

FLOWERS FOR EVERY PURPOSE

A selection of annual flowers is difficult to make because of the large number of subjects. Here are a few classifications which will suggest uses and arrangements. The flowers mentioned are by no means all the annuals, but many of the most popular types are included:

For long stems for cutting—Asters, calliopsis, calendula, giant zinnias, scabiosa, cosmos.

Shorter stems for cutting—Ari-golds, snapdragons, sweet peas, annual chrysanthemums, bachelor buttons, and sweet sultans, ten weeks' stocks, dwarf zinnias and gypsophila.

For the shady portions—Pansies, begonias, torenias, godetia, forget-me-nots, impatiens, nemophila, monkey flower.

For very hot situations—Sunflowers, heliotrope, portulaca, ice plant, petunias, balsam, annual gailiardia.

For light or poor soil—Nasturtiums, Clarkia, godetia, poppy, portulaca, zinnias.

Plants that bloom after frost—Sweet alyssum, bachelor's buttons, petunias, marigolds, calendulas, candytuft, stocks and phlox Drummond.

Tall growers for background—Castor beans, annual sunflowers, cosmos, African marigolds, spider plant (Cleome), plummy celosia or coxcomb, clumps of sweet peas, and the flowering tobacco, particularly Nicotiana glauca for a bold and tall group.

For masses of color—Petunia, zinnia, marigolds, calendulas, phlox Drummond, verbenas, stock, aster, salvia and poppies.

For edges and borders—Sweet alyssum, dwarf nasturtiums, lobelia, dwarf marigold (Tagetes signata pumila), ageratium, Virginia stocks and forget-me-nots.

Fragrant plants—Mignonette, heliotrope, nasturtiums, alyssum, ten-weeks' stocks, nicotiana, matthiola bicolor (evening scented stock) and sweet peas.

Annual vines—Morning glories, moonflowers, Japanese hop, tall nasturtium, cardinal climbers, cobaea, cypress vine, balloon vine, scarlet runner and hyacinth beans.

A fairly well-balanced border furnishing flowers for all purposes would contain the following: Asters, balsams, bachelor's buttons and the sweet sultans; coxcombs, the annual pinks; California, Shirley and other annual poppies, sweet alyssum, ageratium, phlox Drummond, calliopsis, flowering tobacco, portulaca, sweet pea, zinnias, cosmos, annual larkspurs, calendula, French and African marigolds, petunias and ten-week stocks.

TRUCK BURNS IN DITCH

Falls City, Neb.—A semi-trailer motor truck belonging to the Southwest Transfer company of Kansas City was destroyed by fire after it skidded into a ditch on highway No. 75, near here. The sheriff's office said the driver apparently unloaded the freight after the truck slipped into the ditch, and then started for help. Officers were unable to find him immediately. Deputy County Sheriff Ralph Ramsey, who examined the debris, said there was no chance the truck driver was caught under the truck.

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Birthrate of Nations Showing Some Decline

Facts Gathered by Insurance Companies Shows a Steady Decline Among Population.

New York, N. Y.—In 20 of the 34 countries whose 1934 birth rates have become available, the long-time declining tendency is still in evidence, according to the statisticians of one of the leading life insurance companies. A drop of less than 1 per cent in the birth rate was recorded for The Netherlands, New Zealand, Italy, and Venezuela. In five countries—the Irish Free State, Norway, Sweden, Poland, and the Union of South Africa—the 1934 birth rate was identical with that of 1933, which may mark the end of the prolonged downward trend of natality in these countries.

Germany, with 18.6 births per 1,000 of population and a 22.4 per cent increase in the birth rate for 1934 as compared with 1933, was the only one of these countries to report a birth rate actually higher than for any year of the 5-year period, 1930-1934, the statisticians point out. The United States, with an increase of 3.0 per cent in the 1934 birth rate took second place among nations showing increases. Denmark reported an increase of 2.9 per cent; England and Wales, 2.8 per cent; Bulgaria, 2.7 per cent; Scotland, 2.3 per cent; Northern Ireland, 2.1 per cent; Roumania, 1.3 per cent, and Chile, 1.2 per cent.

