

Little-Used Annuals Right For Odd Spots in Gardens

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Have you come up to the last minute in your flower garden plan and find some space left over? Of course, you've provided for

your favorite flowers such as zinnias, marigolds and petunias, but before you decide just to put a few petunia plants in that little left-over spot, how about considering a few of the less frequently planted annuals that might put the

very touch of perfection to your plan?

Varieties Mentioned
Here are a few varieties you'd like, arranged roughly into two groups according to height.

Low growing: Ageratum, Midget Blue—fluffy true blue flowers in clusters covering little 3 inch plants; Alyssum Royal Carpet—royal purple blooms on 3 inch plants; Alyssum Carpet of Snow—same height, but with white flowers.

Candytuft Dwarf Fairy Mixes—quick bloom covering 10 inch plants; Celosia Dwarf Crested—big heads of cockscomb on 12 inch plants; Cornflower Jubilee Gen—this is a dwarf cornflower with fine blue flowers on 12 inch plants; California Poppy—available either in mixed colors or orange.

Gomphrena Buddy and Cissy—don't let the name deter you. This is an excellent pair of varieties with purple and white flowers like cloverhead on six inch plants.

Portulaca—the old fashioned moss rose with three inch plants and multitudes of bright flowers. Stands heat and drought with the best of them.

Vinca Little Pinkie—a petiwinkle just recently introduced that grows only 12 inches tall.

For the Background
Taller growing: Ageratum Blue Perfection—fine blue, fluffy flowers on a 14 inch plant.

Bells of Ireland—green plants and green bells for flowers; good for cutting. About two feet.

Celosia Plume Plume—best tall feathery plumed cockscomb.

Cosmos Mandarin—new this year, and a real find in cosmos, since this variety has bright orange double flowers with up to 40 petals, forty inches.

Gaillardia Double Lorenziana—It's a mystery why this one isn't more widely known, for the flowers are handsome, double and colorful, and the plants are easily grown anywhere.

Tithonia Torch—be sure to get Torch, not speciosa, for the species grows too tall, while Torch has bright orange-red flowers and grows about 48 inches high.

Well, that's a pretty good list of possibilities for your odd corner or experimental plot. Every one of these is tested for ease of growing and all are annuals you can plant right away, directly out of doors.

Could Be Out
You may not find all of these at local greenhouses and flower shops this late, but you are sure to find some of them. A few will even bloom yet from seed scattered in the vacant spot.

If you don't find the one you are looking for, ask the shop owner for a similar one. Sometimes different seed houses carry almost the same thing under a different name. But these, mentioned here, are all standard varieties. Some are comparatively new, however, and it just could be your florist might not have carried certain ones, or if he did, he could be out of them.

Of course, if you are a gardener in Stayton, then I suggest that you plant petunias, and more petunias. It is Petunia Town and any visitor coming in during summer can't but admire the array of color or this ambitious flower produced.

Blaze Damages Portland Plant

PORTLAND (AP)—Fire swept through a building materials company plant in north Portland Friday afternoon, causing damage estimated at \$200,000.

Fire investigators said children playing with matches were responsible.

Nearly a hundred firemen fought the blaze from which smoke billowed several hundred feet into the air.

Earl Shannon, owner of the firm, the Shannon Building Materials Co. at S. Vancouver Ave. and Russell St., said the fire first was discovered in a shed housing plywood.

Fire investigators said children ranging in age from 8 to 10 told varying stories of lighting matches. They said the stories were so conflicting they were unable to learn which child started the fire.

Jazz Prayer Gets Backing

LONDON (AP)—The Church of England newspaper Friday praised a preacher for staging a jazz service on Britain's Commercial TV last Sunday.

He is the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont, author of a composition featuring "The Lord's Prayer" in the two-beat rhythm style of American Dixieland.

The prayer was sung on TV by a selected group backed up by trumpet, trombone, saxophone and rhythmic section. One hymn also had some hot licks added.

"He is expressing religious experience through the material available to him," said the leading editorial in the church paper. "He is doing for certain elements in society what Bach with his chorales does for others."

Reich Army Charged

BONN (AP)—Defense minister Franz Josef Strauss announced the West German army is being reorganized to abolish 20,000-man divisions in favor of self-sufficient combat groups of between 3,000 and 4,000 men. They will be called brigades.

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If it's fishing you like or dude ranching the Metolius country is now open to both. No better streams are found anywhere for a weekend "rest" than in the higher country between Salem and Sisters, and no more attractive dude ranches can be reached within a few hours than also found in the area. (Statesman Photo)

--Travel Talks--

HERE WE GO AGAIN—on the subject of knowing Oregon. We're not going to suggest anything definite, but did you know that Seaside lays claim to the "West Coast's finest boardwalk"? This is a two-mile beach promenade, not built from boards but out of concrete.

