

Buds AND Blossoms

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As the warm weather moves in, the grass, flowers and shrubs and trees make their contribution to Him Who landscaped our universe.

While the weather is good for transplanting, we should transplant our chrysanthemums. It is also time to divide big clumps of day lilies. Space them at least one foot apart in clusters or groups.

If any sprouts of dahlias appear they may be snipped and placed where they are to bloom. They do not have to have a tuber. Do your feverfew plants the same way. They will bloom this Spring.

With all the colorful blossoms we have now, it is time to browse around and select the colors we want in the pansy, daffodil, narcissi, English daisy, viola and pinks.

These may be dried by the borax and sand, borax and meal, or just sand method. If you want pretty dried arrangements next Fall, now is the time to gather the ones you wish to use in them and to make trays and wall plaques.

The 23rd Psalm says, "He leads me beside the still waters" and we find ourselves at this time of year beside the garden pool. One senses a feeling of surrender. There is

serenity and relaxation in the cool, shady spot in the yard.

Drain and clean the pool, and plant arrowhead, oriental iris, bugle plant, strawberry begonia and forget-me-nots. There are many jobs to be done this particular week if you are your own gardener. If you hire a gardener, watch!

Follow the advice of the Belfast Farm Journal when it says of your prospective gardener: "Look at the trousers. If they are patched on the knees, you want him. If they are patched on the seat, you don't."

In New Bern we have many beautiful budding trees, flowering shrubs and flowers. After a terrible Winter, let us take time to enjoy this lovely season, for, "Kindly Spring again is here,

Trees and fields in bloom appear;

Hark, the birds with artless ways,

Warble their Creator's praise.

Lord, afford a Spring to me,

Let me feel like what I see;

Speak, and by Thy gracious voice,

Make my drooping soul rejoice.

Amen!"
—J. Newton.

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Good Home Garden Has Basic Plans

"Plan before you plant." That's a basic rule for successful gardening, says H. M. Covington, horticultural specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Covington says that many vegetables grown in the home garden are wasted because an over-abundance of one vegetable matures at the same time. With few exceptions, vegetables remain edible for only a short period after they reach maturity. Top quality is often even more transient.

One way to avoid having too large a crop at once, then nothing, is to make successive plantings of the same vegetable, Covington advises. Plant only enough seed of crops like corn, beans, lettuce, and radish to provide the amount that can be used within a short period. Then, after a few weeks, plant another lot to mature after the first harvest has been exhausted. Or, if the variety used will not do well later in the season, plant other varieties that mature later.

This kind of planning calls for a

careful study of seed varieties and must be done well ahead of planting time. It may also require the purchase of more seed, therefore a

somewhat larger investment. But these things pay off in greater satisfaction at harvest time.

Another thing to look for in studying the seed varieties is the height to which they will grow. Tall-growing crops should be planted together and low-growing ones together (preferably to the south of the taller ones) to avoid shading the lower plants. Vegetables need about eight hours of full sunlight to produce well.



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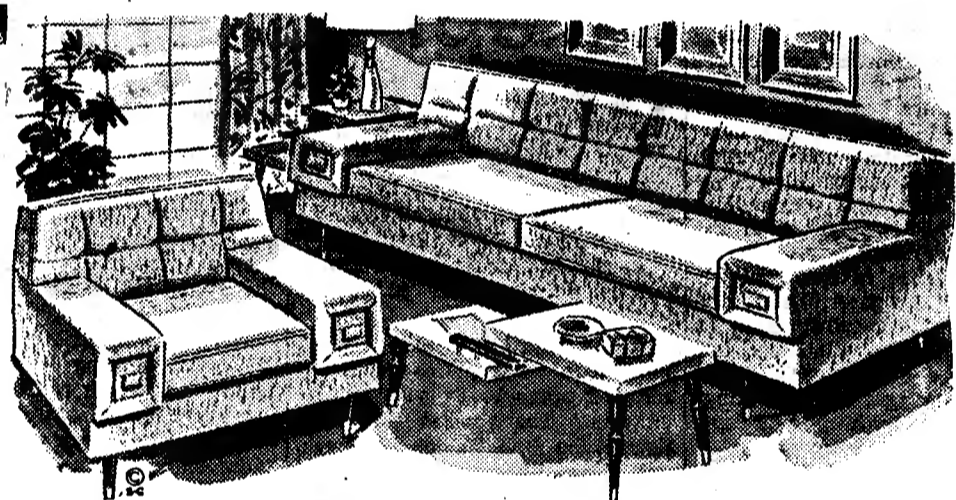
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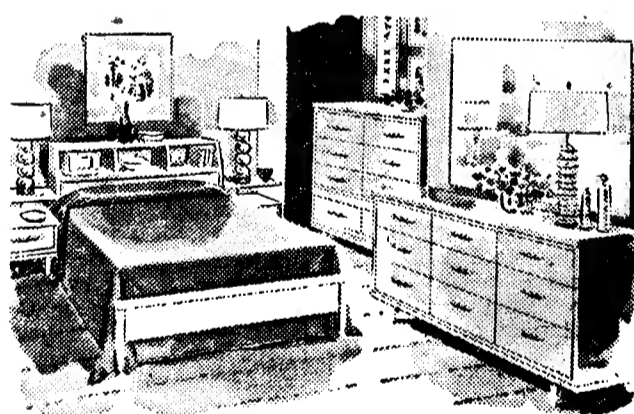


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