"The abrupt rise in the German birth rate last year," the statisticians state, "was very probably the direct outgrowth of the marriage aid loans inaugurated in August 1933, aided by the subsidies for births of German children born of these loan-aid marriages. Close to 200,000 such birth subsidies were granted in less than two years."

"Such figures as are available for the Western Hemisphere show that Chile was the only country beside the United States to show a rise. The Canadian birth rate dropped 2.4 per cent last year, and declines of 1.6 and 0.7 per cent were recorded in Argentina and Venezuela, respectively."

Look Over Seed Lists Now

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Spring gardening really begins when the first catalog arrives. True, the weather is usually too rough for any outdoor operations. But the hoe and spade will keep from rusting a few weeks longer (if you oiled them up last fall) so the first preparation for summer's array of color can be made without stirring from the fire-side.

Selecting seeds from a catalog which lists many hundreds of varieties is no small task. It should be treated very seriously, and each desirable subject should be studied and located in the garden even before it is ordered. Every gardener will want some petunias, zinnias, marigolds, larkspurs, poppies and a few others that are universally grown and loved, but just what color and variety of each he needs will depend on where and under what conditions he will grow them.

Fortunately, the modern seed catalog is very clear and understandable on this subject, and gives detailed instructions for planting, as well as the characteristics, habits and special cultural needs of each subject. If the amateur studies it as he would a text book, he will learn much which the casual planter never knows, and will have real success with his flowers and vegetables.

Books on gardening which can be obtained from the seedsman or public library are another source of information which should not be neglected. They do not always list the names of the newest flowers, but they are indispensable for discussions on design, border planting, and succession crops of vegetables. The garden magazines are equally helpful.

Lacking these sources of information, the catalog will do you very well alone, and for the amount of condensed material, it can't be beat. Many universities use them in class instruction for this reason. If you have not received one this year, order immediately. You will need it to plan your garden, and of course the earlier you buy your seeds the better selections you get.

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MURDOCK ITEMS

Grandma Timm, living northwest of town, is suffering with a severe case of pneumonia.

Warren Rikli was confined to his bed several days last week with a grippie. His condition is now much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hite, of Louisville, visited over the week end at the home of his mother and that of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Kruger.

Guy Miller, who resides in Plattsmouth, was a visitor for a short time in Murdock, calling on his parents and also looking after some business matters.

Walter Stroy has decided to change his occupation and has advertised his farming machinery and live stock for sale at public auction to be held Tuesday, February 5.

W. O. Scheve was at Lincoln the latter part of last week, where he was looking after business matters. He found the going not so good, but managed to get through all right.

Mrs. A. J. Tool was spending a number of days during the past week in Omaha, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Work, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tool.

A. H. Ward was a visitor at Louisville, where he was delivering gasoline and oil, but on account of the badly drifted roads between Murdock and Louisville had to detour via Manly to make the delivery.

The Four Square club of Murdock met last Wednesday afternoon at the Murdock hall, enjoying a very pleasant meeting, with their lesson and the sociability which always permeates a meeting of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald were in Lincoln Friday of last week, looking after business matters and visiting friends. During their absence, Mrs. Hannah McDonald was looking after business at the store.

T. W. Engle, proprietor of the Murdock lumber yard, who resides at Auburn and who has a string of lumber yards over this section of the state, was in Murdock consulting with W. T. Weddell, the local manager.

Edward Mockenhaupt and wife, of Lincoln and Louis Hite and wife, also of that place, were guests last Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kruger. Mrs. Barbara Hite was also a guest there at the same time, she being the mother of Mrs. Kruger and Mr. Hite.

I. C. McCrorey and Victor Thimman have been working like trojans at the matter of finishing the house which Mr. McCrorey lately purchased that it may be ready for occupancy following the sale and settlement of the affairs on the farm and which will make an excellent home for Mr. McCrorey and family.

