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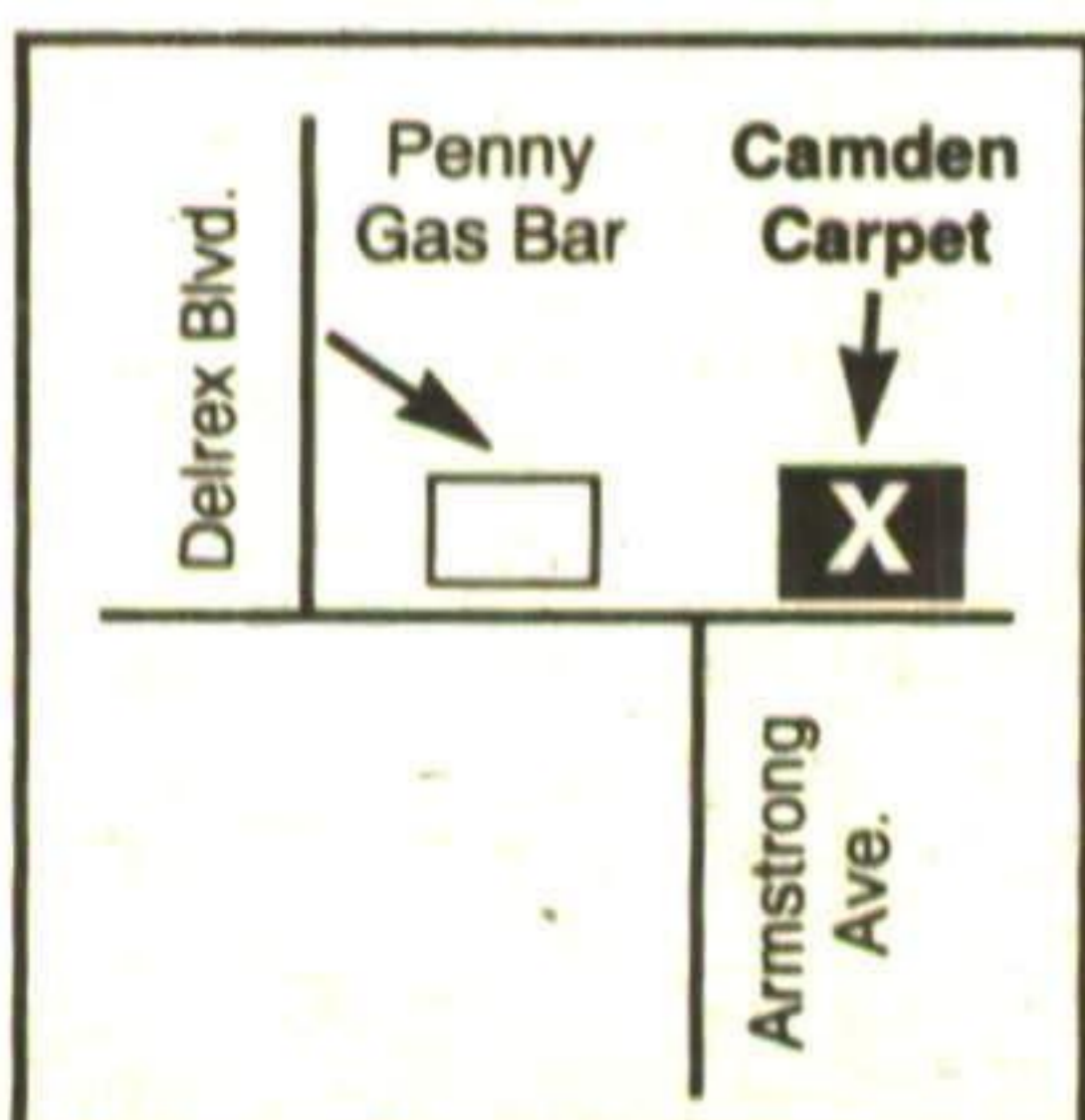
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By **CHRISTINE COLE**
**SPRING FLOWERING
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To hasten the beautiful blooms of spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips and hyacinths they are forced during the fall and winter to bloom ahead of their natural time. A similar process can be done with spring flowering shrubs and trees. The flower buds on the twigs or branches can be persuaded to bloom indoors well ahead of their outdoor blooming date.

It's so amazingly easy you will wonder why you haven't done it before. It will add an enjoyable breath of spring air to any room.

