


Buds AND Blossoms

By
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"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."—8, 9, 10, St. Luke, 2nd chapter.

Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, Charleston, South Carolina, brought the poinsettia to the United States. It is recognized as the most cherished Christmas plant. They grew in Mexico. Today we have them growing in California, Florida, and as house plants all ov-

er America. There are many colors of the poinsettia; namely white, pink, red and cream. They are an expression of "Joy To The World."

There is a beautiful legend concerning the flower that we love to remember. At the time of the Birth of Christ, everyone was carrying gifts to the Christ Child. One poor little girl had nothing to carry. The good angel appeared to her and said, "Go to the altar of the Christ Child, look down at your feet, pick a weed and place it at His feet." The child did as directed and much to her surprise when she gazed upon the earth the whole field was covered with beautiful red blossoms.

The red of the poinsettia is really the leaf. The yellow of the center is the flower. It is said it represents the crown of thorns that Christ wore. The red represents His blood, and the green represents life eternal.

Leave evergreens in a solution of 2 gals. of water and 1 cup of brown sugar to insure freshness. To make tree fireproof—soak in gal. of warm water, 1 cup boric acid and ½ cup Borax. Spray evergreens and tree in the solution. Be careful with lights and standing on objects which might cause you to fall. Enjoy a beautiful Christmas.

We love the part nature played at the Birth of the Christ Child. Thanks for the following 15th century carol:

**LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER
BLOOMING**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah hath foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This child to her is given,
At midnight calm and still

The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory,
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped,
And in the manger found Him,
As angel-heralds said.

This flower, whose fragrance ten-
der
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God
From sin and death he saves us

MOTOR MAIDS



**Language Barrier
No Halt To Safety**

By Jeanne Smith,
Dodge Safety Consultant

THERE'S NOTHING new about the idea of driver training schools, but Chicago's Driver Improvement School has one unique feature: classes are now offered in Spanish and Polish as well as English.



Miss Smith

Explains Dr. Arthur L. Conrad, Director of traffic education and the safety division of Chicago's municipal court: "In the past several years Chicago has had a large influx of Puerto Ricans and displaced persons from Poland.

"While some of these people have language barriers, they still drive cars . . . These classes were established to assist them to become safer drivers."

Chicago's Driver Improvement School itself was begun in October, 1956, and Spanish and Polish classes were later added when some of those attending could not understand the proceedings.

Currently, at least one foreign language class is scheduled every month. Some of the material was even shipped from Puerto Rico.

Classes are open to anyone over 15 who understands Spanish or Polish, but does not speak English. Instruction is given for four weeks, once a week for two hours, for a total of eight hours.

At the last class, an official from the Secretary of State's office is present to administer written driver permit tests, translated into one of the two languages, so potential drivers can be tested under optimum conditions.

And lightens every load.

O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe,
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of Heaven,
And to the endless day.

**Christmas Buying
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Snow slowed up New Bern's Christmas shoppers temporarily, but in recent days and at night too, the mad rush has been on.

It all adds up to the fact that fair weather or foul, most of us get around to emptying our purses to remember those who hold a place in our heart.

Even if you pass the driver's test it doesn't give you a license to pass everything on the road.

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Q—How can I remove the scorched taste from food?

A—When the food has become scorched or burned, drop a small piece of charcoal into the vessel immediately and the scorched taste will disappear.

Q—How can I remove oil stains from wash fabrics?

A—By rubbing with lard, allowing it to stand over night, then washing in cold water and soap, and drying in the sun.

Q—How can I prevent tennis racket strings from breaking?

A—The strings should be covered with petroleum jelly before putting away for the winter. This will prevent them from snapping during the time the rackets are not in use.

Q—How can I make tough soap bubbles for the children?

A—Tough soap bubbles can be blown by using the following liquid: 2 parts of dry castile soap, 30 parts of glycerine, 40 parts of

water.
Q—How can I clean brass or copper kettles?

A—Scour with soap and ashes. Then pour in one-half cup of vinegar with the same amount of salt, and boil for a few minutes. Wash thoroughly and rinse in hot water.

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