Has Adopted a Robin

Otto Miller and wife have been noticing a robin in their yard, and when the snow came, they put out food for the bird, which has found a good place to rest during the night and comes regularly for its meals to the Miller home. This is an excellent idea and a very kind deed and one which all should do when the weather is like it is now. The birds sure pay their way with the work they do in the summer, as well as furnishing sweet music for their friends.

Enjoyed Happy Evening

On last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald entertained at their home for the evening at a snocoche party, which was concluded with the serving of a delicious lunch. Those present to enjoy the evening with Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were Chester Elsemann and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey McDonald and J. W. Kruger and wife. The next meeting will be held this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kruger.

Will Make Home in Denver

The household goods of H. W. Tool and family left Murdock last Wednesday by truck, bound for Denver, in which city the family will make their future home. The family went to Alvo Thursday evening to visit overnight with the Turner McKinnon family, and from there went on to Lincoln to spend a day with the parents of Mrs. Tool, departing Saturday for their new home in the west.

Mr. Tool has been in Denver for some time and has secured a home for the family there, their arrival being timed to about coincide with that of their truck load of household goods. Eugene Tool, who is in high school here, is remaining to finish the year and is assisting with the work at the Mercantile store a portion of the time. He will finish his high school course this spring.

Now Sees His Mistake
Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Lee, who with

their son, Larry, enjoyed a visit in Los Angeles recently and found the weather there very fine, returned home just in time to be greeted by the heaviest snowfall and the most severe cold wave that has visited this part of the country in several years. Dr. Lee now frankly admits that Conrad Baumgartner, who is spending the winter in California, used good judgment in not returning to Nebraska at this time and almost wishes he had done likewise.

Injured in Cave In

O. H. Robson, son-in-law of Edward Ganaway, who has been employed in the extending of a sewer at College View, while working in a deep ditch last week, was severely injured when the ditch caved in, he being covered with a large amount of dirt and extricated from his precarious position with great difficulty. He was taken to the hospital, where he is being treated.

Will Address Bible Class

Recently we told of the request of Frank E. Litch, Lincoln Bible school teacher, for an additional supply of the booklet, "A Modern Pilgrim's Progress," put out by L. Neitzel, for distribution to the members of his class. The books were supplied as requested and now an invitation has come to Mr. Neitzel to come to Lincoln in person and make an address before the class this coming Sunday afternoon. Not only will Mr. Neitzel do so, but it has also been arranged for him to teach the class during the regular Sunday morning period, as well.

Enjoyed Sleighing Party

The Intermediate church school classes of the Murdock Evangelical church enjoyed a sleighing party on last Monday night. Donald Rikli, the teamster, was a careful driver. After the sleigh ride the members gathered at Caroline Schafer's home for the "eat." Fellowship, fun and food all combined to provide the young folks with a most delightful evening.

High Average Attendance

The Murdock Evangelical church school closed the year December 31 with a total attendance of 6288—an average of 121 per Sunday. During the year the school has felt the removal of several faithful members, who have located in other towns. However, new members have joined the school recently, so it is reasonably expected and hoped that the total attendance this year will show a gain over that of last year.

All bills were met and paid in full and the treasury had a balance to begin the year. Total receipts for last year, through weekly offerings, amounted to nearly \$300. Disbursements for maintaining the local Sunday school amounted to \$225.55. A large portion of this amount was expended for Sunday school supplies.

John Schlaphoff, the superintendent, has a responsive and co-operative group of teachers to assist him in carrying on the work. He, with others, desires to see forward steps made this year, which will help to strengthen the work of instruction throughout the school.

Adult Bible Class Elects

The Adult Bible class of the Murdock Evangelical church school met recently for the annual business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lonn. Reports of the last year's work were submitted. Elmer Miller was elected president of the class; Henry Angwert, vice president and Charles I. Long, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. W. O. Scheve was recently appointed as the teacher of this class.

