

# Flowering Plants Perfect As Gifts

By M. E. GARDNER

The miracle of blooming plants at Christmastime is wrought by your commercial flower grower and your florist, who carefully bring a great variety of plants into bloom for you—cyclamen, azalea, poinsettia, chrysanthemum, begonia and many others.

As gifts, flowering plants are perfect. As business gifts they are colorful and long-lasting. As gifts for family and friends, they express your holiday message with feeling and meaning. As hospital gifts, they always give the patient a lift he or she will not soon forget. Whatever you do, don't forget the shut-ins.

As decorations, flowering plants add a little something special to Christmas festivities. Use a single plant most anywhere in the house. If you have a stairway, place a plant on each of three lower steps as a friendly welcome to entering guests. Group several on a tray for a focal point. Add one or two to a

collection of green plants for a splash of color.

A handsome holly arrangement around a candelabrum with red candles will be an eye-catcher on the mantle. This same idea will look pretty on a chest top or buffet setting. Try a wreath of green and cones around a wall clock. Or use the wreath alone over the mantle, on a wall, door, or hang in a window.

Bouquets of bright carnations will add a festive touch to table tops. Mass some Christmas greens in large containers to add touches of greenery throughout the house.

Decorate banisters with swags of evergreens. Attach cones or balls or ribbons for a real flashy touch. Frame the front door with garlands of greens across the top and down the sides. Place on cone clusters on the corners.

For a dramatic and timely centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Or, if you would rather, ring the bases of bright Christmas candles with oily and greens. Put three or more down the center of the table. A holly wreath might be placed on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the tops of the wreaths.

# Tribute To William Rand Kenan Jr.

The following "Tribute to Affection and Gratitude" was paid to William Rand Kenan Jr. on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, at the annual dinner meeting of the University of North Carolina Alumni Association of New York. The tribute was written by Pete Ivey, director of the University News Bureau.

His mother was Mary Hargrave of Chapel Hill. His father was William Rand Kenan of Kenansville. His great grandfather, paternally, was General James Kenan who fought in the American Revolution and was one of the first trustees of the University of North Carolina. His great great grandfather, maternally, was Christopher Barbee of Orange County who gave 221 acres of land on which was built the central part of the campus of the first state university in the nation, the University of North Carolina.

So, when William Rand Kenan, Jr., came to Chapel Hill as a freshman in 1890, the Carolina heritage of generations of men and women in his family let him know that he was coming home.

By his own statement William Rand Kenan, Jr., was an "average student" in the University, because he preferred myriad activities to gear with his versatile nature. He did well in his studies, and his accomplishments in the laboratory in Chapel Hill are a part of the history of the University and a part of the industrial history of the nation. But he did not limit himself to books. He played halfback on the football team. As a pitcher and outfielder on the baseball team, alumni long remember the spring day in Richmond when he was called to the mound at a crucial moment to pitch Carolina to a glorious victory over the University of Virginia. He was a good tennis player, and took part in the social life of the campus—the dances, the Order of Gingham, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity—and was a leader in every activity but one. That was the Glee Club. He couldn't sing very well and he knew it. However, his record for extra-curricular activity was so encompassing he decided not to leave any stone unturned. He went to the director of the Glee Club and offered to put on a demonstration of tumbling, at intermission. At first the conductor resisted, but Will Kenan was persuasive.

The Kenan Tumbling Act between songs proved a tremendous success, and the William Rand Kenan record for extra-curricular participation was one hundred per cent, including membership in the Glee Club.

Weighing 142 pounds and hard as nails, he was an athlete and a scientist. He was also a man of resourcefulness, of keen intelligence, of personality and a capacity for friendship and confidence. Added to this was his energy and his ability and willingness to work hard and long.

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# Phillips Jr. High To Hold Open House

Members of the Guy B. Phillips Junior High PTA will have an opportunity to view all of the facilities in the new school for the first time on Tuesday evening. An open house has been scheduled for the second PTA meeting of the year and teachers will be available in the classrooms as well as the library, music and art rooms of the new school building.

A brief business meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium will precede the classroom visitation. The 1963-64 budget will be recommended to the membership by the PTA Executive Committee and parents will be given instructions regarding the schedule for the open house.

Representative samples of student work will be displayed and teachers will discuss briefly the teaching programs currently being undertaken by them in their respective classes.

Members of the Guy B. Phillips Student Council will serve as co-hosts for the occasion. They will be available to direct parents through the building.

Schedules of classrooms to be visited should be obtained by parents from their children prior to the meeting.

Previously delayed, because much of the work on the interior of the building was incomplete, the Open House is being scheduled for Tuesday evening, despite the fact that all of the facilities are not yet finished. Work on the building has recently progressed to the point that all areas are now accessible for inspection.



(Advertisement)

BY ALICE STONE

Here are a few tricks women might practice to enhance eye beauty and appeal: If you have deep-set eyes, try using white makeup on the eyelid above your eye shadow, following with darker base applied on the area immediately below the brow. Blend carefully, of course.

If you feel your eyes are too close-set, apply white makeup between your nose and your eye's inner corner. Carefully blend some of the white make-up a very short distance along the upper eyelid, then apply eye shadow, eyeliner and mascara a fraction of an inch from the inner corner of your upper eyelid.

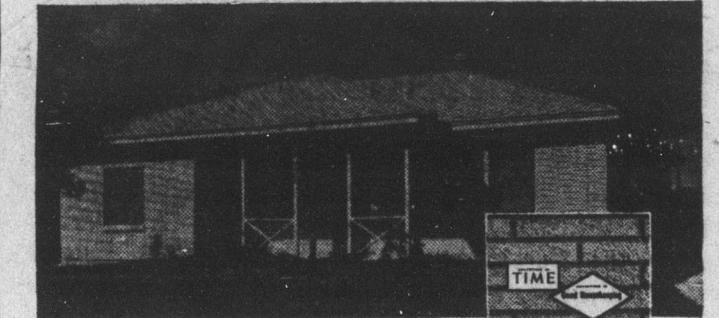
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The Rev. DeWitt Myers, in charge of arrangements, announced that the public is invited to attend the service, which will be conducted by the Rev. Vance Barron. The Rev. Henry Turlington will preach the sermon.

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