

Nature Sows Flower Seed In Fall; Why Not You?

Whenever nature produces annual flowers in our gardens from self-sown seed, she demonstrates that annuals can be grown from seed sown in the fall.

The list of annuals which can self-sow in your neighborhood, and which may vary in different sections of the country, but it is probable that annual larkspur and cornflowers (contaura cyanus) will be on the list almost anywhere. Larkspur, indeed, should be sown in fall whenever possible.

Plants from fall sowing get started much earlier in the spring; and they flower almost as soon as in-spring plants besides being larger and more vigorous.

The list of subjects may safely include all annuals which usually self-sow in your neighborhood, and any varieties which are hardy and have small, hard seeds, with which you are willing to take a chance for the sake of earlier plants. Large, soft seeds, even of hardy varieties, may decay in the wet ground, but the hard seeds will lie safe if protected from being washed out of the soil by rains, or if sown in some other way.

A seed bed surrounded by a wooden curb is an excellent place to sow fall annuals. A cold frame will do as well; and many sow seeds in the open garden, where experience has shown drainage is good. If seeds are sown in rows, which can be marked, it is easy to check results and protect the seedlings when they appear.

Sow the seed thinly, mixing small

Burma Shelves Its Blue Blood

RANGOON, Dec. 2 — (Reuters) — The forgotten royalty of Burma is demanding the restoration of monarchy when the British quit the country, but the movement has claimed little interest on the eve of Burma's independence.

Princes of the royal house of Thibaw, Burma's last king who died in exile in India, realize that theirs is a lost cause. Their only hope, in claiming the throne at this juncture, is that they might at least secure a decent pension from the government.

Burmese royalty is waging its own battle. There is no monarchist party in Burma. The Burmese press takes no interest in their former king's descendants. A vast majority of the people stand by the decision of the constituent assembly that the country, after Britain's withdrawal, shall be a sovereign republic.

The royal prince and princess of the house of Thibaw have therefore organized their own party, called the "descendants of the royal family association," to fight for their rights.

Head of the association is 70-year-old Prince Fynnmana, a nephew of King Thibaw, the last of the rulers of Mandalay. The association as a secretary, a treasurer and office-bearers, just like any other trade union.

In Rangoon, Burmese royalty has issued no manifesto on the eve of the transfer of power. But some months ago the princely group wrote to the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (the government party) leaders telling them to resign from the government's executive council, "as they had no real powers, even in the matter of looking after Burmans of royal blood."

Demands Ignored

The A.F.P.F.L. took no notice of this royal demand and the Burmese press, which normally takes its cue from the A.F.P.F.L., did likewise.

Some time ago the royal family association sent a memorandum to the secretary of state for Burma, urging the British government on Britain's withdrawal from Burma, to transfer power to the descendants of the Burmese king, from whom they took over the country

Bunbury School



Front row, left to right: Barry Rankin, Doug Wood, Maurice Wood. Back row, left to right: Miss Annie Gillis (teacher), Barbara Williams, Wilma MacDonald, Billie MacDonald, John MacDonald, Marg. Williams, June MacDonald, Elsie Lou MacDonald.—Photo by Garnhum.

60 years ago. The royal family, the memorandum said, would control the administration, pending a national plebiscite in the issue of monarchy. There has thus far been no response from Whitehall to the suggested solution of the transfer of power problem.

Pivot of this unique movement is 41-year-old Prince Mekhara Gamin, a great-grandson of the late King Mirdon (Thibaw's father). The prince is secretary of the "descendants of the Royal Family Association" and the author of the claim for the throne and the demand for pensions for his kinsmen.

Prince Gamin, unlike his predecessors, does not dress in glowing gorgeous silks. He looks like any average Burman, though he retains the mark of one who has lived for

U. S. Women Knit For British Sisters

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 4 — (AP) — Some shivering Britons soon will be cosier because of a "share-a-shawl" plan devised by a Cape Cod woman.

Mrs. Francis Crane of Woods Hole has started a community knitting bee in New Bedford which she hopes will spread through the country.

Her rallying cry is — "Let's start knitting again. Shawls this time, tens of thousands of them, to keep our British friends warm."

A tireless war worker, she credits the idea to a letter that came to her a few months ago when she was ill in a Boston hospital.

The letter was from the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, head of the Women's Voluntary Service of Great Britain, Mrs. Crane's hostess during a two-month visit to England last year.

Reading Lady Reading's description of a housewife preparing a scant meal over a candle flame — the only means of light and heat in the house — Mrs. Crane thought.

"If only we could put a shawl over the shoulders or across the knees of all the people who are living like that in Britain."

She talked over the idea with an old friend, Miss Pauline Fenno of Boston, long a zealous liaison worker between W. V. S. in Britain and this country.

Within two months, Miss Fenno had discussed the shawl project personally with Lady Reading and her associates, and won their enthusiastic approval.

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