That Fort Clatsop, near Astoria, was the winter headquarters in 1805-06 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition? This post was reconstructed in 1955 according to design of its founders.

The world's shortest river is the D River, at Delake at the mouth of Devil's Lake? And the lake is abundantly stocked with rainbow trout, steelhead and silver salmon. . . . That Sitcoos lake is the largest on the coast? It's north of Winchester Bay and is one of several bodies of fresh water to be found near the ocean. Besides there's no closed season in Sitcoos on bass or perch. . . .

LIKE IT ON THE FARM?—A 100-acre dairy farm on the Massachusetts coast, a restored plantation near Natchez, and a cattle ranch in Montana are among the 250 farms and country resorts described in the 1958 "Farm and Vacations Holidays" booklet. Each description in the 56-page booklet gives details of locations, recreation available locally, and rates for accommodations. These generally average about \$40 weekly for long three meals a day. . . . We'll make our bow to farmers—always—if they can't make it one way they will another. . . . and none of us can make it without them.

SOUNDS MOST INTERESTING—A project called "Bible Inns" is now underway in the land of Israel. The inns, being built at Israel's points of historical interest, will combine such architectural devices of ancient times as courtyards, pergolas and arches, with modern equipment and facilities for the contemporary traveler. The first Bible inn is now underway at a point south of Beersheba. It is called the "Patriarch's Inn" in honor of the Biblical Abraham who once, we are told, lived in the region. Another of the inns under construction is the "Nabatean Inn" in the Negev, to honor the Nabateans, an old civilization that greatly enjoyed life some 1200 years ago. Both inns are situated near the new highway now linking Beersheba with Elath. Don't

ask us—because we don't know—just when they'll be ready. One release about them indicated that they could be occupied later this summer.

INNS OF ENGLAND—This is a continuation of those we mentioned last Sunday (and we appreciate the three cards and two telephone calls we received reminding us to "continue" as we had promised).

In the garden of the Merton Hotel at Ross-on-Wye in Wales, a pretty little town commanding a red-cliff overlooking the waters of the Wye—not the Kwai—Admiral Lord Nelson wrote letters to Lady Hamilton. . . . Sometimes in Britain the adjective "new" just doesn't mean anything. Take the New Inn at Gloucester—it was new when built about 1450 to house pilgrims to the shrine of the murdered King Edward II in the town cathedral, then an abbey.

Even abbeys has its place in the historical inns of England. On the Great North Road stands the stone-built Bell Hotel, at Stilton in Leicestershire. Here farmers in the 1700's used to bring their soon-to-be-famous dairy products for sale to coach travelers. The sign board still displays simply a huge bell and one word: "Stilton."

DISNEYLAND TRAIN—To carry visitors through the Grand Canyon diorama, Disneyland at Anaheim, Calif., has a new train. It cost \$150,000 and has five cars patterned after the "Narragansett" type popular for excursions in the east around 1900. There are also five other trains in the park. Two in service since the opening day, have carried more than 5,000,000 passengers.

LIKE MUSIC?—This isn't the concert we mentioned before. Lucerne, Switzerland, will have its 20th International Festival this summer from Aug. 13-Sept. 10, during which time seven orchestral concerts, choral works and chamber music performances will be given. Information—and tickets—may be obtained by writing the International Festival of Music, Lucerne, Switzerland. Hotel information and reservations can be made through local tourist offices or through the Lucerne Hotel Association, 1 Hirschgasse, Lucerne.

Radioactive Cocktail Okeh, Man Reveals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A silver-haired scientist drank a radioactive cocktail fresh out of an atom smasher Friday, smacked his lips and announced: "It tastes all right."

Dr. Wallace D. Armstrong, 52-year-old University of Minnesota medical man, drained a cup containing radioactive fluoride in the first reported experiment of its kind on humans. He used water as a wash.

Dr. Armstrong, head of the school's physiological chemistry department, conducted the test as the first in a series he plans on other human guinea pigs.

"I feel I have a moral responsibility to try it first myself before asking others to do it," he told a news conference before drinking the potion.

The "hot" fluoride was manufactured only a few hours earlier in the university's big atom smasher, called a linear accelerator.

It was made by bombarding a beaker of water containing a large amount of heavy oxygen with 10 million volts of electricity.

Dr. Armstrong said the main purpose in the experiment was to learn the exact rate that fluoride is absorbed and excreted from the human body. The radioactive substance was used for measurements far more accurate than possible through chemical analysis.

Dr. Armstrong said it would take about a week to calculate all the results of the experiment.

Tuareg men, nomadic Berbers in North Africa, have a hard time with their women, reports the National Geographic Society. The women regard themselves as men's equals, marry at will and demand to speak in council.

