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Editorial Gardening

About this time of the year it is well to urge all readers of this newspaper to consider the possible pleasure to be obtained from flowers, fruits and vegetables. Occasionally such activity can develop a monetary profit. We are not concerned in this editorial, however, with the economic gains of gardening. There are other values that come to the individual who seeks to develop something of beauty and perfection in accordance with the laws of nature. There are countless homes in this area on lots which need the charm that can come only from well-appointed surroundings. It may take years to develop an attractive lawn or garden but the task will bring satisfaction, however long delayed. And what you do with your lot will add to the natural beauty of our community. When it comes to vegetable gardening, the process involves work. But many business men would be physically benefitted by such exercise.

435 Carats One of the world's largest jewelry concerns announced in January that a 435-carat diamond had been unearthed in West Africa in 1969. Cutters are working on it to produce a 150-carat pear-shaped diamond, to be the second largest of that shape in the world.

Since Elizabeth Taylor Burton paid over \$1,000,000 last year for a 69-carat stone, the new 150 carat diamond is thought to be worth several millions. The diamond measured two inches in width and height before being cut, or just about the right size in the opinion of millions of American women.

CARD OF THANKS The many get-well wishes received during my recent illness are deeply appreciated. Each kind thought and expression of concern will long be remembered.

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Lovely To Look At But Poisonous To Eat...

Amaryllis, azalea, hyacinth, narcissus and lily-of-the-valley. A description of a lovely, floral garden? Yes, certainly, but these pretty, innocent-looking flowers also spell caution, according to a scientist at North Carolina State University. They are but a few of a long list of dangerous plants found in our gardens which, if certain parts of the plants are taken internally, are poisonous. Each year, more than 15,000 Americans are internally poisoned by plants, and well over 100 of them die. A recently-published book, written by a North Carolina State University botanist and a Duke University pediatrician, is providing the people with useful information concerning the many poisonous plants which surround us, both in the woods and fields and in our private gardens. Authors of the book are Dr. James W. Hardin, NCSU, and Dr. Jay M. Arena, Duke. Entitled, "Human Poisoning from Native and Cultivated Plants," the book deals not only with internal poisoning caused by eating the poisonous parts of the plants, but also with the effects and treatment of plant allergies and dermatitis. Drawings and photographs enable the reader to identify the harmful plants, and information for physicians in the recognition of symptoms and treatment of such cases is included. Thirteen ways to avoid plant poisoning are listed; for example, become familiar with the plants in your yard; keep plants, seeds, etc., away from infants; teach children to keep unknown plant parts out of their mouths; and teach youngsters to recognize poison ivy or other causes of dermatitis. The authors state: "We do not wish to recommend the elimination or eradication of native and exotic plants which are dangerous, and by no means do we want to make people afraid to venture out-of-door. All dangers cannot be removed from our surroundings, but we can learn to recognize and avoid them." They add, "We hope that an awareness of these potential dangers, with appropriate education of children, can measurably decrease the number of cases of plant poisoning that occur each year."

Over 200 berries which are often eaten, especially by children, are listed, thereby providing a rapid means of finding out if a particular berry is poisonous. Instructions on what to do if a pet is poisoned by a plant are also given. Dr. Hardin, professor of botany and forestry at NCSU, is curator the NCSU Herbarium, which contains 75,000 preserved plant specimens. Hardin is also helping to direct a major botanical project which will cover the entire Southeastern United States. Botanists from throughout the region will inventory the different kinds of ferns, trees and flowering plants that grow naturally in the area. Hardin has published two bulletins on poisonous plants prior to the recent book. Entitled "Poisonous Plants of North Carolina" and "Stork-Poisoning Plants of North Carolina," the first contains information about plants harmful to humans as well as livestock, while the second concerns livestock poisoning.

CARD OF THANKS We would like to express our sincere thanks to each individual and church organization for the flowers, food, cards, visits, prayers, and acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our loved one, Lula M. Nixon. May God bless each of you. Her Family



WASHINGTON - Confronted with a new national mood and changing priorities, the President's State of the Union Address eloquently presented the challenges of the new decade. The Address, however, did not blueprint proposed solutions to our problems. The Chief Executive said he would propose his remedies in a dozen or more special messages to the Congress later in the session. There was much common ground between the sentiments of the President and the Nation on what the problems are. With respect to foreign policy, he

"MY SOLDIER BOY" My Dear Little Boy The pride of my Heart. Because this cruel war has come You and I had to part. E'er since the day you came to me, You've been my constant pride and joy. You came a dimpled little babe; You're now a grown up soldier boy. You've been so true and faithful To the "Ma" that gave you Birth. No wonder that I think you are The sweetest on this Earth. But Uncle Sammie needed you. Is why you've gone away and Dear I hope it won't be long From home you'll have to stay I know you'll do your best for him In any way you can You'll stand as brave and loyal Soldier As any other man. Since you've gone these ninety days I've tried so hard to not be sad; But tears will fall in spite of all; For you were all your Mother had. And though we're parted for awhile My prayer each day for you will be. "Dear God, please hold his hands in thine. And bring him safely back to me."

These lines were written for my son, Burton Myers, who spent 3-1/2 years in the South Pacific during World War II, by his mother, Mrs. W. T. Smith.

BIBLE VERSE "Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord." 1. Who gave the above command? Answers to Bible Verse 1. Moses.

For Your Information Dear Friends, If you will think of recent funerals you have attended, we believe you will discover that each one left with you a memory picture. The flowers, the music, the message of the minister, the general arrangements - all these are a part of that picture. It is our task - as we see it - to make that picture just as beautiful and satisfying as it possibly can be made. Respectfully, Marion Swindell SWINDELL FUNERAL HOME HERTFORD, N. C.

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