

At Home
Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

Dear Ruth Raeburn:

Could you please give me some hints on how to grow sweet peas? I am very fond of this beautiful delicate flower with its alluring perfume and amazing variety of colors, and I would like to have them in my garden.

AMATEUR LOU

Lou Dear:

I have had very little experience in growing sweet peas, but an intimate friend of mine has given me the knowledge she has gained by experience and I pass it along.

The Culture of Sweet Peas
by Maud A. Arnald

Sweet peas may be grown to perfection by amateur and professional alike, and in almost any location, provided it is attempted intelligently.

Much depends upon the quality and kind of seed chosen. The old grandiflora type has been succeeded by the Spencer and orchid-flowering varieties, which may be procured from any of the leading seed growers. Only seed suited to your locality and of the highest quality should be used.

Next in importance to seed is soil preparation. A cool moist soil, but one that is not naturally wet, is best, and, if possible, the position should be slightly sloping to insure proper drainage. Sweet peas should not be grown in the same place two years in succession or where garden peas have been grown the previous year.

If all the preparation of the soil is to take place in the spring, it is best to wait until it is warm enough for it to be done properly. It is very necessary that sweet pea ground have plenty of lime and that the manure used be well rotted. A liberal quantity of seed should be used, about one ounce to eighteen feet of row, and, when well started, the young plants should be thinned out to stand one in a place and four to six inches apart.

To secure the longest blooming period and the finest flowers, the seed must be sown at the earliest possible opportunity in the spring. In light soils and warm locations it is best to sow the seed in the bottom of a trench or furrow four to six inches deep, covering it with about two inches of soil pressed down very firmly. The balance of the soil from the trench is left lying along the row in a ridge and gradually worked in as the plants increase in size until it is slightly ridged about the vines to assist in draining away surplus moisture.

As soon as the plants are well above the surface a trellis should be placed and cultivation begun. Brush, three to five feet high, firmly set in the soil, is the best support, and if this cannot be procured fine chicken wire may be used. The soil should be cultivated frequently and kept in a fine, loose condition, both around the immediate vicinity of the plants and between the rows. Fine grass spread around the ground to a depth of about two inches to help retain the moisture when such frequent cultivation is not practicable.

During dry weather a thorough soaking once or twice each week is very beneficial, and if the water can be applied in a fine hard spray it acts as an insecticide.

Sweet peas should be cut early in the morning or after sundown, and they should be cut liberally. All faded flowers should be removed and no seed pods should be allowed to form, as they quickly sap the strength of the plant.

If the red spider, green aphid or "pea louse" appear on the vines, kerosene emulsion should be sprayed on them every fourth day until

they are quite clean again. When any yellowing of the foliage is observed, thoroughly spray with a solution of one ounce of crystals of permanganate of potash dissolved in six gallons of water. The soil should be soaked and the vines sprayed with this mixture every fourth day until the trouble disappears.

Sweet peas grown in this way are almost certain to be a success.

I do hope these instructions will be helpful to you and that you will have much pleasure and good success with your sweet peas. Don't you like these choice thoughts?

Here are sweet peas, on tip-toe for a flight:
With wings of gentle flush o'er delicate white,
And taper fingers catching at all things
To bind them all about with tiny rings.

—John Keats

"Weave me a song, wind,
A song of the garden place in spring
Where round brown buds begin to swell,
For many things that spring would tell

Is told by the songs you sing.

—Rebecca Helman
Would be pleased, Lou, to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,
RUTH RAEBURN.

Edge Hill
(Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. Rutledge of Markdale is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Moffat this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McGuire, Holstein and Mr. and Mrs. John Teeter with their families spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie.

The roads have been in bad shape for some time, owing to the continued wet and cold weather. Patrolman Albert McNally had a man on the road Tuesday with the drag which should improve conditions.

Master Dannie Edge was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin McArthur for a couple of weeks.

We extend congratulations to Miss Myrtle Robinson and Mr. Cecil Moffat, who are being happily wed on Wednesday of this week.

Edge Hill Union S. S. has been reorganized for the coming summer and will reopen on the first Sunday in May. The teachers for this year are Mrs. E. Greenwood, Mr. Clarence Robinson, Mrs. Arthur Edge and Miss Ethel Anderson.

Mr. Howard Ritchie who has been secretary-treasurer for the past four years, resigned, and Miss Alma Robinson was appointed as his successor.

"If you collect this money," said the hardware merchant, "I will give you a regular job."

To the merchant's astonishment the young man returned in half an hour with the money.

"How did you do it?" he asked.

"I told him," said the young man "that if he didn't pay me, I would tell all his other creditors that he had paid."

Priceville
(Our Own Correspondent)

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

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Class average, 53 1/2.

I A
Art

J. Clark 84, M. Corlett 84, B. Falkingham 83, M. Leith 81, O. Burnett 74, N. Kelsey 71, G. Hopkins 69, J. Greenwood 68, H. Glenholme 68, J. Henderson 66, I. Elliott 66, G. Eddy 65, V. Armstrong 64, F. Goodchild 63, G. Harrison 61, M. Collinson 61, L. Jacques 60, B. Jamieson 59, J. Falconer 57, L. Brigham 57, A. Adlam 55, I. Jamieson 50.

Average 66.6.

I B
French

M. MacEachern 87, I. Twamley 82, T. Milligan 79, J. Styles 76, M. Storey 74, M. Tobin 69, E. Tucker 69, E. Mervyn 64, J. MacDonald 62, J. Schultz 62, R. Renwick 57, F. Murdoch 56, V. Noble 56, M. Watson 53, D. MacArthur 53, W. Middleton 47, P. Roseborough 46, A. Turnbull 41, G. Mackenzie 40, W. Thompson 37, O. Noble 50 1/2.

