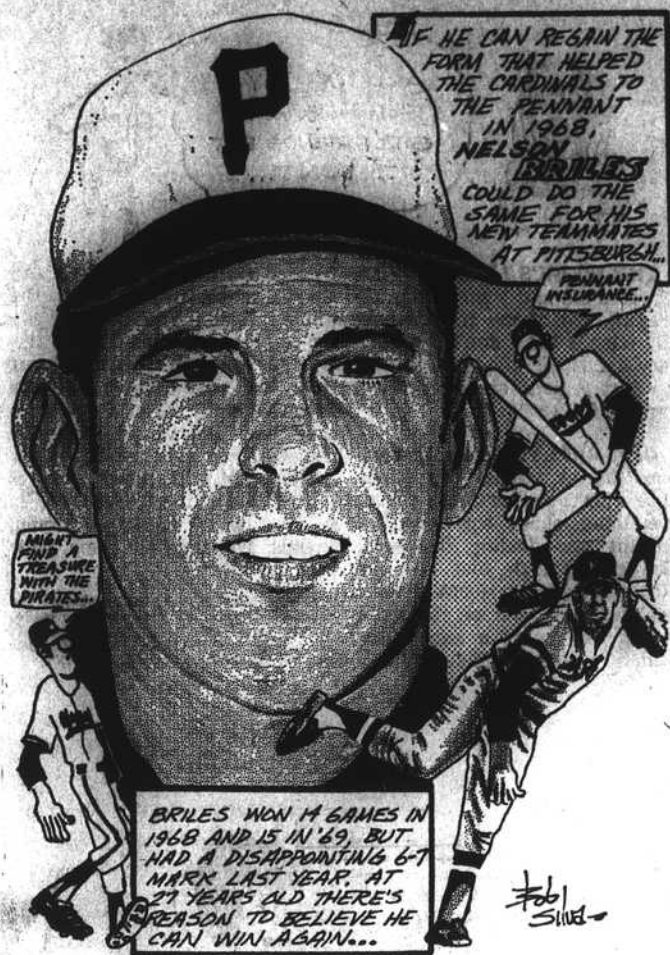


SPORTS CORNER



GET YOUR GARDEN GROWING

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It seems that we have been climbing winter's hill for a long time. Every time we near the summit, we lose our footing due to cold, sleet, snow and rain. Hopefully, though, we will soon reach the summit and travel down into the valley of spring with its warmth, beauty and fragrance.

We have had some cold injury to woody ornamentals, especially Japanese hollies and azaleas. On the Formosa types, some bark splitting has occurred. This is serious. Don't get itchy with your pruning shears on cold damaged plants. Leave them alone until growth is initiated. Then, prune out the injured stems.

Plums, pears and peaches have passed the full bloom stage. There has been some cold injury to open flowers but we still have a good potential (4-7-71). Forsythia, redbud, some of the spires, and crab-apples are real pretty now and crying for warmth and sunshine. A few warm days will see most of them in full bloom in the Raleigh area.

It is not too late to plant strawberries in the mountains. Use only good healthy plants which are true to variety name and disease free. This means buying from a reliable source. The plants may cost more but will be less expensive in the long run. Setting quality plants may mean the difference between success and failure.

Pick-your-own strawberry plantings are becoming more popular in all sections of the state. If you have a suitable site for a planting, you may wish to give this a try. Provide parking space and make the area as attractive as possible for

visitors. It appears that pick-your-own vegetable projects are on the increase, too. Sweet corn, lima beans, field peas and tomatoes seem to be the most popular crops for these projects.

All pickers should be given instructions about harvesting the different crops and a system of checking the pickers developed.

Three other crops which have good pick-your-own possibilities are — blueberries (statewide); and red and black raspberries (piedmont and mountains).

As soon as the soil is in good condition for working, seed of the following heat resistant crops may be planted in the piedmont and eastern Carolina — cosmos, marigold, sunflower, petunia, morning glory, salvia and zinnia. Wait a week or two in the mountain counties, depending upon your elevation.

Hybrid tea roses are initiating new growth and should be sprayed every two weeks during the growing season.

You will never see this come to pass, a back seat driver out of gas. There are many breeds of back seat drivers in our complex society.

Family SHOPPING BAG

ITEM: Recent ad agency survey showed Mrs. Homemaker, faced with higher prices, has changed her food buying habits. She is more concerned with costs and quality than convenience and brands. She watches for sales, substitutes less expensive foods, plans menus in advance and does more food preparation herself.

ITEM: For someone who eats alone, prepared mixes may be more economical than those you make from "scratch." It's easy to take the amount you need and keep the rest in a closed container.

ITEM: Over 200 varieties of ready-to-serve meats are made by approximately 3,000 meat processors in the United States. Many of these are inspired by old world varieties and bear the names of towns or localities where they originated. Bologna, Frankfurt, and Vienna are examples.

ITEM: Save wear on your child's school garments with a second raincoat. Cut as a poncho from readily-available plastic yardgoods, the raingear is simple for youngsters to put on, allows freedom to slosh around in puddles, may be folded flat, and is a cinch to keep clean.

SEW WHAT?

THIS WEEK'S PATTERN'S BY AUDREY LANE



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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I wouldn't mind letting you have the last word if you wouldn't put on many in front of it!"

Art Show Opens Saturday At Vernon Park Mall in Kinston

The Spring Sidewalk Show & Sale sponsored by the Kinston Arts Council opens Saturday in the Vernon Park Mall in Kinston.

Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Artists from throughout this area will exhibit oils, watercolors, graphics, acrylics, sculpture and photographs. They will be competing for cash awards as well as ribbons in both professional, amateur and student categories.

James Tucker, artist and teacher at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro will judge the show. Mr. Tucker is

also curator for the Weather- spoon Art Gallery in Greensboro.

Four committees are assisting Mrs. David West, show chairman. The check-in committee: Mrs. C. C. Bremer; Hostesses: Mrs. Robert V. Mann; Hanging: Mr. Gerald Elliott; and arranging: Mrs. James Todd.

All artists are invited to enter their work during the time of entry Friday April 23 from 1-9 p.m. at the Vernon Park Mall on W. Vernon Avenue. Entry blanks will be available at that time. For further information contact the Kinston Arts Council.

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