



Small Worlds Around Us

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There Are Still Some Things Unknown About Flowerlight

Many common flowers have the peculiar ability to glow at night, giving off a soft white, green or bluish light. Science has looked with interest at many of these blossoms and has in some instances, been able to explain part of the mystery. There are some things about it still not too well understood.

The deep orange colored, double marigolds actually illuminate their blossoms on dry, clear evenings by emitting waves of light that play over the petals like mimic lightning. This light is greenish and sometimes so strong as to cast a glow on nearby leaves.

The large blossoms of sunflowers often glow with varying degrees of light. The nasturtium is another one that, for some unknown reason, becomes luminous during certain times of the night.

Tiger Lily, Too
The tiger lily emulates a phosphorescent glow to such an extent that the flowers sometimes look like luminous bulbs of greenish light.

Many mushrooms glow during the darkness and many times oak leaves which have been dampened with dew or rain present a strange, eerie glow. Usually the yellow leaves which are covered with spots of mildew are the ones which emit the light. This is undoubtedly a fungus growth on the leaves which give forth the glow and is a result of decomposition. This is definitely different from the light that plays over the living flowers. The latter is for a different purpose, and results, not from decay, but from some unexplained reason still too complex for easy explanation.

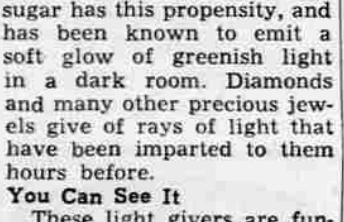
Perhaps flowers have the ability of storing up sunlight during the day and emitting it slowly after the sun has gone. Common granulated sugar has this propensity, and has been known to emit a soft glow of greenish light in a dark room. Diamonds and many other precious jewels give off rays of light that have been imparted to them hours before.

You Can See It
These light givers are fundamentally different than the light given off by living flowers, however. The flowerlight is there, in your garden right now for a very definite reason. Sometimes it takes the

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Eight Long Holiday Week Ends Offered in Proposed Calendar

Kansas City, Mo. - (UPI) - There'd be eight long holiday week ends each and every year for each and every one of us if only the government would adopt the calendar developed by William C. Fogle Jr.

Fogle, 54-year-old supply department manager of the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, copyrighted it and is now offering it to the United States and the world.

It would consist of 13 months of 28 days each. Since that would add up to only 364 days, Fogle would tack an extra 24 hours onto the first day of the year. This would be designated Jan. A/1-the "A" being New Year's Day and the "1" the normal working day that follows.

Another 24 Hours
Every fourth year, which is now leap year, would contain still another 24 hours at its very beginning and would be called Jan. A/M/1. The "M" would represent Meditation Day, a new holiday.

Fogle calls his creation the "Almanebi Perpetual Calendar." Almanebi was coined from the first two letters of the names of each member of his family - Alice, Margaret Ann, Neil and Bill.

Its creator has spent about \$1,000 developing and promoting the calendar but doesn't expect to make any money on it. The copyright, he explained, is merely to "prevent unjust excessive gain, to preserve my right as originator and author and to give this calendar to the world without restriction if I should deem it advisable."

Fogle has sent copies of his calendar to the United Nations. Not so long ago he was in New York on his vacation. On arrival, he said, he telephoned the U.N. "and they had me come right over. At a personal interview I was told Russia, Canada, India and several other nations are very favorable to it."

Must Be Delayed
But Fogle said he was also told that due to the current world situation, consideration of a world perpetual calendar would have to be delayed indefinitely.

He believes that if the U.S. would adopt his calendar, it would "become world-wide overnight." He has written all U.S. senators and governors and most congressmen and has received several replies. But, he added, "none has promised to start the ball rolling on Congress."

"Like most new things," Fogle said, "it must buck the reluctance to change. But I think it will be accepted by the world in the next 10 years. Most people who see it are amazed at its simplicity and many advantages."

The calendar would make Sunday the last day of each week and Monday the first. All holidays would fall on Fridays or Mondays, making possible the long holiday week-ends.

Since every month would start on a Monday, Fogle explained, "business would avoid closing its books in the middle of the week."

Other advantages he listed were: "For statistical purposes always have the same number of workdays; printers would save millions by not needing to change plates for calendars every year, and there would be no holiday interruptions at the end of each year."

13th Month Named Nemo
By the way, his 13th month would be called "Nemo," a word made up of the first two

letters in the phrase "new month."

There would have to be some juggling of holidays to make them conform to the Fogle system.

New Year's Day, of course, would always be on a Monday. Washington's Birthday would remain Feb. 22, but this too would always be a Monday. Memorial Day would be a Sunday, May 28, but the holiday would be celebrated on the 29th, a Monday.

The Fourth of July would fall on the fifth, a perpetual Friday. Labor Day would con-

tinue to be the first Monday in September. Veterans, who are now given their Day on Nov. 11, would have to wait just 24 hours, until the 12th, a Friday.

Thanksgiving would be celebrated on the third Friday of November (the 19th), and Christmas exactly four weeks later, Dec. 19, another perpetual Friday.

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