Dainty refreshments were served after an hour of fellowship.

45th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Schmidt quietly celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Wednesday, January 22, at home. All of their children intended to help them celebrate the occasion Wednesday evening, but the extreme sub-zero weather and the badly drifted roads kept them away.

Ladies Aid Meets

The Ladies Aid society of the Murdock Evangelical church met at the home of Mrs. Florence McDonald on Thursday afternoon. Despite the severe weather, a goodly number of the members were out. The time was taken up with quilting and social conversation. The treasurer reported that the ladies are very prompt in paying their annual dues at this time of the year.

Callahan Church Notes
F. C. Weber, Pastor

The man who falls down, needs to be helped up; the man who lies down needs to be punched. This church endeavors to do both. You can get either a lift or a punch at the services of this church. Be in your place next

Sunday. If you want some of the good things of life, you'll find them in the fellowship of Christian people. Use your will to make the hill.

Schools Closed for Sub-Zero Wave

The Murdock schools were closed Wednesday afternoon and Thursday on account of the sub-zero weather and the danger of drifting snow. Even then the drivers of the children's school buses were forced to shovel snow to get through some of the drifts to get the children home.

Gave Farewell for Mrs. Tool

Mrs. Esther Angwert invited a group of her Four Square club friends to her home Wednesday afternoon for a farewell and handkerchief shower on Mrs. Harold Tool, who, with her family, is leaving for Denver, Colorado, to take up permanent residence. Different ones brought along their needlework and fancy work for the occasion. Others took along their weekly load of darning. Dainty refreshments were served late in the afternoon. As the friends left, they wished Mrs. Tool much happiness and a large circle of friends in her new area of activity. Mrs. Tool has lived in Murdock all her life.

Had Most Enjoyable Get-Together

The Young Peoples' Sunday school class of Murdock met with their teacher, Leo Rikli, last Monday evening at the home of Victor Thimman, in Murdock. The purpose of the gathering was two-fold—the members desired wholesome fellowship at the beginning of the New Year and they wanted also to elect officers for the year and become a reorganized class. The teacher called on several of the members to give short talks on the church school class work. A helpful discussion followed. The pastor spoke briefly on "Lesson Materials Related to a Discussion Period."

The members elected George Kruse as president of the class; Dorothy Schlaphoff, vice president, and Arlene Zabel, secretary-treasurer. A fine fellowship and light refreshments were enjoyed by all. The members were invited to hold their next meeting at the home of Miss Blanche

Anderson, near Greenwood, in two months.

This large group of young people welcome others to their class sessions. The class has the happy privilege of having several teachers of the Murdock public schools meet regularly with them.

Defeated Avoca, 22 to 15

Possibly the best basketball game of the season was played on the Murdock floor Tuesday evening when the Avoca boys came over to play the undefeated Murdock quintet. Try as they would, when the final whistle was blown, the Murdock kids were still undefeated. The score of the first team game was 22 to 15, in favor of Murdock.

The first line men, Orris Richert, Bob Miller, John Gakemeier, Richard Epping, Henry Klemme and Paul O'Brien, have played splendidly the whole season. Consistent team work has been shown in all of their playing, for they have gone through nine scheduled games without a loss.

The second team line-up consists of Norman Scheve, John McDonald, Jean Tool, Morris Richert, Edward McCrorey, Reuben Stock and Lyle Stock. They have also been consistent winners and are undefeated so far this season. They won over the Avoca second team, 25 to 7.

Much of the success of these two teams is due to Coach Miller and his untiring efforts to produce winning teams for the Murdock schools.

Come on, fellows! Let's make it an undefeated season for our town. We believe in you and are rightly proud of you. Congratulations, Coach Miller, for producing such fine teams for Murdock.

Teachers are Installed

The teachers who were recently installed in teaching positions for the year 1935 in the Louisville Evangelical church school are: Mrs. Fred Luetchens, Beginner's department; Mrs. Herman Schweppe, Mrs. Herman Luetchens, Miss Esther Luetchens, Alvin Oehierking, Harold Luetchens and Mrs. Albert Oehierking.

