

Buds AND Blossoms

By **MAMIE MILLER**



"When your children ask in time to come saying, what mean ye by these stones?, then ye shall say unto them, Because the waters of the Garden were cut off before the ark of the Covenant of Jehovah. When it passed over the Jordan . . . these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever." — Joshua 4:6-8.

Many spring flowering bulbs are suitable for the rock garden, such as glory of the snow, snowdrops, spring snowflakes, grape hyacinth, miniature daffodil, squills and dog-tooth violets.

Plant veronica, phlox, subulate, dianthus, sedums, anemone for permanent plantings for your rock garden. Put your rock garden facing east or northeast, and do not overfeed the plants.

Put oyster shell around lilac bushes. They make them bloom. Plant for this season the almost white marigold, pinkie sweet aly-

sum, Ivory Fashion rose and anchusa Laddon Royalist.

Hanging-basket begonias are beautiful. They come in six colors and are easy to grow. Plant marigold iris. They come in shades of blue, orchid, purple and white. Blue bottle or ajuga makes a showy ground cover.

Bring branches of shrubbery in for forcing. They make lovely live arrangements. Plant seeds in pot or paper cups or boxes indoors, for an early spring setting. Start calladiums indoors.

Feed camellias now. Don't forget to plant the new ruffled gladioli this spring. Lythrum makes a colorful border. Encourage starlings to feed in your yard. They eat the grub that grows beetles.

Put out cuttings of geraniums and replant all house plants. Start to work on your rock garden, and enjoy the work and the people who visit your garden.

Just take your time, and do as the poem, "Smile":

Like a bread without the spreadin'
Like a puddin' without sauce,
Like a mattress without beddin'
Like a cart without a hoss;
Like a door without a latch-string,
Like a fence with a stile,
Like a dry and barren creek bed—
Is a face without a smile.

Like a home without a door yard,
Like a yard without a flower,
Like a clock without a mainspring,
That will never tell the hour;
A thing that sort o' makes you feel
A hunger all the while,
Oh, the saddest sight that ever was
Is a face without a smile.

The face of man was built for smiles,
An' thereby he is blest
Above the critters of the field,
The birds and all the rest;
He's just a little lower
Than the angels in the skies,
And the reason is that he can smile—
Therein his glory liest!

So smile an' don't forget to smile,
An' smile an' smile agin;
'Twill loosen up the cord o' care

GARDEN TIME

We have a plant disease clinic at State college which renders a real service to the people. In an average year, over 2,000 specimens are received for diagnosis and recommended controls. Unfortunately, many of the specimens arrive in such poor condition that positive diagnosis is difficult. Observe these instructions for collecting, packing and mailing:

Send a representative sample. When it is necessary to send an entire plant, dig it out so that the root system will not be damaged. In many cases, the trouble may be in the root system but expressed in the top growth.

Fleshy fruits and vegetables should be collected in the first stages of disease infection rather than advanced stages. Cankers from shrubs and trees should also be collected in the first stages of infection. Branches and twigs that have been dead for several months are useless for disease identification. All samples should be sent in fresh and showing as many stages of the disease as possible.

Wrap plants in moistened paper and cover with waxed paper or aluminum foil—don't overcrowd or crush. Vegetable and fruit specimens should be wrapped separately in waxed paper as moisture may hasten decay in transit. Pack in a rigid container to prevent crushing. Identify package both inside and out—inside label should not come in contact with moisture. Address package to Plant Disease Clinic, Box 5397, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C. Time your mailing so that package will arrive Monday through Friday, rather than over the weekend.

If you live near Raleigh, your specimens may be delivered directly to the clinic, Department of Plant Pathology, Gardner Hall, State college.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marvin Hunt Chandler of Vanceboro to Myrtle Lee Rozier of Fayetteville.

William Earl Murphy of route 2, New Bern, to Viola Powell of route 2, New Bern.

Percival M. Ferrara, Jr., of Providence, R. I., to Maybelle Brown of New Bern.

Joe Ike Jerkins, Jr., of Trenton to Mattie Pearl Harris of Pollocksville.

Johnnie Isaac Woods of New Bern to Dorothy Ree Murrell of Beaufort.

Walter Jerry Cox, Jr., of Mansfield, La., to Ava Gleen Daniels of Kinston.

An' ease the weights o' sin,
'Twill help you all along the way,
An' cheer you mile by mile;
An' so whatever is your lot,
Jes' smile, an' smile, an' smile.
—Anon.

Nematodes Take Heavy Toll From Most of Home Gardens

By **WILLIAM S. LAMM**
Nematode control is the biggest problem of the home gardener.

Losses due to nematodes in North Carolina home gardens have averaged at least two and a half million dollars annually for the past several years, which would mean that Wayne county's loss would be many, many thousands of dollars.

Chemical soil treatment is the most satisfactory method of reducing the nematodes. Fumigants such as DD, EDB, etc., are volatile and can be applied with no special applicators. A quart fruit jar with two small nail holes punched in the lid can be used to pour the fumigant into the open furrow. The furrow should be covered immediately after the fumigant is applied.

For small home gardens the furrow may be opened with a hoe. However, the ideal way is to use a turn plow and apply the fumigant in each furrow as it is opened. As the next furrow is plowed you will cover the first furrow. This is called the broadcast method. Dragging a board over the soil then would help seal in the fumigant. Tractor applicators are available and are better for larger gardens.

Methyl bromide is an excellent fumigant that will kill weed seeds and disease in the soil. However, to apply this material you must

have a gas-tight plastic cover and special applicator. This is the same material and equipment many farmers use to fumigate tobacco plant beds. This material should be applied several days prior to seeding time.

SPACE AGE

Malibu, Calif.—Sheriff's officers here logged something new in the way of travel hazards recently; a collision involving a horse and an airplane.

Robert Goodyear, 48, glided in for a landing in an open field after his light plane ran out of gas. A horse galloped into the craft's path and they collided.

The horse was killed. Goodyear's plane was wrecked, and the pilot and his wife, Mary, 46, suffered cuts and bruises.

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