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Garden Gabbing

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JUST FOR TODAY—There are quite a few places you might like to gad to today. If you are an early riser and feel like a full day's jaunt, there's the final day of the 10th annual Pacific Northwest Rose show at the Olympian Hotel at Olympia, Wash. Now don't tell us you can't do it in a day. Once we attended a flower show in Seattle (which is farther), getting up there in ample time for the opening at 10 a.m., spending several hours at the show and returned home by 9 p.m. And we did not break any traffic laws.

Closer, of course, is the final day of the Sister's Rodeo... and still closer is the final day of the All-Arabian Horse Show at the State Fairgrounds.

But if it's strawberries you are looking for what about the annual Silverton Hills Strawberry Festival?... Silverton Hills, where they pick the big ones. It starts at 12 noon and runs right on to 8 p.m. You can have either old-fashioned (which means the rich biscuit dough type) short cake, or the old-fashioned (which means the layer type) of cake with the berries. We are told there'll be strawberries for sale, too, at the festival and in stands along the highway. The festival (which is mostly made up of eating) is in the Silverton Hills Community Hall on the Silver Creek Falls Highway—and that reminds us—Silver Falls State Park is a delightful place these days. If you don't like a lot of folk, choose some other spot in the 4,000-acre park than South Falls.

FEED THE BIRDS—We had a note from George Alderson, an Oregon Audubon Society field note recorder, this week telling us about bird-watching. Says he: "The popularity of casual bird-watching is shown by the volume of bird houses and feeder sales in pet shops and other stores. Seeds of garden flowers are available to most people, although few seem to know their value in bird-attracting."

The Audubon society sends us a note, through George, saying that the seeds of garden flowers "are good bird food. The Goldfinch (wild canary), Oregon Junco (snowbird), dark brown Song Sparrow, red-capped Chipping Sparrow, and the White-Crowned Sparrow are among the garden birds which relish seeds of asters, centaureas, California poppies, cosmos, marigolds, sunflowers, forget-me-nots, portulacae and zinnias. The birds will eat the seeds from the ground if the flowers are allowed to wither on the plant, or the cut flowers heads may be set aside to use on the winter feeding station"... Thanks, George, we like birds. They do more to help rid our gardens of slugs, sowbugs, earwigs and what-have-you (and we have plenty this year) than anything else we now of.

THERE ARE RUMORS—We are hearing some interesting things being planned for the Silverton Garden Club summer tour. The committee—which this year is the executive committee—is arranging to visit gardens in both "hill and dale." The exact dates have not yet been set, but there's talk of it being very early August.

SPEAKING ABOUT—tours, shows and things... ever at Silverton there's being planned one of those old-fashioned shindigs again for this summer... The week of Aug. 20-23... There'll be an old-fashioned Threshing Bee on Aug. 24 to wind the thing up... and a parade on Aug. 23, and the Jay-C-Ettes popular Summer Flower Show, on the 23rd also.

IT'S A COOL SPOT—Those who didn't get to Crystal Springs Island during the Rhododendron Show in May, might find it an interesting spot now. Here's where you'll find the American Rhododendron Society Test Gardens. Sure the Rhododendrons aren't in bloom now—or at least only a very occasional straggler has a late bloom—but the gardens are nice to wander about in. Last time we were there we noted work on a rock garden along the north shore of the lake. We were told that this would extend 350 feet along this shore of the island and be 12 to 15 feet wide. Here's where the smaller of the species rhododendrons are grown. Here are the plants of high altitude, which were brought back to the gardens of the world by such men as Kingdon-Ward, J. F. Rock, George Forrest, Farrer, from the mountains of Dalai Lama, the gorges cut by the Irrawaddy and the Salween Rivers, and other equally "impassable" spots of the world. But don't expect bloom now—just coolness, quietness, and interesting green foliage. In Portland the gardens are off 32nd and SE Woodstock, reached by walking down the hill from this intersection, to 28th Ave., and turn right one block.

NOT HOW-TO-DO—We just received a copy of a most delightful new book by James C. Rose. The book is "Creative Gardens," published this year by Reinhold Publishing Corporation.

Almost all of the new books we've seen have been "how-to-do" something or other. In this book we just look and read—mostly look—at what other folk have done. Mr. Rose says that "to tell someone whose place you have never seen how to design a garden is like a doctor trying to perform an appendectomy over the telephone when he is not sure the patient has appendicitis."

"Creative Gardens" is a thought-provoking essay, counterpointed against handsome pictures and factual, case history stories. He does an excellent job of fusing the house and landscape... and besides all of this there are a lot of just plain ideas any of us can follow. We were interested to note how very many of the gardens are built around trees. He made a remark which we liked very much: in speaking of making a garden—"It seemed like more fun to make one's own mistakes than to rectify the mistakes of others."

He also points out that walls in a garden should be "garden walls instead of barriers"... but read it for yourselves.

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