The superintendent, Herbert Oehierking, newly elected leader of this

school, believes that his group of teachers will be vital and effective leaders of their respective groups, and will be most helpful in making 1936 a big church school year.

Last year the total attendance for the school was 2444. The balance in the Sunday school treasury December 31, 1935, with all bills paid, amounted to \$17.40. The organization contributed \$50.00 for Nebraska conference missions during the year, besides paying for church school literature and numerous incidentals.

The Louisville congregation makes it a happy practice to have every member in the worship service at 9:50 each Sunday morning. Afterwards the entire church family remains for the church school. The attendance varies but little throughout the year, because the whole family is deeply interested in all phases of the church program.

ROYALTY TO THE FUNERAL

Vienna—Kings, princes and distinguished statesmen of eastern Europe left their palaces and chancelleries to begin their journeys across the continent to Windsor, where George V will be buried Tuesday. Outdoing the others in spectacular departures was Carol of Rumania, who left from his private railway station in Bucharest aboard a special train of eleven coaches, drawn by two locomotives. With the king went George Tataroviu, the Rumanian premier, and scores of minor officials. King Boris of Bulgaria started from Sofia in more modest fashion. King Zog of Albania found it impossible to leave.

Austria sent her vice chancellor, Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg and several officials.

NO FOOD FOR 62 DAYS

Belgrade, Yugoslavia.—Officials of the jail at Pozharevats claimed that prisoner Svetozar Lukich set a hunger strike record by refusing food for sixty-two days. He drinks water, but Dr. Dragutin Yankovich, the prison physician, insisted the prisoner hasn't eaten since Nov. 25.

New Deal Launches "Co-op" Colony
Resettlement Administration Establishes Collectivist Farm for Relief Homesteaders in Nebraska

First residents

Houses ready to be erected

Farmsteader plowing

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One of the most interesting experiments sponsored by the New Deal is the rural collectivist community which is now being established near Omaha, Nebraska.

At Ak-Sar-Ben, on the Platte river, 18 miles west of Omaha, the federal resettlement administration, which is headed by Rexford G. Tugwell, has launched a project modeled along the lines of the Soviet state farm.

This community, comprising farmsteads from relief rolls, is the first of its kind to be attempted by the administration.

An 800-acre tract has been set aside for cultivation by members of the community. One-third of this acreage has been set aside as a common plot which will be farmed by the colonists. Daily wages will be paid for work on the collective acreage.

Each Receives Dividends

At the end of each season after the harvest when the crops have been marketed and paid for, corporation dividends will be distributed to the co-operative stockholders. Economies in purchasing and distribution anticipated from the co-operative plan are expected to bring substantial returns to the stockholders.

Each farmsteader will own his own \$2,600 home, tool shed and chicken house. All these buildings are cut at a central location and hauled in trucks in a knock-down condition to the plot on which they are erected.

Included in the equipment of each farmsteader is a miniature tractor-cultivator which is capable, by means of various attachments, to grind and shell corn, saw wood, plant grain, cultivate crops, in fact, do everything except cut the farmer's baby's hair.

The New Deal experiment in Nebraska recalls another similar project—Brook Farm, which was established at West Roxbury, Mass., back in 1841.

Brook Farm Famous

Brook Farm was an outgrowth of the Transcendental club, of which such famous New Englanders as Hawthorne, Emerson, Thoreau, Channing and Margaret Fuller were members. It was intended as a solution of social problems through adaptation of tasks to individual capacities and equality of rewards.

All members, without distinction of sex, had to labor an allotted number of hours each day, either on the farm or in the workshop which was part of the project. Each member received equal wages and each shared in the profits of the community.

At the peak of its prosperity, the community had about 76 members. When fire destroyed the main building in 1846, however, it started the decline of the colony, which broke up in 1847.