

Gardenina

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-darat 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

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.

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

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Lovely To Look At But Poisonous To Eat . . .

Amaryllis, asalea, hyacinth, narcissus and lily-of-the-valley. A description of a lovely, floral

Yes, certainly, but these pretty, innocent-looking flowers also spell caution, according to a scientist at North Carolina State

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,

Each year, more than 18,000 internally 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 eradictation 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

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

Instructions on what to do if a pet is poisoned by a plant are also

Dr. Hardin, professor of bota 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

Southeaastern 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 builetins 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 Her Family

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SENATOR SAM ERVIN * SAYS *



called for an end of the Vietnam

War through a just peace. He announced also that his foreign

policy would deal with the

realities of a world that has

changed much in the last twenty-

five years, and said the time has

come for us to "reduce our in-

other nations' affairs." In

essence, what the President

appeared to be saying was that we have strained our economy

and our resources in trying to act

as the world's policeman, an opinion which I have expressed

many times during the past two

The two other key issues

mentioned by the President-inflation and crime control -

certainly strike a responsive note

in the minds of Americans, I am

gratified that the President

announced that he would present a balanced budget for fiscal 1971. He correctly blamed deficit

Federal spending which has

occurred in many prior years as

the cause of today's rising prices. In calling for a broad attack on crime, the President was em-

phasizing anew what most

Americans have urged for some

time. It should be remembered,

however, that neither of

these most pressing domestic

problems has yet been responsive

to simple rhetoric. Any relief in

these area will require the

cooperative efforts of our entire

governmental structure.

Congress and the Executive

branch must work together to

control Federal spending and inflation. Both of these branches

of the Government sorely need

the cooperation of the Judicial branch to cope with crime. The President laudably gave

environmental pollution control a

priority status in the Ad-

ministration's catalogue of

programs. Unquestionably, there

is much need to continue the

major programs enacted by the

Congress in this area in recent

years. There was some friction

between Congress and the Ad-

ministration at the last session

when Congress raised the budget

request for anti-pollution control.

It remains to be seen just how the

President will seek to implement

existing Federal efforts to purify

the air we breathe and the water

we drink.

decades.

volvement and our presence

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

You've been my constant pride and joy. You came a dimpled little babe;

You're now a grown up soldier 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

As any other man. Since you've gone these ninety

I've tried so hard to not be sad; But tears will fall in spite of all; For you were all your Mother And though we're parted for

My prayer each day for you will "Dear God, please hold his hands

And bring him safely back to

in thine.

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.

"Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whoso-ever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the

Who gave the above com-

Answers To Bible Verse

1. Moses.

For Your Information Dear Friends.

If you will think of recent funerals you have atended, 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.

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Marilyn deserves an "A" in Communications. Unfortunately, that is not one of her courses.

Do you suppose when we were young we had less to talk about? Fewer opinions worth stating? Quieter friends? Anyway, home was never like this!

Still, spart from the inconvenience, I have no strong objections to Marilyn's monopoly of the wires. Indeed, it has served to remind me more than once of the tremendous need of this youthful generation for the right kind of friends and the right sense of values.

Fortunately, our church has been an important influence on Marilyn's life in both areas. Religious education has fostered moral and religious convictions which are shaping her character. Whether it's "girl-talk" or "boy-talk" that is keeping our line busy-it's just part of the normal, wholesome growing-up of a teen-ager.



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JESUS TEACHES GOD'S JUDGMENT MEMORY SELECTION: "Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are His judgments" (Revelation 19: 1-2) LESSON TEXT: Matthew 13: 1-51.

Those of us who make an earnest study of the Bible and the precepts of Christianity will be completely familiar with the parable; for it was one of Christ's favorite methods of teaching. A story within a story, it contained a moral precept by which a life was to be guided, to become acceptable

Jesus preached to people from all walks of life - to the learned, to the unlettered; He had to reach them all, with no condescension. Some parables were easier to translate than others; but the ones that were hard presented a challenge, and were designed to stimulate thinking, for Christ wanted not a blind and sheeplike following, but a congregation of followers who thought things through, each in his own way, to arrive at complete understanding of God's ways.

Perhaps the most graphic example of this kind of teaching lies in the parable of the tares among the good wheat; the story of a man who planted his fields with good seed, to be harvested in due course; the story, also, of an enemy of that man sowing a corrupt and poisonous version of wheat amongst the good seed; and of the servants addressing their master, asking if they should gather up the tares from the wheat, and of the master replying: "Nay... lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them".

To those was questioned Jesus on the meaning of His story, Christ was saying - let not judgement be hasty; the time will come when evil will be weeded out from the good . . . when all the facts have been

weighed.

So it is with man; his good deeds will be weighed with his bad actions. God will be the judge of whether he is predominately motivated by good or evil. Our impulses to help and love our fellow men are the "good seed"; those towards destroying our enemies are the "tares". Honesty, integrity, loyalty all these are desirable in the spirit of man; dishonesty, weakness of conviction, disloyalty these are tares in the makeup of mankind. Just as cruelty is the opposite of kindness, truth is the opposite of lying. Is all these areas we shall be judged when the time for judgment comes.

A separation of good from evil will take place at the time and day of judgment. But what, say the temporates, if nothing is definitely black, or definitely white? Surely there are vexing shades of grey in between, where evil is not out-and-out evil, and virtue is not out-and-out virtue? But rather a

and virtue is not out-and-out virtue? Put rather complexity of mankind - a sincere and earner endeavor towards good, dictated by circumstances beyond the control of the average man? Mos assuredly, will the innate prompting be the leavening agent in God's judgment of the individual. For God is ever aware of the humanity of mankind; He judges sternly that which is prompted by innate viciousness; He judges, also, that which is prompted by the striving of man's better nature and perhaps this gives Him hope for His creation mankind!

How do we, as professed members of the faith of hristianity, interpret the Christ-like life, as op-osed to our own? Do we, in the course of our daily existence, sow tares, or good asads? Are we worth existence, sow tares, or good seed the reaping - or the winnowing?