

Buds AND Blossoms

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"And turn ye not aside...only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you."—I Sam. 12:21, 24.

Spring is the time to take inventory of your memory of flowers and birds. It is a time to enlighten your mind about the beauty of the earth that is beginning to awaken.

The following is a list of State birds and flowers: Alabama-goldenrod and flicker; Alaska-forget-me-not and willow ptarmigan; Arizona-Saguara cactus and the cacuts wren; Arkansas-apple blossom and mockingbird; California-golden pappy and California quail; Connecticut-mountain laurel and robin; Delaware-peach blossom and blue hen chicken; Florida-orange blossom and mockingbird; Georgia-Cherokee rose and brown thrasher; Hawaii-red hibiscus and Hawaiian goose.

Idaho-syrinza and mountain bluebird; Illinois-violet and cardinal; Indiana-zinnia and cardinal; Iowa-wild rose and Eastern goldfinch; Kansas-sunflower and Western meadowlark; Kentucky-goldenrod and cardinal; Louisiana-magnolia and Eastern brown pelican; Maine-pine cone and chickadee; Maryland-black-eyed Susan and Baltimore oriole; Massachusetts-mayflower and chickadee; Michigan-apple blossom and robin; Minnesota-Moccasin flower and goldfinch.

Mississippi-magnolia grandiflora and mockingbird; Missouri-hawthorn and bluebird; Montana-bittersweet and meadow lark; Nebraska-goldenrod and meadow lark; Nevada-sagebrush and mountain bluebird; New Hampshire-purple lilac and finch; New Jersey-violet and goldfinch; New Mexico-Yucca and road runner; New York-rose and bluebird; North Carolina-dogwood and cardinal; North Dakota-wild prairie rose and Western meadow lark; Ohio-scarlet carnation and cardinal.

Oklahoma-mistletoe and fly catcher; Oregon-Oregon grape and meadow lark; Pennsylvania-mountain laurel and ruffled grouse; Rhode Island-violet and

Rhode Island red; South Carolina-yellow jessamine and Carolina wren; South Dakota-anemone and pheasant; Tennessee-iris and mockingbird; Utah-Sego lily and California gull.

Vermont-red clover and hermit thrush; Virginia-American dogwood and cardinal; Washington-rhododendron and willow goldfinch; West Virginia-rhododendron and cardinal; Wisconsin-violet and robin; Wyoming-Indian paint brush and meadow lark.

For our Buds and Blossoms poem this week, we have selected "What Is Charm?" by Louisa Carroll Thomas.

Charm is the measure of attraction's power

To chain the fleeting fancy of an hour

And rival all the spell of Beauty's dower.

A subtle grace of heart and mind that flows

With tactful sympathy; the sweetest rose,

If not the fairest, that the garden grows.

A quick responsiveness in word and deed,

A dignity and stateliness at need,

The will to follow or the art to lead.

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Has life's great potent factor for her own,

And rules alike the cottage and the throne.

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Time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind.--Nathaniel Hawthorne



We've mentioned it in the past, but it bears repeating. Don't jeopardize your child's life by leaving dangerous drugs, insecticides or other lethal items within his reach.

Youngsters are curious by nature, and you need not be reminded of tragic instances when this curiosity has resulted in tragedy. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that not only your own child but neighborhood kids playing in your home might be involved.

Admittedly, such accidents haven't happened frequently here in New Bern, but the rare cases are grim enough to warrant every precaution that a conscientious adult can take. Like most tragedies, accidental poisonings occur when least expected.

Firearms in the home always pose a danger for you and your loved ones. One of our horrible recollections of childhood was the occasion when a chum of ours--playing with a gun believed to be unloaded--blasted a young woman's arm off.

If you consider it necessary to have a weapon handy for protection, also consider the fact that thousands of human beings--young and old--are in their graves because someone was criminally negligent.

Guns, unfortunately, aren't the only dangerous objects that bring death to children in the home. Scissors and knives should be kept away from small children, as well as matches. This is easier said than done, but it's worth the effort.

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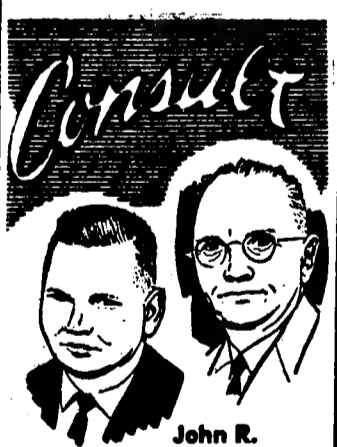
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