

### Plant Annual Flowers Along All Roadsides

You don't just plant seeds of any annual flower along the rough margin of a roadside, for some are not suited to direct seeding—that is seeding where they are to bloom.

Furthermore, not every annual is aggressive enough to compete with the grasses and weeds that grow alongside the road.

On the other hand, certain kinds can be seeded directly and grow despite competition.

The annual hollyhock is an example. Other possibilities for sowing in quantity for roadside beautification include annual poppies, annual phlox, small-flowered zinnias, bachelor buttons and sweet alyssum.

The annual poppies and snapdragons should be sown in late fall in the South and on the West Coast. The annual phlox may become weedy in Florida and California but is excellent in other states.

Poppies grow in "Flanders Fields" as you know, and cornflowers are inhabitants of the corn fields of Europe so you know that they thrive under adverse conditions.

Why not beautify the roadsides in your vicinity by scattering the seeds of these attractive annual flowers?

Some roadsides are more or less level and quite bare of vegetation, other than grass and weeds. In these situations it's quite easy to plant seeds.

Simply walk along and drop the seeds in areas of little growth, scattering them with your hand.

When the roadside is thickly populated with trees and shrubs, you'll have to search for open places, where growth is sparse and sow the seeds there.

The situation becomes more complicated when steep banks border the roadside. Then seeds should be planted along the top of the bank so that, even if rain washes them downward, they'll have a chance to find a resting spot.

There are two possible ways of holding seeds in place on such a bank. If it has ground cover of grasses, plant seeds over them for grasses furnish seeds some protection and a sort of "foothold." Otherwise cultivate a small area with a rake or hand-tool, just enough so seeds can come in contact with the soil.

Scatter the seeds, then use the type of mesh made for the purpose to cover them. This can be held in place to prevent wind from blowing it away, with small wooden pegs cut from any available lumber.

No style is good that is not fit to be spoken or read aloud with effect.

—William Hazlitt.

No matter how big a scoundrel a man may seem, always remember that, to somebody, he is a pretty good guy.



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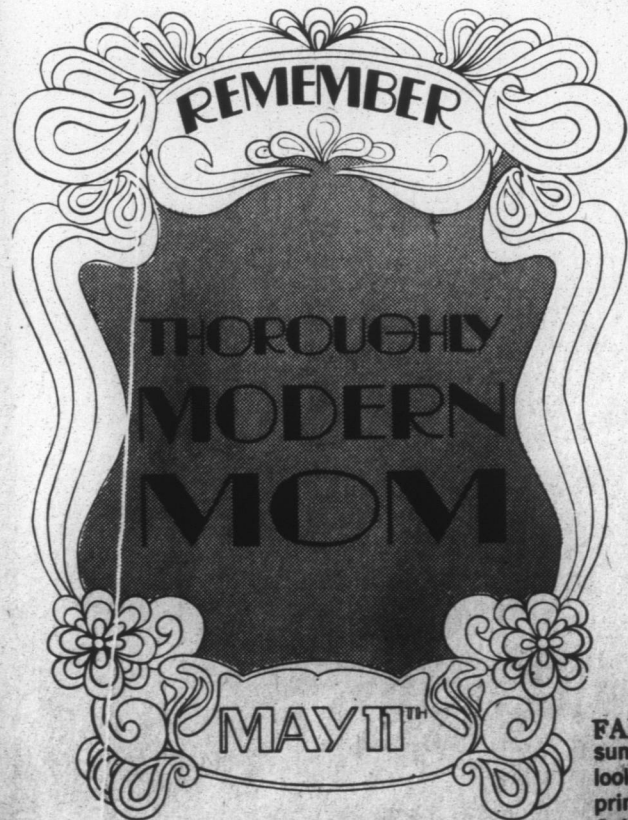
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