

# Buds AND Blossoms

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"My beloved is gone down into his garden to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies."—Solomon 6:1.

Garden club work has begun all over the state. Garden clubbers fell real proud to help grow and maintain beauty in our state. The theme for our garden club is "Together We Grow." The theme for the New Bern Garden club is New Bern, Our Hometown—To conserve, to reverence, to beautify. The official collect of garden clubs of North Carolina is:

Our Heavenly Father, who dost feed the birds and clothe the flowers, and who knoweth and careth for every need of us, Thy children, so enlighten our minds to use wisely all the gifts of Thy Mighty Hand that we, imbued with Thy Holy Spirit, may so work Thy will that those who came after mark their path by our footsteps.

For all our families, our friends, our free and beautiful country, Father in Heaven we thank Thee.

We beseech Thee of Thy great goodness and tender mercy to forgive our sins and grant that as we work together in fellowship we may draw closer to Thee, Almighty God, in whose name we pray. Amen.—Written by Marie Rebder Gerdes.

Many lilies may be planted now. The Estate Lily (Easter Lily) blooms in July and August. It is pure white and very hardy.

The Regale Lily comes in pink and white. It came from Western China and is one of the prettiest lilies. These will bloom around 15 blooms. They grow as high as five feet.

The Olympic Hybrids is a trumpet lily. The blooms are white, ivory or tan with a soft green, brown or wine exterior color. These bloom in July on five to seven-foot stems. They like sun or shade. Plant five to seven inches deep.

The much-loved Lilium Speciosum Rubrum lily is a white flower flushed with pink and spotted with carmine. No garden is complete without these. They are easy to grow and extra large bulbs. They bloom in late July to September.

The new fire king is an orange red star-shaped lily with as many as 30 blooms on an upright stem. They grow three feet and have lots of glossy green leaves. For a beautiful summer of lilies—plant plenty of them now.

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Song

Now sleeps the crimson, now the white;  
Nor waves the cypress in the palace walks;  
Nor winks the gold fin in the porphyry font;  
Now droops the milk white peacock like a ghost,  
And like a ghost she glimmers on to me.  
Now lies the earth all Danae to the stars,  
And all thy heart lies open unto me.

Now slides the silent meteor on, and leaves  
A shining furrow, as thy thoughts in me.  
Now folds the lily all her sweetness up,  
And slips into the bosom of the lake:  
So fold thyself, my dearest, thou and slip  
Into my bosom and be lost in me.  
—Alfred Tennyson.

## MOTOR MAIDS



### Check Yourself Before Driving

By Martha Johnson  
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Are you fit to drive a car?

You may think you are in good health. You may have an excellent safety record. Yet, under certain circumstances, it can be dangerous for you to be in the driver's seat.

Before you take the wheel of your car, read through this list prepared by the American Medical Assn. in co-operation with the Center for Safety Education, at New York University.

- Don't drive when you have serious problems on your mind. Emotional upsets may cause accidents.
- Check your attitude. Be mature.
- Don't make a date with the sandman while driving.
- Some medicines and driving don't mix.
- Alcohol and gasoline are a dangerous combination.
- Clearheadedness is vital.
- Don't take the wheel if you are bothered with nervous disorders.
- Don't drive if you have a heart condition unless the doctor gives his OK.
- If you are diabetic, check with your doctor about the wisdom of driving.
- Periodic check-ups are a good idea if you are past 65.

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# TOT TALK



Katina Leris, who lives at 811 Clark Avenue, was only three when she moved to New Bern from Athens, Greece, eight years ago. Naturally, this dark eyed young lady recalls very little about her native land.

However, like most of our foreign born, she knows a great deal about America and appreciates its many blessings. In our limited acquaintance with her, we've found her to be a most delightful youngster.

Her playmates find her a delightful friend too, and particularly enjoy belonging to the very exclusive club that meets in the garage in back of her home. It's an all-girl organization, and no boy is allowed to know its secrets or venture within its restricted portals.

Despite this deep secrecy, a little bird has passed along some flattering information to us. According to the little bird, members of the club make it a point to read The Mirror at their meetings each week.

As part of the regular order of business, one member gets up in

front of the group and reads it to the rest. Much of the interest centers around our list of the top ten tunes in New Bern.

Each member is furnished a pencil and a piece of paper before the list of tunes is read out. Then they write down their guesses as to which are the top tunes, and the order in which they appear in The Mirror. The winner gets a free serving of ice cream, at club expense, when the ice cream man comes by with his truck.

We would like for Katina and the other members of the club to know that such interest on their part is deeply appreciated. One of the satisfying things about publishing our paper is the way it has been received by New Bern's young people.

What we didn't anticipate was the fact that they would not only read columns like Tot Talk, Teen Topics and the Top Ten Tunes, but other material slanted at adults. In short, they have exhibited a general interest.

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