

Buds AND Blossoms

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"So teach us to number our days that we may be able to apply our hearts unto wisdom."
If you want birds to make their home with you, they must feel a sense of protection. Many times a whole flock of birds moves out because just one

was killed.
Fences are great protection. If something gets after them on one side they can readily move to the other and stay ahead of the enemy.
Snakes, animals, (mostly cats and squirrels) are the chief enemies. Boys who do not love birds destroy them. Teach your children to love them instead of destroying them.

Poisonous insecticides and sprays of all kinds for flowers and vegetables take the lives of many birds.

Keep the bird bath away from shrubbery or plants, so the birds may watch for approaching enemies.

Furnish bird houses for your renters. They will select which ever they like best. Let a part of your garden be a retreat for birds.

Plant shrubs to have berries for them. Furnish food when freezes and snow cover their domain.

Maidenhair tree or Ginkgo is an Asiatic deciduous tree. It is called Maidenhair because the foliage looks like a Maidenhair fern. The foliage also looks like a fan.

It make a handsome lawn specimen, grows readily from seed. The seed do have a repulsive odor, so try to get a tree that is staminate.

A Norway maple is a grand, hardy shade tree. It retains its color during summer.

Pineapple-flower is a half-hardy bulb that has lime-color spike blooms. It will be a conversation piece for your garden.

Grow new flowers this season. You may discover many that require less effort than ones you are acquainted with.

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we offer "You And I" from the works of Henry Alford.

My hand is lonely for your clasping, dear,



TROUPER . . . Singer Anna Maria Alberghetti was one of the many stars who spent the past Christmas entertaining American servicemen in Korea, Thailand, South Vietnam and the Phillipine Islands.

My ear is tired waiting for your call.
I want your strength to help, your laugh to cheer;
Heart, soul and senses need you one and all.
I droop without your full, frank sympathy;
We ought to be together--you and I;
We want each other so, to comprehend
The dream, the hope, things planned, or seen, or wrought.
Companion, comforter and guide and friend,
As much as love asks love, does thought ask thought.
Life is so short, so fast the lone hours fly,
We ought to be together, you and I.



Let's face it, the odds are overwhelming that none of New Bern's small fry will grow up to be President of the United States.

However, there's nothing to prevent you from baking for Junior exactly the same kind of peanut butter cookies that Dwight D. Eisenhower enjoyed cramming as a child.

His mother's recipe calls for 2 tablespoons of butter; 1/2 cup of peanut butter; 1 cup of sugar; 1 egg beaten; 2-1/2 cups of sifted cake flour; 2 teaspoons of baking powder; 1/4 teaspoon of salt; and 1/2 cup of milk.

Cream butter, add peanut butter, and cream again. Gradually beat in sugar. Add egg, milk, flour sifted twice with baking powder, and salt. Mix to soft dough, roll into a thin sheet and cut into rounds. Place on buttered pans, dredge with granulated sugar, and bake in a hot oven for 7 to 10 minutes.

You may be equally pleased with Mrs. Eisenhower's recipe

for the filling she used in pumpkin pies. She started off with 2 pounds of pumpkin. Then she mixed 2 cups of sugar, 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, nutmeg and a pinch of ginger. She added these ingredients to the pumpkin.

After that, she added the beaten yolks of 4 eggs, 1-1/2 cups of milk, and finally, the stiffly beaten egg whites. You'll find that you have enough filling to make 2 medium-sized pies.

Did you get around to making a big pot of vegetable soup last weekend, when New Bern was visited with its second snow of the season? Maybe we harp on vegetable soup too much, but we consider it a must during the winter months.

We had it Saturday night for the evening meal. Sunday morning, about 2 o'clock, we

happened to wake up and peep out of our bedroom window. It was still snowing. The urge for a bowl of that vegetable soup came over us. We yielded, and went happily back to bed.

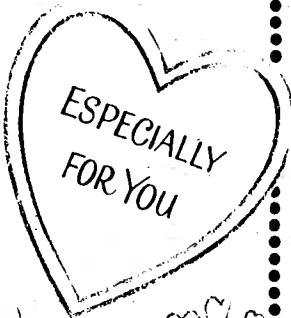
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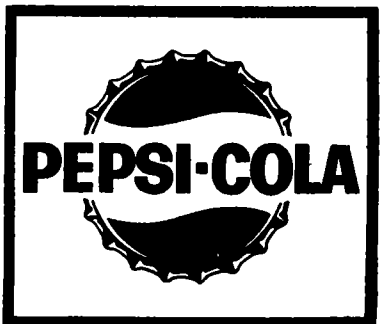
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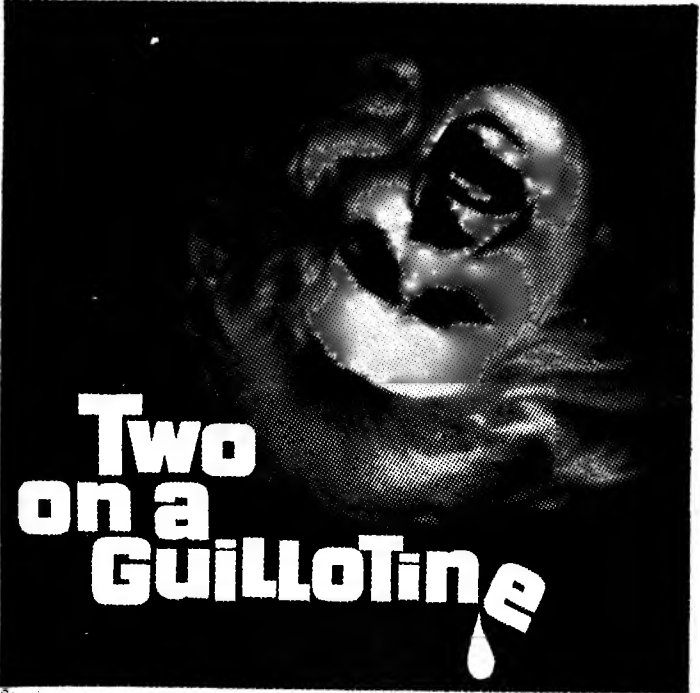
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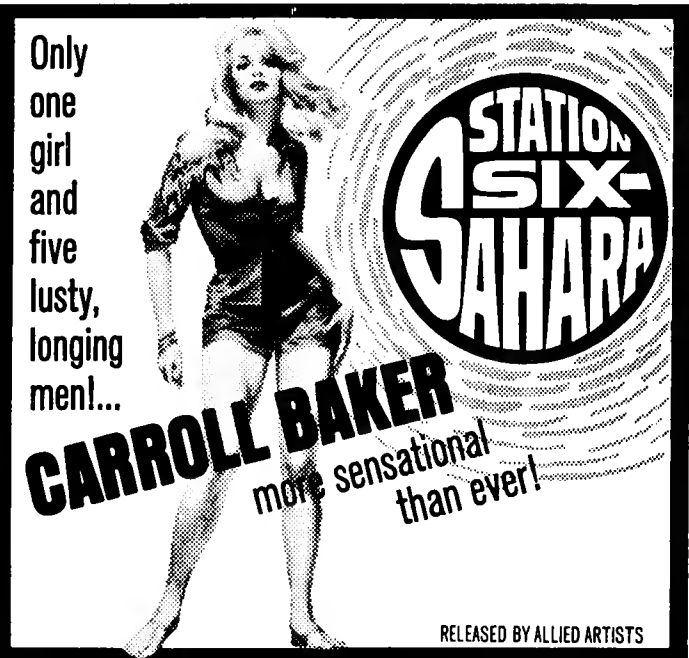
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