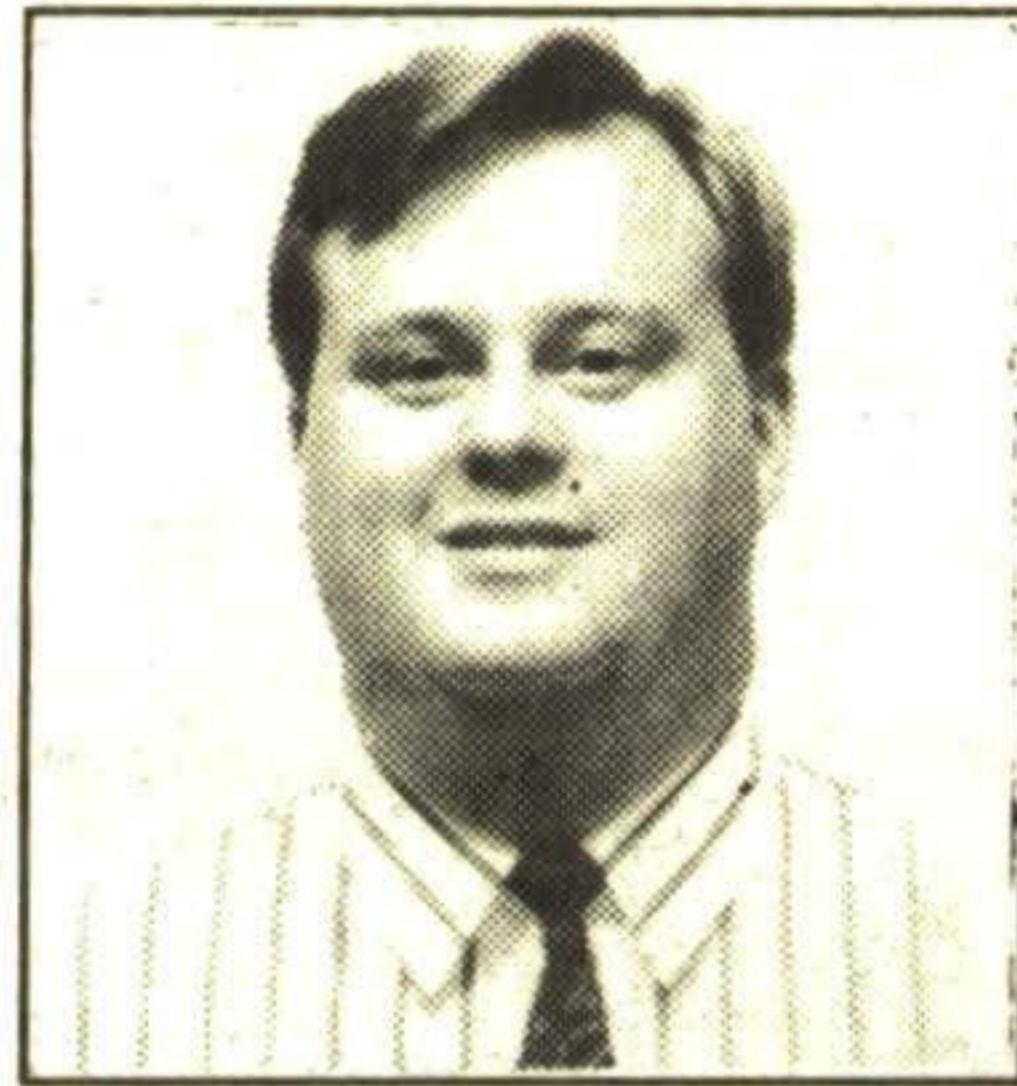
Only shrubs or trees that normally bloom in the spring are appropriate for early forcing. Forsythia, Flowering Quince, Pussywillow and Magnolia can be done now and in a few weeks fruit trees such as Apples, Peaches, Cherries and Plums can be started. Shrubs and trees that bloom later in the season (on the current seasons growth) cannot be forced because they do not have flower buds. Flower buds can be identified on the spring flowering shrubs by their large, plump shape in comparison to other buds on the branch. Select and cut off branches that have plenty of flower buds for the best show. However, do not ruin the appearance of the shrub by removing too much. Bruise and crack the cut end of the branch with a hammer. This will allow more water to be taken up by the branch. Then place the branches in a pail of water in a cool location. Add more water to the pail if it decreases. It will take about two to three weeks for the buds to swell. When the buds have swollen and the color starts to show you can move them into the house and display them on a vase or add some greenery and other cut plants.

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