


Buds AND Blossoms

By MAMIE MILLER



"As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations."—Isa. 61: 11.

When you plant your lawn permanently, see that your soil is analyzed so you might build it up to whatever it takes to make it a pretty one.

Select seed to fit your need. If your space is over used by being small and used widely for service area, plant a substantial turf to stand the wear. Fertilize highly.

See that your lawn is free from diseases. Watch for Algae, brown

spot, leaf spot, snow mold and others. Care should be taken to kill all insects. Ants, chinch bugs, sod webworms and white grubs are usually in most lawns. Moles are found when insects are there to feed them.

Many weeds may be killed during winter and spring months. Crab grass, chick weed, foxtail, knotweed, pliantain, clover and dandelion can be very pesky. Wild onions make an ugly lawn.

Do not plant grass seed deep. Put four pounds of seed to every 1,000 square feet of lawn. Top dress with one-eighth inch of compost. Don't ever cut grass any closer than one and one-half inches.

Fall is a good time to plant Phlox Decunata. This as a hardy summer phlox that blooms from June until October. Many colors are available. Charles Curtis is a sunset red, Jules Sandeau is a deep rose pink, Lillian is a delicate pure pink, Mary Louise is a large snow white and Miss Lingard is a white one with faint pink shading.

Put out plenty of pansies. The super Swiss Giants are excellent ones in a great variety of colors. The Jumbo Mixed is an extra large variety with large foliage. The Butterfly Hybrids come in colors of butterflies, such as apricot, terra cotta, and rosy orchid shades. You may purchase all of the above in separate colors. You may buy them in Blue Boy, Coronation gold, raspberry rose, Swiss Berna and Swiss White.

Plant plenty of English daisies. They come in Monstrosa, deep rose, double red, double mixed and double white. They make a garden. Plant your garden with great anticipation and wait—to see the revelation of creation. We love the lines of Whittier:

Enough for me to feel and know
That He in Whom the cause and end,
The past and future, meet and blend—
Guards not arch angels feet alone
But deigns to guide and keep my own;
Speaks not alone the words of

fate
Which worlds destroy and worlds create,
But whispers in my spirit's ear,
In tones of love, or warning fear,
A language none beside may hear.
To Him, from wandering long and wild,
I come, an over-wearied child,
In cool and shade His peace to find
Like dew-fall settling on my mind.
Assured that all I know is best,
And humbly trusting for the rest.

MIRROR MEDITATION

Over the years I've seen a lot of sports—my favorite to watch is football. It is an excellent builder of youth, and I recommend it for any young man.

It teaches him hundreds of lessons that will follow him through life.

There comes to mind: physical fitness, preparedness, perspective, perseverance, stamina and fortitude. To lead, and give orders or to take orders, and follow instructions. It teaches him to think, to memorize, to be mentally alert and physically fit.


He learns to act quickly, think accurately under pressure. It teaches him to push and fight harder when the going gets tough. It teaches him to set a goal for himself and others. He learns to call on his best, and promote the best in his fellows. To work together as a team.

It teaches him to give everything he has to a dedicated purpose.

It also teaches him to take defeat as a stepping stone toward bettering himself and his teammates for their next game. It teaches him to give credit to the victor, yet causes him to reach down and face a new foe with renewed vigor. To take the hard knocks and to try—try—and try again. To play it fair, and never lose heart.

Of course they make mistakes. This happens in all endeavor.

TOT TALK



Every New Bern parent knows how stubborn a child can be about giving up his or her discarded playthings.

Toys and books are quickly outgrown, but seldom does your youngster fail to hoard his once prized possessions after they have lost all appeal. In that respect, kids are just like their Mom and Dad.

One of the best lessons we can teach our moppets is the joy of sharing what they have with others. Far be it from this column to suggest that your little girl give up the battered doll she is keeping for sentimental reasons. However, such keepsakes can be held to a minimum with proper guidance from you.

And, in holding them to a minimum, you won't be depriving your child. Instead, by teaching your offspring that giving to someone else less fortunate is important, you'll enrich his or her life.

A good place to begin is with the many childhood books stored away in closets or attics. There are thousands of these books stacked or scattered in New Bern homes, and the majority are in good condition. Talk the matter over with your

child, and suggest that he or she give them to an underprivileged youngster of his acquaintance. In lieu of that, they will be put to good use if they are turned over to the Salvation Army or some other organization.

For example, members of the Junior Woman's club would be happy to get them for the fine work they are doing at Caswell Training School. Call Mrs. Morton Lipman, or any other member, and they will pick the books up. Better still, make arrangements to deliver the books to them and this will save them the trouble. The time you save these young women will be devoted to the project in other ways.

When you have done this, call The Mirror and tell us how many books your child has contributed. We'll give him a pat on the back in Tot Talk. We can make a lot of boys and girls happy if we try.

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There are times when the home town fans are discouraged because of a losing streak. They do a lot of criticizing after the game is over. Hindsight experts, after the answers are in their laps.

However, one of the most wonderful things to see that swells the heart with pride and admiration, is when you see those young stalwarts at the beginning of a game, fall to their knees at the sidelines, before thousands of people. A stilled hush penetrates the immediate atmosphere as they sincerely pray. And win—or lose—the humble ritual is repeated at the end of each game, in the center of the field. Hundreds of students move out quickly, to take part.

Have courage, parents and fans. For there being instilled, is the most wonderful and rewarding fruits of their effort. Down there on that field is Character in the making. This is the worth while victory that tops them all.

In the years to come other scores will long be forgotten—but, the score of character, and integrity, once chalked up, is hard to erase.

Be of good cheer—your kid is in excellent hands, and we owe their leaders a tremendous debt of gratitude.

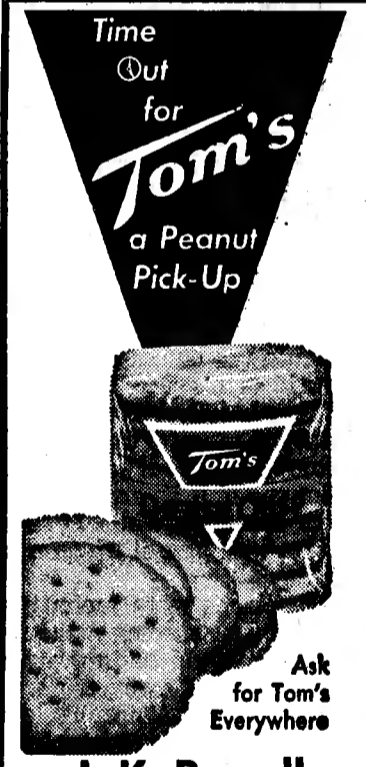
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