

Buds AND Blossoms

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"And He was transfigured before them, and His garments became white as light... and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.' — Matthew 17:1-5.

Buy tulips, hyacinths, snowdrops, crocus, and many bulbs you may see in the catalogues and flower

and garden magazines. Something new? Buy the new yellow lilac primrose. This received much comment at the London Show this year.

If you remember last spring with the beautiful white birch tree, with bulbs growing beneath it, it will be advisable to purchase one this fall. It is a rapid grower. The rose hedge that is being used to fence areas or to divide part of the lawn comes in a beautiful crimson king as well as white.

Dutch iris are favorite blooms for a mixed spring bouquet. Pick them up at the dime store, the garden supply store, your grocery store, or your nurseryman. A few cents will bring you a wealth of color.

Plant hollyhocks, delphiniums, snapdragons, and larkspur now. Watch the sunflower as it turns its head from the east in the morning around to the west in the afternoon. We would get a lesson from it, if we practiced following our goal for living, as it follows the sun.

Once again we have selected something from the works of William Wordsworth for our Buds and Blossoms poem. It is titled "To Sleep."

A flock of sheep that leisurely pass by,
One after one; the sound of rain,
and bees
Murmuring; the fall of rivers,
winds and seas,
Smooth fields, white sheets of
water, and pure sky;
I have thought of all by turns, and
yet to lie
Sleepless! And soon the small
birds' melodies
Must hear, first uttered from my
orchard trees;
And the first cuckoo's
melancholy cry.
Even thus last night, and two
nights more, I lay
And could not win thee, Sleep!
by any stealth;
So do not let me wear the night
away:
Without thee what is all the
morning's wealth?
Come, blessed barrier between
day and day,
Dear Mother of fresh thoughts
and joyous health!

One can always trust to time. Insert a wedge of time, and nearly everything straightens itself out.—Norman Douglas

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Record Yield of Corn Seen on Tar Heel Acres by Crop Folks

According to reports from producers as of July 1, the North Carolina Crop Reporting service estimates that North Carolina farmers will make an average yield of 50 bushels of corn per acre this year.

If this forecast materializes, the yield will be an all-time high for the state and will exceed by two bushels the previous record yields made in 1960 and 1961. With an estimated 1,316,000 acres to be harvested for grain, production would amount to 65,800,000 bushels. This would be only about two percent less than the 67,200,000 bushels produced in 1961 on a 6.4 percent larger acreage.

Acreages harvested and to be harvested for grain in 1961 and 1962 are, respectively, the smallest in records dating back to 1879. The sharp reduction from the acreage harvested in 1960 is due to heavy participation in the Feed Grain Program.

The 1962 estimated production would be the State's 10th largest of record. It compares very favorably with the 1951-60 10-year average production of 65,515,000 bushels. Whereas in most years at least some sections of the state are hit by weather unfavorable for corn in its critical stages of growth, the condition of this year's crop is from good to excellent in all areas. Even in sections hardest hit by excessive rains, damage to the crop, with minor exceptions, has been relatively slight.

Production of corn for the nation is forecast at 3,518,089 bushels, or 2.9 percent less than the 3,624,313,000 bushels (unrevised) harvested for grain in 1961.

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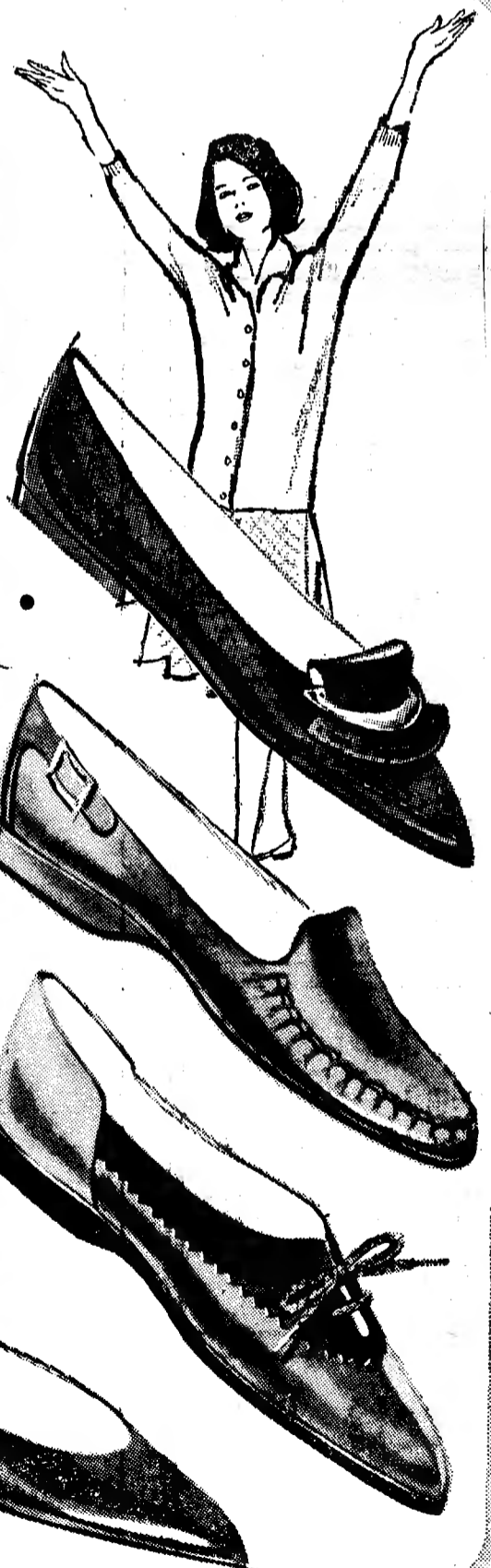
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