read the Bible in the classroom or be taught in any measure the basic beliefs of Christians.

This means that you need to make a special effort to train your son so that he realizes the difference between the truth of God's Word, the Bible, and various philosophies that are being presented through his reading assignments. I am convinced we need to do more to instruct our children in God's standards of right and wrong. When the Law was given to the people of God in the Old Testament, they were commanded, "Love the Lord your God ... These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

Then realize too that God can use the experiences your son is facing to help him understand the way many people today think. If he is a Christian, he should be praying not only that he will not be affected in a wrong way, but that God will help him to reach out to his classmates who are searching for meaning in life.

# Dried Bouquets Flower Again In Winter

With Piedmont gardens and roadsides at their peak of colorful bloom, now is the time to consider preserving the flowers for winter bouquets. The process is not difficult and the resulting arrangements can be attractive and decorative.

While there is no substitute for experimentation, some advance thought and planning can be helpful. Is a stark, striking effect or a loose, informal arrangement reminiscent of the original growing habit desired? Should the colors contrast or blend? The background in which the arrangement is to be placed may be a factor worth considering.

Since shape and texture are important design elements in dried arrangements, seed cases - from the locust, catalpa, ailanthus, princess tree, wisteria, hosta and snapdragon - can offer great diversity in setting off the flowers used. Other creative effects can be provided by stalks of mullein and cattails, by bitersweet vines and by circles of Queen Anne's lace. Grasses of various kinds and color-tones can be used to add a loose, feathery quality.

For first experiments, the gradener can start with flowers from the yard or roadsides using

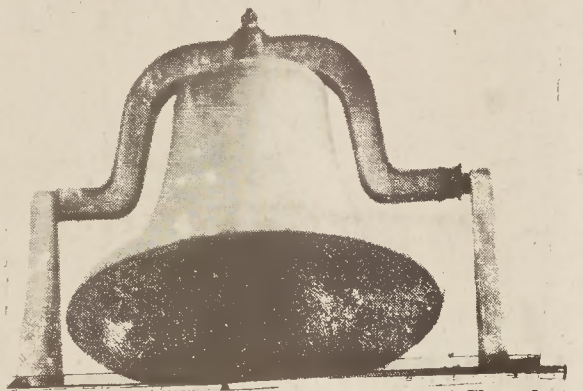
the simplest method for drying - air drying. The flowers, not quite at their peak of bloom, should be picked on a dry, sunny day and all the leaves removed. Small bunches of three or four stems should be fastened together with a rubber band and hung upside down in a warm, dry, airy place, away from direct sunlight. Drying will usually take eight to 10 days or a bit longer if the weather is damp. Some find it useful to spray the hanging bunches with hairspray to reduce the possibility of shattering in very brittle plants.

Another method, more likely to retain flowers color, is to use a drying agent like cornstarch, a mixture of cornmeal and borax or dry sand in an airtight container such as a cookie tin. The flowers, seed cases or other plant materials are placed in the drying agent in layers until dry - a week or so. Any adhering agent is readily removed with a soft paintbrush.

For flat materials, such as fern fronds or leaves, pressing between newspapers under a heavy weight is an effective technique. Although leaves usually end up brown or golden tan, occasionally an autumn red is found with late summer choices.

Those wanting to remember the joys of summer when next winter arrives will enjoy the modest effort of trying to dry some flowers now. Local libraries have excellent books detailing methods and plants to use. But experimentation and the gardener's own artistic ideas will add much to the fun.

# Boiling Springs



Church Bell At Boiling Springs Baptist Church

# Community

By Louise Moore

At the Baptist Church eleven o'clock worship service Sunday morning Mellisa Hartis and Jada Taylor were baptised. The church observed the Lord's Supper at the Sunday morning worship service.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Z. Greene of Rome, Ga., Mrs. Chris Greene and son Christopher Joe of Waco were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bostic of Cliffside visited Mr. and Mrs. Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Victor Turner of Forest City and Mrs. Frances Southern of Greensboro visited Miss Etna Holland on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moss of Gaffney, S.C. visited Miss Edna Hamrick and Mr. Ralph Hamrick on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bobbie Morehead of Gastonia was the Tuesday evening dinner guest of Mrs. Maude Burroughs.

Mrs. Max Goode and son Max G.R. Goode of Poovson,

Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Whisnant and daughter Sarah of Raleigh spent several days this week with Mrs. Blane Whisnant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McSwain of Rock Hill and Mrs. Betty Jolley of Columbia, S.C. visited with Mr. and Mrs. N.P. Gaffney and Mrs. Mollie Anthony last Sunday.

Mr. Graham J. Hamrick is a patient in Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Faye Crowe has returned home after being a patient in Crawley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Allen attended the Monrith reunion June 26th in Cullowhee.

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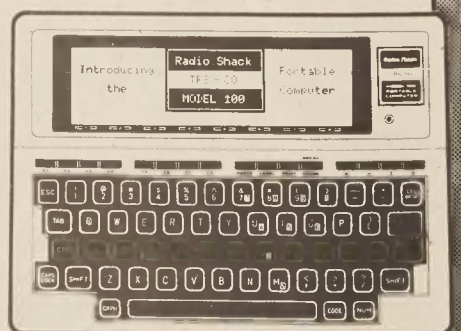
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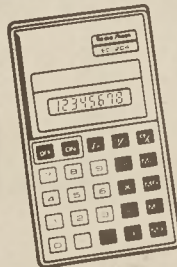
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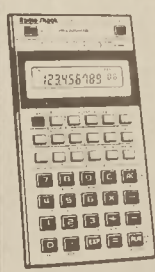


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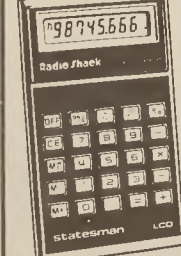


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