

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Mulch all borders with straw, pine tags or peanut hulls. Cut the tops of all shrubs that have been hurt during the recent cold weather here in New Bern and Craven county.

If you want a bushy crape myrtle, you must cut them back in the shape you desire them. They bloom from the new shoot each year. Plant some of the new shades of pink, red and lavender this year.

If you haven't planted those spring blooming bulbs you have

in the refrigerator, put them out as soon as possible. It is getting late for them.

Plant Hybrid tea, Floribundas, Grandifloras, and climbing roses. Use clay and small broken bricks for the roots to grow in.

Order or buy spring lily bulbs now. They need to be put out now. This does not include the summer blooming ones. Plant sweet peas, larkspur, phlox, poppies, bachelor button and pink now.

For our Buds and Blossoms poem this week, we have selected Douglas Malloch's "Be The Best Of Whatever You Are."

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley--  
but be  
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,  
And some highway happier make;

If you can't be a musketeer then just be a bass--

But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,

There's something for all of us here,

There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,

And the task you must do is

## Masonic Sunday



Guy Williams and Italy's glamorous Liana Orfei enact the lovers in "Damon and Pythias," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's exciting drama based on the age-old legend of two men whose names today stand as a symbol of eternal friendship. Williams is cast as Damon, with Don Burnett in the role of Pythias. The picture is in Wide Screen and color.

the near.  
If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun be a star.  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail,  
Be the best of whatever you are!

## MIRROR MEDITATION

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And so man must return from whence he came. It is a part of his instinct that somewhere along his journey he is no longer content with satisfying his physical needs and ambitions. The panoramic view of goals that are reached and material gains amassed are but lengthened

shadows that chill the soul in life's setting sun.

The tremendous variety of Religious solutions testify to the universality of a longing within the heart and mind through out the ages. Not to know more of the universe, but to experience it.

No matter how gratifying our relationship is to things material, there is still another relationship we seek to establish. Failing to do so our lives are unfulfilled. What a woeful existence indeed. Those who continue to run, merely buck the tides of nature's intent and they become but useless, expendable passion.

The beauty of religion, whether we sense it or not, is its relationship to the Supreme Being--since nothing less can provide life with its meaning, its truth.

It provides food for the hunger of direct communion, for positive experience, for the innate yearning to relate ourselves with the infinite spirit of the whole--in which all things are submerged--from which all things began, the hub of all existence, from which the endless continuity of creation emanates.

Ah, yes--man's material being is locked within the cycle--the rhythm of creation--it too will die and waste away. But that part which caused his longing, his hunger, his mind, his awareness, his soul, IS his relationship with the Creator of all.

It IS a part of God that will last forever, and will live even when worlds and stars have completed their cycle in aeons of space and time.

Individually man must find this meaning of soul. To find his relationship with the spirit. To atune himself within his mind and heart. To live forever with the Soul of the universe. To be born again with the spirit of God. The pattern is set, an

example was made, for in His house there are many mansions--and as was promised--a place has been prepared.

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