Class average—57 1/2.

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Art

M. Watson 83, T. Milligan 74, M. Tobin 73, M. Storey 72, A. Turnbull 71, V. Noble 69, Robert Renwick 67, J. Styles 65, I. Twamley 64, J. McDonald 63, M. McEachern 63, F. Murdoch 63, P. Roseborough 62, E. Mervyn 61, E. Tucker 60, J. Schultz 57, G. McKechnie 54, W. Thompson 56, D. MacArthur 49, W. Middleton 48, G. Noble 47.

Class average—62 1/2.

Literature

B. Clark 94, J. Renwick 87, E. Baird 87, D. Pickering 87, V. MacLean 86, M. Moffat 86, D. Firth 84, E. Harding 82, N. McIntyre 82, C. Rowe 82, T. Bell 81, A. Bell 81, George Noble 80, C. Traynor 80, George Hay 80, Ila Allan 80, N. Burnett 77, M. Noble 75, D. Ritchie 73, G. Glass 72, C. Mitchell 71, R. McGirr 62.

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THE TELLER'S COMPLAINT
(By Geoffrey Warburton Cox)

As one who knew Toronto in the brave days of old, When for us swanky bank-clerks They drew the lager cold, I mourn efficient methods Are thinning out the ranks. I weep these lady tellers, and CASH REGISTERS IN BANKS!

The day of the Bank teller Who knew his Scotch and rye, Who was posted on the ponies, Has apparently gone by. You deposit now with dainty she, Powdered nose and dairy she, Who instead of pipe and whiskey Uses cigarettes and tea.

How many a time in tavern, In restaurant or store, We heard that bell a-tinkling As it rang up the score. That bell which now gives notice Of each deposit made, WE knew it well—Now tolls our knell

And takes away our trade. Machines click out our finish: As tellers we are through. The Bank no longer needs us. We bid you all adieu! Yet in our sad dilemma This consolation lurks,— They'll miss us when that register Gets hairpins in its works!

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He took her hand in his and gazed proudly at the engagement ring he had placed on her fair finger only two days before.

"Did your friends admire it?" he inquired tenderly.

"They did more than that," she replied coldly. "Two of them recognized it."

Sambo: "Did Brudder Brown gib de bride away?"

Rastus: "No, sah; he's gwine let de groom fin' her out for hisself."

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

On Buying Canadian-Made Goods

In Toronto last week we heard the head executive of one of the leading industries of that city place great emphasis upon a matter of which the people of this country need constant reminding. The appeal for Canadians to purchase goods made at home is not by any means new, but in view of the undisputed benefit which practically everyone in Canada would derive, in time, if we all bought articles of Canadian manufacture when it is possible to do so, the subject will bear re-emphasizing.

Millions of dollars are spent annually by Canadians in purchasing goods made outside the Dominion, principally in the United States. The question for us to ask, when shopping, is "Was this made in Canada?" While of course there are exceptions, generally we can be well suited by acquiring goods manufactured at home, and which we should keep in mind, is that our money will re-circulate in Canada, not cross the border. This is the most effective way of providing work for our own countrymen, and consequently, building up Canada.—Walkerton Telescope.

A Dangerous Practice

Among one of the most annoying conditions that motorists passing along the town streets have to contend with is the practice of children playing ball and other games on the streets, especially the main thoroughfares. Recently there have been several occasions when accidents were narrowly averted, and if this continues someone is liable going to be injured or the police are going to become interested in the matter. Youths who have been offending should take notice of this and do their exercising on some untravelling area.—Listowel Banner.

Change in Chairman

"Strong Man" Hanna has resigned the chairmanship of the Ontario liquor commission and is succeeded by Sir Henry Drayton, M. P. of West York. Dr. Manion, another member of the board, has also resigned, but the name of his successor has not yet been announced. It was rumored at the time of the appointment that Mr. Hanna and Dr. Manion would fill the position for a year in order to get the liquor law working smoothly and it is generally admitted they have succeeded in their task. Premier Ferguson is certainly making a honest effort to solve the liquor problem in Ontario and there is disposition on the part of the vast majority of people to give the L. A. a fair trial.—Orangeville Sun.

Opposed to Township Boards

For a third time Premier Ferguson withdrew his bill at the last session of the Ontario Legislature to do away with rural school trustees and form township boards to engage the teachers, hire caretakers for each section and do all the work now being done by three trustees in each section. The Premier's bill had the support of only 4 out of nearly 2,000 rural trustees at the session of the Ontario Educational Association in Toronto last week.

The chief reason for the change advanced by its supporters, that it would lead to greater interest being taken in school affairs, rural communities and would lead to the union of certain sections where the attendance is small, is a matter of fact a section may have only a small attendance in one year and the next year this may be considerably increased. In Scotch school the attendance was only a dozen a few years ago and with the moving into the section the year of families with children in public school age the average attendance this year is about 40. What is true of Scotch is true of other schools. In the backs of the heads of those who want to get away with the small section trustees is Consolidated Schools, and the farmers are aware of that. My sections have up-to-date schools with splendid equipment and farmers, who have been taxed to pay for these schools are keen on building a big school, some central point and scrapping the little red schoolhouse.

At the O. E. A. convention of rural trustees called out "The life our school sections is at stake another accused Premier Ferguson of breaking his word and a third said: "The Premier may put it over but he will not stay in power. That's how the ruralites feel."

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