



TOT TALK

Can you really tell how a kid is going to turn out, simply by watching his childhood antics?

Maybe yes, and maybe no. Take Teddy Shapou, for instance. Everyone in town knows, or should, that he was New Bern's most decorated hero during World War Two. His great combat flying earned him the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, China's Air Heroes Medal, and if we remember rightly, one or two other awards.

Teddy—named for Teddy Roosevelt, was as daring as they come. First associated with General Chennault's famed Flying Tigers, he flew many a successful mission before he returned to the United States and became a test pilot.

His serious and permanent head injuries were sustained while he was serving in this test piloting capacity. Lots of folks have forgotten the contribution he made to his country's welfare while in service, but the record stands for those who care to remember.

Teddy's daring as a young man being well established, perhaps we

should turn back the years and see if he was equally daring as a member of New Bern's small fry.

He was daring then too, and hard to down. Just to give you an idea, he took a tumble riding his bicycle out at Ghent school, and broke an arm. That sort of thing might slow up the average boy, but not Teddy. With the arm in a cast, he climbed aboard a pony.

He took another tumble, and this time he broke the other arm. With both arms fractured, he still romped with other neighborhood kids. No wonder he turned out to be a hero, with spunk like that.

A Weekend Prayer

Gracious Father of every human life, we come before Thee with a longing for wholeness of body, mind and spirit. Some of us are plagued with serious illness. Some of us are torn with unholy desires. Some of us are tossed by contrary winds. We all need Thy help, if our lives are to find health and show forth new beauty.

Word has come to us about Jesus Christ as the Great Physician. We know something of his compassion for the sick, His patience with the tempted, and His skill in counselling the confused. We recall how He has ever gone about in a spiritual ministry, touching people in their distress and saying, "Be completely whole again."

In sincerity of faith, we now come to the Great Physician. Our confidence is that He is not far from any of us, and that He can touch us in His mercy and do wonderful things for us. We believe that healing and victory and new direction will be ours in proportion to our faith. Keep us still, long enough for the wondrous gifts to become our possessions.

As we go forth in newness of life, O God, may we always be eager to give Thee the praise, and to turn the eyes of others toward the Great Physician. We make our prayer in His name. Amen.

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GARDEN TIME

There are always numberless jobs to be done in the fruit, vegetable and ornamentals gardens at this season of the year. By and large, the growing season has been excellent although a little on the wet side in most sections of the state.

Let's consider some of the things that need attention. After your black and red raspberries have finished bearing, remove all of the old bearing canes and burn them. Cut them off close to the ground. Fertilize with about one-half pound of an 8-8-8 fertilizer per plant.

The care and handling of dew-berry plants will be different in the lower Piedmont and Eastern Carolina than plants grown in the mountains. In the lower Piedmont and Eastern Carolina remove all canes, both old bearing and new. This procedure will very materially reduce the disease problems and the growing season is long enough for new canes to be developed for next year's crop. In the mountains remove only the old fruiting canes. Fertilize as for raspberries.

Whether you renovate your present strawberry planting or start over with nematode and virus free plants, will depend on your location and condition of plants. If your plants are free of leaf spots and virus troubles, and if the planting is under two years of age, it may pay you to renovate. Since most growers use the matted row, approximately 14 inches wide, we can use this system as an example.

Reduce the width of the row to about 8 inches by plowing off both sides. This can be done with a hoe in the home garden. Thin the remaining plants in the row so that you will leave a group of plants about every 14 inches. Keep the plants cultivated and free of weeds. After the runners form, they may be placed in such a manner as to fill the vacant spaces in the row.

In the home garden, fertilize the plants with about two measuring cups of nitrate of soda per 100 feet of row. Brush the fertilizer from the leaves.

HOW CAN I . . . ?

Q—How can I make a wall paper cleaner?

A—Make a paste by mixing 3 cupfuls of flour, 3 tablespoonfuls of ammonia and 1½ cupfuls of water. Roll this into balls of convenient size to fit the hand. Rub a ball over the paper and it will clean thoroughly.

Q—How can I distinguish fresh fish from stale fish?

A—By observing the following: The gills should be red, the flesh thick and firm, and the fins should be stiff. Otherwise the fish is not fresh.

Q—How can I remedy an oily skin and a shiny nose?

A—Wash the face once a day with fresh, clear water, into which the juice of one lemon has been stirred.

Q—How can I renovate the leather seats of chairs, or other articles, that have become shabby?

A—Beat the white of an egg to a froth and smear it over the surface with a soft cloth. Allow it to dry, then rub it well with another soft cloth.

It takes a lot of money to make some friendships last.

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Buds AND Blossoms

By MAMIE MILLER



"And the King of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying— Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house; for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men and hid them, with the stalks of flax which she had laid in order upon the roof."—Joshua 2:3, 4, 6.

The flax plant is used mostly to make linen, but it has a beautiful blue blossom that gardeners enjoy. This plant was cultivated before the children of Israel were in Canaan. Flax makes the oldest textile fibers that we have. Plant flax in the fall or set out plants in the Spring.

Geraniums are ideal for outdoor, in flowers boxes or in pots. If you have old plants, start new ones from them. Cut the bloom stalk on the old plant. Cut hard, woody young stem growth.

Cut off the top of the stem, leaving at least four inches. Remove leaves from lower stem, let cuttings dry on a sheet of paper. Dust the lower end of the stem with hormone rooting powder. Ask your local seedman for the powder.

Place stem in good sandy soil, or in vermiculite. Water as you would any plant, exposing it to sunshine for a while each day.

Dig, divide and replant crowded non-blooming daffodils now. Give tuberous begonias and coladiums liquid fertilizer at least every two weeks. Feed your lawn.

From a Chinese proverb— "If you want to be happy for a few hours, drink wine until your head spins gaily. If you want to be happy for a weekend, get married and hide away. If you want to be happy for a week, kill a tender pig and eat it. If you want to be happy all your life long, become a gardener."

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